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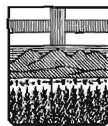
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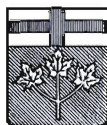
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Editor's Notebook

Great things are happening for bridge in Canada. We are about to have our first Canadian ACBL president. Doug Drew of Toronto, Director of District 2, was elected President of the League and will take office at the close of the board meeting at Bal Harbor this fall. Doug succeeds Bill Goss, and will become the first Canadian to head the ACBL.

Presently Doug is serving his fourth term on the ACBL board, and held many other positions in bridge administration, including president of his unit, which is the largest unit in Canada with 5000 members.

All Canadian Bridge players wish you good luck in your new position.

Other news coming out of ACBL meetings includes:

- An increase in membership dues from \$10 to \$12 U.S. funds
- Life master fees also increase from \$7 to \$9 U.S. funds
- Bermuda, Canada and Mexico will participate in a trial to determine the second team to represent the ACBL at the 1985 Bermuda Bowl to be held in India.
- The 1984 World Bridge Federation Olympiad will be held in the U.S. instead of Mexico.
- Effective 1 June 1983 strict penalties came into effect for all ACBL tournaments when partnerships do **not** have **two** identical, fully completed (including the **first** and **last** names of both players) convention cards **on** the table.

Ron, you're not going to believe this, but I played with "The Animal" and finally got to play a hand.

You're right, Jill, I do find that hard to believe. How did you ever do that?

It was easy, I cue-bid the opponent's suit, and "The Animal" passed.

From the desk of CBF Charitable Fund

Chairman Maurice Gauthier

News from the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund.

The 1982 Financial statement.

RECEIPTS

Proceeds from clubs' "Charity Sessions"	\$42,084.90	
Interests - Deposit account #501161 in Guaranty Trust	5,274.45	
Deposit Certificates in Guaranty Trust	3,569.73	
Deposit account #1307 Royal Bank	335.11	
Grant from A.C.B.L. Charity Foundation	1,004.00	
Sundry Receipts	<u>291.73</u>	52,559.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to A.C.B.L. Charity Foundation - for services	6,905.65	
Balance of 1981 Grant to Canadian Diabetes Association	20,000.00	
1st Instalment of 1982 Grant to Kidney Foundation	20,000.00	
Traveling Expenses of trustees	405.00	
Office Expenses	100.00	
Sundry Expenses	<u>102.00</u>	47,512.27

Excess of receipts over disbursements 5,047.27

Re March 17th 1983 Canada-wide Charity Game:

Receipts - 6,516.00; Number of Games - 80; Number of
Tables - 909

Best North-South and East-West Pairs:

North-South: D. Sieffert, F. Vinnick - Saskatoon 69.5

T. Hicks, J. Marshall - Coquitlam 69.3

East-West: M. Bennard, D. McKay - Timmins 69.7

R. McConnell, R. Morrison - Coquitlam 65.5

Sponsors: Carling O'Keefe Breweries of Canada donated 24 trophies (For N-S and E-W leading pairs in each of the six zones of the Canadian Bridge Federation).

Corby Distilleries Limited donated 8 trophies (For the leading North-South and East-West pairs and the leading team in the Inter-Cities matches Competition)

Bank of Montreal supplied 2 trophies (For the best score by a future masters' pair).

The next CANADA-WIDE CHARITY GAME - held in conjunction with the ACBL - WIDE CHARITY GAME - is scheduled for MONDAY NOVEMBER 28th. The proceeds of these games (in Canada) are earmarked for the Canadian Charity of the Year "the Kidney Foundation of Canada."

Important Notice for owners of clubs: Remittances to A.C.B.L. relating to charity sessions held for the benefit of the Charity of the Year should be made in Canadian Funds -

Bridge Isn't Fun ... It's An Education

By Pete Lipscomb
Oshawa "Raw Rookie"

Once upon a long time ago there was a raw rookie on his way to his first bridge tournament. The rookie was playing with a great player who had lots and lots of those elusive master points (maybe even 200). Partner was a very stern teacher, always yelling and screaming and generally making life miserable for the raw rookie. But hopefully on this day the rookie would make partner proud and not revoke or ruff partner's ace or any of the other things the rookie did wrong with regularity.

The game was almost half over and the rookie was concentrating and trying very hard not to make a bad mistake. He sat down against two unknowns (to him) and picked up

S	9X
H	AQ10X
D	AX
C	AJXXX

The auction started on his right with 1 spade. Double by the rookie, 3 diamonds by LHO, 5 clubs by partner, 6 spades by RHO.

Now the rookie had spent a lot of time learning (and forgetting) gadgets to bid rather than learning how to properly play or defend a hand and one of the gadgets was in competitive slam auctions doubles showed no defence. So forgetting this the rookie doubled "alert" yelled partner. LHO asked partner the meaning of the double and partner explained that he was to bid 7 clubs if he didn't have 2 defensive tricks. Pass said LHO 7 clubs by partner and the blood started to run from the rookie's face. Suddenly RHO started to think. "7s" by RHO. A loud double by the rookie now sounded like he wanted to defend.

Now the rookie had been taught many wonderful things by partner "rules of bridge" he called them. One rule was always lead ace from doubleton ace then the small one for partner to win and give the rookie a ruff. The second rule was to always give count so partner knew what was happening on the hand. The rookie remembered rule 1 and led the ace of diamonds and dummy appeared with

S	8X
H	XX
D	KQJ109XX
C	XX

Declarer ruffed the diamond ace and cashed the ace of spades. Now the rookie thought about rule 2. Boy partner was going to be proud, rookie thought as he parted with the 9 of spades.

A small spade to the eight now led to all declarers losers going on dummy's good diamonds - 2470!

The rookie hung his head in embarrassment waiting for the tirade from partner. The rest of the round was completed without another word between the rookie and partner. And when the last card of the last board was played partner rose and disappeared into the crowd never to play a hand of bridge again.

Friends of the rookie heard about the hand and laughed until tears rolled down their cheeks and the rookie tried to laugh with them. Years passed and the rookie slowly improved with the limited bridge he played. He read a few bridge books and slowly got better. Then one day while reading the kibitzer his nemesis hand appeared. The rookie hadn't realized he defended the hand against a player who wrote to bridge periodicals. Those same friends brought the article to the bridge

club and once again laughed at the rookie and once again the rookie had to relive his embarrassment. Still a few more years passed and the rookie reread the article once again a reprint this time in national publication not just a local publication.

But you see Mr. Honest Abe the hand wasn't played against Sudbury "experts" but rather an Oshawa "raw rookie" who would like to try to forget about it. But it

seems that the combination of the ace of diamonds and the 9 of spades has created a hand we will both never forget.

Editor's Note: I truly sympathize Pete, because many (if not all) of my bridge indiscretions come back to haunt me, too. But I'm glad that you have a sense of humor about it all.

W.B.F. Ranked Canadian Players

As at May 18, 1983

World Masters

1.	Murray Eric	474 1/2
2.	Kehela Sammy	429 1/2
3.	Charney Gerald	135
4.	Crissey William	120
5/6.	Elliot C. Bruce	68
	Sheardown Percy E.	68

International Masters

1.	Kokish Eric	155 3/4
2.	Nagy Peter	147 3/4
3.	Mittelman George	81 1/2
4.	Gowdy Bruce D.	78 3/4
5.	Gordon Dianna Miss	72
6.	Phillips Duncan R.	60
7.	Kokish Sharyn Mrs.	49
8.	Cimon Francine Mrs.	42
9.	Graves Alan	41 1/2
10/12.	Cohen Ralph	40
	Forbes Ronald	40
	Howell Jack	40
13.	Hodgson Irene Mrs.	26 3/4
14.	Allison Karen Miss	25 3/4
15/16.	Isaacs Sydney Mrs.	21 3/4
	Pearce Marilyn Mrs.	21 3/4
17.	Paul Mary Mrs.	20 1/4
18/19.	Bandoni Franco	17 3/4
	Cowan Don	17 3/4
20/21.	Forbes Sheila Mrs.	15
	Garrell (Neilson)	15
	Shirley Mrs.	15
22/23.	Horning Ted	14
	Stevens John R.	14

Others

1.	Silver G.	6
2.	Aarons Stephen	3
3/4.	Fraser Sandra Mrs.	2
	Fraser Douglas	2
5/8.	Dalton Roy	1
	Hughes Roy	1
	Litvack Irving	1
	Milgram Bill	1



Rookie Master Game Winners

The Canadian National Rookie-Master Game was held in clubs throughout Canada on April 5th, 1983. National Co-ordinator for this event was Janice Anderson of Regina. Jan reported the following results:

	Players	%	Club
National Leaders (517 pairs participating)	1. Reta Tobin	73.38	Fredericton
	Toby Grazer		
	2. Don Larmour	69.94	Regina
	Ashor Sil		
Zone I (97 pairs)	3. Judith Johnston	69.55	Halifax Bridge
	Dorothy Ferguson		World
	1. Reta Tobin	73.38	Fredericton
	Toby Grazer		
Zone II (65 pairs)	2. Judith Johnston	69.55	Halifax Bridge
	Dorothy Ferguson		World
	3. Rochelle Staben	65.34	Cornerbrook
	Effie Rose		
Zone III (0 pairs)	1. G. Lefebvre	65.72	St. Lambert
	Y. LeClair		
	2. M. Reter	65.08	Mirabel
	Linda Freid		
Zone IV (58 pairs)	3. Lake Seiler	63.49	Mirabel
	Ralph Fine		
	1. L. McCandless	69.35	Thunder Bay
	D. Natress		
Zone V (208 pairs)	2. S. Ross	64.29	Thunder Bay
	P. Ross		
	3/4 A. Hogue	63.39	Thunder Bay
	L. Joyal		
Zone VI (89 pairs)	3/4 B. Nealin	63.39	Thunder Bay
	B. Nicholls		
	1. Don Larmer	69.94	Regina
	Ashok Sil		
Zone VII (89 pairs)	2. Betty Kleck	68.75	Moose Jaw
	Thor Brattley		
	3. Nan Fryers	66.59	Moose Jaw
	Hellen Patterson		
Zone VIII (89 pairs)	1. Dorothy Duncan	64.09	Victoria
	Margaret Holland		
	2. Fern Mercier	63.99	Prince Rupert
	David Minshall		
Zone IX (89 pairs)	3. Rosella Mitchell	62.96	Bridge Lake
	Dawn Jurgens		

Canadian Bidding Contest

May Honour Roll

Easterners dominated the May contest to an unusual degree. What's wrong with my fellow Westerners? This quiz too tough for you? 123 answers were received, topped by the following scores:

1.	Glenn Barkey	Ottawa, Ont.	590
2.	Michel Montplaisir	Loretteville, Qué.	570
3.	Mark O'Hara	Toronto, Ont.	550
4./6.	Lou Bozzer	Timmins, Ont.	540
	Mark Dunsiger	Thornhill, Ont.	540
	Mike Tyrrell	Saskatoon, Sask.	540
7./12.	Alvin Brown	Parry Sound, Ont.	530
	Pierre Stewart	Montreal, Qué.	530
	J.R. Henderson	Lambeth, Ont.	530
	Frances Rand	Calgary, Alta.	530
	Ivan Verba	Prince George, B.C.	530
	Chris Chan	Scarborough, Ont.	530
13.	G. Aubin	Chicoutimi, Qué.	520

Congratulations to all, and particularly to Mr. Barkey, who received a copy of Dynamic Defense, by Mike Lawrence. (No bidding texts needed, obviously). And we welcome Mr. Barkey as guest panelist this month.

August Panel

Here's our fearless dozen, presented as usual in alphabetical order:

GLENN BARKEY (Ottawa), the May reader-champ, writes that he is a new Life Master who just plays for fun and bids substandard. Judging by his May answers, I'd hate to come up against him once he does take the game seriously.

HELENE BEAULIEU (Sherbrooke, Que.) is always among the leading contenders for the Richmond trophy (Canada's leading masterpoint winner in any given year). Her triumphs include 2 U.S. National victories and countless Regional firsts.

GORDON CAMPBELL (Calgary) is a former chess star (British Junior and Alberta champion), who took up bridge out of boredom. Less than five years later, he has his first Regional victory under his belt, and has also played in his first CNTC Final, in Regina last year. Kind of makes you humble, doesn't it?

DENNIS DOHL (Vancouver) is one of the most respected bridge personalities in Vancouver. He has won three regionals and is a former national finalist in the Grand National Pairs.

BOB HAMBLBY (Charlottetown) is Mr. Bridge in PEI. He was the province's first Life Master and as administrator has served the unit and zone for many years.

ANDY NAGY (Vancouver) is the colourful owner of the Haida Bridge Studio. He has won three regionals and partnered his wife Anne in the Mixed Pairs at the 1978 Olympiad.

DON PIAFSKY (Montreal) was an automatic selection for Montreal's Inter-City team in its heyday in the late sixties. He is a veteran with many regional and sectional successes and a runner-up finish in the 1976 National Men's Pairs, the toughest event on the entire ACBL calendar.

CINDY SEIBEL (Regina, Sask.) playing with her husband Andy, last year became

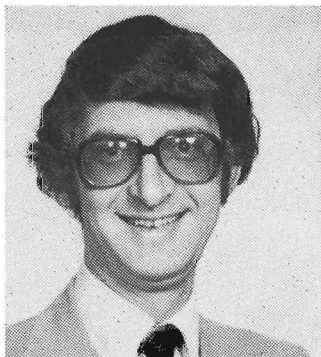
one half of the only husband-wife partnership in Canada to qualify for the CNTC finals. She is the winner of numerous sectionals in Saskatchewan, and those wins have not all come with Andy, either.

MARK SIEGRIST (Nepean, Ont.) was one of the giant-killers who placed second at the 1981 CNTC. He is well-known as a club owner (Westboro club), writer and bridge administrator, besides being one of Ontario's top players with one National and several regional triumphs to his credit.

COLIN VAN WALLEGHAM (Dowling, Ont.) is the best player in Dowling. You're not impressed? Neither were the hotshots in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg, until Colin and teammates beat them all to become Zone 4 representatives in the 1981 CNTC Final.

FRANK VINE (Hamilton, Ont.) would be very well known for his bridge victories (eight regionals, one national) if he wasn't even more famous for his marvelous writing. He is the creator of Cornelius Coldbottom of Bridge World fame.

MARK YUDIN (Montreal) has a well-earned reputation as one of Montreal's most colourful players (Eric Kokish constantly refers to him as inimitable); this reputation obscures a fine record, spearheaded by high placings in the 1978 Summer National Men's Pairs and the 1982 Grand National Pairs.



by Allan Simon

August Solutions

- (A) Rubber bridge, E-W vul. and a 70 partial, South holds:

S:KJ1096 H:83 D:Q95 C:KQ4

West	North	East	South
-	-	IS	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
2D	Pass	Pass	?

Panel

Scoring:	Action	votes	Points
	Double	7	100
	2NT	4	60
	2S	1	30

When one side has a partial, many bidding rules are changed. And to make matters worse, we rarely play rubber bridge with a partner we know well, so that judgement and experience play a major role in our decision-making. Two West Coasters, who may have been in collusion, express one point of view:

NAGY: Two notrump. At matchpoints I'd go for the juicy penalty but playing for money I don't like to take chances.

DOHL: Two notrump, but at matchpoints double sounds like a fairly solid gamble. Besides, two notrump allows for partner's 2-4-3-4, either weak or not and he can always play spades.

Fair enough. And now, in order of increasing ferocity, read what the doublers have to say:

CAMPBELL: Double. With E-W having a leg, East and North could easily be trapping or be under pressure, respectively (Not to mention West. AS.). However, North should have reasonable values.

SEIBEL: Double. Two notrump would be second choice. This way I can pass two hearts or penalize the opposition.

VINE: DOUBLE. For anyone who plays money bridge this is the only answer. 10% of the time they'll make it when you've been trapped by a Macchiavellian West.

The rest of the time you will enjoy a profit ranging from modest to mind-boggling. That of course is the principle of rubber bridge.

BARKEY: Double. I hope the stakes are high.

Have you noticed how the panel gets more aggressive as we move eastward? One additional point not brought out by the doubler is that this is a 'free' double. At matchpoints, however, minus 180 is a likely zero, so that I would suggest, in all due respect to Andy and Dennis, that two notrump is more attractive at matchpoints.

(B) IMPs, N-S vul., South holds:

S:543 H:5 D:AKQ109 C:K 1063

West	North	East	South
-	-	1H	?
Panel			
Scoring:	Action	votes	Points
	2D	9	100
	Pass	2	50
	Dbl.	1	30

In spite of the hate mail it brings us, we like to include one problem every month where a well-known expert recommends some bizarre action. When this problem appeared in the bidding contest of the Revue Française de Bridge, no less an authority than Rixi Markus answered: "Double. The hand is suitable for spades, if partner can bid them. My singleton heart makes it advisable to seek a fit with partner rather than be fixated on two diamonds, a contract which theoretically might be held to four tricks."

The actual hand was:

North
S:QJ1097
H:762
D:J86
C:J4

West	East
S:86	S:AK2
H:KQ1084	H:AJ93
D:52	D:743
C:A752	C:Q98

South
S:543
H:5
D:AKQ109
C:K 1063

West	North	East	South
-	-	1H	2D
3H	Pass	4H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

SIEGRIST: Two diamonds. The traditional panelists's response: What's the problem?

VINE: Two diamonds. The woods are full of donkeys who double, dreaming of a spade holding with partner like your own diamonds. Instead he will come barreling in on K9xx, snug in the assurance of your guaranteed other major, only to find, once again, that your guarantees were not issued by Midas Muffler.

BEAULIEU: Two diamonds. I think this is worth one bid in case my partner is on lead.

YUDIN: Two diamonds. This is not a good dummy for a 4-3 fit. Furthermore if West bids two hearts and if I don't want to sell I can now double. The main feature of my hand is diamonds.

PIAFSKY: Two diamonds. I don't like to double with that spade holding, particularly at IMPs.

Rixi Markus has one soulmate on our panel, however:

DOHL: Double. My immediate answer was two diamonds which seemed obvious but a non-vul. heart pre-emptive raise scares me.

It takes courage to be timid when you're on the bidding panel. Expressing his convictions was:

VAN WALLEGHAM: Pass. I dislike explaining disasters in a team game, especially 500 or 800.

To return to the original hand for a minute, here is how the real-life East, Edwin Kantar, played the hand in 4 hearts: South cashed the AK of diamonds and shifted to his trump. Kantar won and played three rounds of spades, ruffing in

dummy. Then back to his hand with a trump and a diamond ruffed in dummy. Then he led a club off dummy and inserted his 8, losing to South's 10 and leaving:

North
S:QJ
H:7
D:-
C:J

West
S:-
H:Q
D:-
C:A75

East
S:-
H:A9
D:-
C:Q9

South
S:-
H:-
D:Q
C:K63

South perforce returned his queen of diamonds, but Kantar ruffed in dummy, and when North properly discarded his club jack, Kantar overruffed in his hand, drew North's last trump and took the last two tricks via the club finesse.

(C) Matchpoints, neither vul., South holds:

S:Q105 H:96 D:10542 C:J864

West	North	East	South
-	1C	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Redbl	2S	?

		Panel	
Scoring:	Action	votes	Points
	3C	8	100
	Pass	2	50
	2NT	1	40
	Dbl.	1	20
	3NT	0	20

This problem was lifted from the June 1982 issue of the Vancouver unit newsletter, The Matchpointer. The B.C. panel voted like this: 14 for 3C, 8 for 2NT, 6 for pass and 1 for double. Editor Aidan Ballantyne had this to say about the 2NT bidders: "2NT should be reserved for a hand with better spades and fewer clubs. The notrump bidders remind me of a halfback who breaks around the line, eludes three tacklers and makes a dazzling

run down the sideline. Except he's left the ball at the line of scrimmage."

There was only one Vic Washington on our panel:

SIEGRIST: Two notrump. Matchpoint syndrome. It caters to partner's strong balanced or strong club hand. Either way, bidding helps him to make the right decision and 120 beats 110.

Most other experts found this one too easy:

HAMBLY: Three clubs. I presume we are not playing any sort of exotic SOS redouble in the situation.

SEIBEL: Three clubs. Partner's redouble should show clubs. I've shown my point count so now I can show club support.

Some panelists even felt they were over-bidding a bit:

BARKEY: Three clubs. An overbid, but I have ruffing values and must co-operate with partner's aggressiveness.

CAMPBELL: Three clubs. I don't sell out easily. Good chance they will bid three spades.

Very conservative were:

BEAULIEU: Pass. I don't think my hand is worth a bid even after the redouble.

NAGY: Pass. Am I supposed to revalue my hand now just because I have jack fourth of clubs? If we can play at the three level partner should have opened two clubs.

In the June 1982 Matchpointer, Andy Nagy is quoted as saying:

NAGY: Three clubs. At matchpoints you never defend two spades.

(D) IMPs, neither vul., South holds:

S:J853 H:AQ6 D:Q2 C:AK74

West	North	East	South
Pass	1D	1H	Dbl.*
Pass	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	2S	Pass	?

* negative double

(E) Matchpoints, North-South vul., South holds:

S:Q865 H:AK92 D:4 C:AKJ7

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	2S	?

Scoring:	Panel		
	Action	votes	Points
	Pass	6	100
	Double	4	80
	2NT	1	40
	3C	1	40

This hand, I am told, is used in psychiatry to determine the character of patients. If they double, they are considered a threat to society because of unrestrained aggressiveness mixed with a touch of masochism.

PIAFSKY: Double. This hand is too good to pass. It is amazing how often partners do not bid three diamonds at their turn.

Aggressiveness, thy name is Piafsky.

DOHL: Double. My regular partner (Ron Borg) would want me to pass and allow him to balance but double should handle most actions.

Philosophical or placid temperament may be assumed if the patient passes:

BEAULIEU: Pass. Hoping my partner will reopen if they don't bid. The double is very dangerous because I am short in diamonds. A good partner won't pass two spades.

SEIBEL: Pass. Partner is likely on a near-yarborough, so the odds of going plus on offense are not good. Besides, he'll probably bid diamonds anyway.

The rare subject who bids three clubs must be observed closely. He has a vivid imagination, but is probably otherwise harmless.

CAMPBELL: Three clubs. It's the most flexible. If they bid three spades, I'll double. Double will undoubtedly elicit three diamonds, or four diamonds. Pass is the only real alternative.

The most dangerous individual is the two notrump bidder. He suffers from amnesia,

sadism and exhibitionism.

YUDIN: Two notrump. I think this shows an unspecified two-suiter. If I'm wrong it's only one board, not the tournament.

And what did I bid? Do you think I'm crazy enough to tell you?

Scoring:	Panel		
	Action	votes	Points
	3C	4	100
	3NT	5	90
	2NT	2	70
	3H	0	50
	4S	0	40
	Pass	1	10

Other than one panelist who apparently misread the problem and passed, there are three distinct camps here. The three notrump bidders admit they are giving up on slam.

SEIBEL: Three notrump. Should be giving partner choice of games.

NAGY: Three notrump. It sounds like partner has something like AQxx xx AKxx xxx so I will give up on slam. Three notrump is probably safer than four spades.

Mr. Nagy is right from several points of view. No doubt, if we're satisfied with game, three notrump should be impregnable and therefore preferable to four spades. And he guessed the North hand almost exactly; however the diamonds were AK109 and slam was there.

A second group liked their slam chances and probed with a delicate three clubs.

VAN WALLEGHAM: Three clubs. A mild slam suggestion, before I bid three notrump over the expected three diamonds or three spades from partner.

PIAFSKY: Three clubs. Will bid four hearts over three spades and push to slam. While slam is not a dead certainty, partner will not accept a try on many hands which are cold.

HAMBLY: Three clubs. If partner bids three diamonds I'll try again with five spades.

If the three club bidders are delicate, the

two notrumpers are downright decadent:
 SIEGRIST: Two notrump. Expect partner to clarify. Diamond or spade bids by him will get five spades from me. Raise or club fragment will cool me off to settle for three notrump. If he has KQ10x xx AKJxx xx, I want to be in slam; with A10xx xx AJxx QJx, three notrump is plenty.

Since the two notrumpers are philosophically closer to the three club bidders than to the three notrumpers, the point awards were calculated to respect the wishes of the plurality.

(F) IMPs, both vul., South holds:

S:AJ97 H:AJ87 D:A76 C:65

West	North	East	South
-	-	1NT*	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

* 15 - 17 HCP

Which card do you lead?

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	Ace of S	3	100
	Ace of H	0	100
	Spade 7	3	70
	Heart 7	2	70
	Spade J	1	60
	Spade 9	1	60
	Other H		
	or S	0	60
	Club 6	2	50
	Diamond	0	40

It certainly isn't easy to choose between those two major suits. But you've got to lead something, so you might as well give it your best shot:

HAMBLY: Heart seven. I don't want to lead away from my spade 9-7 "tenace".
 SIEGRIST: Spade seven. Best suit, best chance.

BARKEY: Spade jack. A club lead is safe, but I will get squeezed on the run of the minors. So I'll lead a major, and I don't want to lose the opening lead to the ten.

VAN WALLEGHAM: Spade seven. Best

shot seems to be 8-9 points with West and a major suit queen with partner. I choose the spade because the suit is 'better'. What else is there?

Since you ask. Let's look at the actual hand, dealt at the 1980 Team Olympiad, in the Sweden-Iceland match:

North

S:543

H:Q102

D:10943

C:1084

West

S:Q6

H:643

D:KQ2

C:K9532

East

S:K1082

H:K95

D:J85

C:AQJ

South

S:AJ97

H:AJ87

D:A76

C:65

South was Sweden's Tjolpe Flodquist. He came up with the brilliant lead of the ace of hearts. His partner, Per Olaf Sundelin of course signalled with the 10. Hearts were continued and N-S had five tricks before E-W could get nine. The lead was not just a lucky guess. Note that if North's major suit holdings were reversed, North would discourage and Flodquist would still have had time to switch to ace and another spade, without giving declarer the contract. A remarkable number of panelists emulated Flodquist:

VINE: Ace of spades. There is just room enough in partner's hand for a queen or he may hold five small spades. I try the ace so that I can change my attack when I see the dummy. Ace of hearts is really just as good.

YUDIN: Spade ace. To take a look at dummy. I can switch to hearts (or diamonds) if that seems right when dummy hits.

PIAFSKY: Spade ace. This is not a hand for passive defense.

November Contest

To enter the November contest, send your guesses (comments are welcome, but not required), together with your name and address, to:

Canadian Bidding Contest
c/o Allan Simon
1339 Hamilton St. N.W.
Calgary, Alta. T2N 3W8

The reader with the highest score wins a bridge book and is invited to join the expert panel.

November Problems

- (A) Matchpoints, both vul., South holds:

S: AQ1072 H: AK2 D: KJ975 C:-

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	1C	Dbl.
1S	Pass	2C	2D
Pass	2H	Pass	?

- (B) IMPs, neither vul., South holds:

S: A432 H: 4 D: AQJ94 C: J109

West	North	East	South
-	-	1S	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	?

- (C) Rubber bridge, North-South vul., South holds:

S: A43 H: AJ D: 964 C: AQ876

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1NT
3S	4NT	Pass	?

- (D) IMPs, North-South vul., South holds:

S: A108752 H:- D: A98 C: AQ108-

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1S
Pass	2H*	Pass	?

* Not a game force, promises 5 or more hearts.

- (E) IMPs, East-West vul., south holds:

S: J10 H: A1092 D: 3 C: K98732

West	North	East	South
1D	Pass	1S	2C
3C	3H	Pass	4H
4NT	5H	Dbl.*	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	?

* no aces

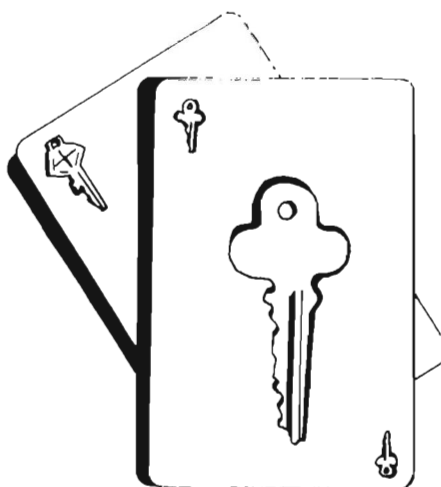
- (F) IMP's, E-W vul., South holds:

S: 102 H: 6 D: QJ987642 C: 84

West	North	East	South
-	-	1NT	3D
4D	P	4S	P
4NT	P	5H	P
6S	Dbl.	P	P

P

What do you lead?



KEY CARDS

From the desk of
the CBF Executive Secretary

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Elections will be held for Zone Director in:

Zone V - a three year term expiring December 31, 1986;

Zone VI - a four year term expiring December 31, 1987.

Declarations of candidacy must be submitted in writing by Monday, November 14, 1983 to:

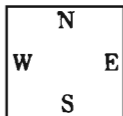
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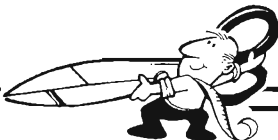
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Letters To the Editor



Non Master Events Are Important

To The Editor:

Ever since I graduated with my 20 Master Points I have looked unsuccessfully for 0 -50; 0 -99 tournaments at which I can play at my desired level of bridge.

Now, after speaking to a variety of directors and writing to headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, I have decided to go public.

It appears that the directors feel that we (non-masters) want to "play with the sharks" (as one director put it) in the open tournaments 0 - 300; 0 - 750; 0 - 00 in order to improve our game. BUT THIS ISN'T THE WAY I HEAR IT. The A.C.B.L. statistics published February '83 indicate that 61% of all members have less than 100 master points.

Many of my bridge acquaintances would like to progress at their own level rather than become bait for the "sharks", and you must agree that some of those "sharks" have sharp teeth.

Apparently tournament directors do not feel that there is sufficient interest in 0 - 99 events and unless they hear from all of us who want to avoid "the sharks" for a little while longer, nothing will be done.

So how about drawing up a petition and get your non-master bridge acquaintances to sign it and send it to your respective unit director.

Sincerely,
John H. Pavey

Mr. Pavey's letter was sent to the ACBL Bulletin as well as the Canadian Bridge Digest. The following reply was sent by Dick Goldberg, Executive Secretary of the League.

Dear Mr. Pavey:

ACBL President, Bill Gross, has asked that I respond to your letter of January 28, 1983, on his behalf. You see, Mr. Gross receives a considerable volume of mail everyday and it is just not possible for him to respond to each one of them.

I am afraid, Mr. Pavey, that you have been slightly misinformed, so far as the establishment of Non-Master (0 - 49 or 0 -99) events are concerned. Each bridge club (or Sectional and/or Regional tournament sponsor) has the right to determine the kind of event that will be held ... within those guidelines established by the ACBL. The ACBL simply determines the magnitude of Master Points that are to be awarded for the events so established. As a matter of fact, there are many bridge clubs that do, indeed, have games limited to players holding fewer than 50 Master Points or fewer than 100 Master Points or even for Non-Life Masters. Actually, at many tournaments, events of this kind are often scheduled.

I suggest you discuss these possibilities with the clubs in which you want to play in Toronto. Perhaps there will be some interest in holding events - or regular weekly games - of this kind at one, or more of the clubs.

Thank you for your interest - thank you for writing.

Very truly yours,
Richard L. Goldberg



The Next Canada-wide Olympiad Fund game will be held Thursday, 13 October 1983.

