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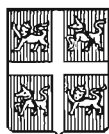
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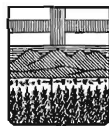
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Editor's Notebook

O.K. Ron, I've finally heard of the ultimate in exercise. One designed strictly for bridge players. Other people must have heard of it before I did, though, because I've seen a lot of players doing it at the table.

What kind of exercise can you do at the bridge table?

**Beating around the bush
Jumping to conclusions
Swallowing your pride
Passing the buck
Throwing your weight around
Bending over backwards
Dragging your heels
Going around in circles**

Then there's this jewel that everyone I play with does consistently ...

Making mountains out of molehills

No, Jill, there's a better one than that, and you're doing it right now ...

Oh, what's that???

Pushing your luck ...



From the desk of
IRENE WARNER

Executive Secretary of the CBF

I received one declaration of candidacy for the position of Director for Zone V. No election being required, RICHARD ANDERSON is elected by acclamation as Director of Zone V for a term of three years ending December 31, 1986.

I received one declaration of candidacy for the position of Director of Zone VI. No election being required, DOUGLAS ANDREWS is elected by acclamation as Director of Zone VI for a term of four years ending December 31, 1987.

From the desk of
MAURICE GAUTHIER
Chairman
CBF Charitable Fund

From the annual meeting held in Halifax:
Copy of the Financial Statement for 1982:

RECEIPTS

Proceeds from the Charity Sessions	\$ 42,084.90
Grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation	1,004.00
Interests from deposit accounts	5,609.56
Interests from deposit certificates	3,569.73
Others	<u>291.73</u>
	52,559.92

DISBURSEMENTS

To ACBL Charity Foundation for services	\$ 6,905.65
Balance of 1981 grant to Canadian Diabetes Assoc.	20,000.00
Instalment of 1982 grant to Kidney Foundation of Canada	20,000.00
Trustees' Traveling Expenses (1981 meeting)	405.00
Sundry Office Expenses	100.00
Others	<u>102.00</u>
	47,512.65
Excess of Receipts over Expenses	5,047.27

Please take note that the Canadian Heart Foundation has been chosen as the Canadian Charity of the Year for 1984 and that the two Canada-Wide Charity Games are scheduled to take place on Wednesday March 14th and on Tuesday November 20th, 1984.

What's A Life Master?

Reprinted from *The Kibitzer*
(Ontario Unit 166 & 246)
Edited by John Carruthers

By Dave Silver

I was sitting in the Common Room, minding my own business, when I heard a plaintive cry for help. "Anyone here play bridge? We need a fourth". Unable to resist an appeal directly to one's sense of humanity and charity, I got up and walked over to the table.

Standing up to greet me was a Splendidly Proportioned Young Lady who had not only freed herself from the encumbering symbols of male chauvinism but had obviously repealed the law of gravity as well. "Do you play bridge?" she asked. "I'm a life master," I replied modestly. "We don't care what your religion is as long as you can follow suit. We're playing for a dime a game, if you would care to join us."

The stakes of course were nominal, but being an avid competitor I decided to give myself a psychological advantage by using a name which would sound familiar and dangerous to any bridge player. "I'm Eric Kehela" I announced malevolently and sat down.

The person on my left was a sinister looking exchange student from the Orient. "Sholom Alechem" he said to me. "Bob Chow," I replied. We shook hands. On my right was, I was assured, a young poet of some renown. I could not confirm this as all I could see was a dense cloud of purple smoke containing two glowing red eyes and the tip of a cigarette. "Hi" said a voice. "Obviously!" I answered. We cut for partners.

I cut the Splendidly Proportioned Young Lady who immediately demanded to know what system I played. I loftily announced that I played Standard American, Acol,

Schenken, The Blue Team Club, K.S., Roth-Stone and Bridge World Standard. "You mean you don't play the Precision Club?" she asked contemptuously. "Do you?" I countered. "Si, Si, we all do here. You had better play with Yin, he can hack Standard American."

My partner hastened to join me with all the enthusiasm of a Kamikaze pilot jumping into a cockpit. The match started badly. Our opponents very cleverly mis-defended a hand in order to let us become vulnerable. I ran into some bad fortune after an overcall. Due to an unlucky lie of cards the number was 2300 as I failed to take a trick in two clubs doubled. An odds on slam failed as the opponents cashed the Ace, King, Queen of trumps and an outside Ace. Then we ran into a trouble hand.

I picked up, Spades xx; Hearts A x; Diamonds A Q J 9 8 7 2; Clubs A Q and bid one Diamond; partner responded one Spade; I bid 3 No Trump. This was passed back to my RHO who doubled in an unsure feminine manner. I redoubled in a calm, sure, masculine tone. The opening lead was the Queen of Hearts and my dummy appeared:

♠ A Q 10 x x x x
♥ x x
♦ 10 x
♣ 10 x

Prospects for bringing home the contract were better than fifty percent. The contract hinged upon the Diamond finesse and there was always the further chance of dropping a singleton King of Spades on my right, which would produce seven Spade tricks. I won the lead and played a Spade to dummy's Ace. RHO followed with the King. After a friendly admonition about the futility of making speculative doubles of famous life masters, I returned to my hand with the Ace of Diamonds. I

now led a Spade towards the dummy, LHO followed low and I finessed the ten. This lost to the Jack. I never took another trick.

Having to find six discards as the Heart suit was being triumphantly cashed, I ungarded the Diamonds in order to hang onto my Ace of Clubs. I had hoped that the Diamonds had been originally 2-2, or RHO had started with a singleton. Naturally she took the last two tricks with the King and deuce of Diamonds. The full deal was:

		North	
		♠	A Q 10 x x x
		♥	x x
		♦	10 x
		♣	x x
West (Poet)	East (S.P.Y.L.)		
♠	♠	K J	
♥	♥	K J 10 x x x x	
♦	♦	K 7 2	
♣	♣	—	
		South (Me)	
		♠	x x
		♥	A x
		♦	A Q J 9 8 x x
		♣	A Q

There was a break in the action as we enlisted the services of a Phd. from the mathematics department to help calculate the penalty. My partner, who had become increasingly scrutible as the hand had progressed, or rather disintegrated, leaned across the table towards me. "I'm sorry about Pearl Harbour," he whispered, "are we even now?"

I flashed my gold card at him in order to restore his confidence, and the game proceeded. The opponents became vulnerable on the next hand and then my partner and I went boldly from catastrophe to Armageddon. I was dealt, Spades K xxx; Hearts K Q J; Diamonds 10 8 6; Clubs K xx.

The bidding proceeded; one Club on my right, pass, six Hearts on my left which was

passed back to me. I gave that silly bid the double it deserved. This came back to my RHO who pulled to 7 Clubs. "Floundering about at the seven level" I thought as I gave this a sharp rap. When this came round to her, RHO thought for a moment and bid 7 Diamonds. "I suppose seven Spades is coming next" I thought, as I doubled once more, but this became the final contract.

With a vague sense of impending doom, I led the King of Hearts. Declarer proceeded to wrap up thirteen tricks. The hand:

		North (Poet)	
		♠	x
		♥	A x x x x x x
		♦	J 9 7
		♣	Q x
West (Me)	East (Partner)		
♠	♠	J 10 x x x x	
♥	♥	x x	
♦	♦	5	
♣	♣	J 10 x x	
		South (S.P.Y.L.)	
		♠	A Q x
		♥	—
		♦	A K Q 4 3 2
		♣	A x x x

Declarer called for a low heart from the dummy, and ruffed it with the Ace of Diamonds. She cashed the Ace of Clubs and led a small Diamond and covered my 6 with dummy's 7 as my partner followed with the 5. She now ruffed another Heart with the King of Diamonds. Another small Diamond was led, my 8 being covered with dummy's 9, and another small Heart was ruffed with the Queen of Diamonds.

Declarer now returned to the dummy's Jack of trumps, my ten falling. She now cashed the Ace of Hearts and ran the rest of the Heart suit, discarding one Spade and two Clubs from hand, while I smoothly and without hesitation reduced myself to two black kings. The position now was:

		North		
West	♠	x	♠	J 10
	♥	—	♥	—
	♦	—	♦	—
	♣	Q	♣	—
		South		
	♠	A Q		
	♥	—		
	♦	—		
	♣	—		

Declarer now very quickly led a Spade from dummy and went up with the Ace, felling my King. The Queen of Spades took the thirteenth trick.

My partner immediately got up and went

to a corner of the room. From his satchel he produced a linen cloth which he placed upon the floor. He then set two candles upon the floor and lit them. A large, curved dagger was then set between the candles and he knelt upon the cloth and began praying.

“What a devout chap” I remarked. “Obviously our game has encroached upon the prayer hour and we cannot continue.” I stood up and waved goodbye to my partner who was rending his shirt into small pieces.

I nodded to the poet and turned to the young lady. “Goodbye” I said in my best Cary Grant manner. She smiled and replied, “What’s a life master?”



The International Bridge Academy

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1984 WORLD BIDDING CONTEST

to be held between

MARCH 17 and APRIL 8, 1984

Prizes

either 2, 4, 6 or 8 plaquettes for the best pairs in each country, money prizes for the **overall leaders** in the international ranking.

Canada's entry fee has been paid by the Canadian Bridge Federation.

The International Bidding Contest (IBC) has been organized (almost) every year by the International Bridge Academy since 1965, when the IBM was founded in Ostend by a small group of 'scientific' bridge enthusiasts headed by Pierre Collet.

The idea of the **IBC** is to set a series of about 40 couple of hands for competitors to bid as East and West in the absence of opposition.

The deals are not selected. 40 hands are computer dealt, completely at random, on the only constraints that

- a) the partnership has enough high cards to bid; and
- b) that it should be unlikely that the opposition could reasonably enter the bidding.

Thus normal conditions are created as similar as possible to those hands of a team-of-four match where the opponents are silent.



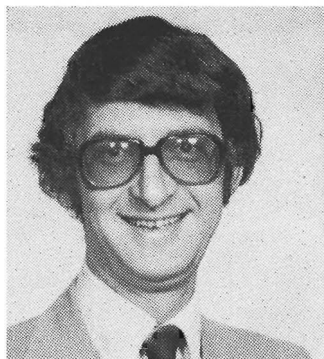
== Canadian Bidding Contest ==

NOVEMBER HONOUR ROLL

Nearly one half of the 112 readers who entered the November contest scored 500 or better; but only one entrant answered all six questions correctly, thus joining the exclusive 600-point club.

1.	John Armstrong	Rexdale, Ont.	600
2/3.	Mark Dunsiger	Thornhill, Ont.	580
	Richard Zillman	Winnipeg, Man.	580
4/5.	Les Hajdo	Calgary, Alta.	560
	Jennie Huntley	Barrie, Ont.	560
6/9.	Wilfred Aziz	Chicoutimi, Qué.	550
	Dunc Hagarty	St. John, N.B.	550
	Gail Payne	Parry Sound, Ont.	550
	Brian Thomas	North Bay, Ont.	550
10.	Joe Andely	Toronto, Ont.	540

Our congratulations to Mr. Armstrong, who received a hardcover bridge book and an invitation to join the expert panel this month.



by Allan Simon

FEBRUARY PANEL

JOHN ARMSTRONG (Rexdale, Ont.), the aforementioned November champ, is one of the best-known bridge personalities in the Toronto area. He is a successful player, teacher and director.

RHONDA BETTS (Vancouver) is an outstanding player who in 1982 led her team through the tough B.C. Zonals into the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) finals. She is also the winner

of several regional titles.

MICHAEL CUMMINGS (Toronto), one of Toronto's top stars, represented Canada at the 1978 Olympiad in New Orleans; he qualified in all three events: Open Pairs, Open Teams and Mixed Pairs.

GABY JULIEN (Kenogami, Qué.), one of the top players in the Lac St. Jean area, usually plays with newcomers; yet he has achieved a first and a second place finish at recent Maritime regionals.

JOE KERGER (Calgary) won over 400 masterpoints in 1982, making him the leading Western Canadian in the McKenney race. He has won numerous regionals in the Pacific Northwest.

DON PRESSE (Halifax) represented the Atlantic provinces at the 1980 CNTC. He has won three regionals and countless sectionals over the last ten years.

DENNIS SCHNEIDER (Saskatoon) keeps a low profile; but every year when the CNTC rolls around, Schneider and his teammates demolish their Prairie opponents and waltz into the CNTC final

DAVID TURNER (Pickering, Ont.) is a superfast analyst, a creative bidding theoretician, a two-time CNTC finalist and a future Canadian champion.

JOHN VALLIANT (Ottawa) and his regular partner Dave Willis are one of the best partnerships in their neck of the woods. At the 1981 CNTC, their team finished second in the national finals.

FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS

All problems used this month were suggested by readers. Thanks to J.R. Henderson of Lambeth, Ont. for (A); to Bryan Maksymetz of Edmonton for (B); to Ross Taylor of Hamilton for (C) and (D); to Ross Driedger of Banff for (E); and to Gordon Campbell of Calgary for (F).

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

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

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

Scoring:	Action	Panel	Points
		votes	
	Double	5	100
	1NT	2	70
	2D	1	60
	3D	1	50
	2S	0	20

Our correspondent from Lambeth writes that partner had a minor two-suiter and that a rebid in diamonds would have struck gold. As our panel will demonstrate, South does not have to rebid diamonds to get to the right spot:

BETTS: Double. A good problem. All bids are flawed but I will opt for the off-shape double planning to rebid 2NT over two clubs. My texture and positional values suggest that I may be able to make game opposite a partner who could not act over one heart.

JULIEN: Double. And I will bid again later, since if partner has two red tens we could make a game.

TURNER: Double. And 2NT over 2C, 2S over 2D, 3D over 2H. I expect partner to bid his own cards, even when he has a bad hand.

That's easy for Turner to say. But most of us average players have partners who bid their bad hands with the kind of enthusiasm usually found in postal workers on valium. We have to hit his suit if we expect partner to co-operate. One man who has learned how to bid with klutzes is

SCHNEIDER: Three diamonds. Game appears reasonable despite partner's pass, if he has values in diamonds.

One notrump, finally, seems wrong on distribution, points and tactics. So of course we get this answer:

VALLIANT: One notrump. What else?

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

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

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

Scoring:	Action	Panel	Points
		votes	
	3C	5	100
	4C	4	80
	4NT	0	20

The story with this hand is that Mr. Maksymetz (one of Edmonton's leading players) was afraid to bid three clubs for fear partner might pass. So he bid four clubs, which led to a misunderstanding about Gerber which led to a slam off two aces which led to an early exit from the 1983 CNTC.

A narrow majority decided (a bit nervously, perhaps) that three clubs had to be forcing:

PRESSE: Three clubs. Partner should treat three clubs as forcing because it would be unreasonable to open in fourth seat with a weak hand and no length in the majors at this form of scoring.

TURNER: Three clubs. Although my unfamiliar partner may not interpret four clubs as Gerber, he will definitely treat three clubs as forcing ("When in doubt, keep bidding"). I will never be able to ask for aces, but that may not matter. Over a 3NT rebid I'll bid 4H and if he has S:KQx H:J10x D:J10x C:AJ9x he will now rebid 4NT.

CUMMINGS: Three clubs. I may still have a club or diamond slam; also they may be the only makable games.

KERGER: Three clubs. Forcing as I did open vulnerable in fourth seat and rebid over a non-forcing bid. Partner should cue a major ace if he has one. In any case we should get to the correct IMP contract.

If we're a wee nervous about three clubs, is four any better?

JULIEN: Four clubs. Gerber. Intending to bid six clubs if partner has two Aces, and leave him the choice of correcting to six diamonds.

BETTS: Four clubs. Partner has a hand pattern of precisely 3343 or 3334. His 4D response would show the former and 5C the latter.

VALLIANT: Four clubs. The all purpose bid.

Ugh. The above comments have convinced me that I'd rather chance three clubs than sail into the uncharted waters of four.

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

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

	West	North	East	South
	-	-	Pass	Pass
	3D	Pass	Pass	?
	Panel			
Scoring:	Action	votes	Points	
	Double	7	100	
	Pass	2	50	
	4C	0	30	

The overwhelming vote in favour of the double illustrates a principle followed by most strong players: When the opponents

preempt, a hand with shape must act, even on minimal high cards.

CUMMINGS: Double. I will bid four clubs over three hearts or three spades.

BETTS: Double. Yes, I do score minus on occasion but partner can see that I am a passed hand.

PRESSE: Double. Difficult to do otherwise at this vulnerability and form of scoring. We are unlikely to be hurt, even if opponents have balance of strength we have three possible resting spots. Moreover, if partner has suitable minimum opening bid, we could be cold for 3NT on the strength of the club suit.

Ross Taylor reports that he sat East and held S:Kxx H:xxxx DQ9xx C:Q10. And as he put it, "any call is the boatload".

So the conservative passers may chalk up a moral victory:

ARMSTRONG: Pass. Guess where the majors are. Should have opened one club.

VALLIANT: Pass. I'm afraid with close hands partner will pass the double and I don't have the defense he expects. If three notrump is right it will be hard after the double.

Many readers suggested four clubs. The reason the expert panel eschewed this middle course is: when you're going to take aggressive action, choose one that (if it works) will produce the largest plus.

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

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

	West	North	East	South
	-	-	-	?
	Panel			
Scoring:	Action	votes	Points	
	ID	5	100	
	INT	4	90	
	IC	0	30	

A few years ago Calgary opened a new public transportation system. The thing goes on rails, travels at about 10 mph and gets in the way of motorists. In short, it's a streetcar. But no, it is known as the LRT.

And the latest U.S. missile -- which I take to be a pretty destructive contraption, regardless of your political views -- is called the Peacekeeper. So why should anyone be surprised if five experts call a 4432 17-count a one diamond opener?

What are you going to rebid over one heart? Two clubs, you say? And if partner now says two diamonds? In the words of Joan Rivers, grow up.

SCHNEIDER: One diamond. I prefer to open diamonds and then bid clubs with values concentrated in two suits. If partner has majors, notrump should play well or spades if it is a five card suit.

KERGER: One diamond. Too many major losers for 1NT at IMPs.

Exponents of the sane one-notrump opening will agree with

BETTS: One notrump. The game yields enough complications and challenges without embarking on distributionally misleading adventures when holding a flat 15 to 17. I would consider any other action here pure folly.

and with

ARMSTRONG: One notrump anyway. If I open a diamond, I'm not happy to bid three clubs over their major fit.

In defense of the one-diamond openers (not that they deserve it), I don't think they plan on rebidding three clubs. That would be worse than the reverse contemplated by the numerous readers who open the hand one club.

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

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

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

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	Double	6	100
	2D	2	60

2NT	1	50
3NT	0	40

After the debacle of the previous problem, we are pleased to announce that the panel has regained its sanity (in other words, I agree with them).

PRESSE: Double. This hand has all the makings of a misfit. If partner is short in clubs, one spade doubled should be profitable whereas our potential tricks in notrump will be limited. If partner has a club fit, or a hand unsuitable for defending one spade, he can see the vulnerability as well as me; he is not precluded from acting.

CUMMINGS: Double. If partner passes we should score more than game, or we may not be able to make game.

KERGER: Double. They stole my bid.

Reader Driedger informs us that the correct spot for North-South was four spades, in spite of the 5-0 break. One presumes however that the same 10 tricks are available if N-S defend and 700 is better (much better) than 620. Still, the vulnerability cajoled a few panelists into other ventures, such as

SCHNEIDER: Two notrump. Best to try for vulnerable game as it is unlikely 1S can be set enough tricks for best score.

ARMSTRONG: Two diamonds, forcing of course. Then three no trump. How good are partner's hearts?

*With his answers, Mr. Armstrong illustrates an interesting psychological phenomenon we have already observed with previous reader-champs. They **know** how the panel tends to bid, so when they submit their contest answers, they bid right down the middle. But as soon as they're on the panel, they have a chance to express their true convictions. Liberated from the obligation to agree with the obvious, boring majority, they consistently come up with imaginative and controversial solutions. Hooray for them.*

(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?

Scoring:	Action	Panel votes	Points
	7 of D	5	100
	major ace	1	70
	7 of C	3	50
	anything else	0	10

When this hand occurred at a Calgary rubber bridge club, North held S:xxx H:xx D:KQJxxx C:Kx. On a diamond lead, East goes for 1100. On a club lead, three notrump makes.

Unless West is a maniac, there is simply no other reasonable explanation for partner's bidding.

PRESSE: Seven of diamonds. This stands out. Not only is it likely to be partner's suit, it retains the chances for extra undertricks (when partner has finished cashing his suit, he will lead through declarer towards your aces).

TURNER: Seven of diamonds. A new game show: "Diamonds for Digits". In this situation, double can't ask for dummy's first bid suit. He does have a club stopper though. I predict the rubber bridge post mortem I love so well. "But partner I had 16 points (S:KQ10x H:KQJx D:Axx C:Jx)". I expect 1400 will about cover the mortgage, and I can leave before East does it to me.

Change the 10 of spades to the jack and you got the right hand.

VALLIANT: Seven of diamonds. If by chance he has clubs there is no rush, but if he has diamonds and a club entry ...

ARMSTRONG: Club seven. If you don't want a club lead, don't double; then I can lead like a regular person. This one should

be hilarious.

MAY CONTEST

Note to solvers: We receive numerous letters stating approximately "I got 520 last month. How come my name is not on the honour roll?" Almost always, the explanation is that you are looking at the wrong honour roll. The list at the beginning of this article contains the winners of the November contest (the questions appeared in August and the panel solutions in November). If you did well in the February contest (answers above), look for your name in the May issue. Got it?

To enter the May contest, send your answers (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 winner will receive a bridge book and will be invited to join the expert panel.

MAY PROBLEMS

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

S:A10542 H:Q D:AQJ875 C:A

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

- (B) Matchpoints, E-W vul., South holds:

S:10 H:J43 D:Q97 C:H109762

West	North	East	South
1S	2D	3S	?

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

S:A6 H:J1097654 D:AK C:AQ

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1H
Pass	Pass	2D	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	?

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

S:- H:A972 D:KQ9 C:AK 10972

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

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

S:3 H:QJ54 D:AKJ4 C:AKJ4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1H	?

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

S:AQ1096 H:AK5 D:96 C:J7

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1S
2D	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Which card do you lead?

Hand of the Sydney Tournament

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E-W Vul.
W Dealer

♠—	♠—
♥1098765432	♥AKQJ
♦—	♦—
♣AKQJ	♣—
♠98765432	♠—
♥—	♥AKQJ
♦AKQJ10	♦98765432
♣—	♣10
♠AKQJ10	
♥—	
♦—	
♣98765432	

This bizarre hand was the talk of the Mixed Pairs in Sydney. The diabolical distribution of the cards leads one to believe that one of

Cape Breton's foremost practical jokers assisted with the shuffling. However, Board 32 was dealt by Mary Hicks of Charlottetown with Marie Carragher, Ken Eisner and Gladys Reid at the table. Mrs. Hicks uses Braille cards which have travelled to many Sectionals and Regionals so it was definitely not a new deck.

This hand produced, as you may imagine, many interesting results. The most profitable for North-South was +1630 in 7 Clubs doubled. The most disastrous for North-South was -2140 7 Diamonds by East-West making. Some of the bidding sequences are retold below for your enjoyment.

Editor's Note: Unbalanced hands make for unbalanced bidding, as you will note in the examples. Also for the uninitiated "Caper" refers to Cape Bretoner.

NORTH		EAST		SOUTH		WEST	
The table where it all began:							
Gladys Reid		Marie Carragher		Mary Hicks		Ken Eisner	
—		—		—		1♠	
4♥		dbl.		pass		4♠	
5♥		dbl.		pass		5♠	
pass		pass		dbl.		pass	
pass		pass				N-S +800	

The winners of the Mixed Pairs:

M. Spear

—
4♥
6♣

R. Schwartz

—
pass
pass

E. Spear

—
5♣
pass

M. MacKinnon

3♠
pass
pass N-S +940

The runners-up:

W. Allen

—
5♥
pass

G. Tyler

—
dbl.

N. Allen

—
pass

D. MacNeil

4♠
pass N-S -300

Three Capers and a Haligonian:

R. MacEachen

—
4♥
pass
pass
pass

B. Batten

—
5♦
pass
dbl.

B. Musial

—
6♣
7♣
pass

J. Currie

1♠
6♦
pass
pass N-S +1630

Three Haligonians and a Caper:

J. Nowlan

—
2♥
pass
pass
pass

D. Tanner

—
3♦
pass
pass
pass

B. Nowlan

—
4♣
6♣
dbl.

T. Shannon

1♠
5♦
6♦
pass N-S -1740

Calgary's Bid for 1986 World Pairs Championship

Calgary has made a great start towards getting a World Bridge Federation event for Canada.

After 8 months of hard work, Calgarians Allan Simon, Bill Brown and Pat Smolensky presented a bid for the 1986 World Pairs Championships to the ACBL Directors meeting in Miami Beach, November 20. Their proposal was impressive enough that Calgary placed second on the first ballot, two votes behind the eventual winner -- Miami.

WBF Tournaments are not usually won on the first try. The Calgary group is already making plans to submit a follow-

up bid for a world tournament at the next opportunity.

Committee Chairman Allan Simon explains that bidding requires time, work, money and a thick skin. "We started a little late this time," Allan says, "but we've learned from this experience, and next time we'll be ready!"

Committee Secretary Bill Brown says that his first job was to explain to governments and administrative agencies what a world bridge tournament is all about, and that it would have a beneficial impact on the host site. "Once they realized what we're talking about, they all became very helpful," he

says.

To finance their bid, the Calgary committee raised about \$1,000 from local bridge players in individual \$5 donations.

Travel Alberta provided postage, Tourism Canada and the Calgary Tourist and Convention Centre chipped in for promotion, and Air Canada helped cover travel expense. The Calgary ACBL Unit covered the balance.

The working committee members were all volunteers, and contributed their time free of charge.

Support for the bid came from local bridge clubs, players, the Unit, the Alberta Bridge Players Association, the CBF, the District, the City, Provincial and Federal governments, Calgary Tourist and Convention Bureau and the Calgary Convention Centre.

All That Glitters Is Not Gold — Sometimes It's Silver

Selections from the Daily Bulletin at the 1983 North American Fall Championships

Doug Fraser likes to bid a lot, and partner Joey Silver hates to turn down an invitation. That's why they reached game on slightly sub-minimum values on this deal from the first qualifying session of the Life Master Men's Pairs.

Bd: 7
Dir: South
Vul: Both

S A6
H 10852
D KJ74
C Q32

S J10432
H K76
D 109
C J85

S KQ
H A4
D AQ532
C K764

S 9875
H QJ93
D 86
C A109

West Silver	North	East Fraser	South
Pass	Pass	1D	Pass
1S	Pass	3C*	Pass
3D	Pass	3S	Pass
4S**	All Pass		

* We told you Fraser likes to bid.

** We told you Silver hates to turn down an invitation.

Silver got a break when the opening lead was a diamond to his 10. He led a spade, and North rose with the ace to lead a heart, which was won in dummy. Silver cashed the SQ and led a heart to his king. He pulled South's last two trumps as North pitched two hearts and dummy got rid of two clubs. Next came a diamond to the queen, followed by the DA on which Silver sluffed a club. He led another diamond from dummy and pitched his last heart as North won. North was forced to lead a club, and Silver ducked. That plus 620 looked more like gold than silver.

♥ ♥ ♥

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

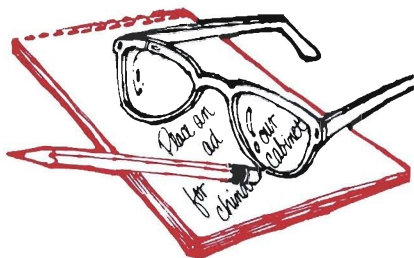
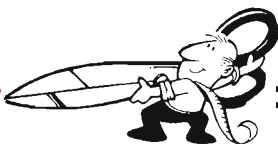
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CNTC finals
The finals will be held in Toronto, Ontario
on June 16 to June 20, 1984.

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



Letters To the Editor



To the Editor:

In his "Road to Seattle" Mr. J. Carruthers draws us 'a textbook hand' (bottom of page six - Digest). He seems quite proud of the auction as well since he made the slam and the opposition stopped in game.

I must admit that after a one club opening the Ace of Clubs was found to be on-side. But what if it was not?

Almost any other sequence leads to six hearts which is cold unless the spades are 4-0 and the opponents ruff. (N.B. playing in spades you may sustain a ruff if hearts are 3-0, a slightly greater probability)

Best regards,

Chris Morawski, Montreal
(beginner)

Editor's Note: A great beginning, Chris.

remember the hand

AK10864	Q75
K9873	AQJ65
—	K72
84	K6

A sense of humor would take you a long way, partner. Your wit will get you half-way there ...

To the Editor:

Japan Contract Bridge League and EPSON will hold "THE 2ND EPSON INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT, TOKYO", July 31, 1984 to August 5, 1984.

We expect the attendance of Mr. Jaime Ortiz-Patino, President of World Bridge Federation and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Truscott of the New York Times (under negotiation).

We have arranged the most advantageous prices for rooms and air fares to enable you to participate in this special event.

We would be very much obliged if you could kindly circulate this news among the players and bridge clubs in your country.

With best regards and looking forward to meeting you all in Tokyo, we remain

Yours Sincerely,

Fumio Watanabe
President
JAPAN CONTRACT BRIDGE
LEAGUE INC.

According to statistics, one person out of four is unbalanced. So, if the other three people at the table are normal, it's got to be you ...

Overheard at the Banff
Tournament

Vince to Paula "The police in this town are really out of sync... they ask you to blow up the balloon after the party is over ..."