

canadian bridge digest

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION
FEDERATION CANADIENNE DE BRIDGE



NOVA SCOTIA
NOUVELLE-ECOSSE



YUKON



TERRE-NEUVE
NEWFOUNDLAND



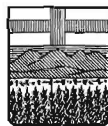
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ILE DU PRINCE-EDOUARD



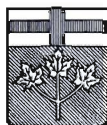
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST



QUEBEC



ALBERTA



ONTARIO



NEW BRUNSWICK
NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK



MANITOBA



BRITISH COLUMBIA
COLOMBIE BRITANNIQUE



SASKATCHEWAN



Canadian Bridge Digest

ISSN 0317-9281



**Ron
Bass**

87 Grandin Village
St. Albert, Alberta
T8N 1R9
Phone (403) 458-7332

Published quarterly.

**Jill
Savage**



Issue XLVI Vol. 15 Issue 4

Deadline for next issue
is December 10th, 1984

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

EXECUTIVE

President

Victor Goldberg

Vice President

Doug Andrews

Executive Secretary

Irene Warner, 66 Parklea Dr., Toronto, Ont. M4G 2J6

Treasurer/Director

Aaron Goodman, 326-1396 Ste. Catherine West, Montreal, P.Q. H3G 1P9

| ZONE | EXPIRES | DIRECTOR |
|------|---------|----------|
|------|---------|----------|

| | | |
|---|----|--|
| 1 | 85 | Victor Goldberg. 701 - 5885 Spring Garden Road. Halifax N.S. B3H 1Y3 |
| 2 | 85 | Michael Kenny. 304 - 6607 Cote St. Luc Road. Montreal P.Q. H4V 1G9 |
| 3 | 84 | Karen Allison. 10 Earl St.. Toronto. Ont. M4Y 1M3 |
| 4 | 84 | Helen Shields. 1103 - 405 Waverley St.. Thunder Bay. Ont. P7B 1B8 |
| 5 | 86 | Richard Anderson. 107 Scrivener Cres., Regina. Sask. S4N 4V6 |
| 6 | 87 | Leslie Gold. 11480 Trumpeter Drive. Richmond, B.C. V7E 3V3 |

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

Douglas Drew, 155 Cambridge Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4K 2L7

George Reteck, 1650 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Suite 202, Montreal, P.Q. H3H 2P3

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION CHARITABLE FUND

Maurice Gauthier, 7474 Churchill Road, Montreal, P.Q. H3R 3C2

JOINT EDITORS

Ron Bass & Jill Savage, 87 Grandin Village, St. Albert, Alberta T8N 1R9



Editor's Notebook

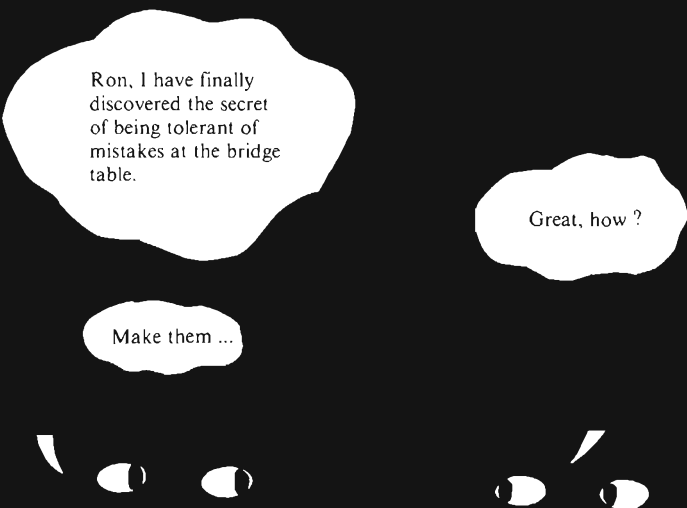
During the long struggle for women's team championships in Canada, the chief argument raised against it was that not enough entries would be generated to make the event self-financing and the CBF did not have the cash resources to subsidize an event of this nature.

Arguments die hard. But this one should be put to rest this year.

The CBF has made another popular choice of a National Coordinator in the selection of Helen Colter from Fredericton, N.B. Helen is not only an able and avid bridge player, but the type of coordinator who will settle for nothing less than the best. She played in the trials in Vancouver last year, so that combined with her own ideas should create a perfect atmosphere for a hugely successful event.

I understand Helen has solicited the assistance of Sharron Balkam in investigating the possibility of billeting teams or players for the National Finals in Halifax (depending on the feedback from interested players). So, if you would be interested, contact your unit coordinator.

Remember a win in your zone means a trip to Halifax, and a win in Halifax means a trip to Miami. (To say nothing of the hospitality the Easterners have arranged for their visitors) Go For It ...



Ron, I have finally discovered the secret of being tolerant of mistakes at the bridge table.

Great, how ?

Make them ...

FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE RETEK
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT I

The events surrounding the ACBL BOARD meetings held in Washington between July 16-20, 1984 probably overshadowed actions taken by the Board. The unfortunate kidnapping of Edith Rosenkranz, the sudden withdrawal of a team from the Spingold K.O. Event, and the historic match between the teams representing the British Parliament and the U.S. Senate sure provided exciting background.

The following are the highlites of the Board actions:

I TOURNAMENTS AND
MASTERPOINT AWARDS

- 1, Flight "B" of the GNT (CNTC in Canada) became reality with its own North-American Final to be played at the same place and time as the Flight "A" final. The first final will take place in Las Vegas next summer. Flight "B" is limited to players having 0-500 Masterpoints. District Final shall award 15 masterpoints for first over-all and all overall awards will be 25% gold, 75% red.

I was informed that the CBF recently adopted a new qualification plan at the first club level of play of the CNTC: Starting this year individuals may play as often as they like (even if their team qualified). Teams will be made up at the unit level from qualified players. I suggest you contact your local CBF representative for more details on this.

- 2, Effective January 1, 1985, the club rating point program will be revised as follows (subject to second approval of the Fall Board meeting).

A club will earn "Bonus Factor" in the following events:

- a, A single session novice play (will be 1:8 instead of the present 1:16)
- b, A teaching program for eight sessions of open or invitational play.
- c, The enrollment of five new ACBL members by the club within a twelve month period - for each session in the ensuing twelve month period. The 1.00 masterpoint limit for rating point game awards is removed. I have suggested to increase the maximum to 1.25 point from 1.00 but this amendment was defeated. I object to removing the master point limit **entirely** because now clubs will be able to award the same master points (in certain events) as Sectional Tournaments. While this new regulation (No. 842-11) will help our clubs it may hurt quite seriously attendance at Sectionals (Remember that clubs may stay open during Sectional Tournaments)

It is further proposed that any club that has enrolled five new ACBL members within a twelve month period will be entitled for each additional ten new members enrolled to up-grade one of its quarterly club championships to full sectional rating.

- 3, Effective immediately each Regional shall be allocated one sanction free midnight Swiss game held to subsidize District GNT (CNTC) competition.
- 4, WBF zonal championship masterpoints will be awarded to teams finishing in first four places in the Vanderbilt, Spingold & Reisinger

events.

- 5, Effective January 1, 1985 members who have been in good standing continuously for the previous five year period may play in a "lower" flighted event if their number of master points earned in the immediately past five years multiplied by four is less than the masterpoint limit for that particular **flighted event** Eg. Players may play in Flight B - where limit is.

Average number of points earned annually in past five years:

$(25.0 \times 5 = 125 \times 4 = 500)$

| | |
|------|-------|
| 25.0 | 500 |
| 37.5 | 750 |
| 50.0 | 1,000 |

This regulation intends mainly to assist some of our elderly players who accumulated lots of master-points but now would prefer to play in lower level of flighted events.

- 6, No member, having once achieved an ACBL Master Point ranking

may thereafter participate in any event or receive any award intended for players of lower ranking except as specifically authorized by other ACBL regulations.

II SPRING 1985 MONTREAL NAC

- 1, This Tournament is shaping up as one of the most exciting ever. There will be great entertainment, hospitality, special events and even some bridge.

Here is a preliminary schedule of some additional bridge activities:

March 3-4-5 First ever Bermuda-Canada-Mexico playoff, to qualify the winner to the '85 Bermuda Bowl.

March 6-7 Grand National Pairs Final

March 8-17 NAC

March 8-9 First ever Canadian Pairs Championship Final

News In Review

By Henry Smilie

HOW TO MEET

Do you have trouble shanghaiing enough bodies for a quorum? If so, you could have learned the answer at the Washington, D.C. NACs. Though we have nearly 200,000 members, there have in the past been occasions when the necessary 100 couldn't be mustered in order to be able to hold a legally acceptable meeting.

The trick is to double schedule: Fix the members' meeting and a multi-section

bridge session for the same time and place. Then force your captives to eat their spinach first.

WHAT'S DOING, WHAT ISN'T DOING

About six years ago the "Nationals" were officially re-christened the "North American Championships". For about ninety-nine percent of ACBL members, in Canada as much as elsewhere, the cerebral effort required in order to adapt appears to have been too demanding.



CBF UPDATE

By Michael Kenny

Dear Canadian Bridge Players

After taking a couple of seasons off, the Canadian Bridge Federation has reinstated the Newsletter. We want you to know more about us and what we do. In fact, if you have any questions about the CBF, the events it runs, its responsibilities, etc., just write to me at the address at the front of the Digest, and I will try to answer what I can.

By now, everyone knows about the Canadian Open Pairs Championship which is currently progressing at the Unit stage across the country. Units have until January 15, 1985 to complete their heats. The National Finals will be held in Montreal, on March 8 & 9, 1985, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The top 3 may be designated as Canadian representatives to the World Pairs Olympiad to be held in Miami, in the fall of 1986. The first place pair will receive a subsidy, and will be awarded the R. James Donaldson Trophy as National Champions. The current co-chairmen for this event are Helen Shields and Karen Allison. They want you to know that the qualifying dates at clubs across Canada in 1985 will be:

Monday, February 18 Canada Wide Game

Friday, May 17 International Fund

Friday, August 2 International Fund

Thursday, October 24 Canada Wide Game

Those games will lead to final which will be held in Toronto, in conjunction with the 1986 Summer Nationals.

Once again, in 1985, the CBF will sponsor a Canadian Ladies Team Championship. This event was a great success in Vancouver last May, and the winners will be representing us this Fall in Seattle. Although the Final dates and Conditions of Contest are not yet available, it is known that the final will be held in Halifax, in conjunction with the annual CAN-AT Regional in either late June or early July. The winning team will be eligible to represent Canada in the 1986 Rosenblum Teams competition, which will be held in Miami in Fall 1986. Your Zone Director will have more details as soon as they are available.

The CNTC event has undergone vast changes at the club stage this year. For the first time, qualification is by individuals (not teams), and you may play as many times as you wish, whether you have already qualified or not. You are not committed to a team until the Unit stage, at which time teams of 4, 5, or 6 players are formed. All players must have qualified at a club, although all need not play at the Unit level. For teams of more than 4 members at the club stage, all players must play in at least one session to fulfill their obligation.

The club stage runs through the end of January with Unit stages starting immediately after, and Zonal competitions must be complete by April 30. The National Final will be held in Montreal, at the Maritime Hotel, from June 8 - 12, 1985.

There have also been changes in the convention regulations at the later stages. At the Zone stage, 'E' and 'F' conventions will be allowed at the discretion of the Zone Coordinator, and at the National Final, any convention will be permitted if a written explanation is provided to the National Chairman at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of play. The National Coordinator for this event is Mr. Stan Tench of

Ottawa.

The CBF also has some 20 odd sets of bidding boxes and is expanding that number to 50. These boxes are available for rent by any interested party at a charge of \$1 per table per day. They may be rented from myself, this year's custodian. The cost of shipping the boxes (round trip) is also the responsibility of the organization renting the boxes as is the cost of replacing any lost or damaged items in transit. All Units and other organizations are encouraged to make use of these bidding boxes to give their players a chance to become familiar with their use.

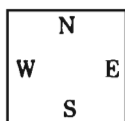
Remember all letters are welcome on any CBF related subject and I will try to answer as many as possible via this article.



CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP CANADA'S PREMIER BRIDGE EVENT

- * OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS IN CBF
- * CLUB STAGE RUNS UNTIL JAN. 31/85
- * UNIT & ZONE LEVELS END BY APRIL 30/85
- * QUALIFY AS INDIVIDUALS
- * UNLIMITED PLAY
- * 50% QUALIFICATION AT CLUB STAGE
- * NATIONAL FINAL IN MONTREAL,
IN JUNE '85

SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION





CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1985 CANADIAN LADIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Coordinator: Helen Colter
P.O. Box 2100
Fredericton, N.B.
E3B 4Y6
(506) 472-5242

Eligibility

1. Qualifying play will be conducted by Zone. In order to represent a Zone a team must have at least 2 players who are members of a Unit within that Zone.

In the event a team does not have at least 2 players who are members of a Unit within a Zone, it may choose to participate in Zone II, III or I provided that it has a player who is a member of a Unit in the Zone chosen. Should the foregoing be insufficient to determine in which Zone a team may participate, the team captain shall make written request to the National Coordinator to determine if it may participate and if so, in which Zone.

2. Teams shall consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. Each player must be eligible to represent the Canadian Bridge Federation in the 1986 Rosenblum Teams in Miami. No player who has qualified to represent the Canadian Bridge Federation in the 1986 Rosenblum Teams in Miami may play in this event.

Qualifying Rounds

3. Each Zone shall appoint a Zone Coordinator prior to 15 October 1984. The Zone Coordinator shall be responsible for determining the Conditions of Contest within her Zone. Copies of the Conditions of Contest for each Zone shall be sent to the President of each Unit within the Zone and to the National Coordinator prior to 30 October 1984.
4. Qualifying play to determine a Zonal representative may be conducted between 1 November 1984 and 31 May 1985. Wherever possible, qualifying play should not take place at the time of the North American Championships.
5. At the commencement of qualifying play, each team must complete an entry blank specifying its team members and designating a captain. A team may not augment until the completion of Zone play.
6. Once a player begins to compete in a Zone, she may not compete in qualifying play in any other Zone.

The Conditions of Contest for qualifying play in a Zone may permit players who have not qualified in the first stage to attempt again to qualify at the first stage. In no event may a player who has qualified at the first stage play on another team attempting to qualify at the first stage.

Replacement, Substitution, Augmentation

7. Replacement shall be permitted in the event a team would only have 3 players. All replacements must be approved by the Coordinator responsible for play at that level. If through replacement a team should have fewer than 3 of its original team members, as specified on its original entry blank, it must withdraw.
8. Substitution may be permitted for one full stage in the event of the inability of a player to participate for a reason considered by the Coordinator for play at that level to be sufficient and provided that only 3 of the team's original team members are available to play.
9. A team of 4 or 5 players which has qualified to represent a Zone may augment to 5 or 6 players prior to the National Finals.
10. The winner of the National Finals shall be eligible to be selected by the Canadian Bridge Federation to participate in the 1986 Rosenblum Teams in Miami.
Any team selected to represent the Canadian Bridge Federation must augment to 6 players, if not already a 6 player team.

The National Final

11. The National Final shall be held at the Hotel Nova Scotia in Halifax, N.S. on July 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Tuesday through Saturday). Starting times each day will be 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Times may be varied to facilitate play.
12. The quota for each Zone shall be:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Zone I | - | 6 teams |
| Zone II | - | 5 teams |
| Zone III | - | 5 teams |
| Zone IV | - | 3 teams |
| Zone V | - | 3 teams |
| Zone VI | - | 2 teams |

It is the responsibility of each Zone to determine its participating teams. Such determination must be completed by 31 May 1985.

13. Should fewer than 24 teams enter, an even number of teams between 16 and 24 shall participate. Teams from Zone I will be added to reach the next even number in this range, if not already an even number (i.e. Zone I may have more than 6 teams).
14. Each player on a team must play at least 50% of the boards played by her team in the National Final in order to receive overall masterpoint awards for her team's performance.
15. The movement shall be as follows:

When a complete round robin is played, the team which is first in the round robin shall select its opponent from the teams finishing third or fourth. The second place team and the remaining team shall play.

When the field has been divided into 2 sections, the winner of each section shall play the second place team in the other section.

The winners of these two matches shall play off.

The matches in both the Semi-Finals and Finals shall be 64 boards in length. In addition, there shall be a carryover from the round robin of the difference in IMP's in the match played in the round robin against the other team, subject to a maximum

carryover of ½ multiplied by the number of boards in the round robin.

| No. of Teams | No. of Sections | No. of Matches | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|------|--------|------|------------|--|
| | | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | |
| 16 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | |
| 18 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | | Semi-Final | |
| 20 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | Final | |
| 22 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| 24 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | |

| Length of Round Robin Matches | No. of Boards in Round Robin |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12 | 180 |
| 12 | 204 |
| 20 | 180 |
| 18 | 180 |
| 18 | 198 |

16. Each match, other than playoffs, shall be scored by IMP's converted to Victory Points.

Playoffs shall be scored by total IMP's, including carryover.

17. In the event of a tie for first or playoff positions at the end of the round robin or of a tie at the end of a playoff match, including carryover, four board matches scored by IMP's shall be played until a winner is determined.

18. Penalties for slow play or failure to field a complete team within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a session shall be assessed. Penalties for slow play shall be as follows: first offense during the event, warning; second offense, 3 Victory Points; third and subsequent offenses, 5 Victory Points each.

Penalties for failure to field a complete team within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time shall be 3 Victory Points and 1 Victory Point for each subsequent minute late. After 30 minutes, the offending team shall forfeit the match.

19. In the event that a match is not played and both teams are responsible for it not being played, both teams shall receive 0 Victory Points. In addition, the Tournament Director may assess further penalties if in his opinion it is appropriate.

If only one team is responsible for a match not being played, the offending team shall receive 0 Victory Points and the non-offending side shall receive the greatest of:

- 48 Victory Points
- the average number of Victory Points throughout the round robin, not counting this match of the non-offending team
- 80 minus the average number of Victory Points throughout the round robin not counting this match of the offending team.



Canadian National Rookie / Master Game

DATE: Tuesday, April 2, 1985

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all bridge players in Canada. At least one member of each partnership must have fewer than 5 master points.

FEATURES: Computer hands played simultaneously all across Canada.

AWARDS: National Winners -- plaques

Zone Winners -- trophies

Club Winners -- certificates

Names published in Digest.

Plan now to hold this event in your club. Information will be going out to club managers early in January, but to insure that your club holds the game you can fill in the application form below and mail it to:

CANADIAN NATIONAL ROOKIE - MASTER GAME

c/o Mrs. Janice Anderson

107 Scrivener Cr.

Regina, Sask.

S4N 4V6

phone: (306) 757-6211

APPLICATION FOR CANADIAN ROOKIE

- MASTER GAME APRIL 2, 1985

NAME OF CLUB: _____

NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE: _____

ADDRESS TO WHERE HANDS, ETC. SHOULD
BE MAILED: _____

EXPECTED NUMBER OF TABLES: _____

Diary of First Blue Ribbon Pairs

By Doug Heron and Ed Zaluski

It was time to try out the big club system we had worked on for a year and a half - what place better than MIAMI in November, and our first BLUE RIBBON. Up early Sunday morning for a warm up single session championship, complex relay bids rebounding through our somewhat addled heads, only to find the event was CLASS A conventions only. Oh well, let's play anyhow. Twelve tables, all throwing gifts our way, and at least we had won "an event" in Miami.

Next day was the big one. Nervously we took our places. The field began with 360 pairs, to be cut to 60 pairs for the third day's final. Scoring was across two sections, with a 25 top. The first round was a great relaxer, as we got lucky, scoring 25 and 23 against a pair who obviously bid too much.

Shortly thereafter, as East, I picked up: S-K,8,4,3 H-5 D-K,7,6,3 C-10,9,8,6. The auction proceeded 1H on my left, Pass, 1NT, Pass, 2H back to me. I was about to pass quickly when I noticed that my RHO was Mike Lawrence, author of an excellent book on balancing. This was too good to pass up. Double, say I.

S 7,5,2
H K,10,6
D Q,J,10,5
D Q,J,10,5
C J,7,5

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| S A,J,10 | S K,8,4,3, |
| H 9,3,2 | H 5 |
| D 9,8,2 | D K,7,6,3 |
| C A,K,Q,2 | C 10,9,8,3 |

S Q,9,6
H A,Q,J,8,7,4
D A,4
C 4,3

| | | | |
|----|----|-----|----------|
| 1H | P | 1NT | P |
| 2H | P | P | Dbf |
| P | 3C | 3H | all pass |

After 3 rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing high, he leads the heart 7 to dummy's king, then Q of diamonds, which holds. Diamond to the Ace, and heart 4 from hand. Note that the heart **nine** must be played by WEST to prevent the finesse of the heart 6, and the extra entry for a ruffing finesse in diamonds. Ed was up to it, and we scored +50 for 14½ match points.

After two days of play, somehow we were still in. We were about to play the final of the BLUE RIBBON!!

The format was a new one to us, to say the least. Thirty tables in all. Bidding boxes (our first experience) and a dealing computer had made up enough sets of boards so that the entire field played each board at the same time. Match points were posted after each round, and a vu-graph leader board showed the top 25 pairs/scores.

The whole carnival surroundings were too much; bouncing up to check scores, rushing back late to begin a round, and only later noticing that the experienced performers sat relaxing between rounds. We finished 55th, disappointing, but very, very exciting.

A few scattered interesting hands:

S A,Q
H A,6,3
D K,Q,7
C A,K,Q,8,5

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| S J,10,8,7 | S K,9,5,2 |
| H Q,8 | H J,10,9,7 |
| D J,10,9,6,3 | D 4 |
| C 10,9 | C 7,6,4,2 |

S 6,4,3
H K,5,4,2
D A,8,5,2
C J,3

CONTRACT: 6NT by North

Getting active over a strong club opener can be dangerous. After East showed the

major, it was a lot easier to duck a heart, test the diamonds, and come down to:

S A,Q
H 3
D –
C 5

S K,9
H 10,9
D –
C –

S 6,4
H K,5
D –
C –

On the last club from dummy, East is squeezed; he choose to throw a spade, and now the heart to the king, confirming the

situation, and spade to the Ace picks off the stiff King. Making 6NT was worth 21 match points.

And finally, one we failed to solve: (none vulnerable)

S A,Q,6,2 S K,J,7,4
H void H J
D K,9,6 D Q,10,3
C A,K,Q,6,5,4 C J,9,8,7,2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1C* | 2H | Dbl** | 4H |
| 5C | 5H | 6C | 6H |
| P | P | Dbl | all pass |

* Precision ** 8+ H.C.P.

Down two, for +300, when 6 Spades is easy. (6½ match points)

OH WELL, MAYBE NEXT YEAR!!

Okanagan Valley At CNTC Finals

By John Armstrong
Editor of Kibitzer, Units 166 & 246

How does it feel to be at the Canadian National Team Championships? Borau: It's a big thrill for all of us. It's the first time, and perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime thing. We're very pleased, and the hospitality has been great. It's a great tournament, and we're learning.

Our players are Gail Kilburn and Steve Madrasah from Kelowna, Martin and Elaine Ware from Vernon, and Terry Sabourin and Erwin Borau from Summerland.

Kilburn: It's exciting to be here. The biggest thing we found is that nobody makes mistakes on defence. They know exactly what they're doing. You cannot afford to make any bids that are not there, like a vulnerable partial. You have to be careful about overcalls. They know their cards.

Elaine Ware: I'm having fun! We're going to see the Blue Jays play. We really enjoyed

the dinner and the reception the other night.

Erwin Ware: I've enjoyed meeting a lot of the people we don't meet at our regionals. There are a lot of people here whom we haven't seen before. I love the competition; it's good for us.

We found the people from Eastern Canada are really a nice bunch of people.

We've had some successes against well-known teams and it made us feel good. We found that the name players have been very helpful. For example, we had not used bidding boxes before, and there were a couple of errors on our part. They would stop at the table and explain to us what to do and how to do it. They couldn't have been nicer.

Kilburn: We hope that someone from the Interior of B.C. will get the opportunity to come again.

Thank you. We're glad you were here and had a good time.

From the Desk of the Chairman of the Charitable Fund

Maurice Gauthier

Highlights of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held in Thunder Bay July 11th.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Proceeds from Clubs' Charity sessions | \$41,390.16 | |
| Grant from ACBL | 980.00 | |
| Interests from Deposit Certificates | 5,150.86 | |
| Interests from Bank Accounts | 2,030.17 | |
| Others | 251.26 | 49,802.55 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| To ACBL-for services | 7,502.95 | |
| * Balance of 1982 grant to Kidney Foundation | 10,000.00 | |
| ** Instalment of 1983 grant to Kidney Foundation | 15,000.00 | |
| Grant to Epilepsy/Canada (1982) | 5,000.00 | |
| Grant to Epilepsy/Canada (1983) | 5,000.00 | |
| Trustees' Travelling Expenses-Edmonton Meeting | 1,188.00 | |
| To Cassell Brock-Lawyers | 537.43 | |
| Other-Office Expenses, mailing expenses, etc. etc. | 417.50 | 44,645.88 |
| Excess of Receipts over Disbursements | | 5,156.67 |
| * Total 1982 grant to Kidney Foundation was of | \$30,000.00 | |
| ** Total 1983 grant to Kidney Foundation is of | \$27,000.00 | |
| \$12,000.00 was presented in 1984. | | |

Other Business.

The Canadian Lung Association was designated as the primary Canadian Charity of the Year for 1985.

Epilepsy/Canada was designated as the secondary Charity of the Year for 1985.

Special Notice - To Treasurers of Clubs. When remitting the proceeds of your - "charity sessions" - please send these remittances in Canadian Funds, not in American Funds (It's a saving of approximately 30% nowadays, you know)

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game

May 8, 1984

Winner's List

ZONE 1

1. SUMMERSIDE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, PEI 67.3%

C. Rogers and Mildred Cook

2. CORNER BROOK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, NF 65.0%

Patricia Butler and Cecilia Hall

ZONE 2

1. CLUB DE BRIDGE DE SILLERY, SILLERY, PQ 70.5%

Marie Paule Masse and Aline Bisson

2. CLUB DE BRIDGE DE SILLERY, SILLERY, PQ 68.2%

Guy Grondin and Noella Masse

ZONE 3

1. KATE BUCKMAN BRIDGE STUDIO, TORONTO, ON 68.8%

Doug Markovic and Lew Richardson

2. HURON PARK BRIDGE CLUB, MISSISSAUGA, ON 68.2%

Paul Harper and Megg Harper

ZONE 4

1. THUNDER BAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, ON 63.8%

David McLellan and Cary Salmi

2. THUNDER DAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, ON 63.8%

Cliff Campbell and Don Domansky

ZONE 5

1. PRINCE ALBERT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, SK 70.5%

R.L. Johnston and Aline Ilannan

2. PRINCE ALBERT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, SK 67.0%

Keith Gorham and J. Callbeck

ZONE 6

1. CLOVERDALE BRIDGE CLUB, CLOVERDALE, BC 70.8%

Ted Deeder and Paul Radnai

2. NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC 69.3%

Jan Argent and Mal Tindale



== *Canadian Bidding Contest* ==

AUGUST HONOUR ROLL

Clearly, the momentum in Canadian bridge is swinging to the west. On the heels of the upset at the CNTC, Ontario has lost it's grip over the Canadian Bidding Contest:

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| 1. | Santosh Gangwal | Nisku, Alta. | 560 |
| 2. | Jean Roche | Ste. Foy, Qué. | 530 |
| 3. | Lou Bozzer | Timmins, Ont. | 520 |
| 4./5. | G. Aubin | Chicoutimi, Qué. | 500 |
| | Tony Reus | Montréal, Qué. | 500 |

Our sincere congratulations and a copy of Terence Reese's "Bols Bridge Tips" to Mr. Gangwal; and we welcome him on our expert panel.

NOVEMBER PANEL

MIKE CHOMYN (Edmonton, Alta.) starred on the team which won the 1984 Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC) in Toronto. This came as no surprise to Albertans, who long ago accorded "living legend" status to this terrific competitor.

FRANCINE ASSELIN CIMON (Laval, Qué.) has represented Canada at the last three Ladies' Team Olympiads. According to an informal poll taken at a CNTC, she is the leading woman player in Canada.

BRYSON CROWELL (Dartmouth, N.S.) is one of the best players in the Atlantic region. He was a member of the team which won the round robin portion of the 1983 CNTC finals before narrowly losing in the playoffs.

ART d'ENTREMONT (Winnipeg, Man.), is a former resident of Regina, where he wrote a bridge column for the local paper. He has won about six regionals and has represented both Regina and Winnipeg in Grand National Team competition.

GERARD A. FALARDEAU (Anjou, Qué.) is one of the most important personalities on the Québec bridge scene. He is the author of "Manuel d'Introduction" and "Manuel Intermédiaire"; has helped make "Mon Club de Bridge" one of Canada's most active; and has competed successfully at the regional level (1977 Montréal Swiss Teams).

SANTOSH GANGWAL (Nisku, Alta.), the August champion, is not an unknown to Ontarians. In the early seventies he won two regionals there, but has hardly played since. But he writes that he is considering unretirement in the wake of his bidding victory.

ROY HUGHES (Toronto) is another internationalist, having competed at the 1978 and 1982 Olympiads. And although it is very tough to qualify for the CNTC finals out of Toronto, Hughes accomplished this feat twice in a row.

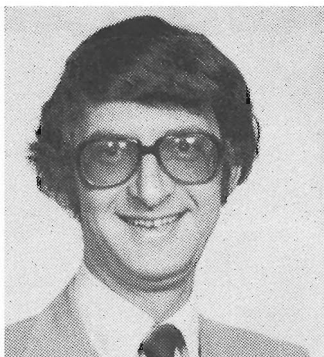
JIM NORMAN (Saskatoon, Sask.) is one of the dominant forces on the Prairies. A recent survey revealed that he placed first in 7 of the last 19 sectionals he entered.

MICHAEL ROCHE (Toronto) is a three-time CNTC finalist and a four-time regional winner. But he is perhaps best known as the non-playing captain of the team which so nearly won the 1984 Canadian Women's Team Championship in Vancouver.

ANDY SEIBEL (Regina), one of the most successful and well-liked figures on the Western tournament trail, experienced the thrill of qualifying for the CNTC finals in his hometown in 1982, playing with his wife Cindy, a former panelist.

DOUG THOMSON (Winnipeg, Man.) is the highest ranked player in Manitoba. The winner of 2 nationals and countless regionals, he was honoured with a "Doug Thomson Night" at the 1983 Buffalo regional.

DAVE WILLIS (Orleans, Ont.) is a full-time bridge teacher, director and owner of the Westboro Bridge Club. He edits the "Recap" (Unit Newsletter), and as a player his record includes several regional wins and second overall at the 1981 CNTC.



by Allan Simon

NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS

A) IMPs, neither vulnerable, South holds:

S:KQ1096 H:AKJ4 D:KJ108 C:-

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 3C | Pass | ? |

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| Pass | 7 | 100 |
| 3NT | 4 | 70 |
| 3S | 1 | 40 |

This problem illustrates the difficulties that an undisciplined preemptor can cause partner. It is probably a sign of the times that most panelists expect the proverbial garbage bucket from partner:

ROCHE: Pass. I won't really be surprised if we don't make it.

FALARDEAU: Pass. Gives me better chance for a plus.

WILLIS: Pass. Any action is fraught with danger. My partner's preempts are extremely light non-vul. Perhaps West will re-open.

Yes, there is the delightful prospect that a quick pass may tempt an imprudent West to commit harakiri by reopening. This delicious possibility sways me to join the ranks of the passers. A few more comments in this vein:

GANGWAL: Pass. Quickly. Three no-trump will require a lot of luck and help from the opposition. I hope West re-opens as I am waiting to wield the axe.

d'ENTREMONT: Pass. Hope somebody bids. I'd like to do something with these cards. Game is unlikely and if I act now we'll never get turned off.

In fact, when Calgary's Subhash Gupta held a similar hand in a recent sectional, he bid four clubs - and West (an unpassed hand in this case) balanced, to his everlasting regret.

The arguments for 3NT follow.

CIMON: Three notrump. There are as many chances to go down in three notrump as in three clubs.

CROWELL: Three notrump. Give partner spade jack and we have some play. Other action could be fast pass and hope they decide to enter but sure I couldn't do it at the table.

HUGHES: Three notrump. Four spades could be a better contract, but three spades is too likely to get a rebid of four clubs. Pass, if in tempo, is a close second.

Note how the experts stress the importance of passing quickly. If you're going to stew for ages, you might as well bid.

B) Matchpoints, North-South vul., South holds:
S:652 H:- D:K864 C:AKQ762

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 2D* | 2H | 2S | ? |

* unspecified three-suiter, 11-15 HCP

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| 3C | 8 | 100 |
| Dbl | 3 | 60 |
| 3NT | 0 | 50 |
| Pass | 1 | 30 |

The three club bidders consider it likely that West is short in clubs, so they take a chance hoping partner won't rebid his hearts:

SEIBEL: Three clubs. I'm probably letting E-W off the hook, especially if partner bids three hearts. I'll double spades at the three level if I get the chance.

CROWELL: Three clubs. Could be disaster if partner is short in my suit but hand could play well with a fit and partner short in spades.

In effect, we're all guessing at West's distribution. If he is short in spades, we ought to defend:

CHOMYN: Double. Is there something else? Can't decide what I'm going to do over partner's three hearts, so don't ask.

FALARDEAU: Double. I want to hear something else from somebody.

THOMSON: Double. Lead a trump. Who knows, minus 470 might beat a few minus 500s.

When this hand occurred in actual play, California's Mark Itabashi made the spectacular bid of three notrump. Since North held KQ Kxxxxx QJ Jxx (West's short suit was spades, but two spades only goes down one and five clubs fails on the spade ruff), Itabashi earned a top score. Well, good for him.

C) IMPs, neither vul., South holds:
S:Q108653 H:Q62 D:AJ105 C:-

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| - | 1H | 1S | Pass |
| 2C* | Pass | 2NT | 3H |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | ? |

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| 4H | 6 | 100 |
| 4C | 1 | 90 |
| 4D | 1 | 90 |
| Double | 4 | 60 |
| Pass | 0 | 30 |

The story behind this one is similar to the previous problem: An expert made a bid which would never have occurred to me, yet proved successful. So I thought I'd poll the panel to see who was nuts. In this case, a member of Alberta's CNTC winning team (not Chomyn, to be sure) decided to pass three notrump. It turns out that if you double they run to four clubs, which makes. And North-South's limit is three hearts. And 3NT went down.

The doublers are a bunch of grizzled veterans who were philosophical about their prospects:

FALARDEAU: Double. If they make 7 club tricks and 2 aces, I'll take it.

CHOMYN: Double. I get the distinct feeling someone is fooling around here. If it's partner, c'est la vie. It won't be my first minus 750.

Apparently Chomyn expects them to make two overtricks, surely a pessimistic prognosis and a good reason not to double.

The bidders (and I lump them all into one group, since the cue-bidders will end up in four hearts anyway; they're just showing us how scientific they are) bid because the IMP odds favour bidding one more if you aren't sure whose hand it is:

WILLIS: Four hearts. East must be bidding with a club fit and West must have lots of clubs since he continued to 3NT. We'll probably defeat 3NT on the jack of diamonds lead but I think partner can make four hearts. His values must be in hearts and diamonds.

NORMAN: Four hearts. Sounds like a diamond, heart and spade loser.

d'ENTREMONT: Four hearts. If East has the club fillers that I think he has, they may

make 3NT. I'm taking out insurance; we may even make four hearts.

To sum up: the choice between doubling and bidding is a close one. Don't worry if you got it wrong.

D) Matchpoints (Club Xmas party), East-West vul., South holds:

S:53 H:42 D:9 C:Q10876543

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | 1C | Pass | 1S(?) |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | ? |

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 3NT | 6 | 100 |
| Other psyches | 1 | 80 |
| Pass | 3 | 60 |
| 5C | 1 | 50 |
| 2C | 0 | 20 |
| Abstain | 1 | 0 |

First let's give credit (using the word loosely) for this hand to The Bridge World magazine, which published a similar problem about ten years ago. We hope readers didn't mind too much having a psyche foisted upon them - we thought it would be fun to see how the panel would continue now that the crazy one spade bid seems to have worked.

Only one panelist sniffed disdainfully:

ROCHE: Not interested.

A few thought the joke had gone far enough:

CIMON: Pass. I hope I don't miss game.

SEIBEL: Pass. If it's really late in the game and we're having a good one (unintentionally), I'll bid two hearts and buy my partner a double of his choice if he can correctly figure out my hand on his first try.

How generous of you. I hereby offer a bridge book to any reader who can guess my maternal grandmother's maiden name on the first try.

d'ENTREMONT: Pass. Without a spade lead we could make 10 tricks but playing the hand should be good enough. Any bid makes it easier for opponents to get into the auction. If opponents compete, I'll re-

luctantly raise clubs.

Did you say "if opponents compete"? West is marked with at least 15 points and a spade stack. He is going to double one no trump and no reasonable number of clubs is going to do you any good later on. Similarly, a two club rebid by South (proposed by many readers) is a waste of breath. If you're going to bid clubs, do like

HUGHES: Five clubs. West may well have a fair hand with spades and have been unable to bid two spades immediately in his partnership. If so, cute bids may let him back in (e.g. double to 2S or 3NT, 2S over 2H or 2D).

Here is a cute bid for you:

GANGWAL: Two spades. An ideal opportunity to continue the deception. I fully expect to be above average and might even get a top if allowed to declare two spades undoubled.

I like it, Santosh. But what if partner starts raising spades? The majority preferred a bid which is preemptive and deceptive at the same time - and just might result in plus 400:

THOMSON: Three notrump. Could be game our way vs. slam theirs. If West doubles for spade lead I will retreat to five clubs.

CROWELL: Three notrump. Lets keep the party going. Who knows it might even make. Opponents will be hard pressed to back in.

NORMAN: Three notrump. Best chance to keep opponents out and who knows, I'm lucky on party nite.

WILLIS: Three notrump. Our opponents are assuredly stiff for game in spades. This auction will dissuade them from competition and additionally 3NT may even come home with the wrong lead. If 3NT is doubled for a spade lead I shall quietly retreat to clubs (Down 7 or 8 in 3NT will still beat minus 620).

CHOMYN: Three notrump. At this vulnerability I'd bid 3NT in any game. If it's doubled I'd sit for it at matchpoints.

E) IMPs, both vul., South holds:

S:- H:974 D:QJ763 C:AJ753

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | 1NT | Dbl. | ? |

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|----------|-------------|--------|
| 2NT | 6 | 100 |
| 3NT | 1 | 90 |
| 2D | 3 | 70 |
| 2C | 1 | 60 |
| 3D | 1 | 50 |
| Redouble | 0 | 20 |

Did anybody out there redouble? Well you've just gone for 1000, since East has eight running spade tricks. Continuing his tradition of making the obvious, natural bid even in a bidding contest was

HUGHES: Two diamonds. An underbid, but alternatives are worse. Second choice redouble. (You got close to disaster there, my boy Roy. AS.) Two notrump (distributional game force) could lead to very bad things.

I don't know what "very bad things" Hughes hints at so darkly. Neither does anybody else:

CROWELL: Two notrump. Redouble will bring runout to spades and am not prepared to defend that contract. Game should be odds on in a minor especially from partner's side.

GANGWAL: Two notrump. East's double is likely to be based on a running spade suit. I hope partner is smart enough to realize that this is an unusual notrump bid. If East holds the top spade honours, slam in a minor is possible as we hold at least 24 points in a 30 point deck.

NORMAN: Two notrump. I'll take a sure minor suit plus score.

Once again in a minority situation we find the great Francine Cimon. I think in the last federal election she must have voted for the Green Party or the Libertarians:

CIMON: Three diamonds. I think East doubled with spades so I bid three diamonds (forcing) because I expect partner to have

values in my suits. Over 3NT or 3H I'll bid four clubs.

If this bid had been proposed by anybody else on the panel I would have given it about 10 points. But any bid endorsed by Cimon is worth at least 50.

F) Rubber bridge, North-South vul., South holds:

S:106 H:AK8432 D:107 C:643

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Which card do you lead?

Scoring:

| Action | Panel votes | Points |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| Heart 4 | 7 | 100 |
| Heart 3 | 2 | 80 |
| Heart 2 | 1 | 70 |
| Non-heart | 1 | 50 |
| High heart | 1 | 40 |
| Heart 8 | 0 | 0 |

Lets start with a question we haven't yet heard this month:

d'ENTREMONT: Heart four. I'll put my foot in my mouth and ask "What's the problem?"

Read on and find out.

GANGWAL: Heart four. Fourth highest from longest and strongest. Leading a high heart might be curtains for the defense as partner is very likely to hold two hearts.

No. I didn't really think anybody would lead a high heart. Read on.

SEIBEL: Heart four. Ten of spades has merit but four of hearts even if partner has only one has psychological merit. If partner has two hearts I'm away.

No, I didn't think anybody would lead a spade either (I got fooled on both counts, but that's neither here nor there.). Read on:

ROCHE: Heart four. No time for heroics. I would like to lead the two of hearts to "fool" declarer but at rubber bridge it's too often that partner is fooled. You know the rule of 11 et al.

Aha. Now we've got it. Give declarer eight

top tricks (including one heart); what a good declarer just might do is note your opening lead and return a heart, letting you cash your three or four tricks. In the meantime, partner gets squeezed or you get endplayed. He thinks. Except you had a six-card suit. Unlucky.

CHOMYN: Heart three. Have to give a cagy declarer the opportunity to throw me in for the suicide squeeze.

WILLIS: Heart three. The deuce might cause partner to shift when he obtains the lead. Declarer may misread the three spot. A high heart is most unlikely to gain. The chances of East and West having but two hearts each are very low indeed.

THOMSON: Heart two. Ace could be right but even if declarer has Qx partner may have J109 and be unable to unblock. Sometimes opponent plays suit back and gets nasty surprise when partner fails.

Remember this play, it really works well against good declarers.

FEBRUARY CONTEST

To enter the February contest, send your answers to the problems listed below (comments are always read with interest, but are 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

As always, the winner will be invited to join the expert panel and will also be rewarded with a classy bridge book. And by the way: Entries have dropped off recently. The editors judge the popularity of a feature by the volume of mail it attracts. So if you enjoy this column, please participate.



Is there life before Friday?

FEBRUARY PROBLEMS

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

S:- H:A7 D:854 C:AKQJ10652

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

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

S:AKJ74 H:- D:K1086 C:J843

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

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

S:3 H:J8643 D:Q6 C:Q10952

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

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

S:Q65 H:Q76 D:KJ5 C:J942

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | - | 1S | Pass |
| 3S* | Dbl. | Pass | ? |

* Limit raise

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

S:AQ653 H:J642 D:A7 C:65

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

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

S:AJ10652 H:K94 D:J C:765

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| - | - | 1D | 1S |
| 5D | 5S | 6D | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Which card do you lead?

CANADIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST

Ross Taylor
145 Sherman Avenue South
Hamilton, Ontario
L8M 2R1

Have you ever wondered about the history of bridge in Canada? Where did the first duplicate clubs originate? Who were our first Life Masters? Who performed the best at North American Championships over the years?

Once in a while the CBF publishes an updated list of Canada's top masterpoint holders at the national and international level but, other than that, there has been little effort made to record the feats and performances of our bridge playing members in a manner akin to that of which the ACBL is capable.

I'd like to change that, but I'm going to need a lot of help. You don't have to be a star or a world beater to be of assistance; you only have to give up a little time to do some digging around and then send the results to me at the above address. In this way the Canadian Bridge Federation's archives will be created.

I'm open to suggestions as to what the archives should contain but, for now, here are a few ideas:

1. Photographs. Do you have any bridge-related photos that would be of some historical value? Famous players, directors, executives, old bridge clubs, team photos, etcetera.

2. Trophies. Any major trophies gathering dust that could be updated, polished, and perhaps re-activated?

3. Literature. I'd like to put together a complete collection of all magazines and books available to Canadians since bridge's inception. This would include the Bulletin, The Kibitzer, Mélange du Bridge, Unit 181 Newsletter, and any other unit/district publications. Daily Bulletins from Canadian Regionals and Nationals held in Canada would also be appropriate.

4. Tournament results. Does anybody out there have access to the overall results from their local regionals from years gone by? How about the CNTC, both in its present format and as it was previously? Part or all of these would help immensely.

5. Distinguished performances. How have Canadians fared at the Nationals over the years? It's easy to remember those who have won an event, but how about those high overall placings? Perhaps the best thing here is for the players themselves to come forward and blow their own horns. Please don't be modest. We *need* this information. This would also include the ACBL Pairs Trials and good performances at the world level.

6. Biographies. If you've read the Encyclopedia of Bridge, you'll know that a large section is devoted to players' biographies. I'd like the same thing for Canadians. Obviously the good players should be included, but others should be, too. Perhaps you're involved in bridge politics, or you edit the local newsletter, or you run a bridge club, or you were or are the youngest/oldest Life Master in your area or Canada, or won the Intercollegiates, or won a Mini-McKenney medal at some level, and so on. If so, write an informative biography and send it to me. Again, please don't be shy.

As you can see, there's a lot there, and I've only scratched the surface. John Armstrong of Etobicoke has graciously offered his time, support, and personal computer to facilitate the organization of the impending deluge of data. There are many others in my area who have already pledged their support. This could turn into something really special. Ultimately, on your visits to Toronto in the future, you will be able to pay a visit to the Canadian Bridge Archives (or Hall of Fame) and see the fruition of your efforts. I'll keep you posted in the Digest as we progress.

By The Bard of The Card

Bridge By Appointment

By Ross Patterson

(All letters shredded for obvious reasons)

East-West vulnerable

South dealer

S A K 10 9 4

H 3

D K 6 4 2

C Q 9 8

S Q J 6

H K Q 7

D A 10

C K J 10 7 3

S 3 2

H 10 5 2

D Q J 9 8 7 5

C 6 5

S 8 7 5

H A J 9 8 6 4

D 9

C A 4 2

Opening lead Space Ace

| | | | |
|----|-----|-----|----------|
| S | W | N | E |
| 2S | Dbf | 4S | P |
| P | 5C | Dbf | All pass |

Question: I picked up this neat south hand and opened a weak 2 hearts, but it accidentally came out "2 spades". When partner put me in game I asked for a review of the bidding and got the bad news. I decided to luck it out in a four-three fit, since 5 hearts would be a cue bid. When the smoke cleared the nice lady on my left, who was minus 1100, declined my apology, suggesting I should have bid 5 hearts out of common decency. Do you agree? What are the ethics of accidental psyches?

Answer: Psyches are an indispensable part of the game. There are 2 basic types of psyches: Type A, the implosive psyche which tends to destroy the psych-er, and Type B, the explosive psyche which tends to destroy the psych-ee. Yours, though accidental, was a Type B psyche. As for the suggested 5 heart bid, like wests 5 club bid, it carried heavy masochistic overtones.

The many different kinds of psyches which can be thus classified are just too humorous to mention.

Question: Most of my partners open light in third position and none of them will use Drury. What do you suggest?

Answer: Who needs Drury? It is such a waste when, next you can pass with indecent haste.

Question: My former partner and I bid this hand up to 6 no trump. On a club lead, how would you proceed?

ME

HIM

S K J 8 5

H A 10 4 2

D A J 9

C K 7

S A 10 6 2

H K J 5

D K 10 2

C A J 10

Answer: With four missing queens, three two-way, Hail-Mary fineses and nothing to go on, we would recommend starting with a few moments of quiet supplication. The man upstairs from whom you should seek divine guidance is the patron saint of the unlucky bridge player, the martyred St. Upid.

Question: Sir, I take strong exception to your totally unacceptable assessment of my bidding in your last column. Do you seriously believe, sir, that I learned this game yesterday?

Answer: I must apologize to you sir. It couldn't have been yesterday. It must have been today; but at what time today?

Question: On this hand I opened a pre-emptive 2 spades; LHO bid 2 no trump. Partner, with no spades and little else passed, south bid an unusual 5 clubs which I doubled, down four. My partner had the nerve to criticize my bidding. How do you rate it?

S A K xxxx
H -
D xx
C A Q xxx

Answer: Not exactly 'state of the art'. This is a classic illustration of the Beaudet Law of Compensating errors which holds that "The number of errors per session is constant. The number of errors that cost varies inversely with the number of errors committed by the opponents". You follow me?

Question: With all the alerts, it now takes longer to bid a hand than to play the damn thing. Is there no end to the proliferation of artificial systems? First it was Acol, then Precision, now it's relay systems, not to mention that hideous Polish strong pass. Where will it all end?

Answer: Artificial systems are simply despicable. What they do to opponents is quite inexplicable. But the Polish strong pass, my friends has gotta be bridge's answer to prefrontal lobotomy.

Question: The bidding went:

| N | E | S | W |
|-----|------|-----|----------|
| 1C | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 6NT | All Pass |

What do I lead from
S A K Q 7 2
H 10 4 3
D 6 5 2
C 8 4

Answer: What do you lead? You've got to be kidding. Well, for one thing, you must lead a charmed life.

Question: Please settle an argument: My partner and I disagree as to who should get the credit for our singular lack of success at bridge. He is a great bidder, but his dummy play leaves something to be desired, while my bidding is rather weak, but I handle the dummy exceptionally well.

Answer: Partner loses the argument hands down. 'Tis less desirable to make undertricks in the right contract than to make

overtricks in the wrong contract. Furthermore, were it not for your fine dummy play, your singular lack of success at the bridge table would plummet in quantum leaps.

Question: This fascinating creature arrived at our table at a recent regional and opened the bidding with "one spade". I was so distracted, I inadvertently undercalled "one boob". To my utter embarrassment, the director was called, the bidding reviewed and, after due consideration, the director awarded us an adjusted score on the board for what he described as "a frivolous bidding irregularity and unethical conduct at the bridge table. I think we were shafted. Do you agree?

Answer: Absolutely. The director blew it. He obviously read into your innocent inadmissible bid improper overtones of ribaldry which weren't there. Hon y soit qui mal y pense. It was, at best malapropian, at worst, an insufficient bid; and according to Law 27-B-1 you were entitled to make your bid sufficient by bidding two boobs without penalty.

Question: Say there old man, I've been reading your column since you were a brash young fellow. In view of your, shall we say, candid replies, how come you don't seem to have any enemies?

Answer: Quite simply, I've outlived the sons of bitches.

S A Q
H K 3 2
D 7
C A K Q J 10 5 4

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| S K J 8 5 3 | S 7 6 2 |
| H J 10 9 8 7 | H 5 4 |
| D - | D K J 10 9 8 3 2 |
| C 9 8 3 | C 2 |

S 10 9 4
H A Q 6
D A Q 6 5 4
C 7 6

Congratulations to the winners of last month's quiz which asked the question:

How can you reasonably go down in: (a) 6 clubs, and (b) 6 no trump in the diagrammed hand when west leads the spade 5; you win the ace in dummy and start clubs?

First prize, for the most imaginative answer to (a) goes to Sue Strangelove of Sioux lookout Ont. for this:

"On the ace of clubs, east, while following suit, accidentally drops the diamond king on the table, which becomes an exposed card and must be played on the club king.

Declarer, in his haste to get the spade pitch, crosses to the diamond Ace, which west ruffs and cashes the spade king for down one." (Ed note: East should be arrested for indecent exposure)

The winner of question (b) was Floyd Flynn of Flin Flon Man. who suggested: "Declarer executes a spectacular suicide auto squeeze by running off all of his clubs in dummy and squeezing himself to death."

(Ed note: A clear case of justifiable homicide.)

From the Desk of
Irene Warner
Executive Secretary CBF

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

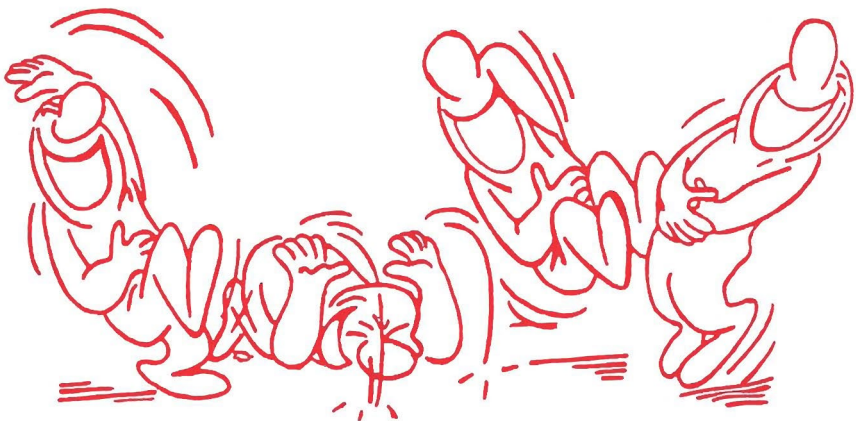
Elections will be held for Zone Director in:

Zone III - a three year term expiring Dec. 31, 1987.

Zone IV - a four year term expiring Dec. 31, 1988.

Declarations of candidacy must be submitted in writing by Friday, November 16, 1984 to:

Irene Warner
Director of Elections
66 Parklea Drive
Toronto, Ontario
M4G 2J6.



You bid what??!!

TOP CANADIAN MASTERPOINT HOLDERS

as of 11 May, 1984

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 198. Beryl Callaghan | Halifax NS | 1669 |
| 199. Elmer Goodman | Lethbridge AB | 1663 |
| 200. Steve Goldstein | Montreal PQ | 1660 |
| 201. William Lucas | North Battleford SK | 1657 |
| 202. James Kirby | Dartmouth NS | 1655 |
| 203. Nicholas Kuttis | Toronto ON | 1647 |
| 204. Donna Morrison | North Burnaby BC | 1644 |
| 205. Pierre Treuil | Ottawa ON | 1636 |
| 205. John Lloyd | Ajax ON | 1636 |
| 207. David Colbert | Etobicoke ON | 1625 |
| 208. David Oulton | Lower Sackville NS | 1624 |
| 209. Michel Lamothe | Ottawa ON | 1622 |
| 209. Fred Lerner | Markham ON | 1622 |
| 211. Rob Colton | Brantford ON | 1621 |
| 212. Eric Balkam | Fredericton NB | 1620 |
| 213. John MacGregor | Halifax NS | 1619 |
| 213. Mrs Jean Turnbull | Vancouver BC | 1619 |
| 215. Gerry Charney WM | Toronto ON | 1607 |
| 216. G Chippen | Federicton NB | 1603 |
| 216. Marilyn Pearce IM | Simcoe ON | 1603 |
| 218. Mrs J B Miller | Sault Ste Marie ON | 1602 |
| 219. Don Brander | Vancouver BC | 1597 |
| 220. Christine McKinney | Edmonton AB | 1595 |
| 221. Abby Heitner | Toronto ON | 1593 |
| 222. Mark Stein | Mount Royal PQ | 1583 |
| 223. Edward Lichtman | Winnipeg MB | 1576 |
| 224. A Koffler | Dollard des Ormeaux PQ | 1575 |
| 225. David Sokolow | Winnipeg MB | 1568 |
| 225. Andrew Nagy | Vancouver BC | 1568 |
| 227. E R Hodge | Burnaby BC | 1566 |
| 228. Sandra Borg | Richmond BC | 1565 |
| 229. Gladys Derby | Montreal PQ | 1559 |
| 230. Barry Harper | Saskatoon SK | 1556 |
| 231. Tom Greer | Scarborough ON | 1550 |
| 231. Douglas Scott | Saskatoon SK | 1550 |
| 233. Rick Boldt | Saskatoon SK | 1548 |
| 234. Fern Wroth | Calgary AB | 1547 |
| 235. Michael Dimich | Vancouver BC | 1544 |
| 236. Kenneth McGuire | Saskatoon SK | 1534 |
| 236. Bert Eccles | Montreal PQ | 1534 |
| 238. Jack Murphy | Calgary AB | 1531 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|
| 238. Alvin Baragar | Edmonton AB | 1531 |
| 240. Steven Kandel | North York ON | 1530 |
| 241. Ross Taylor | Hamilton ON | 1526 |
| 242. Robert Lewis | London ON | 1522 |
| 243. George Sereny | Toronto ON | 1518 |
| 244. Bill Pollack | Hamilton ON | 1512 |
| 245. George Holland | Dartmouth NS | 1511 |
| 246. Lisa Lister | Edmonton AB | 1502 |
| 247. Dudley Camacho | Scarborough ON | 1500 |
| 248. Lee Barton | Edmonton AB | 1492 |
| 249. Mary Broadbent | St Thomas ON | 1489 |
| 250. Edward Ashenhurst | Saskatoon SK | 1483 |
| 251. K S Dawe | Renfrew ON | 1482 |
| 252. Stan Matheson | Calgary AB | 1478 |
| 253. Robert MacDuff | Maple Ridge BC | 1476 |
| 254. Nick Gartaganis | St Laurent PQ | 1474 |
| 255. John Rosenfeld | Montreal PQ | 1466 |
| 256. Victor Cronshaw | North York ON | 1465 |
| 257. Pamela Kandel | North York ON | 1464 |
| 258. Mrs K Gottlieb | Ottawa ON | 1463 |
| 259. J R McAdam | Ottawa ON | 1452 |
| 260. Cliff Hargrove | Ottawa ON | 1450 |
| 261. D Fisher | Winnipeg MB | 1449 |
| 262. Evelyn Kirsh | Roxboro PQ | 1448 |
| 262. Donald Gladman | Calgary AB | 1448 |
| 262. Hedley Horning | Hamilton ON | 1448 |
| 265. Robert Kuz | Selkirk MB | 1447 |
| 266. Mickey Miller IM | Toronto ON | 1445 |
| 267. Dave Cummings | North York ON | 1452 |
| 268. Jennifer Paynter | Vancouver BC | 1451 |
| 269. Bryan Maksymetz | Sherwood Park AB | 1443 |
| 270. Elmer Christopherson | Vancouver BC | 1442 |
| 271. Charles Jaskela | Quesnel BC | 1440 |
| 271. George Retek | Montreal PQ | 1440 |
| 273. Ruth Instance | Ottawa ON | 1439 |
| 274. Mrs M Fines | North Vancouver BC | 1437 |
| 275. Paul Prince | Edmonton AB | 1436 |
| 276. John Morgan | Ottawa ON | 1435 |
| 277. John Cunningham | North York ON | 1431 |
| 278. Chuck Messinger | Toronto ON | 1429 |
| 279. Richard Anderson | Regina SK | 1422 |
| 280. David Holgate | Sault Ste Marie ON | 1416 |
| 281. Jacques Ribeyre | Port Alberni BC | 1414 |
| 281. Ian Glover | Trail BC | 1414 |
| 283. Victor Goldberg | Halifax NS | 1410 |
| 283. Denis Lesage | Montreal PQ | 1410 |
| 286. Evelyn Heal | Moose Jaw SK | 1408 |
| 287. Monte Kay | Cambridge ON | 1404 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| 287. Peter Cronin | Toronto ON | 1404 |
| 289. John Ross | Flin Flon MB | 1403 |
| 290. Kevin Conway | Kirkland Lake ON | 1399 |
| 290. M A Smith | Vancouver BC | 1399 |
| 292. Rita Poder | Hamilton ON | 1398 |
| 292. Rod Wilton | Kitchener ON | 1398 |
| 294. Elaine Duff | North York ON | 1393 |
| 295. M W Betts | Fredericton NB | 1389 |
| 295. Alex Kisin | Toronto ON | 1389 |
| 297. Mrs J Erikson | Edmonton AB | 1383 |
| 297. Ms L C McIntyre | Ottawa ON | 1383 |
| 299. H D Urquhart | Edmonton AB | 1381 |
| 300. Ron J Smith | Victoria BC | 1379 |
| 301. Paul Skinner | London ON | 1377 |
| 302. Bryson Crowell | Dartmouth NS | 1376 |
| 303. F Smith | Sault Ste Marie ON | 1371 |
| 304. J Laliberte | Cap Rouge PQ | 1370 |
| 304. Peter Bambrick | Ottawa ON | 1370 |
| 304. Roy Hughes | North York ON | 1370 |
| 307. Andrew Tylman | Toronto ON | 1369 |
| 308. Marjorie Smith | Nanaimo BC | 1366 |
| 308. Ingibjorg McGlynn | Winnipeg MB | 1366 |
| 310. Doug McCorkell | Nepean ON | 1365 |
| 311. Brian Fraser | St. Laurent PQ | 1363 |
| 311. Ken Penton | Calgary AB | 1363 |
| 311. Grant Ardern | Toronto ON | 1363 |
| 314. Gary Johannsson | Regina SK | 1362 |
| 315. June Budd Hicks | Vancouver BC | 1357 |
| 316. John Laskin | Toronto ON | 1356 |
| 317. Mrs E S Levy | Westmount PQ | 1352 |
| 318. Art Dahl | Regina SK | 1351 |
| 319. Dan Mathieson | Regina SK | 1344 |
| 320. Joan Eaton | Toronto ON | 1343 |
| 321. F Gagnon | Val de la Baie PQ | 1339 |
| 322. Geraldine Sugarman | Saskatoon SK | 1338 |
| 323. Mrs P J McGonigal | Vancouver BC | 1337 |
| 324. Mrs M Thomas | Edmonton AB | 1334 |
| 325. Doug Hawkes | Victoria BC | 1333 |
| 326. Mrs E Lee | Vancouver BC | 1332 |
| 327. Glynford Hatfield | Barrington Passage NS | 1330 |
| 328. George Oliver | Medicine Hat AB | 1329 |
| 329. Ronald Mak | Halifax NS | 1328 |
| 329. Stephen Willard | Edmonton AB | 1328 |
| 329. Henry Smilie | Vancouver BC | 1328 |
| 329. Irene Hodgson IM | Toronto ON | 1328 |
| 333. Carl Yaskowich | Edmonton AB | 1326 |
| 334. Douglas Baldwin | Surrey BC | 1320 |
| 335. D M Gold | Richmond BC | 1318 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 336. Mrs B Jurkovich | Milk River AB | 1310 |
| 337. Shelia Dickie | Richmond BC | 1306 |
| 338. Norman Turnbull | Vancouver BC | 1305 |
| 339. Bill Blake | Pembroke ON | 1304 |
| 340. Ralph Fisher | New Glasgow NS | 1302 |
| 340. Lucien Magnan | Montreal PQ | 1302 |
| 342. Doug Deschner | Red Deer AB | 1297 |
| 343. Gerry Richardson | London ON | 1295 |
| 344. Howard Jacobs | North York ON | 1294 |
| 345. Martial Chagnon | Longueuil PQ | 1284 |
| 346. Lawrence McCluskey | Pembroke ON | 1281 |
| 347. Bill Milgram | Toronto ON | 1280 |
| 348. Susan Sanders | Sault Ste Marie ON | 1277 |
| 349. Gerlad McCully | Surrey BC | 1274 |
| 350. Charlie Liegerot | Calgary AB | 1273 |
| 351. Kay Alexander | Toronto ON | 1271 |
| 352. Gim Ong | Winnipeg MB | 1269 |
| 352. M Johnson | Vancouver BC | 1269 |
| 354. Ron Forbes IM | Surrey BC | 1268 |
| 355. Ann Nagy | Vancouver BC | 1267 |
| 355. Mike Martino | Hamilton ON | 1267 |
| 357. Bill Lim | Prince George BC | 1266 |
| 357. Harmon Edgar | Scarborough ON | 1266 |
| 359. Edward Maguire | Ottawa ON | 1265 |
| 360. Randy Bennett | St John's NF | 1264 |
| 361. Mrs Orlo Stevenson | Ottawa ON | 1263 |
| 362. Gil Lafreniere | Regina SK | 1262 |
| 362. Joyce Phillips | Toronto ON | 1262 |
| 364. Brian Culham | Kitchener ON | 1261 |
| 365. Sharon Lewis | Dartmouth NS | 1260 |
| 366. C O'Reilly | Dundas ON | 1259 |
| 367. Richard Brown | Dartmouth NS | 1258 |
| 368. Bev Kraft | Dollard des Ormeaux PQ | 1257 |
| 369. Alfred Bishop | Toronto ON | 1255 |
| 370. Bob Provencher | Carp ON | 1252 |
| 370. J W Andrews | Vancouver BC | 1252 |
| 372. Mrs D E Michaelis | Milk River AB | 1248 |
| 373. Dev Prakhya | Saskatoon SK | 1246 |
| 374. Dennis Dohl | Surrey BC | 1240 |
| 374. David Bryce | Toronto ON | 1240 |
| 376. Len Racette | Saskatoon SK | 1237 |
| 376. Alan Chapelle | Vancouver BC | 1237 |
| 376. Margaret Simmons | Toronto ON | 1237 |
| 379. Earle Adams | Vancouver BC | 1236 |
| 380. Ellie Major | Westmount PQ | 1235 |
| 380. Barbara Mackay | Fredericton NB | 1235 |
| 382. Allan Mowat | Winnipeg MB | 1232 |
| 383. Wayne Fedynak | Edmonton AB | 1233 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 384. Gary Whiteman | North York ON | 1232 |
| 385. Don Mallinson | Brantford ON | 1226 |
| 386. Doris McGuire | Saskatoon SK | 1225 |
| 386. Leah McDonald | Quesnel BC | 1225 |
| 386. Ron Bass | St Albert AB | 1225 |
| 389. Leona Rose Smithen | Winnipeg MB | 1224 |
| 390. Karl Weber | Calgary AB | 1223 |
| 391. Earl Knipfel | Saskatoon SK | 1222 |
| 391. Wayne Timms | Kitchener ON | 1222 |
| 393. Brian Carpenter | Calgary AB | 1220 |
| 394. Jane Green | Nanaimo BC | 1218 |
| 395. Hazel Stowards | Prince George BC | 1217 |
| 395. Neil Sutherland | St Albert AB | 1217 |
| 397. Douglas Schmeiser | Saskatoon SK | 1216 |
| 398. Bart Symons | Edmonton AB | 1213 |
| 399. Dave Thurber | Prescott ON | 1212 |
| 400. Eileen MacDiarmid | Sarnia ON | 1211 |
| 401. Gordon Horn | New Westminster BC | 1210 |
| 402. Richard Lesage | Brossard PQ | 1208 |
| 402. Bob Todd | Winnipeg MB | 1208 |
| 404. Margaret La Dochy | Toronto ON | 1207 |
| 405. Raymond Fortin | Montmagny PQ | 1206 |
| 405. Michael Tyrrell | Saskatoon SK | 1206 |
| 407. Janet Cox | Ottawa ON | 1205 |
| 408. Nancy Koffler | Dollard des Ormeaux PQ | 1204 |
| 409. Gary Harper | Burnaby BC | 1203 |
| 409. Michael Rahtjen | Winnipeg MB | 1203 |
| 411. Richard Grant | Comox BC | 1201 |
| 411. Aaron Goodman IM | Montreal PQ | 1201 |
| 413. Bob Scull | North York ON | 1200 |
| 413. Jack Whitehouse | Etobicoke ON | 1200 |

Canadian Open Pairs Championships (COPC) - 1985

By Helen Shields
Karen Allison
COPC Co-ordinators

completed by January 15, 1985. The club qualifying events were the Canada-wide Olympiad October 13/83 and the two International Fund Games May 15/84 and July 13/84. Anyone who won master points in one or more of those events is eligible to play in the final of the Unit in which one or both members of a partnership competed at the club level.

The club qualifying games having been completed, the next events in the '85 COPC are the Unit Finals which must be

Early April of this year saw thousands of pairs throughout the world take part in a bidding contest conducted by the International Bridge Academy, which is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands. The top six Canadian scores came from Montréal, with Bert Habert and Murray Goldenblatt leading our country, scoring 257 out of a possible 303.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Andy Klein - Gil Lafrenière: | 229 | Gary Johannsson - Dan Mathieson: | 216 |
| Dick Anderson - Gary Mitchell: | 225 | Pam Braun - Joan Schneider: | 214 |
| Rick Gaucher - Claire Jones: | 224 | Maurice Wilson - Doug Rankin: | 211 |
| Alex Fowlie - Bruce Gilligan: | 221 | | |

HAND #1:

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| S - K Q 10 6 5 | A J 7 4 |
| H - A 9 | J 8 5 |
| D - Q 5 4 | A 3 |
| C - K J 9 | A 6 4 3 |

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| 4S: | = 8 |
| 3NT: | = 7 |
| 6S/4NT: | = 2 |
| 3S/5S/2NT/3C: | = 1 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pair #1 | Pair #2 | Pair #3 | Pair #4 | Pair #5 |
| Klein/ Lafren. | Anderson/ Mitchell | Gaucher/ Jones | Fowlie/ Gilligan | Johann./ Math. |
| (Inference) | (2 over 1) | (Std. American) | (K-S) | (Precision) |
| 1S - 2C | 1S - 2C | 1S - 2C | 1S - 2NT* | 1S - 2NT* |
| 2NT - 4S | 3C - 3D | 2NT - 4S | 3S - 4C | 3NT - 4C |
| | 3H - 4S | | 4H - 4S | 4H - 5S |
| | 4NT - 5C* | | | |
| | 6S | | | |

(8) (2) (8) (8) (1)

Three pairs had smooth auctions to reach the top spot. Pair #4 judged their values well after the Jacoby 2NT call (showing good support in a 14-15 point balanced hand), but Pair #5 got carried away after the same response. Team #2 showed that you don't need science to get overboard.

AWARDS:

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------|
| S - A K Q 3 | 10 9 8 4 2 | 6S: | = 10 |
| H - K 10 4 | A 8 | 5S: | = 8 |
| D - A K 9 5 | 8 | 4S/3NT: | = 7 |
| C - 5 2 | A 10 8 4 3 | 4NT: | = 6 |



| Pair #1 | Pair #2 | Pair #3 | Pair #4 | Pair #5 |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|------------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1D - 1S | 1D - 1S | 1S - 4S | 1D - 1S | 1C* - 1D* |
| 4S - 5S | 4S - 4NT | | 4S - 4NT | 1H* - 1S* |
| 6S | 5C - 6S | | 5C - 5H | 1NT* - 2H* |
| | | | 5NT - 6S | 3S - 4C |
| | | | | 4D - 4H |
| | | | | 6S |
| (10) | (10) | (8) | (10) | (10) |

Our panel came through with flying colours, as 4 out of 5 pairs got to this excellent slam. It's ironic that Gaucher was the only one to open the big hand 1S, and they didn't get there. The others used various methods to show 19-20 points, with Pair #5's auction being the most dramatic. The first four bids were artificial (1H and 1S were nebulous relays) and 1NT defined opener's hand precisely. 2H was a transfer, and Johansson got a chance to show he really liked the transfer with his 3S jump. Three cue bids then led the way to slam.

HAND #3:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| S - A Q 6 | K 10 9 5 |
| H - A J | 9 |
| D - 6 2 | A Q J 9 7 |
| C - A K J 9 5 2 | Q 7 3 |

AWARDS:

| | |
|-----------|------|
| 7C(E): | = 16 |
| 7C (W): | = 15 |
| 6C: | = 13 |
| 6NT: | = 9 |
| 6D: | = 6 |
| 6S: | = 5 |
| 7S: | = 4 |
| 5NT: | = 2 |
| 4S/5C/5D: | = 1 |

| Pair #1 | Pair #2 | Pair #3 | Pair #4 | Pair #5 |
|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|
| 1C - 1D | 1C - 1S | 1C - 1D | 1C - 1D | 1C* - 2D |
| 3NT - 4NT | 4S - 4NT | 3NT - 4S | 2S - 3S | 3C* - 3S* |
| 5S - 5NT | 5C* - 5NT | 6S | 4C - 4D | 4D* - 4NT* |
| 6D - 7C | 6D - 7S | | 4H - 5H | 6C |
| | | | 6C - 7S | |
| (15) | (4) | (5) | (4) | (13) |

This is quite an interesting hand, with all partnerships taking markedly different courses after the opening bid. Andy and Gil (Pair #1) showed why they won the "Battle of the Reginans" with their straightforward Blackwood auction. Pairs #2, #3, and #4 all got tangled up in the inferior spade suit; a matchpoint decision, perhaps, but wasn't it Terence Reese who said, "Greed at the slam level is a bridge sin"?

Dan and Gary (Pair #5) seem to have adopted this wisdom, as they found the right strain with a nifty Precision sequence. The 3C call asked for club support, and the response showed that partner had at least three clubs with one of the top three honours (the all-important queen, in this case). First-round control in diamonds was located via the 4D control-asking bid, and the resultant small slam in clubs yielded an excellent score.

