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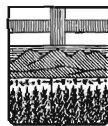
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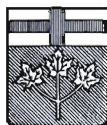
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Editor's Notebook

Who, moi?

Montreal means many things to many people. But to bridge playing Canadians it means we're finally sending a team to the Bermuda Bowl. Our congratulations and best wishes to the boys from the west who will be heading to Brazil (see article on page 4).

For some of us, Montreal and the North American Championships is just a memory. When I think of all my old friends (and the many new ones I met there) it's a happy memory. Not to be confused with the memory of the 264 bridge hands I played while there (poetic license allows me to use the term **played** so loosely).

First came days 1 and 2 and the Grand National Pairs ... a disaster ... then came days 3 and 4 and the Canadian Open Pairs Championships ... another disaster ... but, even worse, because this time the card gods dealt us a 75 percenter. It takes real talent to turn back the card gods, but I succeeded. Our 75% game suddenly became a 49% game. But I learned two truisms in the bargain


- 1) Chinese food causes brain damage
- 2) Brain damage is curable (just leave the bridge table)

By the time day 5 rolled around, I had re-mastered the match point gambit. No more letting the opponents rob me blind. NO more letting any one play at my table below 2NT. But, unfortunately (and you probably already guessed it) we were entered in a Swiss Team event. This had to be Oh, God, Book 4.

Ron described my situation with his usual logical conciseness when he said "you're just having a bad day, Jill, but it's lasting a bit longer".

The Nationals in Montreal were fabulous and now I'm all ready for the Nationals in Winnipeg in November. By then it may no longer be true that

DUMB IS FOREVER



No, way ...
I want to be sick
when I die ...

Jill, you've been saying you
needed some exercise lately,
why don't you take up
jogging?

Canada Wins A Berth In The Bermuda Bowl



Team Canada

left to right: D. Flock, M. Chomyn B. Maksymetz, S. Gupta, G. Campbell, D. Cannell and n.p.c. J. Carruthers.

(photo by Judith Cezar)

For the first time in the history of Bermuda Bowl competition, Canada will field a team. Gordon Campbell, Calgary; Drew Cannell, Winnipeg; Mike Chomyn, Edmonton; Doran Flock, Calgary; Subhash Gupta, Calgary; and Bryan Maksymetz, Sherwood Park AB, were victors in a three-nation playoff for the No. 2 North American berth in the Bowl competition which will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in October.

The winner of the United States Trials, which will take place in Memphis in May, will be North America's No. 1 team. This means that team will advance automatically to a semifinal berth in the Bermuda Bowl playoffs. The No. 1 European team also is an automatic semifinalist. The other teams, probably six in number, will battle for the

remaining two semifinal berths.

The three-day battle that ran from Sunday through Tuesday here matched Canada against Bermuda against Mexico. Each team played 64 boards against each of the others during the first two days. At that point, the team with the poorest record was dropped, and the remaining two teams played an additional 64 deals, with 100% carryover from the first 64 hands.

Mexico ran into trouble from the outset against Bermuda. After 16 deals Bermuda led by 51, and that margin increased to 66 at the halfway mark. Mexico staged a gallant comeback over the final 32 deals, but it wasn't enough -- Bermuda prevailed, 178-166. Mexico was always close in its match with Canada, but a fourth-quarter surge fell short, 142-123. That's how

Canada and Bermuda came to be the finalists.

Bermuda started strong against Canada, too, leading by 24 after the first quarter. However Canada was strong the rest of the way to lead, 157-116, going into the final day. That meant Canada had a good lead 41 IMPs. Another factor was working in Canada's favor -- Canada had six players and Bermuda was going it with only four. Weariness definitely played a major role over the final 64 deals.

Canada increased that lead to 80 after 16 deals, but Bermuda gained back 9 in the second quarter. Bermuda tried to achieve major swings over the final 32 deals -- and they succeeded, in a negative way.

Everything went Canada's way, with the final tally being Canada 411, Bermuda 237.

Playing for Bermuda were Alan Douglas, Ian Harvey, David Pereira and Charles Vaucrosson, all of Pembroke. On the Mexican team were Sol Dubson, George Rosenkranz, Gonzalo Herrera, Laura Mariscal, Miguel Reygadas and Lucho Konstantinovskiy.

How it went in the round-robin:

Canada	45	50	27	35	- 157
Bermuda	69	16	23	8	- 116
Canada	35	45	48	14	- 142
Mexico	28	37	30	28	- 123
Bermuda	76	44	34	24	- 178
Mexico	23	29	55	59	- 166

Round-by-round in the final:

	CO	1	2	3	4	Total
Canada	157	63	47	50	94	- 411
Bermuda	116	24	56	39	2	- 237

The very first deal of the final presaged the outcome. Holding

S AJ109652

H AK

D 1084

C 3

the Bermudian East bid 4S in second position, got doubled and was set two tricks (-300) when he found three spades to the king-queen behind him. the Canadian East tried 1S, and the Bermudian North-South climbed to 4H, missing four top tricks and a third trump loser -- down 2.



Is Doran wondering why Mike has all the kibitzers?

That was an additional 9 IMPs for the Canadians.

A bidding misunderstanding led to -100 at 3H on Board 5. Meanwhile Canada drove to a notrump game, got a favorable lead and wrapped up 11 tricks for another 13 IMPs.

Canada picked up another 16 IMPs by bidding and making games on Boards 6 and 8 while Bermuda rested in partscores. Another 12 came Canada's way on Board 11 when they made 4S doubled while their counterparts were allowed to play 4H undoubled, down one, at the other table. Board 13 proved interesting because the contract and the opening lead were the same at both tables -- but the results were radically different.

Board 13
Dlr: North
Vul: Both

S AQ72
H 87
D KQ2
C A1063

S 964	S KJ3
H J1032	H K65
D A65	D J8743
C KJ7	C 42

S 1085
H AQ94
D 109
C Q985

In each case North opened 1NT and played it there. Campbell got the D4 opening lead. West took the ace and continued the suit. North cashed the CA and passed the C10 to the jack. Back came a diamond, clearing the suit, and North knocked out the CK. West shifted to a spade, ducked to the jack. Each cashed two diamonds but then shifted to a spade. At this point declarer was able to claim seven tricks.

Vaucrosson got the same opening lead, and the first three tricks were the same. Vaucrosson led to the CQ, losing to the

king, and a diamond came back. North knocked out the other top club, and once again the shift was to a spade. Vaucrosson ducked to the jack -- but here the scenario changed. Chomyn returned the HK! Vaucrosson took the ace and tried a second spade finesse. This time finesse was finis. Since declarer had tossed a heart from dummy on the last diamond, West was able to claim for down three -- 9 IMPs to Canada.

Bermuda's biggest gain came on Board 23.

Board 23
Dlr: South
Vul: Both

S K109752
H J73
D 6
C 984

S J8	S A43
H A10954	H K2
D AK984	D QJ105
C 5	C KQ63

S Q6
H Q86
D 732
C AJ1072

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harvey	Gupta	Pereira	Cannell
1H	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	6D	Dbl.
All Pass			

Gupta really didn't want to lead a club. He considered leading a spade despite his partner's Lightner double. But finally he surrendered to convention and led the club. Six diamonds doubled making. In the other room, Canada stopped in 5D, so Bermuda gained 14 IMPs.

Bermuda gained another 8 IMPs on the next deal when they were doubled in 4S and made two overtricks, but from that point on it was mostly Canada. There were

occasional goodies for Bermuda -- like the slam they bid on Board 30 that was missed by the Canadians. But Bermuda was trying to overcome a huge lead, and their aggressive tactics just never paid off.

Imagine winning the opening lead with your singleton 5 -- on power! It happened on this deal from the Canada-Bermuda match.

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

S 2
H J1063
D 1062
C AQ872

S J984
H --
D AKQJ9874
C 3

S K10765
H 98742
D 5
C 94

S AQ3
H AKQ5
D 3
C KJ1065

WEST		NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gupta			Cannell	
5C (2)		Dbl.	Pass	1C (1)
All Pass				6C

- (1) Precision Club
- (2) Transfer overcall showing diamonds

6D would have been a good save for East-West, but the Canadian pair did even better -- they scored a plus on the board. Gupta led his eighth-best diamond (!), and the Bermuda declarer was caught napping.

Since he already knew West had long diamonds, the D4 should have caused bells to ring and lights to flash in warning. But declarer called for a low diamond, and Cannell was flabbergasted when his 5 held the trick. Flabbergasted, yes. Dumfounded, yes. Paralyzed, no! After inspecting the trick to see if it was really his, he returned a heart for his partner to ruff. In the replay, Canada bid and made 6C for a gain of 16 IMPs.

Qualifier

Reygadas struck a strong blow for Mexico in its battle with Canada with a sensational falsecard.

Dlr: West
Vul: None

S 1043
H AQ9765
D K
CK42



The Bermudians seem rather relaxed as Drew and Subhash bid on.

S AJ982
H K3
D 1063
C J86

S K765
H J42
D A9842
C 5

S Q
H 108
D QJ75
C AQ10973

WEST	NORTH EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Gupta Reygadas	Cannell

Pass	1H	Pass	1NT (1)
Pass	2H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Reygadas led his singleton club, won with the queen. Gupta led a diamond to his king and East's ace, and Reygadas put partner in with the SA. Herrera gave his partner his club ruff, and Reygadas got off lead with a diamond. Declarer pitched his remaining spades on the DQ-J and took a successful finesse to the HQ -- but Reygadas dropped the HJ in tempo! Now of course Gupta thought West had started with three hearts to the king, so he had to get back to dummy to take another trump finesse. So he led the CK, intending to overtake and finesse. But Reygadas shocked Gupta by producing the H4 to scuttle the game.

George Rosenkranz picked up a tidy swing for Mexico on this deal from their match with Canada.

Dlr: South
Vul: Both

S KJ97
H 954
D Q86
C K83

S Q8643	S 1052
H Q6	H 10872
D 1062	D AKJ97
C 765	C J

S A
H AKJ3
D 54
C AQ10942

WEST	NORTH EAST	SOUTH
Gupta	Dubson Cannell	Rosenkranz
Pass	2H (2)	1NT (1)
Pass	3S	3C
Pass	5C	4C
	All Pass	

- (1) Romex notrump (18-21 HCP, any distribution)
- (2) Two controls (Aces count two, kings one)

The first hurdle was to find a makeable game. In this the Mexican pair succeeded. It turns out that 3NT played by North also is bound to succeed.

However, 5C is not a certainty. With trumps breaking 3-1, ordinarily you would have to pick up the heart suit without loss because of the two diamond losers. But Rosenkranz was lucky -- he got a trump lead. That enabled him to pitch a diamond on the SK, and now his problem was to avoid two heart losers. George's plan was to cash the HA-K and then return to dummy to lead toward his jack. The fall of the CJ on the first trick made this relatively easy. And when the HQ dropped on the second round of hearts, Rosenkranz was home. Good technique often pays off.

The following deal from the Canada-Bermuda match had many points of interest.

Dlr: East
Vul: E-W

S J
H Q963
D KQ1086532
C —

S 976	S K53
H J5	H K72
D J4	D A97
C AQ9874	C K1065

S AQ10842
H A1084
D —
C J32

WEST	NORTH EAST	SOUTH
	Cannell	Gupta
	1D	1S
2C	Pass	3NT
Pass	4D	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	4H
		All Pass

Since the Bermudian East-West were playing Precision, 1D did not necessarily mean diamonds. West's 2C bid was not forcing, but East thought 3NT was a reasonable shot. But Cannell, who couldn't by style bid diamonds on the first round, now reopened with 4D. East made a questionable double and Gupta decided to try 4H, a much more difficult contract than 4D doubled. East doubled that as well.

West led the DJ, although a club lead would have caused much more trouble. Apparently West thought East had more in diamonds because of the double. Gupta called for the queen, but East ducked. Next came the SJ for a successful finesse. Now a trump to the 8 lost to the jack, and West shifted to clubs. Gupta ruffed in dummy and led a top diamond, ducked again by East. Next came the H9, which held.

Another diamond drove out the ace, and Gupta ruffed a club. When he then led another good diamond, East ruffed and Gupta overruffed. He had to give up a spade, but he still scored up his doubled game plus an overtrick.



There seems to be a lull in the action as Gordon ponders his next bid against Mexico.



Brian practices up signing autographs for his adoring public.

CBF UPDATE

By Aidan Ballantyne

Dear Canadian Bridge Players,

I should perhaps begin this brief newsletter by introducing myself as Leslie Gold's replacement as Zone VI (B.C.) Director. Leslie was unfortunately unable to complete her term but is thanked for her generous contribution to the CBF during her short term of office.

As I write (March 10th, 1985), your Directors have just concluded a week of marathon meetings at the NACs in Montreal. These meetings were historic in that the ACBL Board of Directors was also meeting at the same time in the same place and officials of both organizations were able to benefit from a Canadian - American exchange of ideas. The CBF Board indicated its concern to the ACBL Board over several issues:

- (1) Formation of a third all-Canadian District in the West;
- (2) CBF jurisdiction over Grand National Teams Flight B; and
- (3) Selection of North America's representatives to the Venice Cup.

I shall cover these areas more thoroughly in future newsletters.

One of the topics discussed at the CBF Directors' meetings was selection of Canada's representatives to the Pairs Olympiad scheduled for Miami in the Fall of 1986. It was decided that selection would be as follows:

PAIRS:

The six CBF zones are entitled to select 1 pair each (= 6 pairs). The top three finishers of the 1985 and 1986 Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC) are also eligible (= 6 pairs). The two COPC winners will be subsidized.

ROSENBLUM TEAMS:

The winners of the 1985 CNTC and 1985 CLTC are eligible and subsidized. In addition, each zone is entitled to select 1 team (the intra-zone selection format is to be decided by each Zone Director).

MIXED PAIRS:

Applications will be judged by Committee.

By now every Canadian member of the ACBL will have received the CBF information sheet mailed out as part of our fund-raising drive. Those who have not yet contributed are encouraged to do so! The pins are the rage at the Montreal NACs. The red maple leaf on white background (not quite as reproduced on the information sheet) really stands out in the crowd.

From The Desk of Stan Tench

Contrary to the article "The Skip - Bid Warning" authored by Sandy McIlwain in the Unit 430 Matchpointer and reprinted in the February 1985 Digest, the words "Skip-Bid" constitute an adequate legal warning to obligate LHO to pause before taking any action. It is both advisable and customary - but not legally necessary - to add the words "Please Wait".



The 1985 Fall Nationals will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba 1 November 1985 to 10 November 1985 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Who Leads Diamonds?

We've already agreed this is the last deal, and now they are headed for a slam that is real!

"TWO SPADES" I announce, and hope that my wife will know that I'm bluffing - the first time in my life!

The devil's own sister was the girl sitting west. She and her partner were surely a pest. She says, "I will double," in a voice filled with scorn. And then I start wondering — OH WHY WAS I BORN?

My partner passed, and the crumb sitting East, says "I will pass also." He acts like a beast.

"REDOUBLE" I cry, in a voice loud and clear ... I want to make sure my partner can hear.

My partner then passed, and let me down flat. A redouble is for takeout ... I thought she knew that!

The guy sitting East says, "Would you or not care to increase the size of the pot?"

I'm sick, and I'm mad at that partner of mine. She should pull the redouble while she still had the time.

So I tell this big lug, for a dollar a point, we will finish this hand to clear out the joint.

And then my wife says, to the girl sitting West, "I'll bet you the same, and feather my nest."

West leads the heart king, says "I hope you're not broke." Then the dummy goes down, and I'm ready to choke

... she hasn't a point ... and NEITHER HAVE I. We could go down eight ... I'm ready to cry.

DOUBLED, REDOUBLED, AND VULNERABLE, TOO. I'll never play bridge again ... let me tell you!

I look at my wife and she has a big grin ... to show she has faith I'll bring the hand in. So ... I ruff the heart king in my hand right away, then ruff a club on the very next play. I cross ruffed the hand as fast as I could, til East was left holding five spades that were good!

They paid off their debt, and went away mad. But wifey and I were feeling real glad. The last sound that I heard, as they went down the street, was "SEVEN NO TRUMP ON OUR SIDE, JUST COULDN'T BE BEAT."

Now that they're gone, I can hear my wife speak ... "You played the hand well, but you overcalled weak."

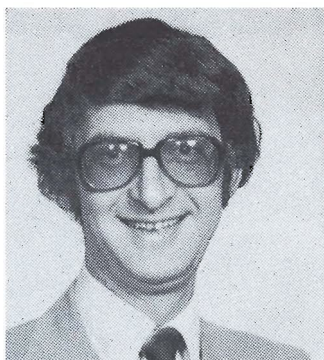
At four the next morning, she woke me and thundered: "IF THEY HAD LED A DIAMOND, YOU'RE DOWN FORTY-SIX HUNDRED!"

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FEBRUARY HONOUR ROLL

By Allan Simon

With what must be a unique combination of psychic powers and bidding ability, a Toronto reader bested 124 other entrants while winning this contest for a record-breaking third time. Only five solvers managed to break the 500 barrier:

1.	Joseph Doucet	Toronto, Ont.	570
2.	Pierre Stewart	Montreal, Que.	560
3.	Stu Rosseter	North Bay, Ont.	520
4.	Prent Glazier	Toronto, Ont.	510
5.	Dorothy Roberts	(address unknown)	500

In keeping with rules explained previously, the second-place finisher was invited to join the expert panel for this month's contest.

MAY PANEL

I'm afraid I've broken my promise. Once again, invited experts abstained in droves, resulting in a mini-panel of only five experts. Fortunately, they are all articulate and illustrious, so we won't mind reading their analysis in more detail than is usually possible. Here they are, in the customary alphabetical order:

RICK DELOGU (St. Catharines, Ont.) is one of Canada's most successful players over the last five years: He has qualified for three CNTC finals (highlighted by a 3rd place finish in 1984), and placed in the Top 500 list for 5 straight years while winning 5 Regional titles.

BRUCE GOWDY (Toronto) is one of Canada's true world class performers: He represented Canada at three Team Olympiads, winning a bronze medal in 1972. He won the Spingold in 1959 and has won countless Regionals, including the Toronto Team event five years in a row.

GIM ONG (Winnipeg) is one of Manitoba's top players; perhaps his most prestigious win came in the Team Championships in his native Malaysia. But his main claim to fame is an administrator. He is chiefly responsible for the many honours won by Unit 181, capped of course by the awarding of the 1985 Fall Nationals to Winnipeg.

DANNY SCHAMEHORN (Orillia, Ont.) won the Open Pairs at the last fall's Toronto Regional. His name appears on the 1984 Top 500 list; and once, at a club game, he had no partner; he looked only at his own hand, - and came first.

PIERRE STEWART (Montreal) qualified for this panel with his strong performance in the February quiz. He writes that he usually does well enough in Flight B events, but once finished last overall in an individual. Must have been his play or defense.

(A) Board-a-Match Teams, both vul.,
South holds:

S:A32 H:J965 D:AK852 C:4

West	North	East	South
-	-	3S	Pass
3NT*	Pass	Pass	?

* E-W are Lawrence-Weichsel

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
4D	2	100
Double	2	80
Pass	1	60

The most exhaustive analysis was provided by the most distinguished panelist, with an enviable record at this form of scoring:

GOWDY: Double. Great hand to start off with - a classic, especially at board-a-match. Pass, double, even 4D could be genius or disaster bids. An expert is right far more often than he is wrong - nobody is right all the time.

I presume the reference to Lawrence-Weichsel is intended to mean that your opponents are winners - not unwilling to take calculated risks - but not stupid either. Waste therefore has one of the following hands:

a) a powerhouse with all the missing points, except spades; b) a running club suit and stoppers in the red suits; c) a semi-psyche with running clubs and out.

Since you win on two out of three situations, I would therefore double. A good partner will be cautious to pass the double since you must have one good minor, anemic hearts and some card in spades.

Actually, reference was made to Lawrence-Weichsel because the hand really came up against these American superstars. At the

table, South decided that Lawrence had Gowdy's hand type c). The crucial clue is staring you in the face: It is the ace of spades. With a powerful hand, and lacking a high spade honour, would Lawrence not bid 4S?

Now that he has figured out the pass is unlikely to be right, how can South turn the tables on his formidable opponents? If he doubles, Lawrence will run to four clubs, and N-S will be lucky to get to their par spot. So, at the table, South bid 4D. This clever bid trapped Mike Lawrence. Having bid strongly at his first turn he could hardly pass now, since such a pass would be forcing. So Lawrence doubled, North put down a suitable dummy and South (Subhash Gupta, who came up with the winning bid in the Reisinger teams after just a few seconds reflection) made six to win the board.

Other panelists commented as follows:

DELOGU: Double. Reasons are:

- 1) they may be stealing your game;
- 2) will probably get you a diamond lead. Take this opportunity because 3NT making (doubled or not) may lose the board if 3NT was pushy or 3S exotic (likely from these opponents);
- 3) if 3NT normal then your double will cost half a board while if not normal failure to act may well cost a full board.

STEWART: Pass. If E-W are fooling around, they have found our blind spot.

Finally, half a prophet:

ONG: Four diamonds. A minority vote but the winning one.

(B) Matchpoints, North-south vul.,
South holds:

S:A72 H:J43 D:6 C:AKQ1097

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

* negative double

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
Pass	2	100
3H	1	90
5C	1	70
4C	0	60
3NT	1	50

I was recently faced with this problem at a club game. I felt that partner's cue bid, followed by his 3C bid, showed a good hand, unable to bid notrump, perhaps Kx, AQxx xxx Jxxx or so. So I tried 4C. But partner held xxx Axxx KQ Jxxx, so that we not only missed our good 3NT contract, I had to go down in 4C. The problem of course was the interpretation of partner's sequence. Is he simply showing a good raise in clubs, as he thought? Was I wrong to bypass 3NT? While no unpleasanties were exchanged, we agreed to submit the problem to the expert panel. Their views follow:

GOWDY: Five clubs. I play 2D to indicate 10 HCP, say K 10x AQxx xx Jxxx. Partner should bid 2NT over 2S if the spade/diamond holding is reversed.

DELOGU: Three hearts. My failure to bid 2H or 3D earlier should imply this kind of hand. Good values. Strong clubs. Good spade piece and a partial stopper in hearts. Partner's failure to bid 2NT is not encouraging but would not absolutely deny a diamond stopper.

The misunderstanding between my partner and myself (to say nothing of the disagreement between two such distinguished players as Gowdy and Delogu) suggests that any serious partnership would be well advised to discuss this sequence.

STEWART: Three notrump. Partner must have Q of H doubleton, the spade king, the

ace of diamonds, and good clubs. Even in the worst possible case, West may lead the wrong heart and E-W may have trouble manoeuvring around my jack of hearts and partner's ten.

The only action to attract more than one vote has the advantage of maximum flexibility:

SCHAMEHORN: Pass. I would have bid 3D as South the first round, asking partner to bid 3NT with a diamond stopper. In the present sequence partner will take further action. If he doubles, I will bid 3H to show my partial stopper.

ONG: Pass. Leave it to partner. He knows what he is doing and has another bid.

I would gladly pass if I was sure he would take another bid. Besides, at the table it would take me so long to come up with a pass that I would effectively bar him.

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

S: A Q J H: A 8 6 D: 3 C: A Q J 8 5 3

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

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
2S	3	100
3H	1	80
1S	1	60
3C	0	50
4H	0	40

At the Ladies' Team Olympiad in Seattle, Montreal star Sharyn Kokish opted for a 3C rebid on the above hand. Partner Dianna Gordon held xxx KJ10xx xx xxx and passed. On the favourable lie of the cards (heart lead, singleton club king onside), Kokish ended up losing a spade finesse and making six - for a push board. Should she have done better?

STEWART: Two spades. I can show three-card heart support at my next opportunity.

ONG: Two spades. 100% forcing. The only bid.

DELOGU: Two spades. Seems I have this problem every few sessions or so. Two spades (forcing) will allow me to show my general strength and later (hopefully) my excellent clubs and heart support. Being forced to play 4S may not be that bad.

Agreed. Once partner responds one heart, South should not risk playing below game, especially at IMPs.

SCHAMEHORN: One spade. The second bid by opener is the most important in the auction and 1S allows more room for investigation. 3C (non-forcing) would show more solid clubs and less outside trick-taking potential. 3H would be based on a poorer hand with 4 trumps or three good ones.

Bidding 2S (the only 100% force) is probably the recommended action but would imply better heart support when I raise in subsequent rounds.

GOWDY: Three hearts. 5-card major players generally do not bid weak four card suits over 1C, but temporize with 1D. Therefore North could be assumed to hold a good fourcarder (e.g. KQ10x) or any five cards. Second choice 3C.

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

S:1074 H:654 D:6 C:QJ9742

West	North	East	South
-	-	3C	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
3D	Pass	Pass	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
Pass	5	100
Any bid	0	60

Well, we've finally done it. After some 120 problems, we have our first unanimous panel, even if this is a mini-panel.

ONG: Pass. Should be unanimous.

STEWART: Pass. My hand will be worthless in a major contract after a trump lead. Partner didn't bid 4C on the first round. I wouldn't terribly mind playing at the three-level, but how will partner be able to resist taking me to four?

So what's the problem, you ask? Well, partner probably isn't going to be thrilled when you pass what he thinks is a forcing bid. What should he do with, say, AKQxx AKQx Axx x? He knows he is putting a lot of pressure on you by passing, but from his point of view it is illogical to let them play 3D undoubled after they've run from 3 clubs. But I guess winning players are less concerned with the purity of the auction than with practical considerations. That's why they win a lot.

DELOGU: Pass. It is logical to play partner's pass as forcing. However, in the absence of any agreements I will not take it as such. Even with such an agreement I might just take a position and pass.

SCHAMEHORN: Pass. If partner wanted to insist on the majors he could have bid 4C during either of the rounds of bidding. Besides, he's going to start wondering when I continually bid three-card suits (see problem B).

Maybe he didn't want to insist on the majors. He figures if you have x xx Qxxx Jxxxxx he'd rather defend 3D doubled. So he is giving you a choice between bidding and doubling.

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

S:A9743 H:6 D:73 C:AKQ93

West	North	East	South
1H	Pass	4H	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
4S	4	100
Double	1	50

This hand is also from the Seattle Olympiad. In the Austria vs. Paraguay match, Austria's Alexander Milavec bid

4S, and went down one in spite of a decent dummy (10xx xxx AJxxx xx). Milavec was later taken to task by his non-playing captain, who felt double was clear-cut.

GOWDY: Double. If partner has four spades, okay. If he has 9+ minor cards he should bid 4NT and let you pick your suit. If balanced, he will probably pass.

ONG: Four spades. Another unanimous bid.

DELOGU: Four spades. I take my shot at the ten-trick game. This auction is far more likely to buy three spades than say 3H-pass-4H (also a good split is more likely). Double risks 5D or -590 or +100, when +620 is cold. The occasional number is more than offset by numerous vulnerable game bonuses.

STEWART: Four spades. This shows I have a lot of confidence in my opponents (still Lawrence-Weichsel?)

SCHAMEHORN: Four spades. These opponents aren't nice. Double by South may get a 5D bid from partner. And he needs very little for us to make game, i.e. four small spades or 3 to an honour and red ace.

In the unlikely event Mr. Milavec reads this, he should feel vindicated.

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

S:J9 H:AJ74 D:Q109 C:6432

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
3S	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	5S	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Which card do you lead?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
Small H	3	100
J of H	1	90
Ace of H	1	60
Non-heart	0	0

In this auction the opponents have kindly informed us that they both lack a heart control. We know that partner has the king, and partner knows we have the ace. Therefore, there are only two reasonable leads:

SCHAMEHORN: Jack of hearts. Maybe we'll even get three heart tricks if they're split Qxx opposite 10xx in declarer's hand and partner has K98. If either opponent has two hearts, which is likely, we may pick up a queen in one of the remaining suits for the setting trick.

DELOGU: Heart four. A heart is obvious as East requested West bid a slam with second round control. Low heart caters to the queen in declarer's hand and jack caters to the queen in dummy if partner or declarer has the ten. The auction offers no great clues. So do I go for the pizzazz and lead the jack? No.

There follows a detailed analysis of the various possibilities culminating in the conclusion that a low lead caters to more constellations than the jack. Take his (and my) word for it.

ONG: Small heart to partner's king, to trap declarer's queen.

So Mr. Ong scores a perfect 600 (only the second panelist ever to do so, I believe), and on a very difficult set of problems. In closing, I would like to suggest that every serious bridge player in Canada should make an effort to attend the Fall Nationals which Mr. Ong will chair. Winnipeg's tradition of hospitality and efficiency, plus the conveniently central location should produce a truly outstanding tournament.

AUGUST CONTEST

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AUGUST PROBLEMS

(A) Rubber bridge, North-South vulnerable, South holds:

S:AKJ84 H:QJ4 D:Q62 C:AQ

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	IS
Pass	4NT	5D	5H*
Pass	6D	Pass	?

* by agreement, shows two aces

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

S:76 H:10985 D:J9 C:AK965

West	North	East	South
IS	Dbl.	Pass	?

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

S:3 H:J753 D:Q9875 C:652

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

Note: E-W are novices.

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

S:J85 H:AJ93 D:109 C:AKJ4

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

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

S:- H:AK753 D:AK8643 C:J5

West	North	East	South
1NT*	Pass	Pass	?

* 15-17 HCP

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

S:1093 H:AKQ1085 D:104 C:72

West	North	East	South
-	-	2C*	2H
Pass	4H	5H	Dbl.
7C	Dbl.	7D	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

* artificial, game-forcing

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It's A Serious Game ... But A Lot Of Laughs

Iras Gartrell

A new player in our Thursday Afternoon Club has a little trouble with his weak two bid ... but he is determined to get them right. In the West seat, first position, he opened a weak 2 diamonds, North bid 2 hearts, and East said 2 no trump, pass by South, and 3 spades by our stalwart friend was passed by everyone. No one was quite

sure what was going on. East put down his hand which, of course, had all the marbles and 4 spades was made. At the end of the hand South asked why he had opened a weak 2 diamond when he had a 6-card spade suit. "Oh," came the reply, "when you bid a weak 2, does it have to be in the suit with the 6 cards?" ...!*



Mark Molson is being presented the Richmond Trophy by Victor Goldberg, President of the C.B.F.

(photo by Judith Cezar)



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Molson-Baran

Win Open Pairs Championships



Victor Goldberg, President of the C.B.F. is shown presenting the R. James Donaldson Memorial Trophy to Mark Molson and Boris Baran, winners of the COPC.

(photo by Judith Cezar)

Overall Winners

- | | | |
|------|---|-------|
| 1. | Boris Baran - Mark Molson,
Montreal | 401.6 |
| 2. | Jim Riegel - Dave Stothart,
Ottawa On | 398.3 |
| 3. | Nick Gartaganis, St. Laurent-
Doug Fraser, Mt. Royal | 387.5 |
| 4-5: | Andy Nagy, Richmond BC-
Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver | 386.5 |
| 4-5: | Raymond Fortin,
Montmagny-Andre Laliberte,
Neufchatel | 386.4 |
| 6. | Michael Betts-Brian
Alexander, Fredericton NB | 382.7 |

Play began at the club level in October 1983 for the first ever Canadian Pairs

Championship (COPC). The final was played at the Spring North American Championships in Montreal and a local pair emerged victorious. Mark Molson and Boris Baran, both of Montreal, closed strongly to win the R. James Donaldson Memorial Trophy. They also gained one of the C.B.F. subsidized Open Pair berths in the 1986 World Championships in Miami.

Jim Riegel and Dave Stothart of Ottawa were a close second followed by Nick Gartaganis of St. Laurent, and Doug Fraser of Mount Royal. Both these pairs qualified for unsubsidized spots in the World Championships.

Qualification for this event was earned by

placing in the Olympiad Fund and International Fund games held in Canada commencing in October 1983 and running through August 1984. Qualified individuals formed pairs to compete in Unit Finals. The number of pairs qualifying per unit was based on Unit membership. At the National Final several pairs were added from the host Zone to make the perfect movement to 28 tables.

The first day belonged to B.C.. At the end of the first qualifying session Bill Tim and Bruce Broadfoot of Prince George led the field. This hand contributed to their fine score:

Board 1 - 1st Qual.

<div><div>754</div><div>AQ103</div><div>Q42</div><div>J79</div></div>			
K	AJ98		
K82	J9		
A1065	KJ8		
KQ854	AJ63		
<div><div>Q10632</div><div>7654</div><div>973</div><div>2</div></div>			
Bruce		Bill	
N	E	S	W
P	1S	P	2C
P	3C	P	3D
P	4C	P	6C (1)

All pass

(1) A mandatory match-point bid, since 3NT obviously makes and was by-passed.

Notes: Playing 4-card majors has its merits. On this deal, West could become declarer at clubs (most of the field either played 3NT or 6C from the wrong side and were scuttled by a fairly obvious heart lead).

The Queen of Diamonds was duly guessed. Making 6C for 23½ out of 25.

In the second session Aidan Ballantyne and Andy Nagy, Vancouver, leapfrogged past

the field to lead by a full board. Unfortunately the carry-over formula reduced their score to the maximum two boards. This proved to be costly as they finished fourth, less than a point behind third.

Aidan and Andy showed excellent judgement on the following bidding sequence:

East's Hand

(Nagy)

S	H	D	C
A	A	K	A
	9	J	K
	6	5	J
	5		9
			2

West's Hand

(Ballantyne)

S	H	D	C
J	4	A	Q
10		2	8
9			6
8			4
7			
5			

Auction

E	S	W	N
1C	Dbl	1S	P
2H	P	5C	P
6C	P	P	P

On the lead of the Heart K, declarer was able to crossruff for 13 tricks.

After the first day the field was cut in half to 28 pairs. Each pair played two boards against every other pair. In the first final session the lead changed hands again with Mike Betts-Brian Alexander, Fredericton taking over. They play an aggressive style which works well at matchpoints, as evidenced by the following auction. With clubs blocking, three no trump came home.

North

10943

1043

2

K8764

Alexander

KQJ
KQJ85
J3
J95

Betts

A76
A7
Q9864
1032

South

852
962
AK1075
AQ

Auction

S	W	N	
1D	1H	P	1NT
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Opening lead:

7 of diamonds

In the final session the lead changed hands for the fourth and final time. Molson and Baran play very fast and loose. To win with this style you need to play well and get some luck. Here are the two hands from the final which illustrate their exciting style.

North

K62
63
942
J9863

Molson

A43
AQJ42
A76
K5

Baran

J10987
1087
KJ
Q107

South

Q5
K95
Q10853
A42

Auction

E	S	W	N
P	P	1H	P
1NT (!)	P	2NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

Opening lead: low diamond

Baran concealed his five card spade suit

and three card heart support. As it turns out hearts, spades, and no trump all make five. But on his auction, Baran had an added advantage - the defense did not expect there to be 9 major suit winners.

When they didn't cash their club ace after winning the spade king he made six-overkill for all the matchpoints.

Mark and Boris admit they had a bidding misunderstanding on this hand but they still came out winners.

North

862
A106
KQ432
97

Molson

K93
KQJ93
J76
A6

Baran

AQ104
82
9
KQ10542

South

J75
754
A1085
J83

Auction

(North-South passing)

Molson

1NT (14-16)
3C (disinterested)
4H (natural; spade tolerance)
5H (2 key cards)

Baran

2S (transfer to clubs)
3S (natural)
4NT (KCB)
5S (hope this makes)

The defense played two rounds of diamonds and Boris ruffed and led a heart. The defense won the ace and continued the diamond tap. Boris crossed his fingers and drew trump. When they were three-three he claimed, making five for most of the matchpoints.

In congratulating the winners and presenting the Donaldson Trophy, C.B.F. President, Victor Goldberg, observed that the first COPC had been played in the spirit in which Jim Donaldson played the game. Donaldson, a west coast expert renowned for his high standards of ethics and deportment and friendly, positive manner died of cancer in 1983 at the age of 43. He

represented Canada twice and also won a North American Championship.

The next national final of the COPC will be held in 1986 in conjunction with the Summer North American Championships in Toronto. Play is already underway at the clubs. This event also will award berths in the 1986 World Pairs Championship.

Tri-Country Playoffs

By Michael Kenny

As many people will remember, in the spring of 1983, the NCBO's (National Contract Bridge Organizations) of Mexico, Bermuda, & Canada endorsed a proposal whereby each country would qualify a team to a 'Tri-Country Playoff' amongst each other. The victorious team would qualify as the second North American representative to the following Bermuda Bowl. Canada had never sent a team to the Bermuda Bowl before.

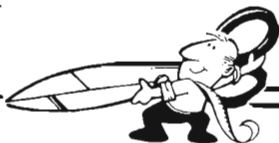
The first such playoff was held on 3, 4, 5 March, 1985, in Montreal, preceding the spring North American Championships. For 2 days, the teams played a 3-way match (64 boards against each) to eliminate one of their number. At the end of the second day, the Mexican team (Gonzalo Herrera, Miguel Reygadas, Laura Mariscal, Elias Konstantinovskiy, Sol Dubson, Jorge

Rosenkranz) had been eliminated. The 64 board final would see Canada (Subhash Gupta, Doran Flock, Gordon Campbell, Michael Chomyn, Brian Maksymetz, Drew Cannell, John Carruthers NPC) facing Bermuda (Charles Vaucrosson, Alan Douglas, David Periera, Ian Harvey).

Canada benefitted from the full 41 I.M.P. carryover built up during the 3 way match and added to it each quarter to win easily and become our first entry ever in the Bermuda Bowl, which will be played in Sao Paulo, Brazil late this October.

When all was said and done, the Canadian team had played well throughout, and deserved the win. Plans have already begun for the next playoff, which will be in Mexico, in 2 years - but for now, it's off to Brazil.

Letters To the Editor



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Yours Sincerely,

Fumio Watanabe
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