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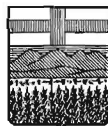
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Editor's Notebook

As is our usual custom at this time of the year, we devote our editorial to congratulate Mark Molson, Montreal, the Richmond Trophy Winner for 1983, as well as the winners of the other categories of the Little McKenney Race.

For Mark, winning the Richmond Trophy is becoming old hat, making him the Wayne Gretzky of Canadian Bridge. We can only assume that the thrill of winning is as great for Mark as we know it is for the Rookie of the Year, John Gushue of Toronto. John amassed 117 points; Congratulations to both of these gentlemen and to all the other players listed in the Little McKenney Race.

Richmond Trophy Winner and Runners-Up

Mark Molson, Montreal	784	Dudley Camacho, Scarboro	385
Boris Baran, Montreal	568	Lawrence Betts, Vancouver	378
Subhash Gupta, Calgary	429	Robert Lebi, Toronto	373
Ted Horning, Thornhill	401	Dan Jacobs, Vancouver	367
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Jill, are you and Helen practicing for the Women's Team Championship?

Yes, Mitchell and I had a game last night. I bid 3 clubs, got doubled and went for 500.

What did Helen say?

She asked me why I didn't pull to 3 diamonds, which makes ...

What did you say to that?

I said "why didn't you ask me that when I was 18 and knew everything?"





From the Desk of the Treasurer

— Aaron Goodman —

For the 14th consecutive year I am pleased to present a report on the financial operations of the Canadian Bridge Federation for the year 1983.

Attached are statements which show:

- (a) Receipts and Disbursements on both Membership and Olympiad Fund account (maintained separately) indicating in each case the year end position, and
- (b) a detailed listing of contributions and payments made in 1983 by Units of the Canadian Bridge Federation and affiliated Clubs, shown separately for Membership and Olympiad Fund account.

For better evaluation comparative figures are given for 1982 and 1981.

On MEMBERSHIP account, receipts of \$14,415.50 (from 18 Units) are down from \$15,056.15 contributed in 1982, and \$15,693.00 from 21 Units in 1981. It can well be that some Units which failed to meet C.B.F. assessment in 1983 will still come forward - if pressed by the appropriate Zone Director. However, as I have frequently emphasized the C.B.F. can at best count on receiving in dues annually about \$15,000.00 so must budget, adjust, or curtail operations with that in mind.

Interest from Bank deposits in 1983 realized for the C.B.F. \$7,199.11 compared with \$5,087.00 earned in 1982 and \$6,907.00 in 1981. As interest rates show evidence of substantial decline we are unlikely to earn more in 1984, and indeed we may earn less thereby diminishing our available funds.

Briefly it may be observed that for the year 1983 total receipts on Membership account amounted to \$21,614.61 while disbursements as hereunder listed totalled \$19,572.37.

Our balance sheet shows that at year end 1982 we had on hand a balance of \$31,727.94 and that at year end 1983 our balance on hand was \$33,770.18. However some accounts owing at year end, when paid, will reduce the year end figure by about \$3,000.00 marking a sizeable drop, not too pleasing.

OLYMPIAD FUND: Two Canada Wide and one International Fund Game realized a rather handsome sum for the Olympiad Fund - \$12,963.06. This represents an increase of almost \$2,500.00 from \$10,494.00 realized in 1982, and almost \$4,000.00 from \$8,814.00 realized in 1981. These games provide an excellent means of supporting the Olympiad Fund and Directors should continue to press for increased participation by Units, Clubs and Members.

The response to the C.B.F. request that Units contribute \$0.50 per member for the benefit of the Olympiad Fund (along with their Membership assessment of \$1.00 per Member) continues to provide growing support. 16 Units contributed \$6,986.00 in 1983, compared to \$4,944.00 from 13 Units in 1982, and \$3,120.00 from 4 Units in 1981. There is room for a small increase here if more Units can be persuaded to fall into line.

All in all a total of \$23,454.91 was realized in 1983 from Olympiad Fund games, from Trials and from Unit payment of \$0.50 per member. Adding this to \$22,524.87 carried forward from December 31, 1982, brought to \$45,979.78 the amount available to the Olympiad Fund. Table Fees payable to the A.C.B.L. amounted to \$1,569.00 which lowered our available funds to \$44,410.78 carried forward at year end 1983. For the time being the Olympiad Fund is in excellent position relative to International Bridge participation.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - January 1/83 to December 31/83

R E C E I P T S

		MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	OLYMPIAD ACCOUNT
1983 Membership dues	14,415.50		
Interest earned on Bank deposits	<u>7,199.11</u>	21,614.61	
Total proceeds from Canada-Wide and other Olympiad Fund games			12,963.06
Received \$0.50 per member from 16 Units			6,986.00
Received from TRIALS			<u>3,505.85</u>
			23,454.91
		<u>21,614.61</u>	<u>23,454.91</u>
Brought forward from Dec. 31/82		31,727.94	22,524.87
Total available funds		<u>53,342.55</u>	<u>45,979.78</u>

D I S B U R S E M E N T S

ACBL Feb. 1/83 Digest	2,477.70		
" May 1/83 "	2,376.19		
" Aug. 1/83 "	1,781.57		
Bass/Savage 4 Digests	2,845.75		
Total Digest cost	<u>9,481.21</u>		
Less advertising	<u>75.00</u>	9,406.21	
Expenses of 6 Directors, Treasurer and Executive Sec' attending meeting of Directors and Members in Halifax	4,921.36		
Expense accounts submitted by Direc- tors: KENNY 193.60; ANDERSON 280.90			
ALLISON 67.12; ANDREWS 100.47;			
WARNER 896.09; SHIELDS 106.20;			
WARNER 350.52; Baragar 203.51;	2,198.31		
Executive Sec'y Honorarium	1,500.00		
S. Tench, Honorarium re: CNTC	500.00		
R. Anderson expenses incurred attending meeting Winnipeg	337.86		
Total charges Hotel, general expenses covering meeting of Directors and Members	568.46		
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>140.17</u>	19,572.37	
ACBL - Table fees @ \$1.00			1,569.00
BALANCE on hand Dec. 31/83		<u>\$33,770.18</u>	<u>\$44,410.78</u>
		=====	=====

BRIDGE BOLTS

(Overheard at the local Bridge Club)
 "Partner, everytime you put me in
 six, I can only make five; and when
 you put me in four, I can only make

three; shouldn't that tell you
 something?"

"It does, it does, but you keep bid-
 ding the suit first!"

RECORD of CONTRIBUTIONS by UNITS - JAN. 1st 1983 to DECEMBER 31st 1983 - WITH COMPARATIVE 1981-1982

ZONE 1. ACADIAN UNIT #230	MEMBERSHIP		1983	)	OLYMPIAD	
	1981	1982			1981	1982
(80')	599.00	582.00	-----	)	877.75	1052.50
	611.00					
						31.00 Amherst Dup. Br. Club
						31.00 Cornerbrook D.B.C.
						219.50 Fredericton BC (5)
						168.00 Newcastle DBC (3)
						84.00 Campbellton BC (2)
						38.50 Montagu DBC
						38.50 Algerine DBC
						35.00 Charlottetown DBC
						63.00 Moncton DBC
						77.00 Kensington DBC (2)
						35.00 Bathurst DBC
						56.00 Fundy Dup. B, C,
						49.00 Kentville BC
						225.00 From CNTC
						\$1150.50
CAN. MARITIMES #194	-----	684.00	662.00	)	738.50	874.00
						331.00 UNIT X 504
						351.00 Halifax Br. World (4)
						155.10 Cornerbrook DBC (2)
						837.10
ZONE 2. MONTREAL #151	1815.50	2250.50	2208.00	)	389.50	605.75
						1104.00 UNIT X 504
						44.00 Drummondville DBC
						160.50 St. Lambert (2)
						91.00 Cl. de Bridge Radio Can.
						178.50 Real Goyette
						77.00 Mirabel DBC
						105.50 Cl. de Br. Rive Sud.
						98.00 European Br. Cl.
						112.00 Pierrefonds DBC
						140.00 Mon Club DBC
						215.00 Trials C.N.T.C.
						108.50 Verdun DBC
						2433.50
QUEBEC #152.	350.00	381.00	404.00	)	136.50	702.50
						202.00 UNIT X 504
						301.00 St. Georges Beauce '4)

63.00 Cap de Madeline BC
125.00 Club de Br. Ste Foy 692.00

SAGUENAY UNIT #199 ('80) 348.00 -----) 229.50 125.00

196.00 Rimouski BC (2)
 76.00 Club de Br. K.J.
35.00 Sept Iles BC 501.00
544.10

Carried Forward 3727.50 3897.50 3274.00) 2341.75 3360.75

MEMBERSHIP
1982 OLYMPIAD
1982

1981 1983) 1981

Brought forward 3727.50 3887.50 3274.00) 2341.70 3360.75

EASTERN ONTARIO #192 1517.50 1124.00 1100.00) 715.50 1104.50

550.00 UNIT X 504 Member
 254.00 R.A. Dup. BC (2)
 231.00 Carlingwood DBC
 105.00 Brockville DBC (2)
 91.00 Capital Br. Cl.
 91.00 Cornwall & Dist.
 171.50 Westboro Br. Cl.
205.00 UNIT re CNTC 1698.50

ZONE 3.
 ONTARIO UNIT #166 4910.00 4711.00 4678.00) 4830.00 5149.08

2339.00 UNIT X 504- (Allocated
 to feasibility study.)
 477.09 UNIT from trials
 455.00 " "
 455.00 " "
 (181.73) Expense deduction
 374.00 Audrey Grant B.C.(4)
 185.50 Niagara Dist. (2)
 212.50 Etobicoke BC (3)
 546.00 Ted Horing BC (4)
 105.00 Ajax Br. Club
 600.50 Kate Buckman BC (4)
 105.00 Huron Park BC
 21.00 Oakville BC

	----	112.50	106.50	)	-----	56.00	"	"
NORTHERN MANITOBA #245								
ZONE 5.								
LETHBRIDGE UNIT #392	148.00	131.00	124.00	)	-----	65.00	62.00 UNIT X 50¢	62.00
NORTHERN ALTA. #391	664.00	630.00	636.00	)	588.00	769.50	318.00 UNIT X 50¢	
							292.32 Klondike BC (A)	
							63.00 Central Alta.	
							77.00 St. Albert BC	
							56.00 Sherwood Park BC	
							42.00 Camrose BC	848.82
MEDICINE HAT UNIT #393	53.00	54.00	62.00	)	35.00	91.00	31.00 UNIT X 50¢	
							78.00 Bridge Unltd. (3)	
							42.00 Brooks DEC	151.00
CALGARY UNIT #390	720.00	595.00	480.00	)	210.00	860.00	240.00 UNIT X 50¢	
							315.00 Martique BC (3)	
							49.00 Bow River DEC	
							28.00 Lloydminster BC	
							161.00 Canmore BC	
							17.50 American W.Cl. (Rookie)	810.50
Carried forward	13928.50	12365.65	11925.50	)	9707.75	12906.55		17221.56
Brought forward	13928.00	12363.65	11925.50	)	9707.75	12906.55		17221.56
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN #575	468.00	473.00	504.00	)	465.50	481.50	252.00 UNIT X 50¢	
							70.00 Prince Albert DEC	
							28.00 Battleford BC	
							84.00 Nipawin BC (2)	
							45.00 Lloydminster BC	479.00

SCUTH SASKATCHEWAN #573	497.00	495.00	483.00	)	695.50	473.00	241.50 UNIT X 50¢ 46.92 R. Anderson (Rockie) 565.52 Moose Jaw DBC (5) 291.20 Regina DBC (2) 56.00 Swift Current DBC 505.00 From Trials CMTC <u>1706.14</u>
ZONE 6.							
EAST KOOTENAY #574	-----	-----	-----	)	21.00	-----	45.50 Creston BC 45.50
OKANAGAN #571	384.00	352.00	-----	)	-----	217.00	91.00 Pemberton BC 87.50 Verna Marie <u>91.00 Vernon DBC</u> 269.50
VANCOUVER #430	1182.00	1065.00	1000.00	)	558.50	812.00	500.00 UNIT X 50¢ 229.50 Pemberton DBC 266.00 Haldi BC (3) 70.00 White Rock BC 77.00 Maple Ridge 63.00 King George BC 175.00 Fraser Valley BC <u>325.00 Trials for CMTC</u> 1706.50
QUESNEL UNIT #456	100.00 ('80) 100.00	-----	-----	)	203.00	269.50	24.00 Prince Rupert (Rockie) 14.00 William Lake BC 112.00 Williams Lake BC (3) 56.00 Cariboo BC 160.43 Spruce Capital BC (4) 49.00 Fort St. John BC <u>415.43</u>
Carried forward	16659.00	14748.65	13912.50	(	11651.25	15159.65	21842.53

	<u>1981</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	)	<u>1981</u>	<u>OLYMPIAD</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
Brought forward	16659.00	14748.65	13912.50	)	11651.25	15159.55	21842.63
VICTORIA UNIT #431	333.00	308.00	303.00	)	64.00	154.00	151.50 UNIT X 50¢ 38.20 Victoria B.C. 56.00 Allmasters BC 60.00 CNTC Trials
							305.70
PARKSVILLE UNIT #429	250.00	-----	200.00	)	241.50	126.00	126.00 Nanaimo BC 56.00 Campbell River BC 119.00 Parksville DBC
							301.00
Re C.N.T.C.							1005.58 Stan Tench - Surplus CNTC
							1006.58
TOTAL	17242.00	15056.65	14415.50	)	11976.75	15439.55	23454.91



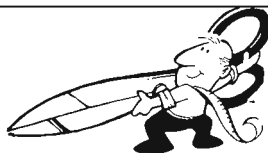
Partner: Well yes, that's why I didn't have to trump very high!

Player 1: But declarer follo wed suit.

Partner: From the bidding I had a count of the hands and I was all set to over-ruff declarer, so I did.

Player 1: Why did you trump my Ace with your deuce?

It happened in Vancouver ...



== *Canadian Bidding Contest* ==

FEBRUARY HONOUR ROLL

Two impressive streaks were kept alive in the February contest: we have our fifteenth straight male winner (come on, ladies, you can do it) and the fourth in a row from Ontario.

1.	Lou Bozzer	Timmins, Ont.	600
2./3.	Joseph Doucet	Toronto, Ont.	570
	Bob Sivell	Sarnia, Ont.	570
4./7.	Bruce Cameron	Mississauga, Ont.	550
	Michael Tyrrell	Saskatoon, Sask.	550
	Rob Sewell	Toronto, Ont.	550
	Marc Langevin	North Bay, Ont.	550
8.	Heather Bozzer	Timmins, Ont.	540
9.	Brian Thomas	North Bay, Ont.	530
10./11.	Grégoire Garinther	Montréal, Qué.	520
	Mike Hartop	Moncton, N.B.	520
12./13.	Ross Taylor	Hamilton, Ont.	500
	Gerald Soucy	Halifax, N.S.	500

Congratulations to all and in particular to Mr. Bozzer whose name has appeared in the honour roll many times before. For his win (only the fifth perfect score in the 4-year history of this contest) Mr. Bozzer received a bridge book and an invitation to join the expert panel this month.

MAY PANEL

We usually invite 13 or 14 experts from across Canada to participate in this panel. For a variety of reasons, the response was very poor this month; we therefore asked a number of top players who happened to be attending a tournament in Calgary to help us out. This accounts for the strong Western presence among this month's judges.

GREG ARBOUR (Vancouver, B.C.) has established a reputation as one of B.C.'s leading players. He was a Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) finalist in 1982 and won two regionals last year, which earned him a place on the McKenney list.

LOU BOZZER (Timmins, Ont.), February's Mr. Perfection, is in charge of the local parole office; he writes that he is just a few gold points away from Life Master status, prefers to play Precision and that his regular partner claims bidding is the weakest part of his game.

DOUGLAS FOX (Toronto) has won several Regionals. He played with distinction in the 1982 CNTC finals in Regina, although he failed to find a club lead which would have defeated an opposing grand slam (NOT hand F in the August problems).

RON GARDINER (Edmonton) is one of many top-calibre players to be found in Edmonton. Outstanding among his achievements are two Regional Open Pair wins and two appearances in the CNTC national finals.

GEORGE KELLY (Edmonton), one of Gardiner's teammates, specializes in free trips to Spring Nationals; he can boast of no less than four appearances in the Grand National Pairs finals, crowned by a fourth place finish in the Hawaii GNP.

DIANE KINAKIN (Burnaby, B.C.) is a popular player and administrator on the Vancouver bridge scene; right around now, she is playing in her second Canadian Women's Team Trials in Vancouver. Needless to say, she is one of the key organizers of the event.

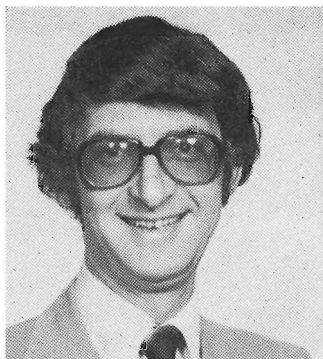
ALEX MCGREGOR (Saskatoon) was considered a player of only moderate ability until he won a couple of regionals in 1982.

DOUG MITCHELL (Regina, Sask.) rarely travels on the tournament trail. But in spite of his infrequent appearances, he has amassed six Regional wins. And he reached the CNTC finals in 1982 and 1983, partnered by current CBF president Dick Anderson.

TONY MORRIS (Great Falls, Montana - ex Pincher Creek, Alta.) is also a six time Regional winner. And he is one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met, and I don't mean just at the bridge table.

BARRY PRITCHARD (Edmonton), is a former member of the Crosby team which regularly won its zone in the Grand National Team contests in the late seventies. His credits also include several regional wins and the 1983 GNP district title.

MIKE SCHOENBORN (Toronto), known as "The Shoe". He won the Richmond Trophy in 1975. Since, he has declined drastically, winning only the odd regional and qualifying to represent Canada at the 1982 World Championships in France.



by Allan Simon

MAY ANSWERS

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

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

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1D
Pass	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	?
Action	Panel votes	Points	
2S	8	100	
3S	2	50	
Pass	1	30	
3H	0	20	

By a resounding margin the panel applied the old adage: With a misfit, slow down. The extremist in that respect was

ARBOUR: Pass. I doubt whether there is a game in this hand. Since the object at match points is to go plus and not to stretch for doubtful games, I would pass knowing that I would be playing in what is likely to be the highest scoring part score.

And now, here is the rest of the panel, ranked in inverse order of aggressiveness:

KINAKIN: Two spades. Seems right to tell partner my distribution - if partner has extras they will let me know.

FOX: Two spades. To be quite honest no other bid occurs to me. If partner bids three diamonds or three hearts I will pass. If he bids three spades I will chance four.

KELLY: Two spades. Seems to be enough with this hand. Will bid three hearts over two notrump or three diamonds, four hearts over three hearts and four spades over three spades. I think three spades is an overbid.

MORRIS: Two spades. I am torn between two and three. But since pard is an "expert" he has seen misfits before too. He must know my hand can be this good.

McGREGOR: Three spades. Although this hand may well be a misfit partner has not denied three spades. Since I would have bid the same way with A10xxx x AQxxxx x I must bid three spades to show the extra values.

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

S:10 H:J43 D:Q97 C:J109762

West	North	East	South
IS	2D	3S	?
Action	Panel votes	Points	
5D	5	100	
Pass	4	90	
4D	2	60	

When this problem was listed in the last issue, our printer changed the club suit to H109762. Many readers showed remarkable ingenuity in the approach to this rare holding. One pointed out that an H can be found in Dutch playing cards - it is a king. Another thought we were catering to our Québec readers and were showing the "Hace". And quite a few solvers submitted several alternate answers designed to cover all possibilities. Our expert panel had no such problems, but still found the problem difficult. A few ostriches thought the bidding might be over:

KINAKIN: Pass. Whose hand is this? They might not even bid game. If they do I hope partner can beat it.

PRITCHARD: Pass. They may play in three spades. Or partner's hand may hold a lot of defense and set four spades.

GARDINER: Pass. The auction isn't over. I don't have to make an arbitrary decision at this point.

A narrow plurality opted for the bid I personally like best, the immediate pressure bid of five diamonds. This bid says "I have about as much defense as the Argentine army";

MITCHELL: Five diamonds. Put them to a pressure guess without time to give more information.

BOZZER: Five diamonds. Partner rates to have three defensive tricks at best. Four

diamonds shows partial defensive tricks. Five diamonds may force someone with three diamonds in hand to go five spades.

SCHOENBORN: Five diamonds. When in doubt, make the bid that keeps partner off defense.

The apparent compromise bid of four diamonds is in fact nothing of the sort. It tells partner that we've got a bit of a fit, a bit of defense and are unsure whether or not to sac. One man who thought that this described our hand was

KELLY: Four diamonds. I think that this bid should suggest a sacrifice to partner if they bid four spades. Will pass hereafter unless partner shows clubs. Three notrump could be a winner if allowed to steal hand but it's too wild for me.

(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	?
Action	Panel votes	Points	
4S	6	100	
4D	2	80	
Pass	2	70	
4H	1	40	
3NT	0	10	

It would be nice to know our partner on this one. Would he or she have passed on J109xxxx - xxx Jxx? Most of the panel says yes and makes a clearcut bid:

ARBOUR: Four spades. The only issue is how good partner's spades can be for his original pass. He could be as good as Q109xxxx x xx xxx or J109xxxx - xxx xxx in either of which case four spades should make.

MITCHELL: Four spades. Partner has a long suit and is very short in hearts. Should have no trouble taking ten tricks.

Sometimes the timid passers will score well:

KINAKIN: Pass. Partner must have a very bad hand not to bid over one heart. I will

take my chances that game cannot be made.

From Toronto comes this surprising answer:

FOX: Four hearts. If partner could not bid over one heart I am not going to let him play in his motheaten suit when my motheaten suit is certain to be longer. I would also be very surprised to find partner void in hearts to bid this way.

Finally, we present a typical "expert bid", i.e. one that is bound to stun partner by its subtlety:

SCHOENBORN: Four diamonds. This depends on your view of why partner can bid spades now when he couldn't bid over one heart. If, like everyone else, you have no such view, postpone the agony with a bid of four diamonds.

(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	?
Action	Panel votes	Points	
Double	10	100	
3C	1	30	
Pass	0	10	

This problem was submitted by a reader from Hamilton, who lamented that he reopened with a double, only to find himself defending an unbeatable four spade contract. Well, Mr. Taylor, you are in good company. Absolutely nobody was ready to sell out:

GARDINER: Double. Might as well show my shape. I've just begun to bid with this one.

ARBOUR: Double. If the first double is lead directing and not suggestive of great strength which is how most would play it at matchpoints, given the fact that partner is on lead and also that one club openings tend to be rather nebulous, then the issue becomes what is the most practical way to get our side back into the auction, so that partner and I can make an intelligent decision whether to double or push on to four clubs over the inevitable three spades from the opponents.

Logically double should be for takeout in this situation but I would be concerned that partner might misinterpret this. He shouldn't. Double should get hearts into the auction since with diamonds and clubs I would reopen with two notrump. A heart game is not entirely out of the question. Partner might hold xxx QJxxx Jxx Jx after all.

The above paragraph is an abbreviated version of Arbour's comments.

PRITCHARD: Double. Game is not out of the question yet, especially in hearts or diamonds.

MORRIS: Double. This is setting up to be a declarer's nightmare if ...? Pard has red suits and the two club call was a conventional call, pard is at the table and I have nice tickets.

McGREGOR: Double. Surely this is for takeout. Pass is too timid and three spades is too unilateral.

Mr. Taylor will be forgiven if he smiles wryly at the following comment:

KINAKIN: Three clubs. I don't mind defending spades at a higher level.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1H	?
Action	Panel votes	Points	
Pass	8	100	
1NT	2	60	
Double	1	20	

The offbeat one notrump overcall appeals to me, although I have a gut feeling one of three bad things will happen: a) partner will breezily bid two %\$+?# spades or b) West will swing the axe, or c) both of the above. Still, I like to live a little. Cut from the same mold are

KELLY: One notrump. I'm not a rubber bridge player, but I don't see how one notrump will come to grief (see above, George). It only lies about the doubleton spade. Double is too wrong with stiff spade, pass doesn't appeal with such a strong hand, don't want to bid four card minor, so one

notrump by process of elimination.

MORRIS: One notrump. I know I could have gone to jail in the West a few years ago for this call, but I have no better call and I won't pass this strong in the minors.

I suppose the boring pass is the right bid after all. With more or less eloquence, here is the majority report:

PRITCHARD: Pass, may miss something, but will search for a new partner.

Are you listening, Faith?

McGREGOR: Pass. This boils down to three choices (double, 1NT or pass) and any could be right. Double is most dangerous, 1NT should find 3NT if it is right and pass could cost us a vulnerable game. Pass also gives a chance to collect a number, so I vote for pass with 1NT a close second.

BOZZER: Pass. Partner should balance. Will bid two hearts if partner bids one spade.

SCHOENBORN: Pass. The only other possible bid is two notrump, and that is only possible if partner is taking the same drugs as you are.

Fortunately, the Shoe's medication is not in widespread use. Readers who voted for the double can thank the following panelist for their 20 points.

MITCHELL: Double. If partner bids one spade, bid one notrump. If partner bids two spades, bid three notrump. If partner bids a minor suit, jump raise.

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

S:AQJ1096 H:AK5 D:96 C:J7

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

Which card do you lead?

Action	Panel votes	Points
Heart K	8	100
Heart A	2	90
Spade A	0	30
Spade Q	0	20
Anything else	1	10

This hand is another exhibit from Ross Taylor's apparently bottomless personal chamber of blunders. He tells us, not without embarrassment, that he led the spade queen, allowing declarer to take 11 tricks, whereas a high heart lead would have hit partner's queen fifth. A subsequent spade through declarer would have given his side 11 tricks. While in problem D) Mr. Taylor had the panel's sympathy, he is not so lucky this time.

KELLY: Heart king. This one is so easy it's almost a non-problem. This lets us look at dummy and decide what to do next. This lead may result in us taking the first 11 or 12 tricks. Spade lead may result in them taking first 11 or 12 tricks.

FOX: Heart king. The five of hearts is a little too clever, lucky, ridiculous, etc., but was probably the winning lead on this hand - why else would it be a problem?

GARDINER: King of hearts. We better take our 11 tricks before they take their 11.

BOZZER: Heart Ace. One never knows. May get three hearts and two spade tricks to defeat contract.

SCHOENBORN: King of hearts. All other leads should lose points, except maybe the ace of hearts. I will be surprised if this is not almost unanimous.

In fact, our printer agreed. So he cleverly deleted one of the spades when the problem was presented last February. Here is how we'll score the readers: If you answered "DIRECTOR!", you get 100 points, UNLESS you selected a lead as well, in which case you get the normal point award for your lead Tough but fair, right?

AUGUST CONTEST

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

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AUGUST PROBLEMS

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

S:72 H:9753 D:A92 C:AK96

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

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

S:75 H:- D:AKQ10953 C:KQ93

West	North	East	South
1D*	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
1H	Pass	Pass	3D
Pass	3NT	Pass	?

*Schenken 1D - could be short

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

S:Q6 H:KJ10 D:AK102 C:A764

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT
Pass	4H	Pass?	

(D) Rubber bridge, both vul., South holds

S:Q5 H:A53 D:Q9653 C:K73

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	Pass
2S*	Dbl.	Pass	?

* weak two-bid

(E) IMPs, North-South vul., South holds

S:J6 H:AK6 D:A53 C:AK875

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1C
2S*	Dbl.**	3S	?

* weak jump overcall

** negative double

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

S:Q107653 H:- D:Q984 C:532

West	North	East	South
2C*	3S	4NT	6S
7H	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
7NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

* strong, artificial and forcing

Which card do you lead?

Little McKenney Race

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Brad Boyle, London	172
William McIntyre, Trenton	115

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John Gillespie, Ottawa	168
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Book Review

The Official Handbook of The 1982 World Championships

Principal Analyst - Eric Kokish
Edited By - Henry Francis
Publisher - ACBL

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Reviewed By Ron Bass

The Forcing Pass

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At the very least, a perusal of the book will enable you to do some pontificating in interecine post mortem duels. A pick-up partner who turns petulant might be devastated by your asking him some such

question as "Why did you create a forcing pass situation if you didn't want me to treat it as such?"

You can't save the \$3.95 plus .60 (U.S.) by reading the series of articles by the author that ran in the Bulletin over the past year or so: he has done some refining in the meantime.

Reviewed By Henry Smilie
Vancouver, B.C.

THE FORCING PASS IN
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Silver and Kok(ish)

Fuel The Machine

After a 10-year lapse, Joe Silver and Eric Kokish are partners at a North American Championship. Once again they are earning interesting results, just as they did in Vancouver in 1974 when they surprised the experts by winning the Vanderbilt Teams. The following deal illustrates an adage that Silver reiterates concerning Kokish -- "Don't ever invite slam -- Eric hates nothing more than to miss a slam." The hand is from the first final of the Men's Pairs.

Board 2 S Q6
 Dir: East H K5
 Vul: N-S D AKJ753
 C J97

S A982 S J10
 H AQJ742 H 8
 D -- D Q10942
 C Q105 C AK864

S K7543
 H 10963
 D 86
 C 32

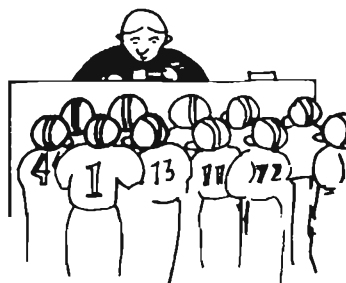
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1D	Pass
1H	2D	Pass	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	5C	Pass
6C	All Pass		

Not exactly an ironclad contract! Silver opened "a bit light", and when he asked about North's 2D bid, he learned it was natural. So he subsided -- but Eric didn't. His 2S bid caused an inaudible groan by Silver, but he trotted out his clubs. It was clear that 3D showed nothing in diamonds -- just a void -- so Silver "signed off" at 3NT. But Kokish tried 4C -- a force -- so

Silver "closed the auction" by bidding 5C. Kokish was still not through, however -- "6C," he said.

After ruffing the opening diamond lead in dummy, Silver paused to assess his assets, such as they were. He was a ray of hope.

North had to have about six diamonds, and he probably had the HK. But he was likely to be short in hearts. So Silver led the HA and continued with a LOW heart, dropping the doubleton king. So far so good. Next Silver led a trump to the queen -- and North dropped the jack! That gave Silver pause, but he finally decided the hand was hopeless unless trumps broke 3-2, so he continued drawing them. He was relieved when North followed a second time, and he quickly claimed for all the matchpoints.



TEAM TRIAL

Random Draws For Knock-Outs

Reprinted from the Maritime Bridge Line

Editor's Note: Since Alberta has started having random draws for our Knock-Out competitions, we have been attracting many more entries, with a greater divergence of bridge acumen. I am reprinting the following article (from the Maritime Bridge Line - Units 194 and 230) since the director, Karl Hicks and the respondents to the survey, are all considered top players in the area.

Less than three years ago the K.O.'s were near extinction. Bridge tournament travel had become too expensive for players to continue providing cannon fodder for the five or six top Maritime Teams. The Knockout was reduced to only the better teams.

The introduction of random draw K.O.'s has steadily and significantly improved participation. I encourage it. To those teams who still fear a tough first match as a result of a random draw I highly recommend the side game as a relaxing alternative.

KARL HICKS
Dominion, N. S.

If we are fully convinced that random draw K.O.'s are increasing attendance and not merely drawing people in who would normally be playing in the concurrent side games, then I am certainly in favour of adopting the random draw format on a continuing basis.

The major drawback is that occasionally teams will be knocked out prematurely by unlucky draws. I feel there will be some compensation to these teams in other K.O. events by an increase in the master point awards which they will receive when they go their normal distance. The increased award is based on the increased number of entries in the event.

Although the upper placings are likely to be altered by random draw as opposed to seeding, the overall winner should logically be the same by either format.

BILL CAMP
St. John, N. B.

One of the things which has sparked a great deal of interest and debate has been the K.O. draw. I believe that the draw has brought both new life and new players to the K.O. as is witnessed by the number of teams in the K.O.'s at recent tournaments.

The thrill of the draw, the possibility of playing a non-seeded team with the hope of advancement all add to the zest of the competition. Regardless of the draw the winner must meet and defeat the opposing team in each consecutive round. The skill of the play rather than the luck of the draw should determine the outcome. For seeded players the easy early rounds are gone. Come on bridge players; join the fun and excitement and try the luck of the draw in the K.O.'s.

RALPH FISHER
New Glasgow, N. S.

Randomly seeded K.O.'s are unfair. They favor the inexperienced player. Stronger players (with many master points) who may have to play other stronger players (more master points) early in the event, suffering an early exit with no master points (sadness) have reason to gripe.

These unseeded K.O.'s have many serious side effects. They increase the size of the field, they encourage "weaker" or new players to try the K.O.'s and tragically they show the players, whom the game needs to survive, that of primary importance is the continued existence of the game and not the pampering of the "stronger" players.

So, let us protect the integrity of the master point. Let us ensure that new players have little or no chance to succeed. Let us continue the opening round practice session for "stronger" players; then maybe, eventually, the game will belong to us; we deserve it.

MIKE BETTS
Fredericton, N. B.

Editor's Note: tongue-in-cheek ...

By having random draws in the K.O. tournament organizers think that more people will play, making their decision a

strictly economic one. The rationale is that more teams will play in the K.O. if there is an eighty to ninety percent chance they may not have to play the so-called better teams. There is even a chance a team could reach the finals without ever playing a seeded team.

For a game of skill any outside control which increases the luck factor is detrimental to the quality of the event.

Like any game, you can only improve by playing against better players. We have all taken our lumps coming up through the ranks. Getting a low seed was hoped for when my peers and I first started playing back in the late sixties. Our objective was to knock off the top seed, coming from the underdog challenger position to

winning a seeded position ourselves. This attitude is typical of the young novice who sees the game as a competitive as well as a social occasion. If we hope to attract this type of player the competitive intensity has to be maintained in at least one event held at the sectional tournament level.

My regular partner, Jim Graham, tells this story; he was standing in the lobby of the Royal York in Toronto looking at the twenty foot display of the K.O. draw when the person next to him asked him who was this Graham team who had just knocked off the Murray—Kehela team to take over their seed? Ask Jimmy how he felt.

CON CARTER
Dartmouth, N. S.

Reminiscences of a Reformed Kibitzer

By Marguerite Kula

It's not easy being a kibitzer. Especially when one has a constitutional dislike for staying quiet and it has not been explained to one fully that one must remain so at all times. As a fledgling kibitzer, I did not choose to watch a Standard American pair from whom I could have garnered at least a minimal amount of the "basics". Not I! I chose to watch Balcombe and Taylor, whose system at that time was so complicated, that even Balcombe forgot it occasionally, and he has invented it! What chance had I as a not even rank amateur?

Having experienced the "joys" of being a kibitzer and being kibitized, I prefer the latter. I can still remember clearly the hand which made me want to give up kibitzing as a weekend occupation. This hand occurred in the semi-finals of the National Team Trials and I was watching one of a very well known pair of players.

Let's see what you would do with this hand.

You play 15 - 17 No Trumps so you would probably open the hand 1 D. Your partner responds 1 NT and you now bid 2 NT, waiting expectantly for a pass or a 3 NT bid, depending on partner's strength, Bridge is not a game of complacency, however, and partner bids an unexpected 3 H. Your bid. After some thought, the gentleman I was kibitzing bid 4 H, which I think is the correct bid with his holding. Both kibitzer and dummy waited with interest to see declarer's hand. It was:

West's 1 NT bid was quite effective, since it headed the partnership toward the lovely little 3 NT contract (which makes). You can see why he wanted to conceal his four baby Hearts. But, having made an initially fine bid, West now had a change of "heart" and decided to reveal his shoddy suit. How could East not go to game in Hearts with that support? 4 H does not make and the match was lost on this result. As a kibitzer, I thought East made a very sound bid when he raised Hearts. However, he was berated for not bidding 3 NT over 3 H because he

should have known partner's 3H indicated poor Hearts. Why put partner through the wringer with such an esoteric bid? But, as a kibitzer, what did I know?

A player for whom I have a great deal of respect is Eric Shepherd. Here is a hand played by Eric in a 1978 Board-A-Match teams. This hand won the event.

I have never seen a slicker deceptive declarer play.

The bidding was very "enterprising" to say the least. North opened 1 H (canapé I'm told - I used to wonder what cocktail snacks had to do with bridge) and East overcalled 1 S. Eric effectively ended the auction with his 3 NT and out came a low Spade from West. Assuming (not unreasonably) that Eric was marked with the Spade Ace, East inserted the Jack of Spades in an effort to locate the Queen. This would help plan the later defense. To avoid the noxious Diamond shift, Eric won the trick with the Ace? and fired the Jack of Clubs onto the table (another spurious card). East won the Ace and returned a low Spade to his partner's supposed Queen. Eric nonchalantly played the Queen and only when it held did he allow a slight grin to appear. Plus 430 - Win the event. Routine stuff. As a kibitzer, I was a little more excited when the Queen held. I grinned from ear to ear.

One of my favourite pairs to kibitz was the duo of Nigel Zeller and Ross Taylor. Nigel was the fastest declarer I've ever seen. In fact, I can give you only the auction from this deal as I never saw the hands - nobody did! Nigel opened 2 NT, Ross bid 7 NT and put his cards away. Nigel looked briefly at his cards and trustingly followed suit. So did the opponents. Plus 2220 and on to the next hand. At the other table the bidding went 2 NT - 6 NT and declarer took 15 minutes to play a hand with 16 top tricks!! It was only later that Nigel explained to me that what had occurred at his table was illegal. Fortunately, their opponents were friends and good players to boot and all had enjoyed the fun. Now that Nigel has

moved to Australia I never will know his hand.

The first time I kibitzed Paul Heitner, he had to tackle this trump suit 9864 opposite K J 7 5 2 in 4 H*. Heitner won the opening lead on the dummy and led the 4 of trumps. RHO followed with the 3 and he played the deuce. Was I impressed when his LHO showed out! He picked up the trumps for only 1 loser and made his doubled contract. I found out later (kibitzers tend to do this a lot) that his play was fairly routine for an expert player, as Paul himself admitted. "Mama-Papa" was his only comment when I congratulated him on the play. But this knowledge did not detract from my first favourable impression.

My days as a kibitzer are over. I now prefer to play rather than watch. But, I'm very glad that I was kibitzing my perennial favourite Keith Balcombe on this one. As a kibitzer, I thought that Keith had lost his mind, but I found out later (again) what a carefully calculated defensive manoeuvre he'd made.

The bidding went 3 H by West, Pass by North and East respectively, 4 C by South, 5 C by North, all Pass. West led the Heart King and declarer won with the Ace, played a Club and won the Queen. Feeling lazy, he made the best play of ducking the Queen of Spades around to Keith's King leaving the defence to do his work. But Keith hates to do his own work let alone anyone else's and so found the only play to defeat the contract. He returned a Spade right into dummy's Ace-ten. As his kibitzer this was the last card I would have played. But I would have handed them the contract and Keith didn't. Declarer won the ten of Spades and tried to get a discard of his Heart on the Ace of Spades as his only hope. West trumped this and exited the Queen of Hearts. Having no entries left to get to dummy, South still had to lose another Club and 1 Diamond. Down 2. Routine? Not by a very long shot.

Impressive? Immensely.

It seems Keith always has the answers but sometimes they return to haunt him. While I was kibitzing, he once told me, "When in doubt, claim". In the first team game I ever played, my opponents were Keith and Wayne Timms. On the first hand, I found myself in 5C* with 10 tricks and no way of squeezing out an 11th. So I claimed. Keith

nodded sagely and immediately began to berate Wayne for doubling. My cards were already in the box and Keith's weren't far behind when Wayne calmly placed the Ace and King of trumps and a cashable Ace on the table. Keith was too embarrassed to tell me at the time that his words of wisdom had been tongue in cheek, but of course, I found out later!

Laws, Axioms, Dicta and Other Truisms

By **R.H. Paterson**

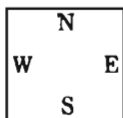
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199	Saguenay	289	252	289	264	199	157	117	76	37
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575	N. Sask.	519	460	519	480	352	274	206	121	79
429	Parksville	405	364	405	337	236	164	118	71	31
430	Vancouver	1,442	1,299	1,442	1,298	976	747	583	397	277
431	Victoria	323	298	323	280	206	179	151	106	71
456	Quesnel	261	236	261	215	134	101	81	51	21
571	Okanagan	364	320	364	330	258	202	149	87	36
574	E. Kootenay	220	194	220	205	162	126	87	46	24