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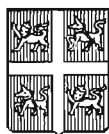
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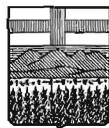
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## Did You Ever Notice???

- on the day you move into your new home, you have to be on a plane for a bridge event 2000 miles away?
- husbands never put dishes or books away where you want them.
- husbands love to rearrange furniture.
- when you have been entertained by wonderful hosts you inevitably forget something so they will be inconvenienced and have to send it to you.
- when you make an aggressive lead from Q102, declarer has AKJ.
- when the opponent makes the same lead, his partner has AKJ.
- when you find a perfect partner, unfortunately he's also looking for a perfect partner.
- when you make a brilliant play there is not a kibitzer to be found.
- there are fourteen kibitzers at the table when you duck declarer's stiff king.
- when you feel like eating "Chinese", the other members of your team want pizza.
- when you're checking scores and you were in 6 spades doubled and making, no one else played that board.
- when everyone but you made 4 hearts, everyone wants to discuss that board.
- when you play rubber bridge everyone's winnings total up to your losses.
- when you lose a lot everyone wants you to play rubber bridge, but no one wants you for a partner.
- the day before you move you replace a 25¢ knob that's been missing off the shower faucet for 3 years.
- when you're on a diet all people talk about is food and hot fudge sundaes at that.

## We Moved

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# *The 1985 Canadian National Ladies Teams*



left to right: Anna Boivin; Renee Mancuso; Nancy Koffler; Steve Goldstein, N.P.C.; Barbara Saltsman; Beverly Kraft; Rhonda Habert.

## *Ladies Team Champions From Montreal*

by Eric Kokish, Montreal

The success of the first CLTC in Vancouver in 1984 served to convince the Canadian Bridge Federation that it might be a worthwhile idea to support and assist in the development of women's bridge in Canada. This with the long term aim of contending more seriously internationally, where Canada's history has so far featured only lukewarm success.

July 2, 1985.

Twenty-five teams made it to Halifax, with the full breadth of the country being represented.

From the outset, the pace was set by CULP (Maureen Culp-Linda Wynston, Toronto, Muriel Back-Ruth Stevens,

Hamilton) and CAFFERATA (Mike Cafferata, npc-Gloria Silverman-Ruthie Gold, Chris Hutton-Wendy Geyer, Joan Eaton-Laurie MacIntyre, primarily Toronto-based) also got off to a good start and stayed close. With one match to go, three teams were still in serious contention for the two remaining spots in the semi-finals. They were: BROWN (Richard Brown, npc-Sharron Lewis-Beryl Callaghan, Linda Busby-Myrtle Moulton, Sharron Balkam-Sandra Fraser, primarily Halifax-based); HOLLAND (George Holland, npc-Jean Groome, Leslie Gold, Donna McDuff, Jenny Paynter, Kathy Adachi, Ina Andersen, Vancouver); GOLDSTEIN (Steve Goldstein, npc-Barbara Saltsman-Nancy Koffler, Renee Mancuso-Anna Boivin, Rhoda Habert-Beverly Kraft, Montreal). HOLLAND

promptly lost by 3 IMPs, 27-33 VP. Things looked bleak for the Vancouver girls. But then came the news that BROWN, the local favourites, had lost even worse, 10-50 VP. HOLLAND was in! And what of GOLDSTEIN? The Montreal girls came through with a big 52-8 win to secure third place. The relevant final placings were: (1) CULP-1021 VP; (2) CAFFERATA-946; (3) GOLDSTEIN-909; (4) HOLLAND-893. BROWN had to settle for fifth, a few VP back.

For me, this sort of exercise invariably turns up deals that tend toward the blood-curdling rather than the heartwarming. Consider this: on your very first deal, you pick up: AK107432 --- 853 764. With neither side vulnerable, you hear: INT-pass-4H-??? Well, who wouldn't bid 4S here? Surely not you. This is greeted by a prompt double. The CA is led and dummy produces (only) Q8 542 KJ974 KJ2. The defenders fail to continue clubs, and you have time for diamonds, so you score up +590. Right? Wrong! That's +790, they tell you. Omigod! you were vul vs nonvul all the time! Come on, 'fess up - you wouldn't have bid 4S under those conditions! Sure enough, at the other table, your teammates score a quiet +420 and you gain only 15 IMPs. Maybe this is going to be your tournament, Rhoda Habert.

And then there was this true story: in the match between MILKS (Catherine Milks-Denise Roussin, Mary Edney-Noreen Sugarman) and GOLDSTEIN, Two unnamed gladiatrices picked up: --- 9764 KJ875 10432, nonvul vs vul. Their partners opened 1S and after a pass on their right, they also chose to pass. Came a reopening double and two passes. Both these courageous (???) elected to stand their ground. The price was (yes, yes) ...1100. Six down. True, the opponents could make 6S against that very legitimate 1S opening, but who would bid it? Meanwhile, 2C or 2D would have been near-makes.

In the same match, Kingston's Mary

Edney won a bundle of IMPs for her team with a piece of instinctive bidding. Nonvul vs vulnerable, she picked up a balanced 18-count that happened to include D:KJ107. She heard a 1D opening on her right and judged to pass. No, there was no reopening double when the opening bid was passed by responder, but 1D went down 400 against a partscore at the other table. A INT overcall indeed! What a sniffer.

Let's say that your partner opened 1C, neither side vulnerable, and your RHO overcalled 4H. Choose an action with: 752 --- AKJ954 Q853. 4NT? 5H? A simple 5C or 6C? Nah, you choose to pass, fearing a short club (or something). Partner reopens with a double. What now? 4NT? 5H? 5NT? 6C? 5D? 6D? 5C? Nah, you choose to pass again!

You set this three tricks for +500, and you are, in fact, cold for a grand slam in either minor. A big loss? No, a 2-IMP gain, because your opponents in the other room settled for 5D and scored +440. Are you abashed? Not even a little bit... "we gained on the board, didn't we?"

But along the way, there was some good bridge too, and the four teams who made it into the semifinals surely deserved their success.

CULP chose HOLLAND and started with a 7-IMP carryover. This left CAFFERATA to deal with GOLDSTEIN, 3 IMPs in arrears.

CULP got off to a good start, and led after the first quarter by 20 IMPs, 36-16.

Meanwhile, in the other match, the bridge was extraordinarily dull for the most part. There was, however, one glaring exception.

Bd 8  
Dir: W  
Vul: None



NORTH  
S 4  
H 9873  
D KQ64  
C QJ65

WEST  
S AK8  
H AJ10  
D AJ8  
C 10974

EAST  
S 109652  
H K52  
D 10532  
C 2

SOUTH  
S QJ73  
H Q64  
D 97  
C AK83

The Bidding:

West	North	East	South
McInt	Mancuso	Eaton	Boivin
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	P	Dbl.
P	P	2S	Dbl.
P	P	P	

Joan Eaton's unusual sequence to 2S had the effect of attracting a penalty double (the auction was ostensibly forcing on N/S). Eaton ruffed the second club, went to the DA, ruffed a club went to the HA, ruffed a club high, and led the S9. Boivin had no good answer to this and Eaton finished with nine winners, for +570.

A good result for CAFFERATA, one would think. But no, the play was going a bit too slowly at the other table. Relying on one of the less sensible rules in the CLTC conditions, the arbitrators carefully removed board 8 from play and the fine CAFFERATA result was wiped out. How, dear readers, can this rule possibly be a wise one. Even in the fabled Vanderbilt, where one table dared to finish more than hour after the grace period concluded, the results were allowed to stand. After all, it was not as if one pair

had been ultra-slow and that slowness should be penalized. Rather, it was a random punishment. Neither side chose to protest this result, but no one was happy about it (although Mancuso-Boivin were surely grateful not to have to bring back their result "officially").

After 16 deals, GOLDSTEIN led 10-2 (more or less)

The second quarter rivalled the first for dullness. There were exactly no big swings, but there might have been a few more small ones. The bridge was not great, but nor was it awful. After 32 deals, CULP led 59-37, gaining 2 IMPs on the stanza; GOLDSTEIN was 4 IMPs ahead of CAFFERATA, 27-23, after dropping the quarter, 17-21. If there was anything to be noted in the second quarter, it might have been the discomfort to CAFFERATA in coping with the weak notrump employed by one of the GOLDSTEIN pairs.

There was one amusing moment: Beverly Kraft, in third seat, nonvul vs vul, elected to open 1H rather than 1NT with: A632 AJ96 532 K4. This was doubled for takeout and left in for penalty and Kraft decided to escape through the medium of a redouble. Rhoda Habert removed to 1NT and Kraft, recognizing this as a takeout manoeuvre, removed in turn to 1S. This tactical insufficiency was greeted by a reflex semi-pass on Kraft's left. The arbitre was duly summoned and he ruled that there had been no pass and that Kraft would have to make her bid sufficient. "Wait a minute," she protested, "can't I do something else?" Informed that she could also pass and bar her partner, Kraft seized that option. All this seemed to have a mesmerizing effect on the opponents, who passed out 1NT. Since they couldn't make much of anything, the +100 against 1NT was a good result, however, and since Saltsman-Koffler had found a contract in which to go minus at their table, CAFFERATA gained 5 IMPs. Rather remarkably, there had been no swing of more than 7 IMPs in the first half of this match, and precious few in the other match.

In the third quarter, CULP outscored HOLLAND 38-29 to run their lead to 31 IMPs with sixteen deals to play.

Meanwhile, GOLDSTEIN vs CAFFERATA continued to be desperately close and once again, there were no big swings. Not that there shouldn't have been. On the first deal, the North players opened 1NT and the Souths blasted into 4H. Both Wests led the D6, and this dummy appeared: K53 Q2 AQJ2 QJ96. The Easts, behind dummy, held: J842 J10 K875 832. Both declarers played low on the diamond lead and the king won, declarer contributing the ten. What now? Gloria Silverman switched to a club, which was right. Kraft returned a diamond, which was wrong, but Chris Hutton, whose hand was: Q9 A98754 1094 A10, took an immediate club finesse herself to go one down and halve the board. Had she led a spade instead, the defense would have had no answer.

On the next deal, Habert-Kraft pushed Wendy Geyer to 3H with: Q742 AK107653 2 5 facing: J3 42 K873 AK986. Kraft led a diamond honour through dummy and then switched to the H8, 2, queen, king. Geyer threw a spade on a second high club and led a second trump herself, which proved fatal since Kraft held H:J98 and Geyer had to lose three spades in addition. An early spade play by Geyer would have landed the contract. Since Gold-Silverman sold out tamely to 2H, an easy make, GOLDSTEIN gained 6 IMPs.

Mancuso-Boivin outbid Geyer-Hutton on the next deal (also), stopping safely at 2H with: AQJ A8754 75 AK6 facing: K543 Q102 1032 732, while the Toronto girls got themselves (voluntarily) to 3S, two down. Another 6 IMPs.

CAFFERATA picked away at the GOLDSTEIN lead without much effect. One deal sticks out. On board 40, with no one vulnerable, Chris Hutton picked up in fourth seat: KJ62 AK AKJ952 2. She opened 1D and heard 1S on her left. Negative double from Geyer. Pass on her

right. Hutton elected to pass. The defense might have done better but the result was two down, -300. 3NT was possible, but not quite biddable, and Mancuso-Boivin scored +150 in the other room, so CAFFERATA gained 4 IMPs, their biggest gain of the set.

Lest you get the notion that women's bridge is something less than the jungle that has become the norm in the "open" milieu, let me show you a few pieces of evidence for the defense (or is that "offense"?)

On board 41, one intrepid West held: 52 52 A75 QJ10976, vul vs nonvul. She heard: 2H (weak)-2S-4H-??? Fearlessly, she ventured 4S (a la Irving Litvack, whose reverence for the vulnerable overcall rivals Shi'ite reverence for hostage-taking). Since partner held: AKQ1086 J104 K102 2, nothing terrible happened -4S down 100 (It might have been 500 though) with 4H down 50. At the other table the result was the same, after; 2H-3D-3H-P-P-3S-P-4S.

On board 43, the players' most base instincts were put to the test again. The Wests held: K5 KQ976 K7652 4, neither side vulnerable one spade on their right.

#1 judged to pass, but after 1NT -Pass-2C (possibly only three cards), she could pass no longer. Creatively, she came in with 2D hoping to show both red suits. Not that this is a bad idea. Indeed, it makes as much sense as a "prebalance" and nearly as much sense as "a spade trap with diamonds," but this was a solo excursion, and a risky one. In fact, E/W were in trouble now, but North rescued to 2S with: 96 AJ82 Q103 Q853, and that went one down. Intrepid #2 came in with a vaunted Michaels Cue-bid, and North issued a general invitation to penalize with an immediate double. This ran around to the cue-bidder, who escaped to 3D, which in turn ran around to opener, who held: AQ874 53 A98 A106. Double seems the most obvious action now, and this would have netted roughly +500, but (perversely) South reopened with 3S, and somehow escaped for down one also, halving the

board!

But the most exciting board of the quarter was...

BD: 47  
DLR: S  
VUL: E/W

NORTH  
S J10862  
H Q63  
D 93  
C 1086

WEST	EAST
S Q954	S A73
H 982	H ---
D 1084	D KQ765
C AJ9	C K5432

SOUTH  
S K  
H AKJ10754  
D AJ2  
C Q7

At neither table did North respond to 1H (although no one asked for my opinion, I can't help but state that this is usually both a tactical and practical error). At both tables, the Easts reopened with a double. Both Souths jumped to 3H. The GOLDSTEIN North judged to pass (a remarkable, albeit winning, view) and that ended proceedings, +140. The CAFFERATA North, Geyer, raised to 4H, the normal action, and Kraft, East, went for the throat with a second double. Habert, West, judged to pass (a spectacular decision in your writer's view, which is still unsolicited), and she led the H9.

Hutton was faced with an interesting problem. Should she concede a diamond, take a ruff in dummy, and try to sneak the spade through for +790 or -200? Or should she try a spade at trick two, risking -500 in the interest of withholding information from East? Hutton won the trump in dummy and went for Plan B, calling for the SJ. East ducked! Good. Now Hutton

was home by simply conceding a diamond and taking a ruff. Alas, she was thinking impure thoughts and cashed a second trump! Now the CQ. West ducked! East won and switched to the DQ. Had Hutton ducked this, it would have been vital for East to switch to a club to allow West to get that miserable trump out of dummy, but Hutton won the DA and returned the DJ. East won and led a club and now the trump return killed the contract. A thrill a minute. Down 200, the normal result (well, the double was hardly normal, I guess) after all. 8 IMPs to GOLDSTEIN, who won the third set 21-8 to lead with sixteen deals remaining by 17 IMPs, 48-31.

CULP coasted home easily, winning the fourth quarter 26-14 and the match 123-80, eliminating the plucky HOLLAND team.

It would be CULP vs GOLDSTEIN for the 1985 CLTC and a spot in the Rosenblum Knockout Teams.

The match was decided in the first quarter.

BD: 2  
DLR: E  
VUL: N/S

NORTH  
S AK86  
H 5  
D J8  
C KQ10754

WEST	EAST
S 1072	S QJ9543
H K10763	H A4
D 9543	D A6
C 6	C J98

SOUTH  
S ---  
H QJ982  
D KQ1072  
C A32



OPEN ROOM			
Saltsman WEST	Culp NORTH	Koffler EAST	Wynston SOUTH
3S	3NT	1S	2S
P	5D	P	4D
DBL		P	P

CLOSED ROOM			
Stevens WEST	Habert NORTH	Back EAST	Kraft SOUTH
1NT	P	1S	P
P	3C	2S	P
P	4C	P	3H

In the Open Room, Barbara Saltsman crowded the auction with a bold raise to 3S, and this effectively buried the N/S club fit. Whether 3NT was natural or a request for South to name her minor (that Michaels Cue-bid reared its pretty head again), Culp and Wynston got confused and finished in 5D, which Saltsman cleverly doubled on the strength of her heart holding and trump nuisance. She led a club and soon collected an enterprising +500 for her efforts.

In the Closed Room, Kraft elected to pass over 1S and Habert, who had no natural 2C overcall available over the forcing 1NT (2C would have been a light takeout double of 1S), also passed. When she reopened with 3C over 2S, Kraft tried for game with a forcing 3H. Habert might have done more than 4C but she didn't, and she managed eleven tricks right there, +150, and a surprising 12-IMP pickup.

CULP came back strong with three consecutive significant gains. On board 3, Kraft misread her hand (K82 10973 K AKJ86) through her foggy glasses and passed as dealer. So did everyone else and this cost a partscore swing, 5 IMPs.

On board 4, these were the E/W cards: (E) 10632 KQ632 A84 8, facing (W) AKQJ AJ987 --- K1072. In the Closed Room, Stevens-Back found a way to the cold 6H but in the Open Room, Saltsman-Koffler found only trouble. Saltsman,

West, opened 1H and Maureen Culp came in with 3C. Koffler, East, chose to leap to 4H and Saltsman chose to pass. On another day, both actions might have been reasonable and successful, but not this time, 13 IMPs to CULP.

On board 5, Habert held: AJ6 K8 A106532 J10. She opened 1D and Kraft responded 1S (occasionally a three-card suit: weak hands only in those cases). Ruth Stevens overcalled 2H and this was raised by Muriel Back to 4H. Habert led the DA and this dummy appeared: 32 Q103 QJ8 A8732. Kraft furnished the D7 and declarer the king. Playing reverse count and attitude signals, Habert could not read her partner's card with any certainty. She guessed to switch to the SA, which was fatal, since declarer held: K10954 AJ9762 K K. Perhaps Kraft should have encouraged diamonds from 974, since she had clubs locked up and a spade switch might be very bad, declarer marked for five of those on the bidding (no raise from Habert). 7 IMPs more.

But that was all for CULP in the first quarter. On board 6, Back overbid egregiously to a terrible slam, and a thoughtful lead by Kraft set the contract 200, 13 IMPs back.


A few deals later ...

BD: 10  
DLR: E  
VUL: Both

NORTH  
S Q98  
H 53  
D 432  
C Q9652

WEST	EAST
S 7	S A432
H A10975	H J2
D AJ865	D 9
C 104	C AKJ873

SOUTH  
S KJ1065  
H KQ84  
D KQ107  
C ---



Stevens-Back reached 3C with the E/W cards, and Back finished with ten untroubled tricks. In the Open Room, however, Saltsman-Koffler climbed all the way to 5C, doubled by Culp after some strong bidding by Wynston, South. The DK was led and Koffler took three diamond ruffs and two spade ruffs. The HA was her eighth trick, and she had to score the AKJ of trumps to land her scramble game, +750, 12 IMPs.

On board 13, Habert-Kraft judged well to take a penalty at the one-level (+200 only) while Culp-Wynston climbed far too high on the same cards, reaching 5D, down 300, with: A1096 5 953 AQ1096 facing: 74 AQJ42 QJ1086 3, 11 IMPs more.

The last big swing of the first set came on board 15, where Habert-Kraft reached 5C with A84 AJ74 J98 K84 facing: K109 Q53 A Q109732, while Culp-Wynston stopped at 3C. Everything was friendly so the vulnerable game made and GOLDSTEIN had another 10 IMPs.

GOLDSTEIN had started with a 1-IMP carryover lead and at the end of the first quarter, the lead had increased to 40 IMPs, 67-27.

There was much less in the cards in the second quarter.

GOLDSTEIN took the second set, 23-21, and led at the half by 42 IMPs, 90-48.

The third quarter started badly for CULP. On board 34, a Kraft weak no-trump jockeyed Stevens-Back into an inferior partscore, 5 IMPs to GOLDSTEIN. Then, a big break:

On board 35, these were the E/W cards: (E) AKQ10 952 Q109 876 facing (W) J865 AQ10 A742 KQ. In the Open Room, Kraft opened 3C in front of Stevens, West, who doubled. Back, East, jumped to 4S, the normal contract. A diamond was led, and Back guessed to duck, which was fatal since the diamond (the three) was a singleton. At the other table, there was no 3C opening, and Saltsman-Koffler bid 1NT-3NT///. North led a diamond from KJ865 and 3NT made

an overtrick. 12 IMPs to GOLDSTEIN. It was beginning to look grim for CULP, but suddenly, the tide turned.

On board 39, Nancy Koffler picked up: KJ6 KJ75 83 J854, both vulnerable. 1C from Saltsman; 3D from Culp; Would you venture a negative double. Koffler chose to pass. When Saltsman reopened with a double, Koffler chose to bid only 3H and an easy vulnerable game was missed. 10 IMPs to CULP.

On board 41, Koffler opened 1D with: K874 1063 AKQ6 J9, and rebid 1S over Saltsman's 1H Saltsman, who held: QJ95 AK542 2 AK5, tried Blackwood and drove to slam, which had virtually no play, as you can see. At the other table, Stevens and Back had to contend with a 3C preempt from Habert, and they managed to stop safely at 4S. 13 IMPs to CULP. The margin was 34 IMPs now, and some of the players were beginning to succumb to the heat and fatigue. CULP, you will recall, was a four-person team. GOLDSTEIN, composed of six players and a captain, was better off, but the ranks included a pregnant Nancy Koffler, who was playing her third successive quarter in the final.

On board 44, GOLDSTEIN set part-scores at both tables to gain 4 IMPs, the last significant swing of the quarter.

Both teams missed a golden opportunity on board 48. The E/W cards were: (E) K109543 QJ Q103 J10, facing: (W) AQ6 AK8543 7 A82. A very nice 6S, but both Saltsman-Koffler and Stevens-Back failed to get past four.

CULP had recouped 7 IMPs, 28-21, and with sixteen deals remaining, GOLDSTEIN was 35 IMPs ahead, 111-76.

GOLDSTEIN took charge early in the fourth quarter and held CULP scoreless through ten deals, running the lead to 77 IMPs. Most of those IMPs were scored in bits and pieces, with good results at both tables. There was one game swing ...

BD: 58  
DLR: E  
VUL: Both

NORTH  
S KQ742  
H QJ1032  
D Q62  
C ---

WEST  
S AJ85  
H 96  
D AK105  
C KQ9

EAST  
S 63  
H A875  
D 97  
C AJ763

SOUTH  
S 109  
H K4  
D J843  
C 10852

This was curious. At one table, West (Habert) opened 1D, playing weak no-trumps. Culp, North, experimented with a 1H overcall, and her opponents reached 3NT. Culp, delighted to be on lead (spades were never bid and dummy, East, denied four of them) and started a low spade. That was trick nine. At the other table, Stevens, another weak notrumpist, also opened 1D. Mancuso overcalled a pedestrian 1S and East volunteered a negative double. Stevens rebid 1NT, showing 15-17 HCP, but Back, East, forgot the system and passed 1NT. Just as well, for Mancuso put her fingers on the three of hearts! That was +120, but 10 IMPs to GOLDSTEIN.

Effectively, the match was over. CULP scored a couple of blows late in the day; one when Habert-Kraft got themselves to 5S, one down when trumps broke badly; another when Boivin unsafely played a delicate 4S while Back made it on a straightforward line. But in between, GOLDSTEIN picked up a few more useful swings, and the quarter ended 55-23 for GOLDSTEIN, who won the 1985 CLTC by 69 IMPs, 166-97.

The winners will compete not in a Women's event at the international level,

but rather in an Open event - the Rosenblum Teams in Miami. The experience will surely benefit the players, and perhaps prepare them for future Women's competition - the Venice Cup (which rumour suggests may be no more than a heartbeat away) and the Women's Olympiad Teams and the major North American events (the Women's Knockout being the most important of those).

The local organizing committee (Adele Stewart in particular) did a fantastic job with hospitality, with everyone being entertained by (one half of) Finnigan, the Maritimes' top minstrel act, following the last round robin match. There was a hospitality suite open all the time, and there was a nice victory celebration complete with champagne and speeches. The winners received individual trophies through the auspices of the donor of the CLTC's new permanent trophy, in the memory of Mrs. Mitchell. Despite some minor shortcomings, the CLTC has emerged as a class event, and future editions figure to be even better.

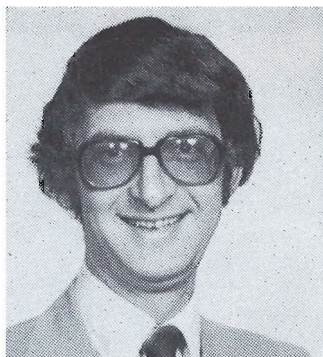
There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm among the players and Maureen Culp perhaps said it all for everyone at the closing ceremonies, when she took George Holland to task for an item in his speech about "every event having winners and losers." Said Maureen, "No, George, there were no losers in this event." To which everyone, including the redfaced George, applauded heartily.

Karl Hicks and Gordy Maser directed the full five days without an unpleasant incident, and it is through Karl that there were records of the hands. I thank him very much for his efforts.

Helen Colter, the national coordinator, stirred up enough interest to bring twenty-five teams to the easternmost part of the country, most of them at their own expense after playoffs in their zones. If the good work done in 1985 carries over to 1986, the CLTC will take a back seat to no event on the Canadian tournament calendar.

Next year in Thunder Bay??? Why not?

# Canadian Bidding Contest



## AUGUST HONOUR ROLL

By Allan Simon

A well-known expert entered the August competition and managed to edge the perennial superstar of this competition, Mr. Joseph Doucet. In all, ten readers topped the 500 mark:

1.	Mike Cafferata	Scarborough, Ont.	590
2.	Joseph Doucet	Toronto, Ont.	580
3.	Ken Warren	Pickering, Ont.	570
4.	Dr. Sriharsha	Yarmouth, N.S.	540
5.	Dr. Richard Bickley	Stettler, Alta.	530
6/7.	Peter Mott	Oshawa, Ont.	510
	Bruce Cameron	Mississauga, Ont.	510
8/10.	Andrew Chong	Toronto, Ont.	500
	Les Hajdo	Calgary, Alta.	500
	Marc Toupin	Valleyfield, Que.	500

For his winning performance, Mr. Cafferata received the bridge book "Unholy Tricks", by Bird and Reese, and was invited to join the panel for this month's competition.

## NOVEMBER PANEL

*In the customary alphabetical order, here are the experts who agreed to analyze this month's problems:*

MIKE CAFFERATA (Scarborough, Ont.) is the August reader-champion. But in fact he is a "ringer" who has amassed over 25 regional wins in his career. He represented Canada at the 1982 Olympiad in France and was slated to appear on this panel as an expert anyway. But he ensured his appearance by entering and winning the readers' contest.

JIM GREEN (Toronto) has won numerous regionals. His team has twice qualified for the final stage of the Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC); in 1982 in Regina, Green reached the semifinals before narrowly losing to the eventual winners.

MIKE HARGREAVES (Prince George, B.C.) is a well-known expert with an enviable record on the Western tournament trail. He is active in his unit as V.P. and

newsletter editor.

FRED HOFFER (Montreal), the co-owner of the famous Linton Bridge Club, has an illustrious record, highlighted by a fantastic second-place finish in Springold at the 1964 Nationals.

BEVERLY KRAFT (Montreal) has just won the Canadian Ladies Team Championships (CLTC) in Halifax. This came as no surprise, since her previous achievements include a victory at Japan's famous Epsom tourney (playing with Kehela, Kokish, et al.) and selection to Canada's contingent at the 1982 Biarritz Olympiad.

LISA LISTER (Edmonton) is the only woman to have qualified for the CNTC finals three times. She also has two regional wins to her credit.

HELEN PROMISLOW (Winnipeg) is a city councillor who no longer finds much time for bridge. But she represented Manitoba at the last two CLTCs and, like Hoffer she earned her most prestigious result at the 1964 Nationals, when she won the Marcus Cup Teams.

TONY REUS (Montreal) is another veteran of Biarritz, a former CNTC finalist, a winner of multiple regionals, and altogether one of Montreal's most successful players. His nickname is "Tuna".

JACK ROSS (Dowling, Ont.) is one of several national-class experts in the Sudbury area. This area, much like Trail (B.C.) or Quebec's Lac St. Jean region, is a hotbed of bridge, but does not receive the publicity it deserves.

PAUL THURSTON (St. Catharines, Ont.) has made quite a name for himself on the tough Toronto bridge scene. He has been to the CNTC finals three times, placing third overall in 1984 on a team which also included Mike Cafferata.

## NOVEMBER RESULTS

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

**S: - H:AKQ1074 D:K1085 C:873**

West	North	East	South
-	1D	Pass	1H
4S	Db1.	Pass	?

### Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
5S	5	100
4NT	2	90
6D	1	70
Pass	1	50
5D	1	40
5H	0	30

*The actual North hand and result will be revealed at the end of this discussion. But first to the panel: The majority felt that we just can't afford to pass up a vulnerable*

*slam. But don't trust those hearts. Partner's double suggests shortness there.*

PROMISLOW: Five spades. Partner cannot possibly know of my enormous diamond support. My hand should read as a powerful red hand. I believe we have a small slam. This is my one try for the big one.

ROSS: Five spades. I may have blown this match by not bidding 2H initially. Now, I don't bid. Instead, I crawl under the table. Emerging and realizing that 6 or 7 is probable, I try to recover. 6D over 6C (or 5NT) gets the idea across, but not the pattern. I will apologize to my teammates later.

*Green and Kraft promulgated a different scientific approach to suggest a choice of slams. They were, incidentally, the other panelists who objected to the initial one heart bid. Sorry, fellas. I don't play strong*



*jump shifts anymore and I guess I don't recognize one when I see one.*

KRAFT: Four notrump. Takeout. Will convert 5C to 5D. We like to play the double as good two-way hand but even opposite a Stone Age penalty double, slam is a real possibility.

GREEN: Four notrump. Since I didn't Blackwood over 1D, how could 4NT be Blackwood now? Therefore, 4NT is a slam try in diamonds. Over 5C, I'll bid 5S, and over 5D I'd pass.

*Any reader who selected 4NT and meant it as Blackwood may take his or her 90 points. But don't tell anybody.*

*A more straightforward solution was proposed by*

HOFFER: Six diamonds. My guess is as good as the next guy's.

In danger of missing the slam was

HARGREAVES: Five diamonds. There are many hands where we're cold for 6 or 7 but with most of them partner will be able to take another call. Over 6C I'll bid 7D. The danger of bidding more than 5D is that partner might have good spades and two club losers.

*Definitely missing the slam was*

THURSTON: Pass. The old-time experts always hedge their bets by saying "it would help to be at the table and know West's style, table feel, etc.". The fly in the ointment seems to be the club suit. Partner has shown diamonds and spades, we can't control clubs, so pass.

At least, he'll get plus 700. In real life, North held S:Q10xx H:x D: AJ9x C:AKxx. 6D was cold but 6H failed on a 5-1 break.

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

S:A102 H:1074 D:J976 C:AQ9

West	North	East	South
1H	Dbl.	Pass	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
3D	4	100
2H	4	80
1NT	1	60
2NT	0	50
2D	1	40

This problem was borrowed from the International Popular Bridge Monthly; there, an international panel favoured a 2H response. This would bring a 2NT rebid from partner, on Kx of hearts, KQxxx of diamonds and the black kings. Now if you raise to 3NT, this would go down, while 5D was cold all along. Therefore, the tie on our panel was broken to reward the 3D bidders. Still, if 2H is the worst bid you've ever made you can be my partner any time.

GREEN: Two hearts. There isn't a perfect bid in this problem; the choices are 3D, 2H (long shots 1NT, 1S, 2S). 2H leaves all denominations open as well as the level. It is imperfect, but flexible.

CAFFERATA: Two hearts. I may have to follow this up with 3H in order to get to 3NT.

*While this may work out okay (e.g. give partner KQJx Kx Axx Kxxx), I feel that our best shot at game lies in jumping in our best suit and to play partner for a more typical takeout double, like KQxx x KQxx Kxxx, with maybe a black jack thrown in for comfort.*

*A good bidder but a bad prophet:*

KRAFT: Three diamonds. Four cards in one of partner's suits and appropriate invitational values. I'm sure this will be a solo opinion, the panel choosing the catch-all cue.

*A good bidder with some bizarre second choices:*

ROSS: Three diamonds. It is true that partner has more room to manoeuvre if I were to choose 2NT or 3C.

*A good bidder and erudite philologist:*

THURSTON: Three diamonds, but whither goest we? (My university background, after bridge, focused on English). 2H will be hard to follow up with.

*Mr. Thurston was presumably out playing bridge when they had the lesson on English, finishing a sentence with a preposition.*

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

S:A974 H:7 D:J862 C:Q543

West	North	East	South
INT*	Dbl.	2H	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
2S	6	100
3H	4	70
Pass	0	20

*I hate defending against the weak notrump and this problem shows the convention at its best. Reasonable enough, the panel figures that if partner has a heart stack there is nothing we can do about it, so let's get to our best contract.*

HARGREAVES: Three hearts. I'll raise 3S to 4, but pass any other response.

HOFFER: Three hearts. I don't like it, but I'd rather overbid and show a three-suit fit than bid this miserable spade suit. I'll pass any non-jump suit bid by partner and also (ugh) 3NT.

*Miserable spade suit or not, that was the bid selected by most:*

REUS: Two spades. If partner doubled with 14 we're high enough. If not, he'll move.

ROSS: Two spades. Sure, I would like to have the fifth spade but I must get into this bidding now. If I were to pass and partner reopened, I would be even worse placed.

THURSTON: Two spades. Some values, some spades, my turn to bid, nothing more heroic called for. Game possible only if

partner has extras.

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

S:K H:KQJ D:8543 C:AK1084

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

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
Pass	4	100
3C	2	80
2NT	1	50
3D	1	50
3H	1	40
4C	1	20

*This pretty hand is not working out well at all. I wish I hadn't overcalled. Let's first go to the members of the optimist club:*

HARGREAVES: Four clubs. Since partner passed originally he doesn't have great spades...no weak two. I suspect he's got a club fit and is offering a way to improve the contract. 5C will be on with as little as AJ765 653 7 Q963.

CAFFERATA: Three hearts. I couldn't cue bid again. This should show extra and maybe lead to 3NT or 4S, hopefully not 4H.

KRAFT: Two notrump. I expect partner to bid again and not to raise NT with a singleton.

Hmmm...and not a word about solo opinion.

*Although I confess I bid 3H at the table (which worked out very badly), the middle-of-the-roaders have my endorsement:*

LISTER: Three clubs. Partner is a passed hand. Game is unlikely when I have only one ace. If partner finds a 3H bid, I'll raise.

*But a plurality of the panel felt enough was enough. They don't like what they've heard so far, so they cut their losses and pass:*

PROMISLOW: Three diamonds. But if



we were playing weak two-bids, I would pass. (We are, so I counted this as a pass. Same for readers who made similar comments. AS)

REUS: Pass. This might be last chance for a plus though 3D is close.

*For result merchants only: Partner had a 5431 (in that order) eight count and the doubling was about to begin.*

(E) Rubber bridge, both vul., South holds:

S:AKJ5 H:J108 D:5 C:A10852

West	North	East	South
-	3H	Pass	4H
5D	Pass	Pass	?

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
5H	7	100
Dbl.	3	60

*This month features an unusually large number of problems that I encountered myself. On this one, I bid 5H, which made easily, while 5D would have gone down one if we find our club ruff right away (West was void of hearts). While not always given to modesty, I found this one easy and was surprised to hear my partner and opponents praise my judgement. Still, some big names disagreed:*

GREEN: Double. Even though 5H figures to make, I'll bypass the opportunity to end the rubber for an almost certain plus; could be 500 or 800. When you have placed the opponents under pressure (here by bidding up to 4H on the first round), keep them there.

HOFFER: Double. Looks like a sure set, with 5H iffy at best.

*I would call "iffy at best" a rather pessimistic assessment. Even with nothing extra (e.g. xx KQxxxx xx xx), a spade finesse would see us home. And I would expect that finesse to win more often than not.*

*The mainstream opinion was to bid 5H and hope for the best:*

LISTER: Five hearts. West shows a ton of diamonds and is likely to have a heart void. If partner has club length, we are not certain to beat 5D. We are odds-on to make 5H.

REUS: Five hearts. I feel it's rather close to double but most of the time I rate to make and double will collect +500, +200 or -850.

*Mr. Reus is very unlucky, by the way. He regularly enters this contest as a reader and, like most experts, has never scored particularly well. Now that he is a panelist, with no chance at winning a prize, bingo - he rolls a 600.*

*A couple of panelists from central Canada (maybe preempts are stronger there?) not only bid 5H, they were wondering about slam:*

ROSS: Five hearts. Yes, I expect to make 5, yet 6 is probably missing two red cards. I, or both of my opponents, now have no idea of whether I am sacrificing or not, so may misguess. I may regret not having bid 3S first, should they bid 6D, watching I or 2 quick discards on opening lead.

PROMISLOW: Five hearts. You've given me a timid bid in the 4H call. But since I didn't bid 5H the first time (which I would have), I must follow through weakly.

(F) Matchpoints, North-South vul., South holds

S: A94 H:963 D:AQJ964 C:10

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	1D	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Scoring:

Action	Panel votes	Points
Diamond A	4	100
Diamond Q	3	90
Club 10	2	60

Small H	1	40
Spade	0	20

*Now that I think about it, this was a silly problem. Who knows what's right? But if we've accomplished nothing else, at least we've tortured a few hundred readers and ten innocent panelists. Here's a random sampling from their valiant efforts:*

**HARGREAVES:** Ten of clubs. Partner's silence is very informative... opener has lots of HCP and, more importantly, some length in the majors. The club lead is the one least likely to give anything away. In addition it is possible, although at this stage unlikely, that ruffs may be beneficial... I may be able to avoid an endplay.

**THURSTON:** Diamond queen. Most likely layout has East with balanced 18-20 or so. Partner, even with his paucity of HCP, would strain to reopen at the animal game known as matchpoints unless he also had some diamond length. With this lead we can pick up the whole suit when partner gets in. 5 diamond tricks, spade ace and partner's entry = +50. A plus is a plus is a plus.

**CAFFERATA:** Ten of clubs. Go for the ruffs to shorten my trumps.

**LISTER:** Queen of diamonds. Partner is likely to be 3-3-3-4 since he has points and didn't balance; let's start pulling declarer's trumps.

**HOFFER:** Ace of diamonds. I don't want to guess. Maybe I'll have a better idea after seeing dummy.

*Since it wouldn't be fair to give such a tough problem and not try to solve it myself, I'll admit that I am in complete agreement with the following answer:*

**GREEN:** Three of hearts. Which red suit? Partner will have two diamonds on average (he'll balance with the correct shape without the points) so I'll try to put him in to lead diamonds through declarer. The "3" is more likely to fool declarer.

## FEBRUARY CONTEST

All readers are invited to enter the February contest. Answer the problems listed below (comments are welcome, but not required) and send your solutions to

Canadian Bidding Contest  
c/o Allan Simon  
1339 Hamilton St. N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2N 3W8

Entry deadline is January 31, 1986. The winning entrant wins a bridge book and will be invited to join the expert panel.

## FEBRUARY PROBLEMS

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

S:KJ754 H:J10 D:42 C:Q643

West	North	East	South
1H	Dbl.	2H	3S
4H	Pass	Pass	?

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

S:AQ98 H:3 D:AJ64 C:KQ108

West	North	East	South
2S*	Pass	Pass	?

\*weak-two bid

(C) Matchpoints, both vul., South holds

S:AQ10743 H:J973 D:Q108 C:-

West	North	East	South
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	Pass	?

(D) IMPs, East-West vul., South holds

S:8 H:A1076 D:AJ64 C:7543

West	North	East	South
Pass	1S	Pass	INT
Pass	3C	Pass	?

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

S:KJ10 H:8 H:8 D:K7432 C:AK85

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

S:653 H:A102 D:107653 C:95

West	North	East	South
-	1H	Dbl.	2H
2S	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\*negative double

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

Which card do you lead?

# \*\*\*\*\* From The Desk of \*\*\*\*\* George Retek \*\*\*\*\* Director, District I \*\*\*\*\* Summer 1985 Report

Below is a summary of the most important actions taken by the Board at our meeting held between July 29 - August 1, 1985:

## **A. TOURNAMENT & CLUB REGULATIONS**

The new ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations has been adopted effective October 1, 1985. One important change is that it became mandatory for witnesses to appear at the hearing when disciplinary cases are discussed. (However, justifiable excuses for not appearing will be allowed.)

The use of "recorder" system started at the Montreal NAC, proved to be successful and shall continue on an experimental basis at future NACs. One important feature of this system is that the "accused" players are contacted either during or after the tournament and their opinions (or rebutals) are solicited.

Slow play in K.O. events will be strictly penalized. Barring slow players from the same event at the following tournament may prove to be an effective remedy.

Bermuda and Mexico have been authorized to hold annual national team championships similar to the CNTC.

Qualification point schedule had been

issued for the Women's International Teams selection. The cycle winner from Summer 88 to Spring 89 will be designated at the No. 1 Venice Trophy Team. A second, non-subsidized team will be selected by a play-off among the remaining three countries, excluding the nation represented by the winning team. This method will ensure that in 1989 two countries (out of four: Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and U.S.A.) will represent the ACBL at the Venice Trophy competition.

## **B. FINANCES**

The Finance Committee, chaired by me, insisted to review and approve terms of any future contracts with the WBF to ensure that our fiscal liability is limited to a reasonable amount when hosting a WBF event.

Effective January 1, 1986 club table fees shall be increased by a nickel per table. The new 40 cent per table fee is subject to final approval by the Board at the Fall meeting. This represents an approximate increase of 12%. The last time table fees were increased was in 1981. Since then membership fees, tournament fees and Bulletin advertising rates had been increased by a greater percentage.



# BOOK REVIEW

By Henry Smilie

## FIVES

*It is now about 20 years since the 5-card major convention (herein dubbed "the system") hit the North American bridge scene. Within not very many years it became entrenched orthodoxy.*

*The system provides a method of coping with most bidding situations. Since so many players use it, they have a lingua franca.*

Harold Feldheim's book is a definitive exposition of the system. It is written with lucidity and ease of diction. The original scheme is updated and complemented by the adoption of the negative double, forcing no trump and two over one.

But there is more to be said - and the author doesn't say it. I refer of course to the disadvantages. Playing with a zealot for the first time, she or he will say, "If I open 1 in a minor and you have 4 cards in a major, I want to hear about it." I am not allowed to open with AKQJ but it is de

rigueur to respond with 5432.

Blessed with AJx, Axxx, KJxx and Jx, opening with 1 diamond and partner responding with 2 clubs, do you really feel confident that you are the master of your destiny? (Reviewers, too, can select hands pejoratively). Or our zealot, having opened 1 diamond with AK fifth, feels guilty if he or she doesn't rebid the suit. Does that help the partnership to assess the potential of the combined hands?

An informal poll of top tournament contestants in this area (Vancouver) reveals that a majority of them have either always opened with 4 or have reverted to opening with 4.

Maybe, Mr. Editor, you will be hearing views from other parts of the country.

Five Card Major Bidding in Contract Bridge

Barclay Bridge Supplies Inc.

Port Chester, N.Y. 10573

\$11.95

By Henry Smilie

## "The Joy of ...

*In the teaching profession they have the saying "Those who can't teach". These*

*folks can. They have put it all together.*

THE JOY OF BRIDGE. Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell. Prentice-Hall Canada Inc., 1870 Birchmount Road, Scarborough, Ont. M1P 2J7 \$12.95



## NEW CONVENTION



During the Penticton Regional a local player readied herself to use and alert a new convention just learned. Sure enough after an auction 1 Spade by her, pass, 4 Hearts by partner, Sally rose to the occasion with a prompt ALERT. However,

Sally's RHO caught her completely off guard when he asked for an explanation! Her reply? "SP .. SP .. SP .. SPINGLETON!"

Reprinted from the B.C. Kootenay Trump-it



# Study Shows Women at Forefront

by Anna Kinsella

A study of the Regionals written up each month in the ACBL Bulletin points out the difference in the number of entrants in Men's and Women's events. Enclosed is a listing of such events at the Regionals which were reported in the Bulletin from January 1984 to August 1985 inclusive. The breakdown is as follows:

130 Regionals were reported, Split Regionals being counted as one.

115 held Men's and Women's Pairs.  
Total Men's Pairs 8,417  
Total Women's Pairs 18,368

42 held Men's and Women's Swiss Teams

Total Men's Swiss Teams 1,466

Total Women's Swiss Teams 3,598

There were not enough sites holding Men's and Women's Knockouts to come up with any kind of a meaningful figure, but at the few sites that did there were more teams in the Women's Knockouts.

I realize a study from another angle might soften the impact of these figures, but the disparity is so great that tournament organizers might wish to take them into consideration when planning their schedules.

Here is a breakdown of the figures at recent Canadian Regionals'.

ACBL Bulletin 1985		Men's Pairs	Women's Pairs	Men's Swiss Teams	Women's Swiss Teams
August	Penticton BC	124	240		
July	Ottawa ON	68	100	29	43
June	Toronto ON Flight 'A'	68	66	64	116
	Flight 'B'	102	196		
1984					
December	Saskatoon SK	64	96		
November	Montreal PQ	90	154	40	68
October	Edmonton AB	96	124		
September	Thunder Bay ON	66	72		
September	Saint John NB	86	84		
July	Cornwall On	88	116	26	48
June	Victoria BC	114	246		
June	Toronto ON	192	310	95	144



For every credibility gap, there's a gullability fill.



# Deja Vu

Reprinted from Unit 430 Vancouver  
Matchpointer

by Lauren Miller

As you may recall, last year I wrote up a defense problem I had encountered in the GNP. With N-S vulnerable, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
3C	3H	5C	5H
6C	P	P	X
P	P	P	

## East (dummy)

S KJ4  
H A82  
D KJ10853  
C K

## South (me)

S A962  
H 1073  
D AQ7  
C 843

Partner led the heart four to dummy's ace, my 3, declarer's 5. The king of clubs was taken by partner's ace and on the switch to the spade 7 dummy played the king. After much agonizing, I assumed that partner's unusual 5th or 6th best heart lead meant she wanted a ruff - so with considerable trepidation I returned my low diamond. This proved right, since declarer's hand was S5, H5, D9642, CQJ109762. Whew!

In this year's CNTC, the following hand came up (neither vulnerable, Victory Point scoring):

West	North	East	South
4S	P	P	X*
XX**	P	P	P

\* We need a blitz or we're buried.

\*\* Allow me to throw a bit more dirt on

you.

## East (dummy)

S 6  
H A4  
D KJ109765  
C AQ3

## South (me)

S 102  
H KQJ85  
D AQ3  
C K109

Partner led the club 2, dummy the Q, me the K, declarer the 6. What now? I constructed several possible hands, but eventually decided that a benevolent deity wouldn't make me underlead the AQx again, so I returned a pedestrian club.

Now I know why there are no atheists in foxholes - they're all at the bridge table.

The other hands were:

## Partner

S 973  
H 9762  
D ---  
C J87542

## Declarer

S AKQJ854  
H 103  
D 842  
C 6



STANDARD  
TAKEOUTS

# Edmonton Team Wins District Final

Reprinted from Unit 391 Edmonton  
Northern Light

Non-playing captain Steve Willard went to Great Falls with enough firepower to tackle the US Coast Guard. Led by Jym Galand, Fred Becker, Brooke Windsor, Ian Gatenby, Paul Erickson, and Norm Anderson, this team swept aside all the competition to capture first place in the District 18 Flight B GNT. Congratulations!

Here are two key hands that led to their impressive victory.

Dir: W  
Vul: N-S

S xx  
H Jxx  
D Axx  
C AKxxx

S AKJxxx  
H xxx  
D xx  
C Qx

S xx  
H xxx  
D QJxxx  
C Jxx

S Qxx  
H AKQx  
D Kxx  
C T9x

West	North	East	South
2S	3C	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Ian Gatenby is west and Fred Becker is east on this deal. Ace of spades lead and small diamond switch. Declarer wins and plays 4 rounds of hearts - Ian pitched the Q of clubs. Declarer can no longer give up a club to west and must go down as he only has 8 tricks. At the other table a club was lost to west's Q but declarer now had 10

tricks.

Dir: S  
Vul: N-S

S AQx  
H xxxxx  
D Kxx  
C Qx

S Jxx  
H KQJxx  
D Jxxx  
C x

S xxxxx  
H xx  
D x  
C JTxxx

S Kx  
H A  
D AQT9x  
C AKxxx

West	North	East	South
1D	1H	P*	P
DBL	P	2H**	P
3H***	P	3NT	P
4C	P	5D	P
6C	P	6D	P
P	P		

\* forcing  
\*\* good hand  
\*\*\* game force

Brooke Windsor as north and Jym Galand as south. King of hearts won by south. Cash one high diamond. If everyone follows the hand is cold. Small club to queen - club to ace - ruffed by west. Now one small club can be ruffed in dummy and one can be pitched on spade. If you pull two rounds of trump you are down PLUS 16 IMPs.

The Willard team was rewarded with a trip to the Summer Nationals in Las Vegas for further competition

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# From The Desk of Alvin Baragar WBF and International Events

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## Participation in the 1986 Olympiad

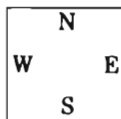
Applications for consideration as Canadian representatives to the 1986 Pairs Olympiad in Miami in the Ladies Pairs and the Mixed Pairs are invited. Canada is entitled to six pairs in the Ladies event and about thirty pairs in the Mixed event. Applications along with a \$5.00 fee for each event (if applying for both events) must reach me by April 1st, 1986, and must include the name and mailing address of each member of the partnership. The representatives will be chosen by a committee composed of one member from each CBF Zone, with me as coordinator. Send applications to:

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6608 - 84th Street,  
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## 1986 World Bidding Contest.

The 1986 World Bidding Contest will be held sometime in the Spring of 1986, probably during the first two weeks of April. If you are interested in participating, contact your club or unit. Your Zone director will have details about the contest about March 1st, 1986. There are medallions for the most successful Canadian pairs, and cash prizes for the top three pairs in the world. This will be your opportunity to enter a world-wide contest.

It is a lot of fun, whether or not you do well. Try it!



## Birth of a New Canadian Talent

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At the London Regional the caddies playing in a midnight Swiss drew a crowd. Kibitzers marvelled at their bidding, play, and defence. A caddy picked up as South:  
C Kxxx H KJ9x D Qxx C xx

The bidding went:

East	South	West	North
INT	2S	2NT	all pass

The opening lead was the H J. The kibitzers leaned forward in anticipation. Had the caddy, after three days of ex-

perience, found the lead it took Garozzo twenty years to find? Garozzo led the J from KJ9x in a world championship about twenty years ago. Garozzo caught Qxx in the dummy and 10xx in declarer's hand for the perfect surround play.

The caddy almost hit it. He caught xxx in the dummy, A 10x in partner's hand, and Qxx in declarer's hand. Very close!

Why did he lead the H J? John Duquette reported that another spectator worked it out. It was his fourth best card - two kings, a queen, and a jack, so the jack was his **fourth-best card!**





*It's  
hard to  
soar with  
**EAGLES**  
when you  
play with  
**TURKEYS!***



## **Bridge Bolt**

One of my favorite tournament directors tells the following story about an event that happened just across the border when he was handling a tournament. He was called to a table to hear one of the participants tell him that she had opened the bidding three diamonds and the next player (a very nervous little old lady) had proceeded to bid three clubs. After explaining all the options, including the one that states if the three club bidder made her bid sufficient, there would be no further penalty; the lady decided to bid four clubs.

At this time, the director left the table, only to be recalled five minutes later by the four club bidder. This time the poor little old lady was almost in tears as she sobbed, "you told me if I made my bid sufficient, there would be no further penalty ... well, the next player doubled and now she wants to collect 1100 ..."

