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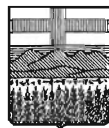
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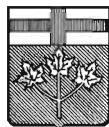
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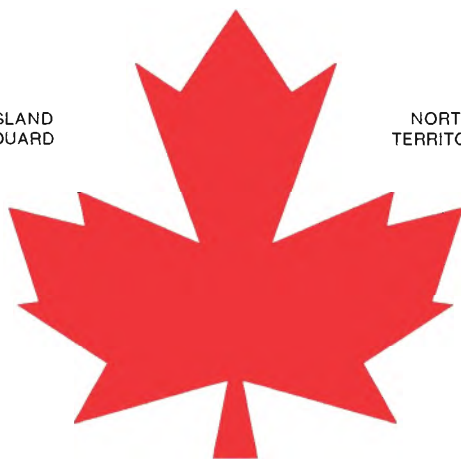
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## EDITORIAL

The Calgary Regional is now just a memory. But a very pleasant one to all who attended and made it such a huge success. Most of the top McKenney contenders were there, along with expert and non-expert players from most of Canada and the U.S.

I have had the privilege of playing in regional, district or zonal finals in seven different Canadian provinces, and I am always delighted at the courteous behavior of our players, especially after six gruelling days at the table (usually with a few unkind looks from partner).

I have heard and read much comment about novices being upset by their opponents, but I have never witnessed any rude behavior by an expert player. Usually they go out of their way to ensure that tyros will be comfortable in their presence. My own definition of an expert is one whose aptitude at bidding and playing is matched by their excellent demeanor in all phases of the game (both at and away from the table), and anyone who does not meet ALL these criteria is merely a good card player!

Rude behavior cannot be tolerated in a competition where ethics mean so much! We are very fortunate in Canada to have knowledgeable and able Tournament Directors who ensure that the rules of deportment are upheld. Remember, Directors are the first ones there in the morning, and the last to leave at night. Yet, all the ones I know, retain, their sense of humor to the end. A fitting tribute to their professionalism.

Let's hope that bridge continues to be challenging and enjoyable for all who participate...

J.S.



Bruce Ferguson of Calgary, winner of the Richmond Trophy (as top Canadian Master Point Winner for 1978) is congratulated by Judge James (Duff) Harper, newly installed as President of the CBF.

**CALGARY**

# Minutes of Meeting of Trustees of CBF Charitable Fund held in Calgary, July 18

Present: Kokish (II), Altay (III), Shields (IV), Murphy (V), Borg (VI), Goodman (Treasurer), Baragar (Secretary). Kisin was in the Chair.

1) The minutes of the Toronto meeting were read. Norm Hall is president of District 1, not 2.

Moved by Goodman (Murphy) that the minutes be adopted as amended. Carried unanimously.

## 2) Disbursements

Moved by Goodman (Shields) that an initial contribution of \$15,000 to the Canadian Mental Health Association be made to Allan Simon representing the CMHA by the incoming president. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kokish (Borg) that we support in principle contributions to a suitable telethon up to a limit of \$1,000. Carried unanimously

Moved by Goodman (Murphy) that \$3,000 be transferred from the Guarantee Trust account to the Royal Bank account #1307. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kokish (Murphy) that Gauthier appoint the Canadian Branch of the ACBL charity of the year as the recipient of our donation for 1980. Carried unanimously.

## 3) Registration

The registration documents from Cassels, Brock were read and turned over to Goodman for completion.

## 4) Chairman's Report

Gauthier sent a lengthy report on the status of the Fund. This report is summarized:

### a) Canada-wide game receipts:

November 1978 .....	7,358.63
March 1979 .....	6,369.00
	<u>\$13,727.63</u>

This total breaks the old record of \$13,282.50 set in 1976.

### b) Sponsors:

i) Carling/O'keefe supplied 24 trophies (4 per Zone)

ii) Royal Bank supplied 4 Novice trophies to each game.

iii) The Royal Distilleries Erven Lucas Bols supplied 4 trophies for the intercity team competition outside Canada.

iv) Bols Liqueurs supplied 4 trophies for team competition in Canada.

c) In 1978, the CMHA received \$35,000 from the Fund. 1979 is expected to be comparable.

### d) Financial Statement (1978)

Interest on account 501 161	2,501.96
Dividend on certificate	807.50
Donations from games	54,557.41
Donations from M. Deschamps (To Canadian coordinating council on deafness)	1,000.00
Dividend on certificate (Jan. 1979)	<u>828.75</u>
	<u>\$53,695.62</u>

1977 grant to the Arthritis Soc.	30,000.00
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1977 ACBL 3rd trimester charge	1,551.65
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Can. Coord. Council on Deafness	1,200.00
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The Centre for Creative Living	200.00
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First instalment of 1978 CMHA grant	15,000.00
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ACBL 1st trimester charge	1,594.71
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ACBL 2nd trimester charge	1,497.10
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Returned cheques (including bank charge)	225.50
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Cheque sent by Trust Co. to Taxes (in error)	<u>198.99</u>
	<u>\$51,467.95</u>

Balance, Dec. 31, 1977	<u>41,825.20</u>
	101,520.82

Balance at Dec. 31, 1979	50,052.87
(includes Jan. 1979 deposit)	



James D. Harper, a Provincial Court Judge in Fredericton, New Brunswick, was elected President of the Canadian Bridge Federation at the Federation's Annual Meeting in Calgary in July of 1979.

"Duff," as he is known to his friends, is a highly competitive bridge player and Life Master. His many contributions to the game, both as a player and as an organizer are well known. He has recently offered a "History of the CBF" which will be published in future issues of the Digest. As an introduction to our new President, we publish below excerpts from a letter written by him to the ACBL explaining the functions of the CBF.

## What Is The CBF?

by Duff Harper, President

First of all, a re-statement of what the CBF *is* and *is not*. The Canadian Bridge Federation has no people as members. It is, therefore, without any disciplinary powers except insofar as its own executive is concerned. It cannot impose penalties of any sort whatsoever upon any bridge player involved in any ACBL sanctioned event. It has no direct authority at all over any player.

The CBF is a *federation* of those units of the ACBL whose members reside in Canada. Without the ACBL there would be no units and hence no federation. The CBF is, therefore, by its constitution irrevocably wedded to the ACBL and (I might add) is very happily married.

The CBF is quite content with the present vertical structure of the ACBL (i.e. club to unit to district, etc.) and if we are granted our requests, this structure would remain exactly "as is." The ACBL would continue to govern Canadian duplicate bridge in the same manner and to the same degree as it does at present.


The ACBL would remain the sole sanctioning authority for each and every duplicate tournament run in Canada t which master points are awarded. The ACBL Rules & Regulations would not be in any manner varied and the ACBL would remain the sole authority in matters involving discipline of players and all other matters arising out of the ordinary machinery of running duplicate bridge in North America.

Why, then does the C.B.F. exist? What does it do for Canadian Bridge the ACBL cannot do at least as well, if not better?

First of all, you must realize that there is no comparable organization south of our border. Also while we generally subscribe to the view that "What's good for General Motors is good for the U.S.A." and by the same token, "What's good for bridge players in the United States is good for bridge players in Canada," there are a few areas in which we desire that the mother organization recognize the maturity of her northern sons and daughters.

It is our desire that the ACBL





formally recognize that Canadian bridge players are not only members of its organization with all the rights, duties, and responsibilities attendant thereon, but that they are also citizens of a different country than are the vast majority of ACBL members.

To a certain extent the ACBL has already evidenced recognition of this fact by permitting Canadians to choose the annual charity of their choice and to collect and disburse funds within our national boundaries. This is one of the present functions of the Canadian Bridge Federation, but it is not the be-all and end-all of our existence. We look forward to the day when there will be a 3rd Canadian ACBL District in the western provinces so that a portion of the present districts 18 and 19 will be geographically redefined to form a new district north of the border.

At the present time this is impossible to achieve even were the ACBL to agree, because of honourable disagreement of some of our Canadian Units that this would be a change for the better. So be it, and the task of attempting to convince those units now disagreeing with such a proposal is purely a matter for the CBF itself to attempt to resolve. It may be that we will never achieve the national unanimity that our Federation desires, but one fact should be apparent even from the present state of affairs. There are some matters in the world of North American duplicate bridge that are purely Canadian in scope.

In order that we may properly present these views on a nationalistic rather than regional plane, and on a "Canadian coast-to-coast" rather than a "north-south Canadian - U.S." basis, we therefore propose that the ACBL formally recognize the CBF as the voice of its Canadian members in matters involving Canada as a nation and not merely as the sum of its parts, i.e. Districts 1, 2, and part of 18 and 19.

Please understand we are very well pleased with the present represen-

tation of Districts 1, 2, 18 and 19 on the ACBL Board of Directors. We feel that the per capita representation of Canadian bridge players under the present system is more than fair and equitable.

It must be remembered, however, that those directors of the ACBL who happen to be Canadians have neither the authority nor the right to speak for the bridge players of Canada as a nation. The loyalty of those directors (and rightly so) is pledged to whatever district elected them and to the ACBL. In many instances they would not even have the knowledge of what Canadian bridge players desire as Canadians by majority vote from coast to coast.

The CBF directors are elected by the various units within Canada in a manner equally democratic and very similar to the manner in which ACBL directors are elected. The main difference is that Canada, for the CBF purposes, is split into zones from east to west north of the border, rather than districts which may straddle the border as is the case with the ACBL.

Each unit has the right to appoint delegates in numbers that are prorated to the number of members in a unit and each delegate is entitled to participate in and vote at the annual general membership meetings of the CBF.

The Canadian Bridge Federation is governed by an executive consisting of one director from each zone across Canada so that the Federation represents all parts of Canada. Each zone elects one director, regardless of the number of ACBL members who may be within its geographical area so that each section of the nation has an equal voice on the executive.

Our first request is, therefore, recognition. The right to appear before the ACBL directorate (after formal request and at times suitable to the ACBL) to speak of things appertaining to duplicate bridge that are purely Canadian in aspect and that reflect the views of the majority of Canadian

bridge players as Canadian nationals, rather than merely as members of a unit in a district of the ACBL.

We do not request permanent representation, either on or at the ACBL directorate; we do request that the ACBL recognize us as the "voice of Canada" in matters involving the World Bridge Federation and on any other matter in which the interests of Canada as a nation might be affected.

We did request for example, that the "Grand Nationals" as U.S. describes the event, or the "Moreheads" as we refer to it in Canada, be altered so as to provide a purely Canadian play-off with the winner to receive automatic qualification for the Bermuda Bowl trials. In return for this, we forego our right to qualify as eventual winner of the Grand Nationals on the present "North America wide" basis.

We wish to make it very clear that the CBF and all Canadian Bridge players are very grateful to the ACBL for all that which it has done for duplicate bridge - not only in North

America, but all over the world. We don't want to leave it, for we need it, as we hope to be both needed and desired as members; but the simple fact is that we are a nation and are proud of it. We want to be recognized as such as to have the CBF officially accepted as the spokesman for Canadian bridge players at a national level, within the framework of the ACBL.

Receiving such recognition, and being granted the right to an all-Canadian play-off in the Grand Nationals, we also feel that we have the right to set our own conditions of contest for any such wholly Canadian event. Our population is so sparse and our area so huge that we have problems of space, time, and money that are not duplicated anywhere else in the bridge-playing world.

In short, our aim is to be "recognized as a nation within an excellent organization."

James D. Harper

Director, Zone 1

Canadian Bridge Federation

## Minutes of the Meeting of Directors of the CBF in Calgary, July 16-18, 79

Present: James D. Harper (I), Eric Kokish (II), Andy Altay (III), Helen Shields (IV), Jack Murphy (V), Sandra Borg (VI), Aaron Goodman (Treasurer), Alvin Baragar (Secretary), Jill Savage and Ron Bass (Digest Editors), and Steve Willard (CNTC Conditions of Contest). The Past-President, Alex Kisin (III) was in the chair.

### 1. The Digest

Savage and Bass were thanked for accepting the position of Editors of the Digest.

Savage reported that the material for all issues will be pre-printed and sent to the Bulletin ready for photographic reproduction. This should lead to a reduction in ACBL charges.

Kisin suggests that the Digest should publish

- a) A list of Unit Officers on our mailing list.
- b) The names of the chairmen of standing CBF committees.
- c) The names of all Unit and District officials.
- d) The names of the members of the Canadian Affairs committee of the ACBL (the CAC).
- e) A message from the President.
- f) Briefs submitted to the CAC.
- g) Charitable Fund Reports.

Harper has given the Editors a copy of the letter he wrote to the Directors of the ACBL. Murphy would like to see more pictures.

Bass asked that there be a columnist

from each province. Kisin suggested that a combination of provincial and zonal representation might work better.

## 2) The Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC)

The letter from fifty-seven Toronto area players protesting the unlimited augmentation provision in the original conditions of contest was discussed. Harper felt that the points made therein were valid. Kokish observed that unlimited augmentation had already been voted by the Directors. Kisin accepted full responsibility for removing this provision, with some apologies to Eric Kokish.

Kisin checked that all commitments made to the ACBL in Denver had been met. The conditions of contest as circulated to the Units in February have been amended twice prior to this meeting; once to remove the augmentation provisions, and once to reflect the views of Ralph Cohen, assistant executive secretary of the ACBL. This latter draft has been circulated to the Directors of the CBF. In section III (5), Kokish would allow the team to play in any Unit in which at least one of its members resides. Moved by Harper (Altay) that a team may play in any Unit in which a plurality of its members reside. Carried: Kokish opposed.

The question of whether or not a player must play 50% of the boards at a given level was discussed. Moved by Shields (Goodman) that it be made explicit that a pair or player may sit out on any, or for all stages, without losing membership on the team. (Section III (6)). Carried without dissent.

Section III (9) specifies that a four man team must augment from teams tied for fourth or higher in this or last year's CNTC before proceeding to the Bermuda Bowl Trials. The ACBL requires that all such teams have six players. Moved by Goodman (Harper) that this condition be deleted and

replaced by the condition that the players added be competitors from the current CNTC, but that such augmentation is subject to the approval of the CBF Board of Directors. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kokish (Borg) that unlimited augmentation be permitted after the zone final, and prior to the National final. Carried: in favour - Kokish, Shields, Borg, Goodman. Opposed - Harper, Murphy.

Moved by Altay (Kokish) that the above augmentation be subject to the approval of the National Coordinator. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Altay (Kokish) that the intermediate round may be a round robin, a KO, or a double KO (Section II (c,2)). Carried unanimously.

The timing for the event is as follows: Final - June 7-11, 1980; Zone level - completed by May 18, 1980; Intermediate level - completed by April 27, 1990; Qualifying level - completed by December 15, 1979.

## 3) Minutes of the Toronto Meeting

Harper read the minutes.

In section 14 (a), the term "Olympiad Trials" should be replaced by "Canadian National Team Championship."

Moved by Goodman (Borg) that the minutes be adopted as read and amended. Carried unanimously.

## 4) Minutes of the Telephone Conference Call

The minutes were read by Harper.

In section 3(c) the phrase "...there were no strong feelings..." should read "...there were mixed feelings..."

In section 5, the phrase "...probably at the same time as the CNTC" should read "...in the week following the CNTC." The women are to have the opportunity to play in both events.

Moved by Harper (Goodman) that the minutes be adopted as read and amended. Carried unanimously.

## 2) Ladies Team Championship.

Mr. Paul Heitner's request to be the



coordinator was accepted by Kisin. The following suggestions were made:

Kisin: the event be a round robin followed by a KO.

Kokish: it be suggested that the ladies play as a team prior to the trials, and as a team in the open. (A team cannot be formed in a week.) We are close enough to having a world championship team to justify spending some time developing the team.

Shields: this attitude discriminates against players who are not resident in large metropolitan centres.

Murphy: that there be a four team event, with one team from Zones I & II, two from Zones III & IV, and one from Zones V & VI. (A motion to this effect failed for lack of a seconder.)

Moved by Shields (Harper) that women be allowed to participate in the CNTC as well as the LTC, with no restrictions. Carried - opposed: Kokish.

Kisin suggested that a Fund raising game be designated for the LTC. We also observed that the American Venice Cup team travelled to the Spingold, Vanderbilt, and Reisinger at its own expense to qualify to represent the ACBL. It is admitted that this is not ideal.

Moved by Harper (Shields) that an unsubsidized LTC be held in Toronto in the week following the Open CNTC, with unlimited entry from other than Zone III. If a team has no plurality from a Zone, it will be deemed to come from the Zone which will not increase the entry from Zone III. Zone III is to have at least as many teams as any other Zone, but in no event, fewer than four. The entries from Zones other than III are to reach the national coordinator two months before the finals. Carried - in favour: Harper, Shields, Borg. Opposed: Kokish, Murphy, Goodman. Abstained: Altay.

Moved by Shields (Borg) that the LTC be a round robin followed by a KO in the week following the CNTC. Any ladies team from outside Zone III will be eligible to enter the trials directly.

The entry must reach the Zone Coordinator at least two (2) months prior to the final trials, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$100. Two months prior to the trials, the Coordinator will institute zone trials in Zone III to qualify as many teams as are entered from any other one zone plus one. The balance of the \$200 entry fee is due on arrival in Toronto. Aaron Goodman is authorized to provide \$2,000 from the General account as a contribution toward the event. In the event that the ladies team wins the CNTC, the deposit will be refundable. Carried - opposed: Kokish, Murphy.

6) Other Business (than (5)) Arising from the Minutes.

a) Kokish asked what progress Caruthers has made on a seeding system based on a five year cycle. Such a seeding system would be most valuable in Pairs Olympiad years. Kisin does not feel we have the resources to undertake this project.

Moved by Kokish (Murphy) that the Zone III Director approach Mr. Caruthers to form a committee to present a proposal on seeding. Carried unanimously.

b) Kokish asked where we stand on requesting the ACBL to investigate Venice Cup trials. It was decided this item is less important than those in the letter to the CAC of the ACBL.

c) Kisin intended to ask that the Grand National Pairs be re-aligned along National boundaries with a view to using it to choose Canadian representatives to the 1982 Pairs Olympiad.

Moved by Murphy (Kokish) that all members of the CAC of the ACBL be invited to all CBF meetings. Carried unanimously.

7) Disciplinary Committees

a) Murray did not yet agree to chair a committee (correct to the minutes of the Toronto meeting), but will be approached.

b) Altay is to approach Steve Aarons to chair the second committee.

8) Publicity

a) Murphy reported that he has recommended to the National Goodwill committee that they appoint co-chairmen for a three year period, and that they appoints two Canadian co-chairmen, one from Eastern Canada and one from Western Canada.

b) Kokish reported that the Quebec government has expressed interest in supporting the 1984 Olympiad if it is held in Quebec. This has fallen through, but lines of communication are still open. A possible alternative event would be a Canadian invitational tournament. Kokish will draft a CBF position letter saying that the CBF would commend Montreal's intention to hold such an event, and endorse the efforts of the Montreal Unit.

c) Kokish would like more information for his scrapbook, and would like the continued support of the Directors. Kisin suggests that each Director appoint a chairman to collect and convey this information to Kokish.

d) Shields suggests that the "New Horizons" program might support some bridge related program by senior citizens.

#### 9) The National Welcome Program

Borg reported that 10 Units provided 153 tables. The winners, Bleir and Szots of Ste. Foy, PQ, with an 84% game, received a trip to a local regional. Zone winners received a \$5.00 gift certificate for Camel Enterprises. Kokish suggested that our publicity for this event be sent to the ACBL.

Moved by Kokish (Murphy) that Sandra Borg be the coordinator for the 1980 Welcome Pairs that is to be held during April. The game is intended for players with fewer than 5 master points. Carried unanimously.

The CBF does not receive any financial return from this game.

#### 10) Redistricting

Kokish feels that another poll of the Canadian Units in Districts 18 and 19 should be taken.

Moved by Murphy (Shields) that no

redistricting proposals be made to the ACBL Board at this time. Carried without dissent.

#### 11) Rezoning

The Quebec government is prepared to look after printing and mailing costs for a Quebec Bridge Federation. The organization of a QBF would be much easier if Zone II did not include the Eastern Ontario Unit. It was pointed out that Eastern Ontario had been a part of Zone III until five or six years ago, when it became part of Zone II so that ACBL boundaries would also be CBF boundaries. It was observed that Quebec does not have enough members to be an ACBL District by itself.

#### 12) World Bridge Federation

Baragar reported that the WBF refused us the minutes of its executive council. Kisin suggests that copies of our minutes be sent to our representatives asking that this policy be changed.

Moved by Murphy (Kokish) that it is the policy of the CBF Board that the President represent Canada at WBF activities held in conjunction with the Team Olympiad (every four years). Transportation by the least expensive air fare, and three days per diem, be paid from the General Fund. Carried unanimously.

#### 13) International Masters

Kokish has an updated list of International Masters who have qualified by virtue of their WBF performance.

The list of criteria is amended to read:

- a) Players with some WBF points.
- b) Richmond Trophy winners.
- c) CNTC champions and Olympiad representatives (Open and Ladies)
- d) North American Championships (Major Team Championships, Life Masters Pairs, Blue Ribbon Pairs, 6 or more session or more National Championships, mens or ladies teams.)
- e) Grand National Zonal Champion\*
- f) 1972 Nominees (one time only).

\*Kokish is to assign a point value to

various accomplishments in the Grand Nationals to decide who should be included under this provision.

Moved by Borg (Goodman) that:

- a) Kokish's report be accepted.
- b) The list of criteria be provided for the February Digest.
- c) The list of all Canadians with WBF points be published in the February Digest, and
- d) Request corrections to that list, with reasons to be sent to Kokish.

Carried.

#### 14) Richmond Trophy

Moved by Kokish (Murphy) that any player may disqualify himself from consideration for the Richmond Trophy on the grounds of professionalism. The CBF will make no attempt to determine that any player is a bridge professional. Effective immediately. Carried.

Note: Bruce Ferguson has disqualified himself for 1979 and henceforth until further notice.

#### 15) New Business

##### a) Use of lottery money

Moved by Murphy (Altay) that if Eric Murray must go to Ottawa in connection with the Charitable Fund, he be asked to approach the appropriate minister with a view to obtaining funds for the 1980 Olympiad. He should consult with and cooperate with Steve Aarons who is seeking funds for the CNTC from the Federal Government. Carried unanimously.

##### b) Promotions

i) Borg reported on the Cameo rubber bridge game with prizes from Cameo cigarettes.

ii) Kokish reported on a rubber bridge tournament with large prizes (first prize is a whole kitchen).

iii) It would be nice if Audrey Horning mentioned the ACBL and promoted organized bridge on her television show in Toronto.

iv) Kokish suggests a Nation-wide Life Master - Novice game on a given evening (the novice is to be a nonACBL member). The winning Novice would

receive a prize.

v) Borg brought a letter from D.S. MacLeod of Victoria with an idea for encouraging LMs to continue playing. He would institute further rankings above the rank of LM. This is out of the jurisdiction of the CBF. The letter will be forwarded to Mr. Goldberg for consideration by the ACBL.

Moved by Kokish (Altay) that the National Coordinator of the CNTC purchase 14 bidding boxes for a sum not to exceed \$1,500 from the General Fund. The boxes are to be in a custody of the Zone Director in whose Zone they rest, pending a suitable request from another Director for use in a like event. Carried - in favour: Kokish, Altay, Murphy, Borg. Opposed: Goodman.

#### 16) Reports of the Directors

Zone I — Harper reported that the historical review of the CBF is ready to go to the Digest and the newsletter to be sent to the clubs. He reported that he had drawn up the articles of incorporation. At Goodman's suggestion, the secretary is to try to obtain releases from Canada Bridge Co., Canada Bridge and Canada Bridge International, whose names resemble that of the CBF, for us to use the name "Canadian Bridge Federation." If the releases cannot be obtained, our first alternative name is "Canadian Bridge (Players) Federation Incorporated."

Zone II — Kokish recalled the discussion of the Quebec Bridge Federation. He observed that the September Canada-wide Olympiad Fund game falls during the Montreal Regional. Kisin observed that Olympiad Fund games might be held in conjunction with special events weeks (Bridge Weeks). Harper will ask the clubs to hold Olympiad Fund games. Units should be requested to have games at a sectional, and Districts at their Regionals.

All CBF information should be sent to the officers of the CBF before it goes to the Ontario Kibitzer.

### Zone III —

\$3,500 was raised for the Olympiad Fund.

The Director will request that the CBF officers and Directors be put on the Kibitzer mailing list.

Zone IV — Quonta's vote to leave Zone IV was split, so they do not wish to change at this time. There is discontent with the CBF because players did not receive masterpoints for games two years ago, and sectional attendance has fallen off (attributed to ACBL and CBF red point events). These were the reasons they decided not to join the Welcome game.

Zone V — The Red Deer and Saskatoon clubs have received funds from the New Horizons Program.

### 17) Reports of the Officers

President — The President's accomplishments appear through the minutes. He felt that the highlight of his tenure occurred at the Denver meetings with the ACBL.

Moved by Harper (Shields) that the retiring president receive a vote of thanks for his fine accomplishments in negotiations with the ACBL on behalf not only of the CBF, but Canadian bridge players in general, and in particular for his successful efforts in obtaining for us our first authorized CNTC. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer — Goodman gave an interim statement. Collections for the General Fund were about \$14,000, plus about \$2,400 in interest on investment. The expenses have been about \$6,000, with about \$6,500 pending, leaving a balance of about \$31,000. The Olympiad Fund stands at about \$19,000. Attendance and participation has fallen off. These games must be promoted.

The possibility of using the General Fund to fund the CNTC was discussed. It was generally felt that the Olympiad Fund should be used only for financing Canadian representatives to WBF events.

Secretary — The initial actions

leading to incorporation were taken. When the department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs objected to the name, the matter was left in abeyance.

Elections were held in Zones III and IV. Altay won election in Zone III, while Shields was uncontested in Zone IV (after it was clarified that she was a candidate).

### 18) Election of Officers...

Officer	Nominee
	Harper
President	Shields (declined)
	Shields
Vice-President	Borg (declined)
Treasurer	Goodman
Secretary	Baragar

### 19) Next Meeting

Moved by Kokish (Shields) that the next meeting of the Directors be held in Fredericton beginning on or about June 27, 1980. Carried without dissent.

### 20) New Business (Continued)

Kokish suggests that if we get the Grand National Pairs, the GN Rookie pairs be combined with the Welcome game.

Moved by Shields (Borg) that the meeting be adjourned.

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# Canadian Bidding Contest

**Editor's Note:** We are fortunate to have been able to recruit Allan Simon as a Contributing Columnist handling the bridge questionnaire. His brain-child (Canadian Bidding Contest) appears below.

Allan is a competent competitor and a consistent winner on the Alberta scene. His sense of humor contributes to his popularity, and I'm sure will make this column an interesting and must read feature.



by Allan Simon

The Canadian Bidding Contest is a new feature which will appear regularly in this magazine. Patterned after The Bridge World's famous Master Solvers' Club, the purpose of the Canadian Bidding Contest (CBC) is to have fun while improving one's bridge. Every issue, six bidding problems are presented. (Occasionally, I may throw in an opening-lead problem.) All readers are asked to choose the bids they prefer and to send me their entries. While all this is going on, a panel of leading players from across Canada will be given the same problems. In the next issue, the panel's choices will be presented with appropriate commentary.

For the sake of uniformity, please assume your convention card is filled out as follows (if you are not familiar with some of these conventions, don't worry about it, they hardly come up anyway!)

- \*15-17 notrumps with two-way Stayman
- \*20-21 two no trump with Reverse Flint and 3 diamonds as Stayman.
- \*Gambling three no trump (maximum 1 king outside).
- \*Five card majors with 1 NT Forcing.
- \*Limit raises and Jacoby 2 notrump.
- \*Weak two bids in diamonds, hearts and spades (2NT resp. only force)
- \*Negative doubles through 2 spades.
- \*Optional doubles over opponents' pre-empt.
- \*If partner's major suit opening is doubled for takout, 2NT is a limit raise.
- \*Michaels cue-bids (less than opening strength) in all suits.
- \*Everything else natural.

## The February 1980 Problems

- A) Matchpoints, neither vul., South holds: S: 73, H: QJ105, D: AK8532, C: A
- | West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | -     | -    | 1D    |
| 2C   | Dbl.  | 5C   | ?     |
- B) IMP's, neither vul., South holds: S: AQ6, H: J96543, D: A10, C: A7
- | West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 1S    | Pass | 2H    |
| 3C   | 3H    | Pass | ?     |
- C) Rubber bridge, N-S vul., South holds: S: K3, H: 1032, D: K6, C: AKJ1083
- | West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| -    | 1C    | Pass | ?     |
- D) IMP's, both vul., South holds: S: -, H: Q6, D: K10987, C: A107542
- | West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1S   | 1NT   | Pass | ?     |



E) Rubber bridge, N-S vul. and a 60 partial, South holds: S: J965, H: Q95, D: Q1074, C: Q8

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	2D	?

F) Matchpoints, neither vul., South holds: S: Q54, H: QJ76, D: AJ5, C: A65

West	North	East	South
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Which card do you lead?

Please write your answers, together

with your name and address, on a postcard or plain sheet of paper, and mail to:

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The reader with the highest score will win a book prize and will be invited to join the panel for the following contest. This is your chance to prove that you should have been on the panel in the first place!

## Minutes of the Meeting of Delegates of the Units to CBF Held in Calgary

Present: Eric Kokish (II), Helen Shields (IV), Jack Murphy (V), Sandra Borg (VI), Aaron Goodman (Treasurer), Jill Savage (Digest Editor), and Alvin Baragar (Secretary). Duff Harper (I) was in the chair.

Delegates: Doris MacClure, Winnipeg, representing Northern Ontario (228), Mary Rose Mrazek, Lethbridge (392), (Jack Landeryou, Lethbridge (392)), Henry Anderson, Parksville (429), Jack Ritch, Vancouver (430), Tom Pelton, Victoria (431), Ray Stewart, Penticton (571), Dick Anderson, Regina (573), Judy Goodwin, Rossland, (574), Gerry Sugarman, Saskatoon (575), (Mildred Dalglish, Saskatoon (575)), and John Ross (Flin Flon), Sharyn Kokish (151).

Harper introduced the Directors and Officers. The Delegates introduced themselves. The minutes of the Toronto meeting were read. Moved by Mrazek (Goodwin) that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried without dissent.

### 1) Business Arising from the Minutes

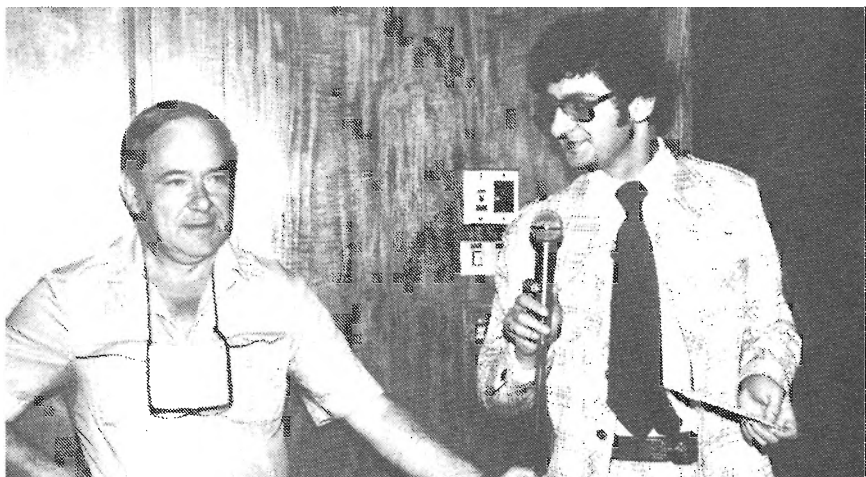
Mrs. MacClure expressed her approval of Mr. Melman's comments to the meeting last year.

### 2) Goodman gave a Treasurer's report

(see item 17 of the meeting of the Directors). Mrs. MacClure asked why our request for funds was more than \$1.00 per paid-up Unit member. It was explained that our source of number of members came from the ACBL (the October printout), and included life masters. We do not ask for more than represented by the past year's membership. Murphy pointed out that life masters usually attend Unit activities, so their contribution should be regarded as coming from general Unit revenues. The cost of the party was raised. Goodman reported that the total cost was about \$250. Harper pointed out that this is the one opportunity the Directors have to meet Unit officers and workers on an informal basis. The Directors feel that this objective was accomplished, and justified the cost. Moved by Landeryou (Anderson) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

### 3) President's Report

a) Harper reported on Kisin's success in carrying Canada's requests before the Canadian Affairs Committee of the ACBL. This committee had been struck as a result of the joint meeting of ACBL-CBF Directors in Toronto. In particular, the Canadian National



President of the CBF, Judge James (Duff) Harper presents Allan Simon (Tournament Chairman) a cheque for \$15,000. for the Mental Health Association of Canada. The expectation for funding for this charity is believed will exceed last year's generous contribution.

**CALGARY**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DELEGATES OF THE UNITS [con't.]

Team Championship (CNTC) now replaces the Grand Nationals in Canada. The conditions of contest as formulated by Steve Willard and finalized at the Calgary meeting were discussed briefly.

b) He suggested that clubs might consider charging an extra 50¢ once or twice a month at a regular game as a means of strengthening the Olympiad Fund. The costs of sending both an Open and a Ladies team to Holland next year must be supported by this Fund.

c) He informed the Delegates that the CBF is requesting that the Grand National pairs in Canada become a Canadian championship, as the CNTC is.

Mr. Stewart asked if any moneys are forthcoming from Districts 18 and 19 for the CNTC. He observed that Canadian Regionals are more profitable than American ones in these

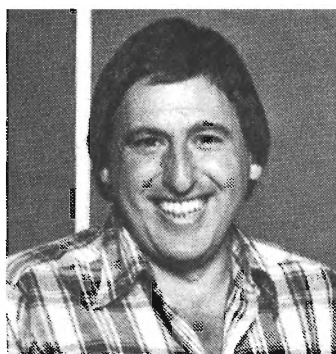
Districts, and asked if any of the money stayed in Canada. Murphy said that none of these profits stayed in Canada. Harper observed that the CBF has no call on these funds. Borg reported that \$750 came from District 19 for the last pairs trials, and that Zone VI has been promised financial help in running their Zone Trials again this year.

Harper emphasized that the financial viability of the CNTC is crucially dependent on club level participation. It was pointed out that ACBL membership is not required for participation.

Kokish reported that the \$1,500 that District 1 would have paid for the Zone Trials in the Grand National teams has been pledged to the CBF.

4) Borg reported on the Welcome Pairs (see section 9 of the Director's Meeting). Moved by Kokish (Savage) that the meeting be adjourned.

# Bridge Unabridged



by Eric Kokish

## BOTH VULNERABLE SOUTH DEALS

NORTH  
S Q10975  
H AJ964  
D 92  
C 6

WEST  
S J64  
H K105  
D 1054  
C J1087

EAST  
S K83  
H 872  
D Q763  
C 532

SOUTH  
S A2  
H Q3  
D AKJ8  
C AKQ94

## THE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1C*	Pass	1H*	Pass
2C	Pass	2S	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
6D			

OPENING LEAD: Club Jack

\*Artificial Bid

## SLIDING INTO FIRST

This deal comes to us from the recent Toronto Regional. If you are not impressed with the quality of the final contract, neither were Larry Duffy

(South) and Chuck Martineau (North). As we will learn, sooner or later, it is quite impossible to play perfectly all the time. The instructive thing about this hand is that Larry didn't waste a lot of energy bemoaning his fate at reaching this intelligent slam. As any expert will tell you, it's essential to "never say die" because there is nearly always a ray of hope if you care to seek it out.

About the bidding: 1C was strong and artificial. 1H showed two controls (ace=2, king=1). The rest of the bidding was natural, but Chuck thought 4NT was Blackwood - Larry intended it as natural. Thus when Chuck bid 5D, Larry thought he was showing support. Hence the final contract.

Larry won West's opening club lead and immediately ruffed a club. He led dummy's remaining trump and finessed the jack successfully. The ace and king of trumps were cashed, leaving East with the queen. Larry now led the queen of hearts and West covered. Larry took dummy's ace and crossed to his spade ace to lead a second heart. When West followed, Larry closed his eyes and finessed the nine. This passed off well and the heart jack dropped West's ten as the losing spade was discarded from the South hand. Larry continued with dummy's heart winners and East was helpless. If he ruffed in, Larry still had a trump and some good clubs. If he didn't ruff, Larry could score his trump eight "en passant" when he led a spade from dummy later on.

6D, bid and made, scored plus 1370. The more normal 6NT at the other table (this was a Swiss Teams) went one down when declarer played on spades and misguessed the suit. Ya gotta have hope.

## NEITHER VULNERABLE NORTH DEALS

NORTH  
S A1065  
H A986  
D Q983  
C A

WEST  
S 9  
H KQ1042  
D J76  
C J954

EAST  
S K843  
H J753  
D 10  
C K632

SOUTH  
S QJ72  
H VOID  
D AK542  
C Q1087

### THE BIDDING:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT!	Pass	2S*	Pass
3D	Pass	3S	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Pass

\*Artificial Bid

OPENING LEAD: Heart King

### WHICH END IS UP?

This deal features two of Montreal's younger experts at work. You might not understand their bidding (and rightly so), but the final contract was an excellent one. Let's follow Tony Reus (South) and Noel Landry (North) through this labyrinth of the unusual to a happy conclusion.

Noel's 1 NT purported to show 15-17 HCP and a balanced hand. So, who's perfect? 2S was the Baron convention, an artificial slam-probing device asking the notrumper to bid his suits up the line. Admittedly, the North hand contained more four-card suits than anyone had a right to expect! South was pleased to learn of the diamond fit, but he checked on spades just in case there was either no slam (when 4S might be the best contract) or higher-scoring slam in the major. Since North knew partner had slam interest, and since he had such an atypical hand for his notrump opening, he leaped

without further ado to the good slam.

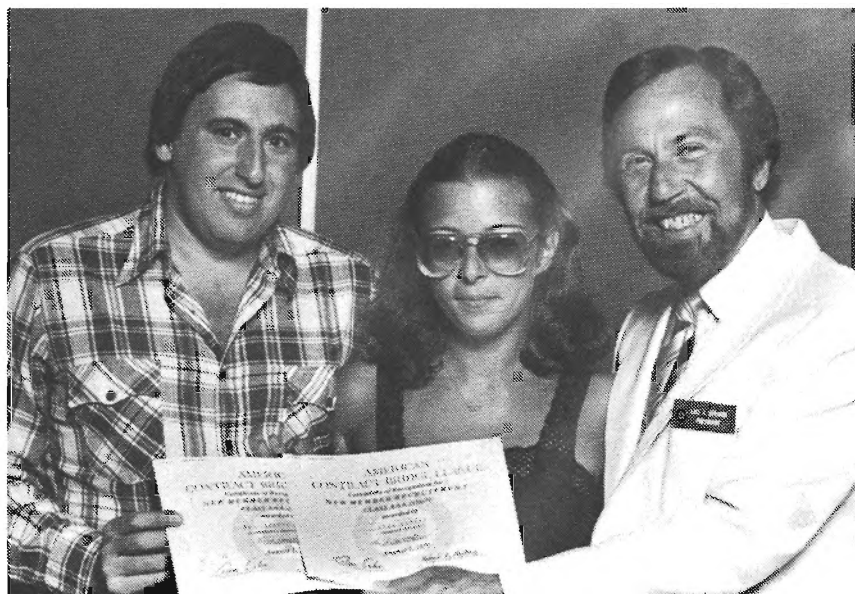
West led the king of hearts and South embarked on a plan that involved setting up the dummy. He ruffed the first heart in his hand and led the queen of spades. East would undoubtedly have defeated the slam had he simply ducked this trick, but East was in a hurry to catch a plan to Zanzibar. He took the king of spades and returned the suit. Tony won in his hand, crossed to dummy's diamond queen and ruffed another heart with his last trump. Now a club to the ace allowed Tony to draw East's last two trumps. On these two tricks, clubs were discarded from the South hand, and on dummy's ace of hearts South's last club disappeared. Now Tony led dummy's *nine* of diamonds to his king. Under the ace of diamonds, dummy's *eight* was carefully unblocked. Now the *three* of diamonds could be played under South's *four* and the *five* of diamonds won the last trick.

Tony had executed a dummy reversal and had exercised an expert's care in unblocking the crucial diamond suit in landing his slam.

### BRIDGE BOLTS

Four Red Deerites sat down to play some rubber bridge. Doug Deschner and Austin Morical were partnered together in the first rubber against Alex Orlandini and myself, Jill Savage. First hand out of the box I overbid (as usual) and put my partner in an unmakeable 6NT contract (6 Clubs had a chance). Then I was careless in my defence of the opponents 3NT, and allowed them to bring home a tacky bid. Next, I picked up what I considered a worthy weak 2 Spade opener. I had no sooner bid 2 Spades than Austin turned to my partner and asked "weak?". I knew it was not going to be a profitable day when Alex quietly replied, "it will certainly be played that way."





Montreal received two recognitions from the American Contract Bridge League during the Unit Officer's Awards Luncheon during the 1979 Summer North American Bridge Championships at Las Vegas. President Leo J. Spivack, right, represented Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kokish with certificates of excellence for new member recruiting activities and Eric Kokish also was presented a Meritorious Publication Certificate in recognition of the superiority of the commentary in the Unit Publication edited by Kokish.

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# Bridge Bionics

Dear Doctor Bridge-ette:

I am writing to you on behalf of my partner. I have suggested that he see our local practitioner, but he refuses. His eyesight is definitely failing, and he needs immediate help. I realize that it will be difficult to diagnose without seeing the patient, but I will offer all the details I can.

It all started at the Calgary Regional with the following hand:

S 953  
H QJ93  
D 9853  
C QT

S KQ  
H 65  
D AJ64  
C AJ962

S J7642  
H  
D KQ72  
C K842

S AT82  
H AKT8742  
D T  
C 75

I sat West and was the dealer, with no one vulnerable...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	Pass	Pass??	2 Hearts
Pass	Pass	3 Hearts (1)	Double
Pass (2)	Pass	4 Hearts (3)	Double
5 Clubs (4)	Pass	6 Clubs (5)	Double
All Pass			

- (1) I knew with the hearts missing, South would balance.
- (2) I don't know what's going on.
- (3) What are you doing partner, pick a suit!
- (4) Oh no partner, I'm not letting you bid 5 Hearts!!!
- (5) Let's hope they double us...

Fortunately for partner, I found the Queen of Clubs and we scored up a top board.

After examining the symptoms and test results, are you able to determine a cure?

Yours truly,  
Miss Erudite

Dear Miss Erudite:

Thank you for your concern for your partner's welfare. However, I do not have all the information necessary to diagnose this particular case. Eg.: were you playing in a pairs event, and were you in need of top boards?

It would appear, if this is the case, that your partner has excellent vision (enough to foresee that with at least 9 or 10 hearts missing, he was sure your opponents could not resist the urge to balance). A tactic I have employed myself on occasion.

In any event, the result was devastating to the opponents. I can only suggest that if this standard of bridge worries you, that you request your partner confine himself to a more conventional style of bidding. One that will not cause you to have either a heart attack or superior bridge...

Your partner might be well advised to seek the services of a good partnership desk.

Dr. Bridge-ette

(We regret that Dr. Bridge-ette cannot answer any letters personally, but will attempt to discuss matters of concern to the bridge population in general, in this column. Please address all correspondence to Dr. Bridge-ette c/o The Canadian Bridge Digest.)

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## *Letters To The Editor*

To The Editor:

I am writing in response to the many articles which appear on different interpretations of Convention bids and suggested Treatments by leading experts.

New conventions are periodically introduced (usually by professionals and other leading experts) so we can see that progress marches on. Maybe some of our less prominent members can contribute their ideas.

Recently there was an article on New Approved Conventions, especially in the area of opening Two Bids, some with alternative ways of how they may be played. However, I am concerned that these conventions are not explained fully enough, because not all of the possible rebids have been presented, nor were any examples offered, nor were auctions offered in entirety. Also, it wasn't fully explained how to handle the hands which would qualify for the bid(s) in the NATURAL sense, since they would no longer be available due to the conventional meanings.

Don't get me wrong! I am all for new ideas and better bidding methods. I, myself, am one of many 'system-mongering' bridge players in the Edmonton area, and I am happy to say that we, as a group, are given a fair degree of latitude by the local clubs to experiment with existing conventions, and to develop 'fine-tuned' limits and resultant inferential sequences. There is a whole range of these specialized bids and they usually fall under the 'catch-all' heading of TREATMENTS, and as such, generally present no particular problem within the guidelines of the ACBL policies governing Licensed Conventions.

For example: - 2 Diamonds .... Alert! (Flannery 9-14 HCP and may have SIX

hearts.)

As we know, Flannery is licensed, but nowhere in the Official description of the convention (that I can find) does it even suggest that six hearts may be part of the bid.

Example #2

1 Diamond ..... 1 Heart,  
1 No Trump ..... 2 Clubs,  
Alert ..... (Artificial and Forcing)

This also is licensed under New Minor Forcing, but the ensuing auction may take any one of a large number of resultant sequences.

Example #3

1 Diamond ..... 1 Heart  
1 No Trump ..... 2 Clubs  
Alert (Relay to 2 diamonds. Next bid will describe)

Used in harness with Example #2 above, the 2 club second response MAY or MAY NOT be a new suit. It relays to 2 diamonds in order for the responder to describe his hand. The 2 diamond second bid by responder also MAY or MAY NOT be a new suit, but is used to elicit more description from opener. Surrendering the facility of playing in 2 clubs, these two conventions can be used to pinpoint any distribution and strength. One of our local players has the entire convention (with treatments) on file in a local computer. Very impressive, but is it LICENSED??

Some of these conventions are quite 'avant garde' and may not be used in ACBL events although as stated at the outset, they have been tried at the CLUB level.

Example #4 (avant garde)

After opening one heart, a response of one spade can never be 'to play,' and a response of one no trump (forcing by our methods) can never be to play either. A solution developed by the core of our

stronger players some years ago, but which has since been abandoned as unlicensed, is to switch the one spade and one no trump responses so that opener could rebid one no trump with 5-3-3-2 distribution and be left to play there, instead of making the contrived response of two of a minor. Thus all suit rebids would become natural.

This certainly is efficient manipulation of two bids which lose very little, but gain quite a lot in the already overloaded forcing no trump sequences, PROVIDED it is used in conjunction with Flannery and 5 card majors. Originally, this was considered a 'treatment within a system' but by definition, these bids are conventional without a license (so far as we know) and may not be played in ACBL events.

All of the above examples bring me to the central point of this letter. Experimentation with bidding is worldwide. It is healthy and contributes to progress in bidding methods. But procedures for the licensing of conventions are not known by 99% of the ACBL membership (including myself).

At the very least, there is a distinct lack of information on this whole question, and a series of articles on the subject would, I am sure, be very well received by the majority of players.

Let's use an example from the (Nov. 78--Canadian Bridge Federation suppl) to illustrate some of the problems.

It is suggested in one of the treatments for the MULTI-2 DIAMOND opening bid, than an opening bid of TWO SPADES is presently redundant, and as an idle bid, could be put to good purpose. SPECIFICALLY it is suggested that the two spade opening bid might be used unusual (weak) for the minors, but the article does not say that this bid is actually licensed! Indeed, how are we to know whether such suggestions printed may be used or not, and if so, in which events?? Further, it one may arbitrarily use the 'vacant' two spade bid as

unusual for the minors, could we not alternatively use the two spade bid for a BALANCED 20-22 HCP, saving 2 No Trumps for the unusual minors convention, (already licensed).

I have, for years used the 2 no trump opening bid as unusual with great success, and have already developed a two spade bid as balanced 20-22 with greater accuracy than is possible with the Standard 2NT opener. But MAY I USE IT?? I doubt it.

I should add that as club manager, (SHERWOOD PARK, Alberta), I am bound to honor the wishes of the majority of the club players in allowing some pretty fancy treatments and understandings of seemingly innocent standard bids. However, the alert procedures are rigidly enforced, and players are not allowed any conventions (licensed or not) that they do not know thoroughly. The adventurous spirit enjoyed at our club certainly gives the players a lot of fun.

The once prevalent psychic bids have disappeared almost entirely!

Yours sincerely,  
Richard Ewen

To The Editor:

Since I became Tournament Chairman for our Sectional Tournament (1st ever) (Parry Sound, Ontario), I have become aware of the troubles which befall organizers. Although I was blessed with a large nuclei of assistants, I can see what would happen if this was not so.

I have come to the conclusion that there is no reason for the Digest to go begging for news because each unit should contribute. If each unit contributed an article for each insert (every 3rd month) you would probably have to edit sharply in order to keep the Digest from getting too large. I feel that it should be the responsibility of the Unit President - not the Secretary - to see that an article is prepared for

submission.

Every three months should not be a hardship as there should be some interesting hands during this period somewhere within the Unit if nothing else. Most members that I know like to read about bridge hands and maybe this is what the individual clubs should be doing. Submit interesting hands to the Unit or direct to the Digest for insertion into the Digest where the editors deem fit.

Please find 2 separate hands which are submitted in that vein.

Hand #1 was played during a duplicate game which was held after our club's bi-yearly dinner meeting. Everyone got into the grape and the sauce. I know my partner and I did as we consumed some ounces of vino after supper during the bridge game. (P.S. We came 1st)

As you can see after a while the bidding does tend to get a little strange. However, various other players asked me the following week how we got to the slam and I told them it was because of my partner's pushiness.

East Dealer  
N-S Vul.

HAND #1

NORTH  
S  
H  
D AQJ10876  
C K98753

WEST  
S J9863  
H 98653  
D 5  
C 62

EAST  
S K1075  
H AQJ2  
D K42  
C Q10

SOUTH  
S AQ42  
H K1074  
D 93  
C AJ4

## TABLE #7

North	East	South	West
	1NT*	2C**	Pass
4NT	Pass	5H	Pass
5NT	Pass	6D	Pass
Pass	X	XX***	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\* 14 - 16

\*\* Landy

\*\*\* Redouble for takeout

Opening lead 9 of H, making 6D 1780

## TABLE #3

North	East	South	West
	1D*	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\* Ambiguous D. (Schenken)

Opening lead 9 of D, Result down 6 1100

Hand #2 was played the following week and we were the only table to play in a slam in 10 tables.

North Dealer  
No one vul.

## HAND #2

NORTH  
S 4  
H QJ2  
D K9762  
C 6543

WEST  
S QJ98  
H 4  
D A543  
C KJ97

EAST  
S K1076  
H 105  
D Q10  
C AQ1082

SOUTH  
S A532  
H AK98763  
D J8  
C

## TABLE #1

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1C*	Pass
1D	3C	4H	5C
5H	Pass	6H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\* Forcing one round. Opening lead K of C. Result bid and made 6H.

TABLE #8

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	Pass	4H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Result making 6H, but bidding only 4 N-S table 8 play Precision.

We have recently had a second night franchised after several years of playing on Monday nights only (our 2nd night is Friday). Our director felt at first that we might ruin our regular night, however, each member made a special effort to bring and play with new players on Friday. This has become the common place, rather than the established Monday night partnerships playing together.

During our recent Open Pairs Championship on Friday night we played a Howell movement and 3rd was a married couple. Frank and Hannah Hilton who have been married over 50 years (both are 80+).

Our director allows any bidding system, however, he insists on alerting.

We have one couple playing Precision, two couples playing Neopolitan, six couples playing Schenken and most of the rest playing Standard American. My partner and I play Standard American with variations or additions.

Yours Truly,  
John Ducklow

To The Editor:

There was a Regional Tournament in Memphis in July which I decided to attend. Having reached the point in my bridge career where I am on a downhill slide and only a few of my regular partners play with me, I decided to try my luck at the partnership desk.

Although I avoided using too many

conventions in the tournament, I did manage to play the two diamond convention at least three different ways. This made me somewhat of an expert on this convention and I would like to describe the (success?) we obtained on the different ways we used the convention.

The week started rather uneventful as we either used the 2 diamonds as very strong and natural or Flannery. In the latter case though, the opponents always managed to find the killing trump lead.

For the master pairs, I picked up a partner who had no use for Flannery and convinced me to play 2 diamonds showing 5 diamonds with 11-16 points something like 2 clubs in Precision. It wasn't long before my partner opened 2 diamonds. He happened to have 6 diamonds with a 5-4-0-4 distribution (void in diamonds) and some 7 points I decided to pass and hope that I could back into a better contract. But the opponents passed and the contract went down 2 for a very bad board.

Two days later, the same person persuaded me to play again, this time in Swiss Teams. He also persuaded me to change the 2 diamond bid to a Roman 2 diamond. But it was going to be a liberated 2 diamonds showing a 5-4-3-1 distribution which occurs more frequently. After briefing me for about 15 minutes on the various responses such as bidding the other major or minor of the short suit after a 2NT response, we were finally set to go.

Our first encounter with this convention came when my partner opened 2 diamonds. This helped us find our club fit but since we had to play at the 3 level, it went down while the opponents could not make anything.

Yours truly,  
Walter Dedio

Editor's Note: As you can see, diamonds are not a man's best friend.



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