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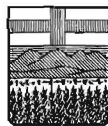
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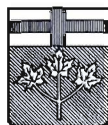
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Editor's Notebook


The Bridge Zodiac by Jared Johnson which appears in this issue was sent to me by Marg Strong of Red Deer, Alberta, who knew I would enjoy it.

Those of you who know Ron and I and our bridge playing eccentricities will instantly recognize us as Taurus and Scorpio.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taurus is extremely conservative and slow to bid. He is the one who constantly goes into the tank. Everyone else has been ready to go for five minutes and he's still arranging his cards. Despite underbidding, he is also a very pragmatic player and is good on defense. Taurus is probably the quietest player at the table. Why does he play bridge? He has nothing better to do and is just killing time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio plays for blood! If you are his partner, he will watch you like a hawk when he is dummy. Play a wrong card and BOOM! Blow a contract and he might arrange for hit men to get you as you walk out the door. If something goes wrong, he will blame partner, not the opponents, but Scorpios are the silent type. If you make a mistake, no long lectures will be forthcoming, just a long malevolent stare. Scorpio is a bad loser who holds grudges, the praying mantis of the bridge sect who finds his opponents' weakness and preys upon it. This is the sadistic player who likes to prolong the opponents' misery. He has the most fun running a long suit and watching the opponents squirming in their chairs trying to decide what to discard. There is always a method to Scorpio's madness, a very methodical, very deceptive player, but warning: ——— Best partner for Scorpio would be a Taurus. ——— Nothing phases Taurus. He can put up with anything and Scorpio certainly needs a partner who can put up with him. Why does he play bridge? Just one reason: To win!

But would you believe that I am Taurus and Ron is Scorpio ...??



Jill, did you know that at any given moment, more than 2000 thunderstorms are occurring on earth, consistently, day or night, in any season?

I didn't realize there were that many bridge games in a single day.



Canadian Open Pairs Championship

By Doug Andrews

The Canadian Bridge Federation is pleased to announce the inauguration of The Canadian Open Pairs Championship. Plans are to hold the championship biennially with the finals to be played in even numbered years. Due to the delay in establishing the event the first two championship finals will be held in 1985 and 1986.

Play will be conducted at 3 levels: club, unit and national finals. For each championship certain Olympiad Fund games will be designated as club qualifying games. The first so-designated game was the Olympiad Fun game held October 13, 1983 and the balance of the qualifying games for the 1985 Championship will be the May 8, 1984 Olympiad Fund Game and the July 13, 1984 International Monetary Fund Game. Any clubs may apply to hold these games. Normal olympiad fund sanction fees apply (there are no special charges). Players may play in any number of these games.

Players winning master points in any club qualifying game, provided they will be eligible to represent Canada in the World Pairs Championship, may form partnerships and play in a Unit qualifying game in

the home unit of one of the players. However you may only play in one Unit game (partnerships become established at the Unit level).

One pair per 250 members of a Unit will qualify for the National Final. Units may hold their qualifying games between August 15, 1984 and January 15, 1985. Each Unit should appoint a representative to arrange these games who will then contact Doug Andrews; 1841 East 38th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5P 1G6. Phone (604) 325-8018 for further information.

The National final will be held in Toronto in the Spring of 1985 in conjunction with the Canadian National Regional. It will be a 4 session event, 2 qualifying and 2 final. Approximately 72 pairs are expected to participate.

The R. James Donaldson trophy will be presented to the winner. In addition the first 3 pairs will be eligible to be selected to represent Canada in the 1986 World Pairs Championships.

Watch the Digest for further details on this event and the 1986 Canadian Open Pairs Championships. Be sure to take the first step to becoming Canada's first pairs champions by playing in the upcoming Olympiad Fund Games.

Canadian Ladies Team Championships

For information on the conditions of contest for
the 1984 CLTC's
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Road to Mexico Seattle

by John Carruthers, Toronto

The 1983 Canadian National Team Championship was held in Toronto from June 11 to June 15, 1983. This year the winners qualify for the 1984 World Team Olympiad, to be held in Seattle, Washington. For the first time since the inception of the Olympiad, Eric Murray and Sami Kehela will not be in the Canadian team, which will consist of: Mark Molson and Boris Baran (Montreal); Allan Graves (Vancouver) and George Mittelman (Toronto); John Guoba and John Carruthers (Toronto).

The ACBL, as host, had originally planned to hold the Olympiad in Mexico City, but the Mexican government's refusal to guarantee entry visas to all participants, specifically South Africa's, forced a change of venue.

There are two interesting features of the CNTC, one of which played an important part in the outcome. First, anyone can enter (as long as you're Canadian) the first level of the competition, and approximately one thousand teams did so. Then, after local and regional playdowns, the field is reduced to a manageable number of teams (in this case, twenty) for the National Final. Second, any team of less than six may augment for the final. The Molson team consequently added Graves (a non-entrant) and Mittelman (a non-qualifier). George Mittelman had surprisingly failed to qualify in an earlier round with the team of Joe Silver - Irving Litvack, Eric Kokish - Peter Nagy, and Drew Cannell. Nagy was also augmented, along with Eric Murray (another nonentrant), to the Forbes team (Sheila Forbes - John Laskin; Bill Crissey - Gerry Charney).

Anyway, the final twenty qualifiers were divided into two-ten team sections (each team seeded all the others), in order to play a Round Robin of fourteen board matches. The matches were scored by IMPs converted to Victory Points on a one-

to-one basis, with a maximum of eighty available per match. A tie was scored 40-40, a 1 IMP win 41-39, and so on, to a 40 or more IMP win at 80-0. In effect, we would play a 126 board match against nine sets of opponents over two days. The top three teams in each section would qualify for the quarterfinals. The top seeds were:

Section A

1. Molson (Baran; Graves - Mittelman; Guoba - Carruthers)
4. Fraser (Doug Fraser - Fred Hoffer; Sandra Fraser - Francine Cimon; Steve Brown - Pierre Daigneault)
5. Cooper (Steve Cooper - Roy Dalton; Bruce Gowdy - John Gowdy; Michael Lorber - Michael Kenny)

Section B

2. Forbes (Laskin; Crissey - Charney; Murray - Nagy)
3. Lerner (Fred Lerner - David Lindop; Andy Altay - Karen Allison; Gord Chapman - John Sabino)
6. Laliberté (André Laliberté - Raymond Fortin; Jean Bernier - Maurice Larochelle; François Gauthier - Kamel Fergani)

All of these fancied teams had qualified out of either Montreal or Toronto. The bookmakers' line was vindicated by this seeding. They had Molson at 5-2; Forbes 4-1; Lerner and Fraser both 6-1; Cooper 7-1; and Laliberté 9-1.

Board 14 of Round 1 gave notice that aggressive bidding and careful declarer play would (as usual) pay big dividends.

A10
954
J10
AJ8654
K
A763
AK95
K1092

How would you play 6 clubs after the heart king opening lead fetches the jack from East? There are two likely lines of play.

- (1.) Draw trumps. If they are 2-1, play off one high diamond, then take a second round finesse for a heart discard. If trumps are 3-0 and you've misguessed (you wouldn't, of course), a first round diamond finesse for two heart pitches is necessary.
- (2.) Draw trumps. If they are 2-1, play to eliminate spades and diamonds. Assuming the diamond queen does not drop in the first three rounds of the suit, play a heart, hoping to end play West with KQ doubleton or East with J10 doubleton. If trumps are 3-0, proceed as in line (1.).

Line (1.) is an approximate fifty per cent chance - you make it slightly more than half the time when you pick up trumps, and slightly less than half the time when you don't. Line (2.) wins whenever the diamond queen drops in the first three rounds of the suit (about 36%), or whenever one opponent has a doubleton double honour in hearts. Since there are only five heart holdings consistent with the East-West plays to trick one:

KQ	J1082
KQ8	J102
KQ2	J108
KQ82	J10
KQ1082	J

this is a two in five chance. This increases the percentage of success of line (2.) to approximately 62%. Line (2.) was a winner, since West held J76532, KQ8, Q42, 7.

Fancied or not, when the smoke had cleared Sunday night, only Molson and Laliberté were left of the original top six seeds.

In Section A, there was a virtual three-way photo finish for the last qualifying spot. Borg (Ron Borg - Paul Hagen; Bob Connop - Don Bradner; Gerry McCully - Doug Baldwin) just nosing out Fraser

and Cooper. Section B was a little more clear cut, with Lerner finishing more than half a match back and Forbes never threatening at all. Standings in the Round Robin were:

Section A	V.P. (360 Avg.)
1. Holland	450
(George Holland - Bryson Crowell; Victor Goldberg - Gerry Callaghan; Bill Davis - Jim Kirby)	
2. Molson	417
3. Borg	385
4./5. Cooper	381
4./5. Fraser	381

Section B	
1. Murray	481
(Ken Murray - Duncan Phillips; Dave Colbert - Mike Cafferata; Paul Thurston - Rick Delogu)	
2. McAvoy	479
(Jim McAvoy - Duncan Smith; Peter Herold - Jim Dickie)	
3. Laliberté	425
4. Lerner	379

For the Quarterfinals, each of the six teams would play 14 board matches against the other five, again with 80 V.P.'s at Stake in each match. The top four would qualify for the Semifinals, and the team finishing first would choose its opponent from the third and fourth place finishers. This time, though, there would be full carryover into the Semifinal and Final matches, to a maximum of 32 and 36 IMP's respectively, so it was important to do well in every match. The Semifinal matches were to be 64 boards in length, and the Final match 72.

In our first Quarterfinal match, Guoba and I came across a textbook hand.

J.C.	J.G.
AK10864	Q75
K9873	AQJ65
—	K72
84	K6

Guoba's right hand opponent opened the bidding with one club and he overcalled with one heart. South passed and I advanced with one spade, forcing. Guoba raised this to three spades to show his extras, a fine bid, and that was all the encouragement I needed to bid five clubs, which asks partner to bid six with clubs controlled. Five hearts and five spades would focus on the quality of the suit raised to the five level. Guoba duly bid six spades and that was that. If he'd had the ace of clubs or a void, his six club response would have gotten seven hearts from me. We picked up a useful 11 IMP's as our counterparts languished in game. The hand was relatively easy for us due to the fact that one spade was forcing, but if one has to start with a cue bid it's a lot more difficult. And a fit showing jump may induce a cue bid from partner to complicate matters.

The Quarterfinals resolved itself into two separate races - a race between Borg and Molson for first place, eventually won by Borg, and a race for the other two qualifying spots among the other four teams. The beauty (or ugliness, depending on your point of view) of this format is that no team is ever out of the running as long as it avoids a blitz every match. In fact, it was conceivable that a team could qualify by losing all five matches by small margins.

The Murray team attempted to do just that, however, an 80 to 0 win over McAvoy at a crucial moment put them through with room to spare. The Quarterfinal standings:

V.P. (200 Avg.)		
1.	Borg	286
2.	Molson	251
3.	Murray	180
4.	Laliberté	165
5.	Holland	162
6.	McAvoy	156

Borg now had a very tough choice to make for their Semifinal opponent between Murray and Laliberté. They would have a 32 IMP carryover against Laliberté, who

they had blitzed in the Quarterfinals, and a 20 IMP lead against Murray, probably not as strong as Laliberté on paper. They chose to go with the IMP's and the momentum against Laliberté, leaving Molson to do battle with Murray. It mattered little to Molson, who was +16 vs. Laliberté, and +14 vs. Murray.

In Borg vs. Laliberté, it did not take long for Borg to begin regretting his choice. The first quarter saw Laliberté gain back 24 IMP's to trail by 8, and another 42 in the second quarter meant Borg was stuck 34 at the half. To their credit, they staged a tremendous comeback in the third quarter to close within 4 IMP's, but they had run out of steam, as Laliberté sailed to a 50 IMP win in the final quarter.

Molson added to his lead in each of the first three quarters to lead by 42, 55, and 85 respectively. As so often happens with a big deficit, Murray then pulled out all the stops, momentum swung, and they gained back 45 IMP's to make the margin of 40 IMP's respectable. But it was too little, too late. The Final would see Molson, the original number one seed, with a 16 IMP carryover against Laliberté, the original number six seed. For the first time in years, two of the pre-tournament favourites would battle for the Championship, the Sam Gold and Percy Shear-down Tropics, and the right to represent Canada in Olympiad play.

The Final was a slugfest from beginning to end, with double figure swings being almost the norm. There were more than twenty such swings in the match. This was one of them:

		AJ72	
		Q10532	
		J2	
		106	
With no-one vulnerable, the bidding went:			
(Fergani)	(me)	(Gauthier)	(Guoba)

South	West	North	East
1S	Pass	1NT (Forcing)	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
4H	?		

Would you double? I smelled blood - little did I know it was my own! The auction continued ...

South	West	North	East
	Double	4S	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

What would you lead? I chose to lead my stronger (!) minor, expecting dummy to be 2-2 in the majors with about 11 H.C.P. We all got a surprise when Gauthier's hand came down ...

	Q8
	7
	A10643
	QJ975
AJ72	54
Q10532	86
J2	KQ985
106	K843
	K10963
	AKJ94
	7
	A2

Fergani won the diamond ace, ran the club queen, cashed the ace and king of hearts, and ruffed a heart low in the dummy. He then crossed to the club ace and ruffed another heart with the spade queen. A diamond ruff was his eighth trick and we were down to:

	—
	—
	1064
	J9
AJ72	54
Q	—
—	KQ
—	KL
	K1096
	J
	—
	—

At this point, declarer exited with the heart jack and could not be prevented from scoring two more trump tricks. Well played. Even if I lead ace and another

trump, which seems best, declarer can still get home by stripping my minors and endplaying me once in spades and once in hearts. What a double! At the other table, the spade two was led (no double) and Graves had no reason to guess the actual distribution, eventually losing two hearts and two spades for down one. Despite this setback, we still picked up 13 IMP's in the quarter, to lead by 29.

The Québécois were not to be denied, however, and a terrific second quarter by Laliberté - Fortin saw them gain exactly 29 IMP's to tie the match at half time. In the third quarter, however, Molson recovered winning form, to lead by 27 with 18 boards to play. But no one was counting out Laliberté. In four of the seven quarters played in the long matches, they were +24, +42, +46 and +29. Fireworks were expected, but the fourth quarter was a little anti-climactic, as Laliberté pulled back only 2 IMP's, to leave Molson the winner by 25 in an extremely high scoring match.

The losing side displayed a lot of pluck throughout the Semifinal and Final, and despite their obvious disappointment, were quick to offer congratulations to the winner. For the winners, Graves and Mittelman were a tower of strength, especially during the Semifinal and Final matches, and all three pairs had good games when the other table was shaky. We had good team spirit. It was the third time in the last four years that Graves and Mittelman had won, and a first for each of Molson, Baran, Guoba, and Carruthers. On to ~~Mexico~~ Seattle!

CANADIAN LADIES TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Canadian Ladies Team finals will be held in Vancouver, B.C. on May 18 to May 21, 1984.

It Was the System!

by David House

I'll never forget the 1982 Regional in Victoria. Spring sunshine. Cherry blossoms. The EMPRESS HOTEL ... a beautiful tournament.

The Experimental Knockout was a special feature. In past years the KO was comprised of a very few teams -- some touring professionals and a handful of British Columbia and Washington's finest. Traditional seeding arrangements ensured that novice teams would meet the top seeds in the first round so inexperienced teams were expected to be quickly eliminated. This year random draws were used throughout. The chance to play a team of one's own calibre and win some of those elusive gold points increased this year's field to 32 teams.

At the partnership desk I was teamed up with Jean Baillie, from Vernon, and brothers Allan and Paul Sorenson, from Berwyn, Alberta. The first draw was held after the wine and cheese party Tuesday night. We found out our first match was against a Central Island Team. In this contest my teammates were steady and the opponents had the misfortune of bidding two unmakeable grand slams. We squeaked out a 63-54 IMP win.

We reconvened for Wednesday night's draw and pulled our destiny out of the hat. The next morning we would play world champion Mike Passell and his teammates George Landreth, Ross Rainwater and "Big John" Anderson. Since all four of us had under 200 master points it was clear that we could not beat them. Accordingly we decided that a little extra practice was needed to give us any chance in this crucial match and we rushed off to buy our entry to the Midnight Speedball Swiss. By 3:00 a.m. we'd each played over 100 boards of four straight sessions. We dispersed to get showered and changed for breakfast.

Game time was 8:45 a.m.

Mike Passell is a very tall man, but neither his size nor his international reputation could intimidate my partner. On the first deal Miss Baillie opened 1C and Landreth overcalled 1Nt. I was looking at a prince of a hand:

Jxxxx
xx
Jxx
xxx

I passed. Passell passed. 2C said my partner, refusing to be bullied about. It was only 8:45 a.m. and no one was willing to bid any higher at such an early hour. The opponents were ready to defend, though. They took nine tricks, many of which were in the trump suit, and we scored -200. As Passell put his hand back in the box he turned to my partner, "Two clubs, Stayman?" he asked. "Yes", was her terse reply. Later she explained to me that, holding a good fifteen count and 4-4-2-3 distribution, she wanted me to bid a major suit. Unfortunately I hadn't realized that we were using this version of Modified Stayman and thus we missed our good 2S partial. We ended up losing 4 IMPs on this hand, but in the process set the tone for the match: anything could happen at this table. Passell seemed ready.

A few hands later I picked up:

Qxx
xxx
xxx
AKQx

No one was vulnerable and the auction proceeded Pass. Pass to me. I made a lead directing bid of 1C. Lack of a stopper did not deter Passell who overcalled 1Nt. My partner bid 2H, pass, pass, and now a double from Passell. Partner bid 3C and everyone seemed content to pass that. I figured that now it was my turn to take four tricks but the dummy was an un-

suspected treat. Passell led a high heart and Miss Baillie tabled:

KTxxx

J

Axx

Jxxx

Her innovative 2H bid was now clearly revealed as an Extended Jacoby transfer to 2S. I was embarrassed at having misinterpreted the bid because 2S was a makeable contract. However, not to worry, as I made 3C for the same +110. Passell paled slightly as he recalled chasing us out our 3-1 heart fit with his double. He could have passed it out, taken ten tricks, and scored up +250. At the half we discovered that our teammates had missed their game on that board, stopping in 3H and scoring +170. We only picked up 7 IMPs. Comparing at the half, we found out we were only behind 44-42 after thirteen swing deals. We had a chance.

Now it was our turn to play against Ross Rainwater and Big John. I'm sure glad we were playing cards and not football. With Mike, John and George blocking, Ross could have strolled around our corpses to the goalline. However, it was back to the table. I'm sure our new opponents had been warned to expect the unexpected from us if we got in the auction. Fortunately for us, we had quiet cards and not much to say in the second half. John and Ross had lots of bidding room. Unfortunately for them, they tried for unmakeable games that our partners shied away from.

On the last board of the set I picked up:

QTx

AQJ

QTxx

ATx

Finally a hand I could open! Vulnerable vs not, in second seat, I bid 1D (we play 1 Nt = 16 to 18 HCP). Big John overcalled 1S and my partner made a limit raise to 3D. Ross passed and with my decent fifteen count, felt obliged to try for our vulnerable

game, 3Nt. After 3 passes, John led the 8 hearts and partner unveiled:

J9x

9xxx

K9xxx

x

A very shapely 4 count! I won with the jack of hearts and played queen and another diamond, John winning on my left. The hand was over now. I won the club shift, played a diamond to the ten and hooked the heart. The king of hearts fell under the ace and I still had the king of diamonds as an entry to the fifth diamond and the now established 9 of hearts, my ninth trick. Of course a spade lead would have set up four defensive tricks with the diamond ace as a sure entry, but our version of limit raises had lured the opponents into a passive defense. It turned out that we didn't need those ten IMPs anyway; we won the second half 38-18. Although the limit raise worked out well it's too bad I misinterpreted those novel Stayman and Jacoby Transfer calls. The match might not have been so close.

*From the desk of
STAN TENCH
National Co-ordinator
of the CNTC*

All team captains please note the following major change in this year's conditions of contest.

In order to be augmented for the national CNTC finals a player must have been listed on an entry form at the club level.

The finals will be held in Toronto, Ontario on June 16 to June 20, 1984.



Some Thoughts On Bridge From The Giants Of Literature

By FRANK P. WEIL

We can't help feeling that the great writers of the world had bridge in mind when they penned some of their immortal lines. Judge for yourself.

On opening bids: Whatsoever thou takest in hand, remember the end and thou shalt never do amiss. — Apocrypha

On partner: A true critic ought to dwell rather upon the excellencies than imperfections. — Joseph Addison

On tournaments: And young and old come forth to play. — Milton

On bridge crowds: Pride, envy and avarice are the three sparks that have set these hearts on fire. — Dante

On bidding: When in doubt, tell the truth. — Twain

On opponents: He that wrestles with us sharpens our skill. — Burke

On bridge scientists: Our little systems have their day. — Tennyson

On play of the hand: Right timing is in all things the most important factor. — Hesiod

On psychers: His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand is against him. — Genesis

Further on psychers: Bread of deceit is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. — Proverbs 20:17

On overbidding: A fool's mouth is his destruction. — Proverbs 18:7

On failed contracts: He that is down needs fear no fall. — John Bunyan (Shepherd Boy's Song)

On leading partner's suit: Not with a club is the heart broken. — Emily Dickinson

On bidding distributional hands: I must borrow every changing shape to find expression. — Eliot

On cuebidding: They go from strength to strength. — Psalms 84:7

On that overbidding partner: She hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. — Isaiah 42:2

On overbearing partners: Let spades be trumps! She said, and trumps they were. — Pope

On slow play: Play up! Play up! and play the game! — Sir Henry Newbolt

Ogust would reveal this: ... with weak hand though mighty heart. — Shelley

On some loudmouths we've known: There is great skill in knowing how to conceal one's skill. — Rochefoucauld

On hand hogs: Declare, if thou has understanding. — Psalms 38:4

And finally, perhaps the best advice from a master of games: When in doubt, win the trick. — Hoyle (1769)

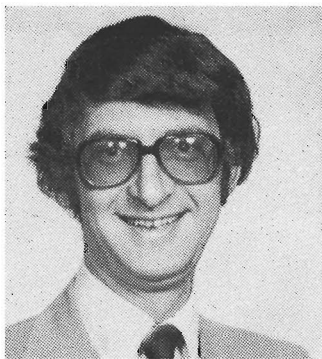
== Canadian Bidding Contest ==

AUGUST HONOUR ROLL

Last August's contest must have been unusually difficult; this would explain why a relatively modest total of 550 allowed an Ontario solver to beat 126 other competitors:

1.	John Thompson	Ennismore, Ont.	550
2./3.	Francois Girardeau	Montreal, Qué.	540
	Alison English	Sarnia, Ont.	540
4./5.	Joe van Snellenberg	Vancouver, B.C.	520
	Michael Tyrrell	Saskatoon, Sask.	520
6./10.	Richard Zillman	Winnipeg, Man.	510
	Aline Bisson	Ste. Foy, Qué.	510
	Lou Bozzer	Timmins, Ont.	510
	Joan R. Clark	Medicine Hat, Alta.	510
	George Colter	Fredericton, N.B.	510

Congratulations to Mr. Thompson, who receives a bridge book and is invited to join the expert panel this month. All readers are invited to participate by answering the questions at the end of this article.



by Allan Simon

NOVEMBER PANEL

This month, we have a very unusual panel. It consists basically of expatriate Canadians; we thought readers would enjoy hearing from long-lost friends and rivals -- so here they are:

KIRK BENSON (Atlanta, Ga. -ex Toronto) won a half dozen Regionals while living in Toronto. He wrote a column in the Kibitzer; readers will see for themselves that he has a way with words.

RALPH COHEN (Memphis, Tenn. - ex Montreal) won his first Regional in 1948, played on the Canadian Team which won the bronze medal at the 1964 Team Olympiad, and is now a high-ranking official at ACBL headquarters.

BILLY COHEN (Tulsa, Ok. - ex Montreal), one of Ralph's three bridge-playing sons, was only seven when he left Montreal. He has blossomed into one of North America's finest players, as evidenced by numerous Regional wins and very high placings at several recent major U.S. team championships.

JIM DICKIE (Spokane, Wash. - ex Vancouver) has over 3000 masterpoints and is a well-known figure on the Western tournament trail.

PAM BRIDSON GRANOVETTER (New York, N.Y. -ex Toronto) was on the Canadian team at two Olympiads. Since moving to the U.S., she has established a reputation as a particularly successful money tournament player, besides continuing her winning ways at ACBL events.

ZYGMUNT MARCINSKI (Montreal)

answered this questionnaire from France, but has since returned to Canada. He rose to fame as a member of the Cinderella team which won the Canadian National Team Championship in 1982.

BUD MARSH (Phoenix, Ariz. - ex Montreal) is an old partner of Ralph Cohen. He was a regular winner of Eastern Canadian Regionals in the 1950's and in 1978 he proved that he hasn't lost his touch by placing second in the National Swiss Teams championship.

JOHN THOMPSON (Ennismore, Ont.) is not an expatriate. He is the winner of the August contest. He has a pleasantly low-key attitude to the game; when asked about his previous accomplishments, he replied "I believe I once placed second in a Swiss sectional".

NIGEL ZELLER (Wembley, Australia - ex Toronto) had his finest hour in 1980, when he played on a team which placed second at the CNTC National Finals. He also won three Regionals in 1979 to place high on the McKenney list.

NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS

(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	?

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	Pass	5	100
	3C	2	60
	2S	1	50
	3H	1	50

This problem was lifted from a bidding contest run by the German Bridge Magazine, as were hands (B) and (D). Thanks to Julius Tocsik of Calgary for providing this material. The Germans awarded Pass 90 points, while 2 spades got 70, 3 clubs 60, and 3 hearts 40. Not really that different from our scale, but one wonders what it takes to get a perfect score

there.

Speaking for the majority:

B. COHEN: Pass. Partner probably took us from a horrendous spot to just a bad spot.

MARSH: Pass, and hope it makes. Partner couldn't bid over one spade, and doesn't like diamonds.

Other panelists were less gloomy. They felt compelled to make at least a game try:

DICKIE: Three clubs. If partner bids three diamonds I'll bid four hearts. If he bids three hearts instead, I'll pass.

MARCINSKI: Three hearts. At IMPs I would bid four hearts. No fancy cue-bids are conceivable for fear of misunderstanding.

Perhaps we can act as moderator here. There are some chances for game, remote as they may be. And anybody with the enterprise to move to another country should find enough courage to make an itty-bitty try. And while we're at it, why not bid our nice spades? Let's face it, we're suspicious of West's first bid so we can get it all off our chest by bidding two spades. I'm pleased to have on my side.

THOMPSON: Two spades. On the possibility that West psyched. If he did not we may still have a play for three hearts.

In real life, incidentally, West had KJxxx of spades and two hearts was the last plus spot for North-South. Pooh.

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

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

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

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	3D	6	100
	2S	3	70

A lot of panelists grumbled about the conditions, and I don't blame them. They would have overcalled two diamonds on the previous round and avoided this problem. And in spite of the 6-3 vote, I

mean real problem. Here's why:

MARCINSKI: Two spades. We have a very good hand. Three diamonds while conveying the nature of our distribution is less strong than two spades, and it will fix partner if he holds Qx in spades (notrump should be played by him) and only four hearts (3 hearts now would show five). Therefore the ubiquitous cue-bid gives us a better chance.

The trouble with two spades is that partner (expecting some heart tolerance) may persist with annoying heart bids. And now you get to hear from some grouchy three-diamond bidders:

DICKIE: Three diamonds. Why didn't I bid two diamonds at my turn?

BENSON: Three diamonds. I'd have bid two diamonds over one spade. Best spot is probably 3NT by partner. If I bid two spades, then I would have to bid 3NT over the expected three hearts response. This way I can bid three spades over partner's three hearts and get to the right game.

Whether or not you agree with Benson, it is certainly enlightening to observe an expert bidder's thought process. A good bidder, just like a good dummy player, thinks several steps ahead.

THOMPSON: Three diamonds. I don't want to hang partner by bidding two spades. If partner has a good hand he will show it next bid.

Meanwhile, on the German front, their panel echoed the protests over the missing two-diamond overcall. While there were a lot of odd-ball answers like two diamonds (honest) and two notrump, the majority voted, like our panel, narrowly in favour of three diamonds. And column editor Dirk Schroeder told readers, quite without embarrassment, that at the table he chose three notrump and made six when partner passed, holding S:xx H:Axxx D:Kx C:AKQxx. Seven clubs is of course frigid, but impossible to bid.

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

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

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

Scoring:	Panel		
	Action	votes	Points
	5S	7	100
	5C	1	80
	6C	1	70
	Pass	0	20
	6NT	0	10

This problem, suggested by a reader from Thunder Bay, was too easy for the panel. Partner's bid just has to be Blackwood, so we respond five spades. And even the odd-looking club bids are OK, since partner will probably shrug his shoulders (mentally, of course) and bid a red suit, which we can raise to six. But I prefer the normal Blackwood response, on the off chance that partner can count 13 tricks.

ZELLER: Five spades. At rubber bridge 4NT when not discussed must be Blackwood (mind you I never play the game so I could be wrong).

MARSH: Five spades, answering Blackwood - what else? Any North who means this bid as anything BUT ace-asking shouldn't be playing rubber bridge, unless it is for jellybeans.

DICKIE: Five confident spades. Made two bids and got to show my hand on both. The point of this problem, of course, was that 4NT cannot be quantitative. Whatever you do, don't pass.

BENSON: Five spades. Since four clubs wouldn't have been Gerber, this is partner's ace ask. Partner can't have a quantitative 4NT because he'd have doubled three spades. Expect a singleton spade in partner's hand.

Our tradition of never having unanimity was assured by

R. COHEN: Six clubs. Glad my suit is clubs. Partner can easily set the final contract if he has a one-suiter elsewhere.

(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 five or more hearts

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Scoring
	3C	5	100
	2S	4	80
	3S	0	30
	2NT	0	20

This one is too close to call (On the German panel the vote was 9-8 in favour of two spades), and your editor will abstain from wisecracks. Just study the experts' reasoning; after all, surely the best way to improve one's bidding judgment is to learn what goes through an expert's mind when he or she has to make a close decision:

B. COHEN: Three clubs. If partner rebids hearts I feel more comfortable having shown a good second suit. Don't feel good about the auction 1S-2H; 2S-3H; 3NT. That wouldn't describe the hand at all.

Oddly enough, this hard problem produced the only agreement between Cohen fils et pere:

R. COHEN: Three clubs. Got to bid-em-up when you have four first round controls. Even if partner isn't forcing to game, he still shows values.

MARCINSKI: Two spades. This problem highlights the distinction between 2/1 Game-Force and Standard American: In 2/1 Game-Force South should pattern out with three clubs; but in S.A. three clubs indicates extra values and creates a game force. Although initially the South hand could have been considered well above minimum, partner's indication of significant wastage opposite our void has reduced our values to minimum.

ZELLER: Two spades. I am not strong enough to force to game in a misfit (surely three clubs is a game force). If North bids again I will bid a game.

GRANOVETTER: Two spades. If partner can't bid again we haven't missed a game. Two spades is only non-forcing when partner stretched to bid two hearts.

Both sides have strong arguments on their side; it seems to me that an optimist will bid three clubs and a pessimist two spades. Personally, I am a strong believer in showing your second suit (a pet peeve is people who open AKxxxx Ax x KJxx one spade, and over partner's 1NT response rebid three spades), so put me down with the aggressive camp.

(E) 1MPs, 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

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	7H	5	100
	7C	0	90
	Pass	4	70
	Dbl.	0	30

This problem occurred at the 1981 Venice Trophy (Women's World Championship) in New York state. South was Fida Hirschaut of Venezuela; she elected to pass - but six spades was cold and the U.S. won 2 IMPs (at the other table the final contract was six diamonds) instead of losing 12, since 7 hearts would go for 700.

Sacrifice decisions are notoriously tough - a wrong decision will swing bushels of IMPs. Let's watch the panel stew over this one and see if we can find a clue to the winning decision.

R.COHEN: Pass. East hasn't made a bid yet. Based on West's bidding we should have a heart trick. If he still has enough to make a slam, I'll pay off.

GRANOVETTER: Pass. Where was partner the first time?

Where indeed? Probably she has a partial club fit, which gave her the confidence to

bid her mangy hearts. Her bidding strongly suggests a sacrifice, while leaving the final decision up to us, and we have no reason to defend.

B. COHEN: Seven hearts. It sounds like West can count twelve tricks. Five hearts by partner showed no defense; it was his turn to bid. Six hearts would have meant he had a little something up his sleeve.

MARCINSKI: Seven hearts. At this vulnerability and with partner's presumed club fit (he did not make a heart pre-empt directly over one diamond but felt confident enough to bid three hearts at his second turn) we could go for as little as 500. Even if six spades can't make, say with a losing diamond finesse, our sacrifice doesn't rate to be more expensive than 700 vs. 650 away. Therefore sacrificing will at worst cost a little and at best gain a lot (700 vs. 1430).

ZELLER: Seven hearts. I hope West is a reasonably good player. Also note that if my partner has a spade trick he should have doubled six spades.

Faced with such powerful arguments, will the passers now gracefully admit they were wrong?

(F) IMPs, East-West vulnerable, South holds:

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

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

Which card do you lead?

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Scoring
	Heart 6	5	100
	Diamond	4	80
	Club 8	0	50

How infuriating. What lead does partner want? Is he void of diamonds? But then he would have doubled 4 diamonds - or would he? And why double now? Surely a diamond is the "normal" lead - or is it?

MARSH: Diamond lead, ruffed by partner, of course, followed by heart ace, then ruff, and another diamond ruff, and another heart ruff. Partner shouldn't have doubled - they could have run to lay-down six notrump. All's well that ends well.

BENSON: Diamond queen. Partner does not have two aces - therefore has diamond void and another trick. He couldn't double four diamonds since that would suggest a save. I lead the queen to suggest a heart continuation if partner's ace is hearts.

I find this reasoning flawless. Sure, a heart could be OK if partner has a major suit ace, but I find it hard to believe he is doubling for a heart lead - he doesn't know we have a singleton.

GRANOVETTER: Heart six. Partner wouldn't double with a diamond void since he can't beat six notrump; therefore the double calls for dummy's first implied suit.

ZELLER: Heart six. Partner's double should be Lightner based on possibly a KQ (or just a king) in a round suit and the spade ace. With a diamond void he would have doubled four diamonds and with a diamond fit he would have raised.

THOMPSON: Heart six. Partner must hold ace of spades and king-queen of clubs or king-queen of hearts. In either case the singleton heart should do the job.

The problem was borrowed from the Bridge World, Oct. 1974. There the expert panel voted heavily for the heart lead. Betcha in another nine years we diamond leaders get the majority.

FEBRUARY CONTEST

To enter the February 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, Alberta T2N 3W8

The reader with the highest score wins a bridge book and will be invited to join the

expert panel in May.

FEBRUARY PROBLEMS

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

S:AQJ H:KQJ93 D:QJ96 C:A

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

(B) IMPs, North-South vul.,

S:J H:KQ7 D:AKQ42 C:KQ65

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

(C) Matchpoints, East-West vul., South holds:

S:1082 H:QJ7 D:3 C:AK7653

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
3D	Pass	Pass	?

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

S:1095 H:65 D:AKQ2 C:AKJ8

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	?

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

S:KJ63 H:9 D:AQ4 C:AKJ53

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1C
Pass	1H	1S	?

(F) Rubber bridge, East-West vul., South holds:

S:A743 H:A8542 D:75 C:74

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Which card do you lead?

From the desk of the CBF Executive Secretary

Selected notes from the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation Incorporated held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 26-28, 1983.

Criteria for Appointed International Masters

The Chairman read to the meeting a letter received from John Carruthers advising that after 1984, the W.B.F. would be doing away with the appointed International Master title and it would therefore appear that these requirements have become redundant.

Bid for Hosting 1988 Olympiad

The requirements for hosting the 1988 Team Olympiad were obtained in September, 1982 and distributed to the Board. Subsequently, on December 10, 1982, Richard Goldberg advised that the 1988 Team Olympiad was scheduled to be held in Europe and enquired as to whether

the C.B.F. would be interested in hosting the 1986 World Pairs and Knockout Teams Championships and enclosed an outline of the basic requirements for hosting this event.

Olympiad Fund

The Treasurer reported that the two Canada-wide and other Olympiad Fund games held in 1982 had raised \$10,494.70 for the C.B.F.

C.N.T.C. Financial Reports

M. Kenny advised that he had requested reports for 1982 and 1983 from S. Tench and had been informed they would be forwarded. In order to determine the assessment required to finance the 1984 C.N.T.C. each Zone Director gave a verbal report for the past year.

1984 C.N.T.C. Conditions of Qualification

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison, that in order to be eligible to be

augmented to a team proceeding to the National Finals, a player must have been a member of a team which paid entry fees at the club level. Carried.

Moved by M. Kenny and seconded by V. Goldberg, that any four players who are C.N.T.C. eligible members and who are members of a winning Spingold, Vanderbilt or Reisinger team, be invited to play as a team in the C.N.T.C. National Final the following year; such team will be required to drop any non-eligible members who played in the Spingold, Vanderbilt or Reisinger and be permitted to augment from the eligible pool of players; the usual A.C.B.L. poisoning rules will be in effect. Carried. Opposed: D. Andrews. Abstained: A. Goodman.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by H. Shields, that the subsidized teams be allocated by Zone as follows:

Zone I - 1 team	Zone IV - 1 team
Zone II - 2 teams	Zone V - 1 team
Zone III - 2 teams	Zone VI - 1 team

Carried.

C.N.T.C. Conditions of Contest

Request Stan Tench to reword and clarify the section of the conditions of contest respecting augmentation and substitution without changing the intent.

National Finals - 1984 & 1985

Moved by H. Shields and seconded by M. Kenny, that Toronto be designated the site for the C.N.T.C. National Finals for the next two years. Carried unanimously.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by V. Goldberg, that part of the C.N.T.C. National Final will be the holding of a C.B.F. reception for team captains and at least one C.B.F. Director who will briefly outline the objects and purposes of the C.B.F.; such C.B.F. reception to be held an hour in advance of any general reception and to be funded by the host Zone. Carried.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison, that the allocation of teams by Zone will be:

Zone I - 2	Zone IV - 2
Zone II - 5	Zone V - 3
Zone III - 5	Zone VI - 3

plus qualified teams from the Spingold, Vanderbilt and Reisinger, and in the event that this would result in an odd number of teams, an additional team from Zone V be invited. Carried.

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by M. Kenny, that the format for the C.N.T.C. National Finals be a three day round robin of 10-board matches using the current victory point scale, at the end of which the field is to be reduced to four teams. Carried.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison, that the National Co-ordinator be directed to arrange the round robin so that teams from the same Zone meet early in the competition. Carried.

The dates of the National Finals will be:

June 16 - 20, 1984
June 15 - 19, 1985

Moved by H. Shields and seconded by K. Allison, that Stan Tench be appointed National Co-ordinator. Carried.

C.N.T.C. Financing

Moved by V. Goldberg and seconded by D. Andrews, that the Zone levy for each subsidized team be increased to \$2,600 for 1984, subject to discussion at a later date of financing for the Bermuda Bowl. Carried.

Rookie - Master Pairs

R. Anderson submitted his written report on the Rookie - Master Pairs which was held on April 5, 1983. the overall winners were Reta Tobin and Toby Graser from Zone I. The results were published in the Digest. Each Zone Director was requested to purchase trophies and present same to the respective Zone winners.

The Rookie - Master Pairs will be held on April 4, 1984.

Richmond Trophy

Mark Molson is the recipient of the Richmond Trophy for 1982.

Election of Directors

Zones V and VI will hold elections for Directors in December for terms commencing January, 1984.

1984 World Team Olympiad

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by D. Andrews, that the Molson team, consisting of Mark Molson, Boris Baran, John Carruthers, John Guoba, Alan Graves and George Mittelman, be approved as Canada's representative to the 1984 World Team Olympiad. Carried.

K. Allison and D. Andrews were appointed a Committee to Approve Team Captains and will attempt to compile a list of approved team captains to present at the next directors' meeting.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison that the team captain be furnished with the sum of \$8,000 for the 1984 World Team Olympiad to be dispensed to his players and himself and that the team and captain be instructed to be at the playing site in time to attend the opening reception and that they remain for the closing banquet. Carried. Abstained: V. Goldberg, A. Goodman.

1984 Canadian Ladies Teams Championship ("CLTC")

D. Andrews advised the CLTC would be held at the Chateau Granville in Vancouver and that if 40 rooms were booked the hotel would provide free playing space. D. Andrews will endeavour to obtain red point awards for this event.

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by M. Kenny that the conditions of contest for the 1984 Canadian Ladies Teams Championship prepared and submitted by D. Andrew be approved as amended. Carried.

1985 Bermuda Bowl Tri-Country Trials

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by M. Kenny, that the Board considers that the most advantageous way to hold the 1985 Bermuda Bowl Trials would be to have it the two days preceding the Grand National Pairs at the 1985 Spring North American Championships in Montreal and that Alvin Baragar is hereby directed

to make arrangements with Mexico, Bermuda and the A.C.B.L. to have the event held at that time. Carried.

Moved by V. Goldberg and seconded by K. Allison, that wherever the Bermuda Bowl Trials are held, the C.B.F. subsidize the Canadian representatives to 3/4 of economy airfare plus a reasonable per diem. Carried. Opposed: D. Andrews.

Moved by M. Kenny and seconded by D. Andrews, that the subject of subsidizing Canada's representatives to the Bermuda Bowl Trials be deferred to the next directors' meeting. Not Carried. Abstained: H. Shields.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by H. Shields, that the C.B.F. begin raising funds as soon as possible for the Bermuda Bowl and Olympiad events. Carried.

1985 Venice Cup

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison, that the C.B.F. request A.C.B.L. to consider allowing the C.B.F. to send a team to the Venice Cup in 1985 with no subsidy other than entry fees. Carried.

Canadian Pairs Championship


D. Andrews submitted to the meeting some parameters and principles for the establishment of a regular Canadian Pairs Championship ("CPC") for discussion.

Moved by M. Kenny and seconded by V. Goldberg, that the conditions of contest for the Canadian Pairs Championship as submitted by D. Andrews with discussed and agreed to amendments be accepted. Carried. Opposed: A. Goodman.

Calgary bid for Hosting 1986 World Pairs & Knockout Teams

The Chairman advised that Bill Brown, President of the Calgary Unit, was making a presentation to A.C.B.L. Headquarters to host the 1986 World Pairs and Knockout Teams Championships.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by V. Goldberg, that the C.B.F. endorses in principle the Calgary Unit bid for hosting the 1986 World Pairs and Knockout



Teams Championships and that Alvin Baragar be directed to work with Mr. Brown and obtain a statement which clarifies the financing and organizational details and supply R. Anderson with a full report prior to September 30, 1983 so that the C.B.F. will be in a position to assess this matter. Carried.

The Digest

Moved by M. Kenny and seconded by D. Andrews, that each Zone Director arrange to have all C.B.F. Directors and R. Bass and J. Savage put on the mailing list of all bridge publications in their respective Zones. Carried.

Fund Raising

V. Goldberg, as Chairman, and D. Andrews, were appointed to form a Fund Raising Committee and empowered to add to their committee certain bridge personages with business contacts, for the purpose of:

- determining the amount of funds required;
- devise, decide and organize the available fund raising methods; and
- make influential contacts.

Canadian Bridge League Proposal

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by H. Shields, that a Planning Committee be formed to examine the bridge organization in Canada and prepare a report on the current situation detailing the problems in the existing organizations, examining the feasibility of the various alternatives including, but not limited to the formation of an independent Canadian Bridge League, and recommending to the C.B.F. an appropriate course of action. Upon completion of this report, it should be presented to the C.B.F. by May 1, 1984. Carried unanimously.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by V. Goldberg, that the Planning Committee be chaired by M. Kenny, with A. Goodman as special advisor, with one person from each of Zones I, IV, V and VI and two persons from Zone III added to the Committee; each Zone Director to provide

names of suitable and willing candidates to M. Kenny by August 15. Carried.

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by H. Shields, that the budget for the above project is not to exceed \$3,500 and the Chairman be requested, on behalf of the C.B.F., to write to District 2 requesting their financial support for this project. Carried unanimously.

Order of Canada

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by K. Allison, that Maurice Gauthier be nominated as a Member of the Order of Canada. Carried unanimously.

Moved by H. Shields and seconded by D. Andrews, that Aaron Goodman be nominated as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1984 and that he submit his curriculum vitae to the Board at its next meeting. Carried.

Public Awareness

Moved by V. Goldberg and seconded by M. Kenny, that a Public Awareness Committee be formed to promote awareness of the goals of the C.B.F. throughout the country and generate a feeling of identity and unity among Canadian bridge players. Carried unanimously.

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by H. Shields, that the Public Awareness Committee be composed of a chairman plus one member from each Unit. Carried.

D. Andrews and V. Goldberg were elected as Co-Chairpersons of the Public Awareness Committee. Zone Directors are requested to submit names of Unit committee members by September 10, 1983 at the latest.

Dues

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by M. Kenny, that effective January 1, 1984 the C.B.F. dues will be \$1.50 per member based on the October A.C.B.L. membership printout of the previous year including Life Masters. Carried.

Moved by H. Shields and seconded by K. Allison, that \$1.00 of the \$1.50 per

member dues be designated to the general fund and .50¢ be designated to the Olympiad Fund. Carried.

Selection of Second Zone II (W.B.F.)

Team for Bermuda Bowl

The Chairman reported that the A.C.B.L. Board of Directors at its meetings held in July, 1982, had passed the following motion:

"The two teams representing Zone II in the 1985 Bermuda Bowl shall be from different NCBOs, with the following conditions:

1. For seeding purposes at the Bermuda Bowl and in accord with WBF requirements, the United States team shall be the number one team from Zone II. The team from the other NCBO in Zone II shall be the number two team.
2. Bermuda, Canada and Mexico shall not participate in the Team Trials to select a U.S. representative to the Bermuda Bowl.
3. Present regulations concerning "poisoning" of teams in Olympiad years shall be in effect for the four major NAC team events.
4. The number two A.C.B.L. team shall be chosen through a trials between the other NCBOs (Bermuda, Canada and Mexico) who wish to participate therein. The cost of the trials and participation in the Bermuda Bowl shall be borne by the participating NCBOs.

Archivist

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by M. Kenny, that the appointment of Ross Taylor as C.B.F. Archivist be ratified. Carried.

Trophies

Moved by D. Andrews and seconded by V. Goldberg, that a trophy called the "James D. Donaldson Trophy" be provided for the Canadian Pairs at no expense to the C.B.F. and keeper trophies be provided by the C.B.F. Carried.

Moved by K. Allison and seconded by V. Goldberg, that all permanent trophies of the C.B.F. be stored at the C.B.F.

Headquarters, wherever they be designated, and that such trophies be brought to the respective National Finals for display and return to Headquarters. Carried.

Bidding Boxes

D. Andrews was instructed to obtain prices for bidding boxes, a sample of which he had brought to the meeting, for 20 tables, and for 50 tables.

Reimbursement of Auditor

A. Goodman advised that Jean LeTraverse of Coopers & Lybrand, in Montreal, had agreed to serve as auditor of the C.B.F.

Election and Appointment of Officers

On motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected or appointed to hold office for the ensuing year or until his/her successor(s) is appointed:

President	- Richard Anderson
Vice-President	- Karen Allison
Treasurer	- Aaron Goodman
Executive Secretary	- Irene Warner

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Thunder Bay, Ontario, on July 9, 10 and 11, 1984, following the Regional.

The following assignments were allocated or Committee Chairpersons appointed:

C.N.T.C. National Finals

Co-ordinator	- K. Allison
Rookie/Master Pairs	- R. Anderson

W.B.F. &

International Events	- A. Baragar
Ladies Team Trials	- D. Andrews
Canadian Pairs Discipline	- D. Andrews
Bidding Boxes	- K. Allison
Newsletter & Digest Liaison	- K. Allison
Trophies	- M. Kenny
	- H. Shields



The Bridge Zodiac

By Jared Johnson

Personally, I'm not a believer in astrology, but a lot of people are and I thought it might be interesting to get an analysis of bridge players from the point of view of astrology. I got in touch with Vthor and Paula Braun, both are professional astrologers with the Institute of Applied Science in Denver, and bridge players who are great at coming up with the one-liners.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Inattentive to details, this is the careless, sloppy player who is always eating, the one who spills beer on the table. Oriented to home and emotions, this is the player who delays the bidding looking for food. He'll have his nose in the refrigerator or be over at the snack table at the local club while everyone else is ready to play. Financially oriented. Cancer plays extremely well when money is involved and can be a master of defense if he can curb his sloppy habits and pay attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is the fancy, even outrageous dresser and an overpowering player who hates to lose. He just can't stand to be number two and becomes loud and boisterous when he doesn't win. The classic egomaniac, Leo is the handhog. His hand is the only one that counts. Seeing himself as the only star in the whole sky, he doesn't want to hear about your hand. He just wants to tell you about his. Why does he play bridge? Self-aggrandizement. Also to show off his or her new clothes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Virgo is the superanalytical, supercritical player who is constantly on partner's back, but is also a fine, highly scientific player. This is the guy who would program a computer to sit alongside him at the table as "advisor". Tends to be very impatient. Whatever partner bids is wrong. Virgo has "the system" and plays bridge because he enjoys the intellectual exercise. Best partner would be Pisces who will gladly accept the blame for anything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The accommodating player given to "pass the buck" bids. Lets partner make all the final decisions. This player is the peacemaker who doesn't want to do anything to upset partner OR the opponents. Libra is the sign of partnership and marriage, but unfortunately they are prone to change partners often. Libra is also the most likely to illegally convey information to partner through vocal inflection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is the second-guesser, always trying to predict what the opponent is going to do, what the next bid is going to be, what the next card played is going to be, etc. He's the one who, as dummy, will hold up a card in the suit he thinks will be led. Sagittarius will travel hundreds of miles to play bridge. A scrupulously honest player, his favorite line is "I want the rulebook!" At a tournament he will be the first to should, "Director!" and will act like Moses delivering the 10 Commandments as he informs you of all the rules and regulations of bridge. But he is never at fault (or so he thinks). Despite his pickiness over the rules, Sagittarius is still good-natured, enjoys the game and laughs a lot. Takes a philosophical approach to the game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is hard to live up to a Capricorn's expectations. He is a serious player and no matter what you did it's not good enough. He is analytical, reliable, steady and conservative but not to the extent of getting pushed around and letting the opponents steal the bid. He "has his bid." Plays for blood if money is involved. The only thing that would interrupt a Capricorn's concentration is a quarter rolling across the floor. Plays bridge primarily for social status or esteem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Aquarius is the undisciplined player who just won't keep to a standard and loves to gamble. He is given to junk bids and has to open the bidding no matter what. A queen and a jack will suffice. Some of his bids tend to be very bizarre and unpredictable. Aquarius sometimes feels lucky and often is. Aquarians are very intuitive players which helps to offset their bidding eccentricities. They have flashes of insight and somehow always seem to know when there is a doubleton queen offside. Aquarius doesn't need a computer because he has one built in. This is the player who likes to experiment and will make new developments in the game. But he is also given to disorderly conduct and might even get tossed out of the game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pisces spaces things out and is prone to getting lost at tournaments. In fact, he may have trouble finding his way to the tournament in the first place. He probably lent his car to someone and forgot who he lent it to. This is the player who forgets to draw trumps and gets a rude shock when an opponent ruffs in on trick 12. Pisces is fond of getting to trick seven and asking, "What contract am I in?" He is not kidding. Pisces is the martyr. He will sacrifice anything and is expert at taking the "phantom save." It's hard to keep an argument going with Pisces because he will accept the blame for anything. Why is he there? Somebody led him to the table.

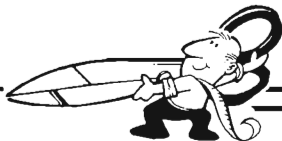
ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is the impulsive bidder, a daring, reckless player who makes the first bid that comes into his or her head. Aries' motto is "bid first; think later" which often translates to "bid now; regret it later." Aries is impatient and always looking at the clock. Hopes the opponents won't show up and he will win by default. Best partner for Aries is Libra, who wants to please, and Sagittarius.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There are lots of Geminis in bridge games. This is the social player, the gadfly who just loves to talk. Could be a very good player if only he'd stay still long enough to learn the game. It's also hard to shut this player up long enough to get him or her to look at the cards and make a bid. Often an overbidder, this is the player most likely to illegally convey information to partner by making faces at the table.

From an article in the B.C. Matchpointer written by Aidan Ballantyne concerning partnership agreements. In the article Aidan discusses alerts and psyching, and makes good use of the following limerick

Thanks for the Bulletin's clever
Clarification endeavour
"It's legal to psych
As long as you like
So long as you like to psych NEVER"

Letters To the Editor



To The Editor:

I just received the August issue of the ACBL Bulletin and the Canadian Bridge Digest.

The front page of the Digest shows the flags of the various provinces of Canada. To the best of my knowledge it seems to me that the flag of Newfoundland has been changed a couple of years ago, and I believe that the flag you show is no longer the official flag of Newfoundland. When I

was there during this summer, I only saw a new flag.

May be you can look into this, and let me know. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Max Phodius
Toronto

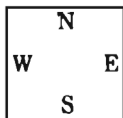
Editor's Note: Perhaps one of our Newfoundland readers would let us know if the artwork is correct.



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