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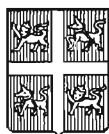
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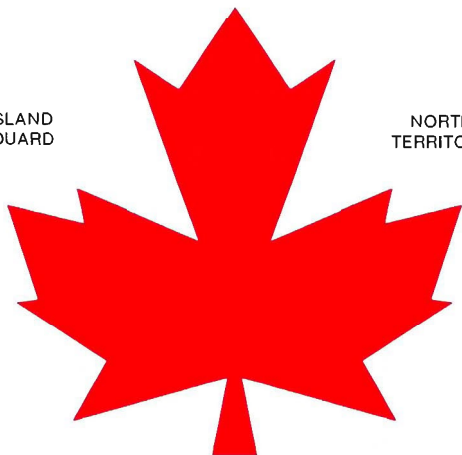
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Editorial

There are 16,000 of us. And we have two things in common: We are Canadians and we are bridge players.

Yet if you think about it, we don't know each other. Oh sure, once or twice a year our very best players get together to crown Canadian champions. But we average members know our counterparts from south of the border far better than we know Canadians from another province. Our heroes are Bob Hamman or Judy Radin; our favourite columnists Eddie Kantar or Victor Mollo.

We all know the reasons for this lack of Canadian identity: we belong to the ACBL because the league provides services and opportunities a Canadian organization could not provide. In turn, we are good for the ACBL. They enjoy our membership fees, our sanction fees and our entry fees at the North American championships.

But we must remember that the ACBL remains a U.S. organization. They feel no compunction to go out of their way to help us create a distinct Canadian identity. And why should they? That's our job. Yours and mine. We've got to support the Canadian Bridge Federation.

Did I hear you ask, "Well, what do you want me to do?" You could start by contributing to this magazine. What's new and exciting in your part of Canada? You don't have to be an expert or a great writer. If you can inform, amuse, stimulate, annoy or educate our readers, we would be delighted to publish your article or letter. Every contribution will be given serious consideration. You've got until September 10, and every three months thereafter. Thanks.

Chers amis et adeptes du bridge,

Il faut l'avouer: La Fédération Canadienne de Bridge et en particulier le magazine que vous tenez en mains ont parfois eu tendance d'ignorer leurs membres francophones. D'autre part, ce manque d'intérêt n'est guère un chemin à sens unique. Vous aussi, vous nous avez ignorés.

Eh bien, comme votre nouvel éditeur, j'aimerais bien remédier la situation. Ne manquez surtout pas la chronique de Maurice Larochelle à la page 9. Mais ça nous en prend plus. Je vous prie de me faire parvenir vos nouvelles, vos articles et vos lettres. Ils seront publiés en français, avec accents et cédilles. La date limite pour le prochain numéro est le 10 septembre. Et ensuite le 10 des mois de décembre, mars et juin. Allez-y.

Interview with the New CBF President

Digest: Congratulations on your election as president of the CBF. Tell us a little about your background. Have you lived in Vancouver all your life?

Ballantyne: No. I was born in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1951, of Canadian parents. I lived in Geneva until I was 18 years old, and then moved to Vancouver to attend Simon Fraser University and to join the Canadian national ski team.

Digest: I hadn't realized you were a ski racer. Were you one of the "Crazy Canucks"?

Ballantyne: Not really. I retired just as people like Ken Read and Jim Podborski were emerging as the top Canadians.

Digest: When did you get started in bridge?

Ballantyne: While I was in university. As I look back at it, it is surprising that I ever got through university, considering how much time I spent on the slopes and at the bridge table. But I graduated 1st class honours with biology and psychology majors.

Digest: So what kind of work do you do now?

Ballantyne: I spent several years working as a spectographer in a mineral array lab, mostly to finance my bridge activities. But I have now returned to university and have almost finished my Masters degree in natural resource management. My area of expertise is benefit-cost analysis, particularly as applied to forest policy problems. I also have an interest in political economy.

Digest: You are well known on the West Coast for your many tournament successes. What do you consider the highlights?

Ballantyne: Oh, I don't really travel much and besides I play a fair amount of rubber bridge. I'd say I've won about 10 regionals and I have more seconds than I care to count. And I've made the last three CNTC finals.

Digest: You've been winning a lot of master points. Your name always appears on the McKenney and Crane lists. How many points do you have?

Ballantyne: Well, I guess I'm closing in on 3000.

Digest: Tell us about some of the things you've done on the administrative scene.

Ballantyne: I've been on the CBF board for two years. Before that, I served on the Vancouver Unit board. I was editor of "The Matchpointer" and I used to contribute a lot of stories and articles to various bridge publications.



Aidan Ballantyne

"for players of all calibre"

Digest: Yes, we can remember many of your articles. Your "It's Your Bid" column was really the inspiration for our "Canadian Bidding Contest". And now can you tell us something about your goals as CBF president?

Ballantyne: I would like to improve CBF performance, and particularly I want to make sure that it benefits players of all calibers. It's true that things like the Olympiad Fund and the increased opportunities in national and international competition benefit mainly the top players. But I want to make sure the CBF offers mainstream players additional and rewarding opportunities to play ACBL-sanctioned bridge and win masterpoints. The more service the CBF can provide to the mainstream player, the better off we will be. After all, we are financed through unit funds, which are in turn derived from the Canadian ACBL membership at large.

Digest: Thank you, Aidan. And all the best during your term as president.

Inside the CBF: The May Meetings

by Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver

Your directors met for 5 days in Ottawa last May to prepare another season of CBF events and activities and to discuss a number of issues affecting Canadian players. There was plenty on the agenda since this was their first meeting in over 14 months. Here's a summary of some of the more important decisions.

CBF Events

The objectives of CBF events are to provide Canadian players with:

1. additional opportunities to play ACBL-sanctioned bridge under conditions decided by and for themselves;
2. the opportunity to participate in national championships;
3. a method for selecting their international representatives;
4. a chance to play and meet other players from across the country.

Your directors attempted to improve these events as follows:

The COPC

Now an annual event with the National Final rotating around the country according to an 8-year cycle. Starting with next year's final the cycle is: V, II, I, III, IV, II, VI, III (CBF Zones).

1987 site – Edmonton, July 4-5, on the weekend prior to the regional.

Generally, the National Final is held in the calendar year following that in which club-qualifying games take place.

Games qualifying towards the 1987 Edmonton final are all in 1986, i.e.: Thursday, Feb. 13 (Olympiad Fund Game); Monday, May 12 (International Fund Game); Friday, July 18 (International Fund Game); and Tuesday, October 28 (Olympiad Fund Game).

In addition, the CBF is currently negotiating with the ACBL for an open club-qualifying interval, similar to the North American Pairs format, for this fall. With this mechanism, any club, including one not

scheduling one of the four special fund games, could hold a COPC club-qualifying game on any day during the club-qualifying interval. The CBF intends to use both "special event" and "interval" qualifying methods for future COPCs.

The COPC will be used for selecting at least part of Canada's entry in future pairs Olympiads. A committee has been struck to examine the possibility of implementing a points selection scheme whereby pairs participating in the 4 COPCs preceding an Olympiad year could accumulate Olympiad qualification points.

The CNTC

Future sites: 1987 – Quebec City;
1988 – Vancouver

Conditions of contest amended slightly to spell out more clearly the role of the CNTC Procedures Committee which may hear appeals from players unable to meet contest requirements for reasons of health, residency, or other extraordinary circumstance.

The ACBL will be asked once more to upgrade the master point awards for the CNTC National Final, even if this means working out a special award scale for national championships.

The CLTC

Future sites: 1987 – Regina;
1988 – St. Johns

Conditions of contest to be rewritten so that National Final allocation of berths is similar to CNTC.

A committee of CLTC National Final participants shall meet this summer at the Thunder Bay National Final to iron out some of the difficulties experienced so far in organizing the CLTC.

Relations with the ACBL

Rights of CBF as sponsor of CBF events

Last fall in Winnipeg, ACBL passed a motion stating that ACBL members in good standing could not be denied participation

in ACBL-sanctioned national championships. In Ottawa, your CBF directors passed a motion reconfirming that participation in CBF events and activities is contingent on unit membership in the CBF. At the Toronto NAC's this summer, CBF representatives will discuss the implications of these two motions with ACBL Directors and officials.

Change in WBF Zone 2 (ACBL) structure

The CBF will discuss with the ACBL two possibilities for restructuring WBF zone 2, which includes ACBL member countries. The two options are:

1. Canada secedes from zone 2 and joins another, smaller WBF zone; or
2. Canada forms yet another WBF zone comprised of Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda.

This restructuring would be beneficial to the U.S. which would likely once again have two teams in the Bermuda Bowl while leaving Canada no worse off than in the current situation where Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda compete with each other for a Bermuda Bowl spot.

The Digest and the ACBL Bulletin

The CBF will once more ask the ACBL to publish a Canadian section in the ACBL Bulletin. This section would replace the Canadian Bridge Digest in its role of disseminating information on CBF events and activities and as a vehicle for communication between Canadian players. The Digest consumes a relatively large share of the CBF's meagre resources and the quarterly publishing schedule makes dissemination of up-to-date information very difficult.

Towards a resolution of Canadian bridge problems

Canadian players and units continually experience a number of problems in their association with ACBL. Some of these are relevant mainly to those interested in serious competition but even the mainstream recreational player and Canadian ACBL units cannot help but feel the ever increasing financial pressure which results from having to do business with the ACBL in U.S. dollars. As well, players, clubs, and units all seem to experience problems which, at least occasionally, are attributable to the centralism of ACBL ad-

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ministration and to various inefficiencies that perhaps result from such a large scale of operations. The ACBL, however, has been slow to address problems as they affect the Canadian segment of the ACBL population (about 9% of total membership). With this in mind, your directors passed a motion requesting that the ACBL commission an independent study to determine how the interests of Canadian bridge players might best be served, including consideration of:

1. ACBL — no office in Canada;
2. ACBL — branch office in Canada; and
3. An independent Canadian Bridge Organization associated with ACBL.

Miami selections

The WBF changed the Olympiad format and Canada's entry quota less than a year before the start of the Miami Olympiad. This completely wrecked the CBF's original selection plans and caused a great deal of uncertainty as to Canada's actual quotas. Your directors were thus only partially responsible for all the problems which plagued this year's Miami selections and for those they apologize.

Canada's entry is as follows:

Open Pairs

1 representative from each of zones II, III, IV, V, and VI (all subsidized); top three in 1985 Montreal COPC (winners subsidized).

2 pairs of world masters (unsubsidized)

6 more pairs selected by committee to enter the qualifying round including 1 subsidized pair from CBF Zone I.

There is a waiting list of applicants for the qualifying round which will be used to fill spots as these open up.

Rosenblum Teams

1986 CNTC winners, 1986 CLTC winners, and 1985 CNTC winners (all subsidized)

1 team of world masters (unsubsidized)

2nd place in 1986 CNTC (unsubsidized)

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No Place for a Duck

Friendly to partners and opponents alike, Winnipeg's Tom Butterworth is a genuinely nice person and one fine bridge player. Playing as Tom's regular partner I've learned a lot and in the process found an enjoyment of the game that I'd previously not thought possible. I'll try to illustrate what I mean:

S:965
H:AK
D:Q1064
C:Q1084

(Tom)
S:A7
H:9752
D:9873
C:A97

(Me)
S:J43
H:894
D:KJ2
C:6532

S:KQ1082
H:QJ103
D:A5
C:KJ

Contact 4 spades by South. Tom led the D9, dummy played the queen and my king was topped by declarer's ace. Declarer then led the club king and Tom took his ace to continue a diamond to my jack. I returned my last diamond and declarer ruffed. He crossed to the heart king to lead a spade to his king which Tom ducked smoothly. Declarer crossed to the heart ace to lead the spade 9 from dummy. He paused before playing the queen losing to Tom's ace – down one. Now I'm no slow learner; I observed and made a mental note – "Ducking an ace smoothly wins a trick for the defense"!

Then following hand came up in a money game sometime later – Tom wasn't my partner this time.

S:Q109
H:A7
D:652
C:A8432

(Me)
S:J865
H:QJ65
D:A103
C:J7

S:K3
H:K10832
D:J984
C:95

S:A742
H:94
D:KQ7
C:KQ106

Contract 3NT by South. I led my H5, the fourth best from my longest and strongest. Declarer called for the ace, partner dropped the 10 and declarer played the 4. He now led the diamond 2 to his king and having learned my lesson well, I ducked...Declarer much to my chagrin discontinued diamonds and played off 5 rounds of clubs, torturing partner who was convinced that I didn't hold the diamond ace. He protected diamonds giving up two spades and a heart. Declarer now won three spade tricks to go with his five clubs, one diamond and one heart for 4NT! What went wrong? First where's Tom? Obviously he's needed in the East seat. Secondly this is no place for a duck. Dummy's club holding is too menacing and it becomes difficult for partner later on in the play. You've just got to pick your spots or the right partner...

by Art d'Entremont

Canadian Bridge Federation

cont

In addition, these unsubsidized teams will be entered in the Swiss repechage: 2nd 1985 CNTC; 3rd 1986 CNTC; 4th 1986 CNTC.

Additional applicants are placed on a waiting list to be used as extra berths become available in the Swiss.

Women and Mixed

All selections have been made by Dr. Alvin Baragar's committee. A waiting list will serve to provide additional entries as other berths become available.

Other matters

Other decisions reached in Ottawa will be covered in future updates.

Canada's Miami Contingent Named

At press time, the following representatives have been named to the Canadian Team for the 1986 World Championships:

Open Pairs

WM's

Eric Kokish-Peter Nagy
Allan Graves-George Mittelman

Quarter-finals:

Drew Cannell-G. Sekhar (Winnipeg)
Pierre Daigneault-François Gauthier (Montreal)

Ed Bridson-David Lindop (Toronto)
Paul Prince-Bob Teshima (Edmonton)
Ronald Borg-Michael Strebing (Vancouver)

Boris Baran-Mark Molson (Montreal)
David Stothart-Jim Riegle (Ottawa)
Douglas Fraser-Nicholas Gartaganis (Montreal)

Qualifying stage:

Kamel Fergani-Raymond Fortin (Montreal-Montmagny, Que.)

Ted Horning-John Carruthers (Toronto)
Roy Dalton-John Gowdy (Toronto)
Ted Moffatt-Ed Risley (Halifax)
Harmon Edgar-Michael Schoenborn (Montreal-Toronto)
Arno Hobart-Martin Kirr (Toronto)

Mixed Pairs

Anna Boivin-Gilles Boivin (Montreal)
Sandra Borg-Ronald Borg (Richmond, B.C.)

Maureen Culp-Sam McCallum (Whitby-Weston, Ont.)

Connie Delisle-Paul Hagen (Vancouver)
Joan Eaton-Nader Hanna (Toronto)
Cecile Fisher-Sami Kehela (Toronto)
Sandra Fox-Rashid Khan (Sackville, N.B.)
Angela Forsyth-Ed Bridson (Toronto)
Sandra Fraser-Douglas Fraser (Mount Royal, Que.)

Despina Georgas-Charles Messenger (Toronto)

Ruth Gold-Stephen Aarons (Toronto)
Audrey Grant-David Lindop (Toronto)
Joanne Guoba-John Guoba (Toronto)

Rhoda Habert-Steven Goldstein (Montreal)

Beverly Kraft-Eric Kokish (Montreal)
Evelyn Kirsh-David Kirsh (Roxboro, Que.)

Ethel Major-Robert Hirsch (Montreal)
Renee Mancuso-Mark Molson (Tulsa OK-Montreal)

Connie McAvoy-Jim McAvoy (Victoria)
Mary Paul-Maurice Paul (Toronto)
Mari Retek-George Retek (Montreal)
Sharyn Reus-Tony Reus (Roxboro, Que.)
Barbara Saltsman-Harmon Edgar (Montreal)

Gloria Silverman-Roy Hughes (Toronto)
Linda Sims-Lauren Miller (Vancouver)
Katie Thorpe-John Carruthers (Toronto)
Terri Verret-Pierre Daigneault (Chomedey, Que.)

Linda Wynston-Gary Whiteman (Don Mills, Ont.)

Women's Pairs

WM's:

Sharyn Reus-Dianna Gordon (Roxboro-Toronto)

Quarter-finals:

Francine Cimon-Mary Paul (Montreal-Toronto)

Sandra Fraser-Renee Mancuso (Mount Royal-Tulsa OK)

Ruth Gold-Gloria Silverman (Toronto)
Nancy Koffler-Barbara Saltsman (Montreal)

Rhoda Habert-Beverly Kraft (Montreal)

Qualifying:

Anna Boivin-Ethel Major (Montreal)
Maureen Culp-Linda Wynston (Whitby)
Joan Eaton-Laurie McIntyre (Toronto-Ottawa)

A Preview View

There's nothing like a bird's eye view.
While sitting in the catbird seat.
So if you take a peek or two
You will be very hard to beat.

Dr. Harry Mann

The Most Improved Player

Unit 181's first recipient of the most improved player award must go to Gloria Sigurdson. On November 9, 1985 when she went down to the Winnipeg Convention Centre to kitbitz the Fall Nationals, she was neither an ACBL member nor has any masterpoints to her name. But by November 10, 1985, she had played in 2 sessions of duplicate bridge. In the afternoon, she entered the 49'er Pairs and did not break average.

Undaunted, she came back in the evening to play with another pick-up partner. After the last card was played that evening, Gloria Sigurdson and Elizabeth Ridley (from Thompson) were the proud winners of 49'er Pairs. This win netted them both 1.78 masterpoints and a claim to fame. Their picture was taken for the January 1986 ACBL Bulletin.

They both promptly joined the ACBL and became instant JUNIOR MASTERS. Both were so estatic that they could not remember any hands they played that evening. Luckily our T.C.P.* was around and was able to report this hand:

*T.C.P. = Travelling Card Pitcher

S 8743

H J

D AKJ1054

C K7

S 5

H K10876

D 762

C A542

Elizabeth

S AJ1096

H 4

D Q98

C Q1086

Gloria

S KQ2

H AQ9532

D 3

C J92

West

North

East

South

P

1D

1S

2H

3D

P

3NT

All Pass

Elizabeth rightly led the Spade 5 to partner's bid suit. Gloria won the Ace and stopped to consider dummy's imposing

diamond suit. She first fingered a Spade, then a Heart, and then a Club. Somewhat flustered, Gloria finally settled on a low Club.

Little did she know what havoc this created for declarer when Elizabeth won the Ace and returned a second Club. This effectively killed the delayed entry to dummy's Diamond suit. Try as he could, declarer had to concede defeat. Top board to our new pair.

Gloria works for the Economic Security Dept., Province of Manitoba, and plays kitchen bridge at lunch time with her co-workers. They play a simple system purported to be some sort of standard Goren.

Miami *continued*

Rosenblum Teams

WM's:

Eric Kokish-Peter Nagy-Allan Graves-Greg Mittelman

KO's:

Mark Molson-Boris Baran-Drew Cannell-Subhash Gupta-Mark Stein-Ghassan Menachi

Anna Boivin-Renee Mancuso-Nancy Koffler-Barbara Saltsman-Beverly Kraft-Rhoda Habert

Arno Hobart-Martin Kirr-Dave Turner-Greg Carroll-Michael Schoenborn-Harmon Edgar

David Lindop-Ed Bridson-Douglas Fox-Mark Arbour -John Guoba-John Caruthers

Swiss:

Stephen Aarons-Billy Cohen-John Gowdy-Roy Dalton

Bert Habert-Murray Goldenblatt-Eric Marchand-Gregoire Garinther

Greg Arbour-Laurence Betts-Al Chappelle-Rhonda Betts-Sandy McIlwain-Michael Newcombe

Rapport de L'est et du Nord du Québec

par Maurice Larochelle, Ste. Foy

Le dynamisme des administrateurs et les différents programmes de formation mis en place depuis quelques années rapportent des dividendes. Tous les records de participation aux tournois sectionnels sont battus: ainsi, le tournoi sectionnel tenu à Québec en avril dernier a réuni 241 tables sur cinq séances, alors que celui d'Alma en mai avait 177 tables sur cinq séances. Qui dit mieux?

Soulignons aussi que la ligue de bridge St-Laurent-Saglac a essayé plusieurs nouvelles activités pour stimuler l'intérêt de ses joueurs: marathon de 20 heures dans un centre d'achats; concours d'enchères; tournoi d'équipes Swiss réparti sur douze semaines; projet pour l'automne de compétitions inter-clubs ou inter-villes.

Par ailleurs, nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux clubs Légion (Nouvelle) et Carleton qui se joignent à l'unité St-Laurent-Saglac. De plus, nous félicitons les nouveaux maître-à-vie: Marie-Paule Massé, J.A. Belley, Gaby Lapointe, Cécile et Jean-Claude Demers.

Enfin, nous proposons la main suivante dans la catégorie "entame de l'année 1986". Elle fut jouée lors de la finale du Grand national par paires, à Portland, Orégon, en mars dernier. Elle met en vedette Jacques Laliberté de Québec, ici en Ouest.

DONNEUR: Ouest

VULNERABLE: Personne

NORD

PI: —

CO: A-D-V-10-6

CA: R-D-8-6

TR: R-V-8-7

OUEST

EST

PI: R-10-7-4

PI: A-9-8-6-5-2

CO: 8-7-5-4-2

CO: R

CA: 5

CA: 9-7

TR: D-9-2

TR: 10-6-4-3

SUD

PI: D-V-3

CO: 9-3

CA: A-V-10-4-3-2

TR: A-5

LES ENCHERES:

OUEST	NORD	EST	SUD
P	1 CO	2 PI	3 CA
4 PI	5 PI	P	6 TR
P	7 CA	FIN	

Les espoirs de défaire le contrat semblaient minces pour Jacques Laliberté. Cependant il avait souvent entamé sous un roi en de telles circonstances, quand l'as serait probablement au mort, ceci pour forcer le déclarant à se commettre immédiatement.

Peut-être que le déclarant penserait que c'est ce qu'il essayait s'il entamait à coeur, ce qu'il fit d'ailleurs. Le déclarant mordit à l'hameçon en prenant l'impasse pour une de chute.

Inutile de dire que contre toute entame, le déclarant aurait essayé de majorer les trèfles, avant de miser sur l'impasse au roi de coeur. Inutile aussi d'ajouter qu'une entame aussi diabolique ne peut réussir que contre un déclarant tout aussi diabolique. Ce dernier d'ailleurs et son partenaire terminèrent tout près de la tête.

Ce qui me fait penser que c'est peut-être grâce à un Canadien que ce tournoi fut gagné pour la première fois par d'autres Canadiens.

Top Canadians at Epson World Simultaneous Pairs

Congratulations to Canadian pairs who placed among the top finishers in the Epson tourney:

Canada overall standings

1. Bill Treble-Len Doerksen	Manitoba	1758
2. John Osborne-Scott Morris	B.C.	1740
3. Gylfi Baldursson-Gary Brown	Nova Scotia	1704
4. Philip Emin-Sam Baney	Nova Scotia	1705
5. Luc Gagnon-Line Gagnon	Québec	1695

Master Point Statistics

These statistics were obtained from a master list dated February 20, 1986, which contained the top 1000 master point holders in Canada. Thanks to John Armstrong of Rexdale, Ont. for supplying this material.

British Columbia

1. Allan Graves	5110
2. Laurence Betts	4312
3. Leo Steil	4009
4. Adrian Hicks	3805
5. Paul Hagen	3655

Manitoba

1. Kai Cheng	2685
2. G. Sekhar	2641
3. Doug Thomson	2583
4. Lex de Groot	2520
5. Drew Cannell	2449

New Brunswick

1. Geo. Caldwell	2671
2. Gord Chippin	1698
3. Mike Betts	1608
4. Mrs. BJ MacKay	1426
5. Bill Campbell	1238

Newfoundland

1. Randy Bennett	1663
2. Bruce Watson	803

Alberta

1. Dale Hutchinson	5082
2. Mary Hutchinson	4531
3. Subhash Gupta	3973
4. Adolph Feingold	3736
5. Maddie McGill	3187

Ontario

1. Eric Murray	8488
2. Bruce Elliott	6378
3. Sami Kehela	6114
4. Paul Heitner	5907
5. Ted Horning	4762

Prince Edward Island

1. Marie Garragher	1303
2. Robert Hambly	1160

Leading Women

1. Mary Hutchinson	4531
2. Sandra Fraser	3814
3. Mary Paul	3414
4. Sharyn Reus	3198
5. Maddie McGill	3187

Saskatchewan

1. Barry Harper	1962
2. Mona Scott	1925
3. Gary Johannsson	1832
4. William Lukas	1794
5. Dick Anderson	1672

Quebec

1. Erick Kokish	7017
2. Mark Molson	6600
3. Joe Silver	5659
4. Doug Fraser	5209
5. Boris Baran	4986

Nova Scotia

1. Alan Doane	3333
2. John Currie	2913
3. John Stewart	2302
4. Gordon Maser	2151
5. Bryan Rapson	2139



Gim Ong

Winnipeg Pair Wins Non-Life Masters Pairs

by Gim Ong, Winnipeg

Zbigniew Radwanski and **Hank Hristinenko** won the 4 session **Non-Life Masters Pairs** at the Fall Nationals with a score of 579.3.

Zbig, an engineer, moved to Canada three years ago from Poland and began playing with Hank, a native Winnipegger and a big game biologist with the province of Manitoba. They play a two-over-one system – quite a change from the Polish Club system that Zbig used to play. Hank, who is also of Polish heritage, became a Life

Master as a result of this win. Since the NACs don't come to Winnipeg that often, Zbig teamed up with **Henryk Lorenc** to win the **Flight B Open Pairs**. Thus, Zbig won two events and over 80 points in this one tournament, thereby increasing his master-point holdings tenfold.

Congratulations, Zbig!!

1986 Canadian Rookie-Master Game

by Janice Anderson

The CBF's 1986 Rookie-Master Game was held April 8, 1986. The turnout was the best ever. A total of 1221 pairs took part in this year's game. This was a fantastic increase over the 800 pairs that took part in 1985. All six zones were represented and a record number (58) clubs took part. The Victoria Duplicate Bridge Club had the largest turnout (56 pairs) again this year.

Thanks to all who took part in this year's game and to all those who made it such a large success. I hope you all enjoyed the game and will plan to hold it again next year.

All club winners received certificates, zone winners received trophies and the National Winners received plaques.

NATIONAL STANDINGS

1. Jacques Corbeil & Germaine Dion, Sherbrooke, P.Q. 74.0%
2. Al Edwards & J. Marie Therrien, Sherbrooke, P.Q. 73.1%
3. Marc Poupart & Myrna Macarone, Longueuil, P.Q. 70.5%
4. Peggy Wright & Loreen Dunklee, Victoria, B.C. 70.1%
- 5/6. Wayne Luscombe & Harvey Hiscock, Corner Brook, Nfld. 68.8%
- 5/6. Harriet Brownstein & Fran Kessner, Montreal, P.Q. 68.8%
7. E. Carswell & Ed Matuszek, Belleville, Ont. 68.2%
8. Barbara Hamer & Zetta Stein, Montreal, P.Q. 68.1%
9. Serge Vaillancourt & Dennis Langlois, Hull, P.Q. 68.0%
10. Jean Barrett & Patricia Butler, Corner Brook, Nfld. 67.9%

ZONE STANDINGS

ZONE 1 (112 Pairs)

1. Wayne Luscombe & Harvey Hiscock, Corner Brook, Nfld. 68.8%
2. Jean Barrett & Patricia Butler, Corner Brook, Nfld. 67.9%
3. Brian Harley & Norman Brown, Corner Brook, Nfld. 67.1%

4. A. Goldman & C. Waddell, Fredericton, N.B. 65.4%
5. Gerald MacDougall & Chuck Goodwin, Amherst, N.S. 64.0%

ZONE II (399 Pairs)

1. Jacques Corbeil & Germaine Dion, Sherbrooke, P.Q. 74.0%
2. Al Edwards & J. Marie Therrien, Sherbrooke, P.Q. 73.1%
3. Marc Poupart & Myrna Macarone, Longueuil, P.Q. 68.8%
4. Harriet Brownstein & Fran Kessner, Montreal, P.Q. 68.8%
5. Barbara Hamer & Zetta Stein, Montreal, P.Q. 68.1%

ZONE III (218 Pairs)

1. E. Carswell & Ed Matuszek, Belleville, Ont. 68.2%
2. M. Newland & S. Wilson, Nepean, Ont. 67.2%
3. Wyn Lansdell & Marcus Cloete, Brampton, Ont. 66.7%
4. Yutta Yager & Alex Raets, Belleville, Ont. 65.9%
5. Dan Rudachyk & Matt Boyd, Barrie, Ont. 64.9%

ZONE IV (73 pairs)

1. John Montin & Colin Brown, Pinawa, Man. 67.7%
2. Jean McIntee & Jean Davies, Kenora, Ont. 62.0%
3. Susan Cressman & Lew Marsten, Thunder Bay, Ont. 61.2%
4. Bill Maffey & Grant Hyslop, Kenora, Ont. 58.3%
- 5/6. Bill Anderson & Lorne Hacquoil, Thunder Bay, Ont. 58.1%
- 5/6. Z. Waszczylo & W.A. Wallace, Falconbridge, Ont. 58.1%

ZONE V (193 Pairs)

1. Ken and Lorna Newton, Moose Jaw, Sask. 66.5%
2. Nazma Duha & Gerald Millette, Nipawin, Sask. 64.6%
3. Glenn Anderson & Allan Anderson, St. Albert, Alta. 64.4%
4. Albert Hickie & Garry Fletcher, Broadview, Sask. 63.9%
5. Gurcharan Bhatia & Al Stacey, Edmonton, Alta. 63.0%

Canadian Bidding Contest

MAY HONOUR ROLL

The May contest produced many high scores; two readers tied for first place, both were notching their second win in this competition.

1/2.	John Armstrong	Rexdale, Ont.	590
	John Thompson	Peterborough, Ont.	590
3/6.	Larry Gifford	Ajax, Ont.	550
	Joseph Doucet	Toronto, Ont.	550
	Bill Cunningham	Sackville, N.B.	550
	S.N. Ghosh	Fredericton, N.B.	550
7/8.	Harold Hansen	Burnaby, B.C.	540
	Susan Clayton	Airdrie, Alta.	540
9.	Simone Aubin	Chicoutimi, Que.	530
10/12.	Dave Besner	Fredericton, N.B.	520
	Mariette Toupin	Valleyfield, Que.	520
	Judy Mihalik	Montreal, Que.	520
13/15.	Lou Bozzer	Timmins, Ont.	510
	George Mahas	London, Ont.	510
	Jean Roche	Ste. Foy, Que.	510
15/18.	Jerry Richardson	London, Ont.	500
	Les Hajdo	Calgary, Alta.	500
	P.M. Banks	Bright's Grove, Ont.	500
	Dan McCaw	Scarborough, Ont.	500

CONTEST TO RESUME NEXT ISSUE

Due to circumstances beyond our control — no, let's level with you: due to the fact that it appeared for a while as if there would no August Digest (your former Canadian Bidding Contest editor was promoted to Digest Editor at the last minute), there is no bidding contest this month.

Now for the good news: The Canadian Bidding Contest will resume in November, under the able aegis of Gim Ong, of Winnipeg. The results from last month's questions will of course appear in that issue.

Maurice Gauthier and Aaron Goodman Retire

Aaron Goodman, longtime CBF treasurer, and Maurice Gauthier, who pioneered and directed the CBF Charitable Fund, have retired from active CBF duty after years and years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to Canadian bridge players.

Together, Aaron and Maurice have been the heart and soul of the CBF during the last decade during which the CBF matured and prospered. Thank you both for a job well

done. Canadian players owe you a tremendous debt and will never forget your efforts and accomplishments in their regard.

Aaron will be succeeded as treasurer by Dick Anderson, Zone V CBF director, and Maurice's successor is Moise Deschamps from Ottawa.

Savage and Bass Retire as Digest Editors

After seven years as co-editors of the Canadian Bridge Digest, Jill Savage and Ron Bass have announced their resignation. During their tenure, the Digest matured into a respected and lively publication.

The Canadian Bridge Federation would like to express its thanks for a job well done.

1986 Canadian Rookie-Master Game

continued

ZONE VI (226 Pairs)

1. Peggy Wright & Loreen Dunklee,
Victoria, B.C. 70.1%
2. Don Gray & Janice Stanford,
Victoria, B.C. 65.7%
- 3/4/5. Pat Bishop & Dave Wright, Victoria,
B.C. 63.3%
- 3/4/5. Barb Andrews & Tony Storey, Fernie,
B.C. 63.3%
- 3/4/5. Ivan Veba & Verna Demerchant,
Prince George, B.C. 63.3%

CLUB RESULTS

ZONE I

Fredericton Duplicate Bridge Club (14 Pairs)

1. A. Goldman & C. Waddell 65.4%
2. T. Graser & R. Tobin 57.9%

Newcastle Bridge Club (22 Pairs)

- 1/2. Marg Bawn & Isobel Yates 60.5%
- 1/2. G. Dickison & Marilyn Barry 60.5%

Corner Brook Duplicate Bridge Club (16 Pairs)

1. Wayne Luscombe & Harvey
Hiscock 68.8%
2. Jean Barrett & Patricia Butler 67.9%

Charlottetown Duplicate Bridge Club (18 Pairs)

1. Bernice Snyder & Carol
Glendenning 57.7%
2. Leo Carragher & Florence
Matheson 56.0%

Amherst Duplicate Bridge Club (24 Pairs)

1. Gerald MacDougall & Chuck
Goodwin 64.0%
2. David Fury & Ken Fury 62.5%

Halifax Bridge World (18 Pairs)

1. L. Landers & A. Moir 63.7%
2. E. Mahoney & M. Moulton 62.5%

ZONE II

Club de Bridge de la Guadeloupe (30 Pairs)

1. Serge Vaillancourt & Denis Langlois
68.0%
2. Normand Riopel & Guy
Beauchamp 62.1%

Club De Bridge de Thetford-Mines (20 Pairs)

1. P. Eugene Lessard & Bernadette
Lessard 59.8%

2. Michel Béliveau & Marguerite
Fortier 58.9%

Club de Bridge Murray Bay (26 Pairs)

1. Mariette Villeneuve & Normand
Harvey 64.4%
- Y. Yvonne Jean & Gina Tremblay
61.4%

Club de Bridge de Rimouski (34 Pairs)

1. P. Dubé & J. Roussy 63.4%
2. R. Tremblay & A. Miousse 63.1%

Club de Bridge de St. Honoré (51 Pairs)

1. Georgette Gauthier & Alice Lavoie
62.1%
- 2/3. Helen Bossé & Marcelle LeBlanc
60.0%
- 2/3. Lucien Audet & Yvette Harvey
60.0%

Cercle Limoges (32 Pairs)

1. Thérèse Lalonde & Rollande St.
Denis 61.0%
2. Jacques Desroches & Robert Lamer
60.4%

St. Lambert Bridge Club (32 Pairs)

1. Mrs. C. Richard & Mrs. M.C.
Letendre 65.3%
2. Mr. H. Wojcik & Mr. S. Wozny
60.0%

Club de Bridge Sherbrooke (24 Pairs)

1. Jacques Corbeil & Germaine Dion
74.0%
2. Al Edwards & J. Marie Therrien
73.1%

Club de Bridge de la Rive-Sud (30 Pairs)

1. Marc Poupart & Myma Macarone
70.5%
2. Claude Harvey & Rolland
Bouthillier 64.2%

Les Saules (32 Pairs)

1. Louise Roy & Janine Rivard 64.2%
2. Diane Cote & Louise Menard 58.5%

Club de Bridge D'Alma (22 Pairs)

1. Yvon Ouellet & Robin Gagné 61.6%
2. Angele Bettez & Diane Tremblay
60.1%

Club Legion (8 Pairs)

1. Pierre LeBlanc & Octave Cormier
58.3%
2. Aurèle LeBlanc & Mary Landry
57.7%

1986 Canadian Rookie-Master Game
continued

Baie Comeau Bridge Club (14 Pairs)

1. Gabriel Gagnon & Alain Rioux 62.1%
2. Pierre Bervier & Lise Blais 61.0%

Mirabel Duplicate Bridge Club (32 Pairs)

1. Betty Phillips & Sam Noori 61.8%
2. Charles de Martigny & Ken Walker 60.5%

Shaar Duplicate Bridge Club (12 Pairs)

1. Harriet Brownstein & Fran Kessner 68.8%
2. Barbara Hamer & Zetta Stein 68.1%

ZONE III

Shelburne Duplicate Bridge Club (14 Pairs)

1. Betty Burton & Jean White 64.2%
2. Csaba Varga & Doug Campbell 63.8%

Superior Duplicate Bridge Club (20 Pairs)

1. Gwen Best & Bill McKiggan 62.8%
2. Jerald Shook & Norman Bahle 61.0%

Ajax Duplicate Bridge Club (28 Pairs)

1. Allan Doucette & Bill Thordarson 63.9%
2. Harry Verkirk & Greg Sweeney 63.3%

Georgetown Bridge (18 Pairs)

1. Marg Robson & Duke Wilson 61.9%
2. Sandy Mitchell & Norma Maynard 58.6%

Belleville Bridge Club (32 Pairs)

1. E. Carswell & Ed Matuszek 68.2%
2. Yutta Yager & Alex Raets 65.9%

Ray's Duplicate Bridge Club (24 Pairs)

1. Dan Rudachyk & Matt Boyd 64.9%
2. George Warner & Katherine Johnson 59.2%

Peel Bridge Studio (12 Pairs)

1. Wyn Lansdell & Marcus Cloete 66.7%
2. Marilyn Gross & Bob Hall 64.2%

Carlingwood Duplicate Bridge Club (32 Pairs)

1. M. Newland & S. Wilson 67.2%
2. M. Warnock & J. East 61.6%

Peterborough Bridge Club (28 Pairs)

1. Eugene Reynolds & Gill Barnes 64.8%
2. Tim Carey & Bill Dawson 63.1%

Ted Horning's Bridge Studio (10 Pairs)

1. A. Kline & P. Kline 57.5%
2. V. Cronshaw & K. Cronshaw 56.5%

ZONE IV

Pinawa Duplicate Bridge Club (8 Pairs)

1. John Montin & Colin Brown 67.7%
2. Jacques LeBlanc & W. Murray 56.2%

Thunder Bay Duplicate Bridge Club (29 Pairs)

1. Susan Cressman & Lew Marsten 61.2%
2. Bill Anderson & Lorne Hacquoil 58.1%

Falconbridge Duplicate Bridge Club

(24 Pairs)

1. Z. Waszczylo & W. A. Wall 58.1%
2. Mrs. I. Neal & Mrs. J. Maxwell 57.4%

Kenora Duplicate Bridge Club (12 Pairs)

1. Jean McIntee & Jean Davies 62.0%
2. Bill Maffey & Grant Hyslop 58.3%

ZONE V

Edmonton Bridge Centre (6 Pairs)

1. Gurcharan Bhatia & Al Stacey 63.0%
2. Ele Gibson & Pat Baughan 60.0%

Lloydminster Duplicate Bridge Club
(11 Pairs)

1. Elsie Cheley & Dorothy Hill 61.1%
2. Colon Kruger & Courtney Faber 59.4%

St. Albert Duplicate Bridge Club (10 Pairs)

1. Glenn Anderson & Allan Anderson 64.4%
2. B.J. Trelford & Leslie Lichuk 58.3%

Sherwood Park Duplicate Bridge Club
(12 Pairs)

1. Kathy Engel & Betty Poeppel 61.9%
- 2/3. Rick Baker & Norma Austin 60.1%
- 2/3. Diane Northfield & Arthur Turner 60.1%

Nipawin Duplicate Bridge Club
(10 Pairs)

1. Nazma Duha & Gerald Millette 64.6%
2. Janet Rawlyk & Vera DeLaat 54.9%

Moose Jaw Duplicate Bridge Club

(34 Pairs)

1. Lorna Newton & Ken Newton 66.5%
2. John Wiens & Andy Anderson 62.2%

Broadview Duplicate Bridge Club

(26 Pairs)

1. Albert Hickie & Garry Fletcher 63.9%
2. Lloyd Bovee & Ruby McGibney 61.1%

Weyburn Duplicate Bridge Club

(14 Pairs)

1. Sam Murray & Betty Oliver 59.2%
2. Larry Button & Betty Leach 57.5%

Saskatoon Duplicate Bridge Club

(28 Pairs)

1. H. Donison & C. Donison 60.2%
2. E. Ashenhurst & B. Holderness 59.9%

Flin Flon Duplicate Bridge Club

(8 Pairs)

- 1/2. Wayne Black & Peter Gardner 56.3%
- 1/2. Olive Thom & Isabelle Kitchen 56.3%

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (34 Pairs)

1. John Cracknell & Gladys Barclay 62.3%
2. Angele Brundige & Duncan McKillop 61.2%

ZONE VI

Bridge Lake Duplicate Bridge Club

(14 Pairs)

1. C.J. Faesslet & P. Deshulniers 62.9%
2. J. Craigie & J. Hoople 62.1%

Rainbow Bridge Club (10 Pairs)

1. Jim Nastrom & Jim Robinson 60.4%
2. John Ross & Fern Mercier 59.7%

Victoria Duplicate Bridge Club

(56 Pairs)

1. Peggy Wright & Loreen Dunklee 70.1%
2. Don Gray & Janice Stanford 65.7%

Pemberton Bridge Club (28 Pairs)

1. Pat Clen & Joan Dear 62.7%
2. Gerry Cross & Bob James 61.9%

Sparwood Duplicate Bridge Club

(14 Pairs)

1. Barb Andrews & Tony Storey 63.3%
2. Dick Hughes & Antoine Beurskens 60.4%

Comox Duplicate Bridge Club (24 Pairs)

1. Irene Bacon & Betty Crich 58.6%
2. Logie Grieve & Jake Kuipers 58.0%

Malaspina Bridge Club (18 Pairs)

1. Mrs. J. Brach & Gail Fennell 58.3%
2. Mrs. K.E. Joneson & Mrs. M. Holmwood 56.3%

Terrace Duplicate Bridge Club (8 Pairs)

1. R. Gagne & R. Davis 59.0%
2. M. McFarland & D. Davis 56.0%

Spruce Capital Bridge Club (16 Pairs)

1. Ivan Verba & Verna Demerchant 63.3%
2. Dave McWalters & Suman Kashyp 62.5%

Port Alice Bridge Club (6 Pairs)

1. Al Goodridge & Frank Philps 56.0%
2. Betty Watson & Rod Watson 54.0%

Williams Lake Duplicate Bridge Club

(14 Pairs)

1. Richard Gursky & Jacques Roberge 60.8%
2. Clark Glanville & Ralph Hoople 59.6%

Haida Bridge Club (18 Pairs)

1. Mike Manica & Harry Fitzpatrick 60.1%
2. Harvey Piercy & Louise Elliot 56.3%

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For All the Marbles

by Ross Taylor, Hamilton, Ont.

Twenty teams from across Canada descended upon Ottawa June 7-11 for the 1986 CNTC Final. For three days, each team played every other team in 10-board matches. At the end of the round-robin, the top 4 teams advanced to a mini-knockout, in which carryover (up to a maximum of 20 IMPs) would be awarded to the relevant team, regardless of relative standing in the round robin.

At the end of two days' play, the standings were as follows:

McIntyre	693	Molson	607
Carruthers	667	Goldberg	568
Ballantyne	661	McIlwain	566
Aarons	609	Anderson	565

The general consensus was that a score of 870 would be necessary to qualify for the final 4. Thus, with 480 VPs still available from the remaining six matches, only three teams had been "theoretically" eliminated.

With three matches left to play, things were still tight:

Carruthers	825	Habert	728
McIntyre	798	McIlwain	695
Molson	762	Aarons	678
Ballantyne	752	Bridson	668

As is always the case, strange things were happening during the third day's play. BALLANTYNE, who had played well during the whole round robin, ran into heavy weather in the last three matches, and could only muster 80 VPs out of 240 possible. AARONS closed strongly to gather 189/240 and pick off 4th spot. CARRUTHERS lost their final match by a large margin and had to be content with a dead tie for first with MOLSON. McINTYRE hung tough for 3rd with a total of 894, and my own team, in a burst of glory, won 230/240 to close at 7th, twenty-four VPs away from 4th. The BRIDSON team, after a miserable first day, had scored higher over the last two days than any other team — it was too much, too late. Unfortunately, HABERT, McILWAIN and TAYLOR had all lost committee decisions that could have qualified them in 4th spot.

The following are the final round-robin standings and team compositions:

MOLSON was declared the round-robin victor, by virtue of a tie-breaking formula. Having lost to all three other qualifiers in the round-robin, they would begin their semi-final at a disadvantage regardless who their opponents were. They chose to play AARONS, and began play down 20 IMPs. That left McINTYRE to play CARRUTHERS, with McINTYRE enjoying an eight IMP lead.

Final Round Robin Standings

(20 teams — average 760)

- 1/2. MOLSON — Baran, Cannell, E. Murray (Montreal) 918*
- 1/2. CARRUTHERS — Guoba, Nagy, Kokish, Graves, Mittelman (Toronto) 918
3. McINTYRE (NPC) — Edgar, Schoenborn, Hobart, Kirr, Carroll, Turner (Toronto) 894
4. AARONS — B. Cohen, J. Gowdy, Dalton (T. Greer) (Toronto) 867
5. HABERT — Goldenblatt, Garinther, Marchand, Kraft, R. Habert (Montreal) 853
6. McILWAIN — Newcombe, Chapelle, G. Arbour, R. Betts, L. Betts (Vancouver) 852
7. TAYLOR — Horning, Lorber — Marcinski (Montreal) 843
8. BALLANTYNE — Crawford, S. Fraser, D. Fraser, Brazeau, Vincent (Vancouver) 838
9. WILLIS — J. Bowman, Kent, Lamothe, Altay, McKinnon (Montreal) 825
10. BRIDSON — Lindop, Roche, Rayner, M. Arbour, Fox (Toronto) 816

* MOLSON awarded first place via the tiebreaker formula.

The Semi-Finals

Board 1 saw CARRUTHERS pick up 6 IMPs when Kokish-Nagy bid and made 3 NT (+400) whilst Turner-Carroll declared a partial at the other table. In the other match, Cannell-Murray were doubled in

3NT and made (+550), but a committee ruled the auction back to 2H doubled making for the opponents (-470). This resulted in a 13 IMP loss for MOLSON. AARONS led MOLSON by 33, McINTYRE led CARRUTHERS by 2.

The rest of the quarter belonged to McINTYRE and MOLSON, however. On board 2, Edgar-Schoenborn scored up +600 in 3NT, whilst their counterparts were going down 200 in a club partial. On the same hand, Aarons-Cohen, holding the other cards, scored up a magnificent +510, when Cohen played the wheels off 4D doubled. This result was negated, however, when Gowdy-Dalton were alertly doubled in 4C

3NT. In the other match, Aarons-Cohen bid up to 4H (a 5-3 fit) but there were four losers. McINTYRE wins 11 IMPs. MOLSON wins 12 IMPs.

A few more swings ensued, and after 16 boards McINTYRE led CARRUTHERS by 53 IMPs, and AARONS led MOLSON by 4 IMPs.

In the second quarter, the swings go back and forth between CARRUTHERS and McINTYRE, with McINTYRE coming out on top to lead by 68 IMPs (121-53) with 32 boards remaining. In the MOLSON-AARONS match, the bridge is tight and MOLSON wins 6 IMPs to be up by 2 IMPs (53-51).



David Turner (center) looks thoughtful

at the other table, for -500.

Then, on board 8, Nagy-Kokish were severely punished for bidding 3NT with the queen of diamonds offside. This doubled contract went for -1400, but a defenders revoke brought the score back to -800. In the other match, Aarons was similarly punished by the lie of the diamond queen, and went down 4 vulnerable in 4 hearts. At the other two tables, peaceful diamond partials were declared and made.

On board 9, Shoe opened 1NT with S:KQ, H: KJ D:93 C:AJ109762, and stole the hand in 2S, with E-W on for a vulnerable

It was time for CARRUTHERS to draw upon their years of experience if they were going to pull this one out of the bag. However McINTYRE did not allow them much leeway, and in fact scored a major coup on board 43 when Carroll-Turner bid a grand slam in diamonds that was played in game at the three other tables.

Dealer:S
Vl.: None

S:A875
H:AK10743
D:Q2
C:2

S:KQ1062
H:92
D:532
C:K95

S:95
H:J65
D:98
C:Q87643

S:J4
H:Q8
D:AKJ1076
C:AJ10

building a 10 IMP lead with 16 boards left to play.

On board 49, Cannell-Murray bid 6NT, needing to find the queen of hearts. They didn't, and AARONS picked up 11 IMPs when Dalton-Gowdy played safely in 4H. AARONS by one. Both teams bid a good 4S on board 50 for no swing, and on 51 Molson-Baran bid well to a good 24-point slam:

Dealer:S
Vul.:E-W

S:K76543
H:AQ109
D:5
C:A3

Table One:

West <i>Nagy</i>	North <i>Turner</i>	East <i>Kokish</i>	South <i>Carroll</i>
1S	2H	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT	Pass	5S
Pass	5NT	Pass	6D
Pass	7D		

(All Pass)

Table Two:

West <i>Hobart</i>	North <i>M'Iman</i>	East <i>Kirr</i>	South <i>Graves</i>
1S	2H	Pass	3D
Pass	3S	Pass	4C
Pass	4H		

(All Pass)

The big difference was the forcing club opener. Turner, North, always knew that Carroll had 16 + HCP, whereas Mittelman could not be sure of extra values in Graves' hand. Perhaps Graves should move over 4H?

Despite a fairly sound match otherwise, CARRUTHERS could not seriously dent the McINTYRE lead, which at the conclusion of 48 boards was 58 IMPs. As it happens, McINTYRE gained 26 IMPs more in the 4th quarter to defeat one of Canada's finest teams 228-144.

The MOLSON-AARONS third quarter was another tight affair, with MOLSON

S:Q102

H:K7
D:KJ9432
C:KJ

S:-

H:J8642
D:876
C:Q10982

S:AJ98
H:53
D:AQ10
C:7654

Table One:

West <i>Gowdy</i>	North <i>Baran</i>	East <i>Dalton</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
1D	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	6S		

(All Pass)

Table Two:

West <i>Cannell</i>	North <i>Aarons</i>	East <i>Murray</i>	South <i>Cohen</i>
1D	1S	Pass	3D*
Pass	4S		

(All Pass)

* *Limit raise in spades*

This of course, was cruelly beaten by a 3-0 trump split.

On board 52, Molson-Baran bid aggressively to 3NT, missed by Cohen-Aarons. The match was tied. After a few part score swings, AARONS led by 3 IMPs when on board 59 Aarons and Baran held,

as North, none vul.: S A75 H:- D:AK2 C:AQ98653. Both opened the bidding with one club, LHO bid 4H, passed around to them. Now what? Baran said double, his partner took this out to 4S, and this was doubled by Baran's RHO. Do you sit? Baran ran to 5C, which was doubled by the preemptor and all passed. This was cold as the cards lay. Dummy had S:Q10842 H:Q10 D:QJ974 C:4. The preemptor was void in spades, with a 0-8-2-3- distribution. +550 at both tables. 6 diamonds, anyone? AARONS still by 3.



Boris Baran looks tough

Then, on board 60, a matchbreaker:
Dealer:W
Vul.:N-S

S:-
H:63
D:AKJ743
C:Q9863

S:AK76
H:Q984
D:Q6
C:1075

S:J932
H:10
D:1098
C:AKJ42

S:Q10854
H:AKJ752
D:52
C:-

Table One:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gowdy</i>	<i>Baran</i>	<i>Dalton</i>	<i>Molson</i>
Pass	1D	2C	2H
3C	Dbl.	Pass	3S
Pass	4H	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Table Two:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cannell</i>	<i>Aarons</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1H
1S!	2D	4S	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At Table 2, Cannell was punished for his frivolous overcall and went down 3 (-500). At the other table, Gowdy, like the rest of us, doubled 4H after a spirited auction, and Molson proceeded to demonstrate that it was cold.

He ruffed the opening club lead, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, cashed a high diamond, ruffed another club, cashed the king of hearts, and led a diamond to dummy's high honour. This was the ending, with 8 tricks in:

S:-
H:-
D:J43
C:Q9

S:AK
H:Q98
D:-
C:-

S:J9
H:-
D:10
C:AK

S:Q108
H:AJ
D:-
C:-

Now the defenders couldn't get out of each other's way. Molson cleverly led a losing club from dummy, and allowed East to cash the AK of clubs, shedding spades from his hand. Gowdy, West, was forced to match his partner's cards with the AK of spades. Now Dalton, East, led his last diamond. Molson pitched the good queen of spades, allowing Gowdy to ruff, and West was trump-end played. +790, MOLSON wins 7 IMPs.

So MOLSON led by 4, with 4 boards to play. This lead went to 10 on the next board when Cohen solved an insoluble bidding problem by passing a forcing bid. Rather unluckily (as the cards lay) game happened to be a make (not vulnerable). Two more part score swings settled the match in MOLSON's favour, 112-95.

The Final

And so it was McINTYRE vs. MOLSON in the final with McINTYRE enjoying a 17 IMP carryover from the round robin.

This lead was raised to 27 IMPs after board one when Schoenborn found the way to nine tricks in 3NT after a friendly lead, while Molson had no chance after a better lead from Arno Hobart. A double part score swing took the lead up to 34 IMPs on board 4. Board 10 was the match's first slam:
Dealer: East
Vul.: Both

S:1087

H:-

D:KJ1074

C:A7543

S:96

H:KJ3

D:9652

C:KQ102

SKJ5432

H:87542

D:-

C:86

S:AQ

H:AQ1096

D:AQ83

C:J9

Table One:

West <i>Kirr</i>	North <i>Baran</i>	East <i>Hobart</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3S*	Dbl.	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	5H
Pass	6D	(All Pass)	

Hobart made the excellent lead of a small diamond. Molson won this with dummy's 4 spot, and played ace and another club. The ensuing diamond return left declarer one trick short when clubs failed to break, although there was much thrashing

around. At the other table, Cannell (East) can be forgiven for not leading a trump, but the hand is cold on any other lead (with careful management). McINTYRE now led by 50 IMPs after 10 boards.

MOLSON struck back on board 11, bidding and making 5C N-S in room 1, and declaring 3D successfully in room 2. McINTYRE by 39. On board 12, MOLSON bid a phantom 4S over 4H to lose 6 IMPs, then on 13 Shoe-Edgar bid to a pushy 4 spades that could be beaten on an initial trump lead. Molson-Baran stayed low. A club was led and McINTYRE won 10 IMPs. McINTYRE by 55. Then on the next two boards McINTYRE won part score battles to lead by 68.

On board 16, you South hold S:K3 H:Q87 D:KJ82 C:AK94 and with E-W vulnerable hear West open a 15-17 notrump, passed around to you. Do you double? Molson did not and was +200. Shoe said double and bought a very suitable collection of queens and jacks in partner's hand. +500. McINTYRE by 75. The last two boards of the quarter were triumphs for MOLSON however, and they cut the margin to 56 IMPs, with 54 boards remaining.

In the second quarter, MOLSON cut the lead to 46 IMPs on board 21 when Murray, almost by necessity, picked off the club king singleton offside late in the play of 4 spades, whereas Edgar was forced to commit himself at trick 2, and naturally finessed.

On board 23, Murray-Cannell allow declarer to make 4H, and then Turner-Carroll go down in 3NT on board 27, with 4 hearts on. On board 28, Carroll, as South, N-S vul., hears West open 1NT (15-17); East responds 2 hearts, and this is passed around to partner who doubles for takeout. What should he bid holding S:A72 H:Q975 D:A75 C:J93? Greg coolly said pass and collected +300 on a not unlikely lie of the cards. At the other table 3 hearts (!) went quietly down 3, so McINTYRE picked up 4 IMPs.

Then, on board 33:

Dealer: East
Vul.: Both

S: 10
H: QJ54
D: A743
C: J874

S: 83
H: A82
D: K86
C: AQ1053

S: AJ652
H: K96
D: QJ
C: K92

S: KQ974
H: 1073
D: 10952
C: 6

Both Wests declared 3NT. At table 1, the defense led diamonds, and the tempo was all declarer's. At table 2, Turner, North, led a low heart, won by dummy's king. Declarer knocked out the ace of diamonds and the heart queen came back. This was ducked. Turner shifted to the spade 10 which was covered by the jack and the queen. Carroll shifted back to the 10 of hearts. North later got in with the club jack for down one. Perhaps declarer should have ducked a club into the South hand after winning the ace of hearts? (Yes, I know he could have ducked the opening lead, or won the first spade with the ace, but the defense was still very tight).

Then, the most sensational hand of the match:

Dealer: East
Vul.: N-S

S: 52
H: AQJ6543
D: 9
C: 732

S: Q987
H: 1082
D: 1085
C: J104

S: J3
H: 7
D: KQJ7642
C: Q96

S: AK1064
H: K9
D: A3
C: AK85

Table One:

West <i>Cannell</i>	North <i>Turner</i>	East <i>Murray</i>	South <i>Carroll</i>
Pass	4H	3D	3NT
Pass	6H	Pass	5H
7D	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl.

Table Two:

West <i>Edgar</i>	North <i>Baran</i>	East <i>Shoe</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
7D!	Pass*	4D	Dbl.
Pass	7NT!	Pass	7S
		(All Pass)	

At table one, Cannell tried the wait and see approach. What he saw was a good auction to get to 6H by Carroll-Turner: True, seven hearts is there, but chalk one up for the preempt. Cannell saved against 6 hearts, and Murray went down 6, -1100, when Carroll soberly took his plus.

At the other table, Edgar's 7 diamond call caused much anguish for Molson-Baran. Baran's forcing pass invited Molson to take further action, (not that he'd know to bid 7H!) Molson could (should?) have doubled for the same +1100, but instead chose to search for the vulnerable grand slam bonus. He finally bid 7 spades. Baran reasoned that that 7NT would be as good as, if not better, than 7 spades, providing his partner could stop the first round of diamonds, and preferably not via a ruff. The lead of the king of diamonds destroyed all squeeze possibilities and Baran thrashed his way to down one. A breathless win of 15 IMPs for McINTYRE, and a hand that had the kibitzers riveted to their seats for the whole twenty-five minutes it took to bid and play.

This quarter thus ended with McINTYRE up by 63 IMPs (129-66) after 36 boards. The third quarter would be critical for MOLSON. They would have to pick up at least 20 IMPs to have any realistic chance going down the stretch. This would be no easy task with the three McINTYRE pairs playing so well, and with such confidence.

Both teams missed a good slam on board 37:

Dealer:North

Vul.:None

S:Q65
H:AKQ3
D:96
CAK52

S:KJ10973
H:95
D:842
C:Q10

S:84
H:J6
D:J10753
C:8643

S:A2
H:108742
D:AKQ
C:J97

Table One:

North	South	
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	
1C*	1S*	(2S)
Pass	2NT	
3C*	3H	
4H	Pass	

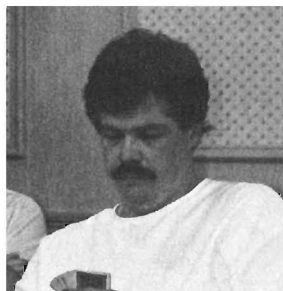
Table Two:

North	South	
<i>Baran</i>	<i>Molson</i>	
1C	1H*	(2S)
2NT	3S	
4H	Pass	

At table one, Carroll was uncharacteristically cautious facing a big club opener. Had he Q-bid 4 spades over 4H, slam would surely have been reached. At the other table, Baran's 2NT call, although understandable, caused Molson too many worries to go exploring to the 5 level.

A little later, McINTYRE did the right thing at both tables in a high-level sacrifice situation. Kirr-Hobart, whose judgment had been excellent all through the KO, judged to defend 4S doubled, +300, rather than bid to their vulnerable 5C. At the other table, Turner-Carroll elected to defend 5C, and beat it one for a gain of 9 IMPs.

Then Cannell wandered into a forcing club auction and the price was 1400 versus a vulnerable 3NT. He got those IMPs back on the next board when he and Murray bid



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and made 3NT, whilst 4 hearts was going down at the other table. After that, Molson-Baran went down in 4 spades when KJ10x of trumps were offside, while Carroll-Turner played and made 2 spades.

On board 48, Cannell and Murray bid well to reach 6 diamonds not vulnerable, while at the other table Molson-Baran were all over the auction, making it difficult for Kirr-Hobart to bid slam with confidence. Both teams exchanged game swings, and the last board of the quarter featured a delicate slam:

Dealer:East
Vul.:N-S

S:AK73
H:Q106
D:A
C:K8743

S:654
H:7543
D:Q1098
C:62

S:J1082
H:AKJ98
D:K54
C:5

S:Q9
H:2
D:J7632
C:AQJ109

Table One:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Baran</i>	<i>Kirr</i>	<i>Molson</i>
		1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2H*	Pass
Pass	3C	Pass	4C
Pass	5C	(All Pass)	

Table Two:

West	North	East	South
<i>Cannell</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Carroll</i>
		1H	Pass
Pass	2C	Pass	3D*
Pass	3S	Pass	5C
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At table one, Hobart, opposite a limited partner, manufactured a response to 1 spade, and was charmed to hear a two heart (canapé) response. (Maybe he should bid 4H now?) At this point, Molson-Baran entered the auction. Baran, nervous about the trump suit, did not go looking for slam over Molson's 4C, and thus scored up +620. At table two, perhaps a Q-bid by Carroll would have been preferable to a fit-showing jump on Jxxxx of diamonds. This might have led to the slam. Just another push.

The quarter ended with 101 IMPs changing hands. However, McINTYRE had garnered 57 of these to keep MOLSON at bay to the tune of 74 IMPs with 18 boards left to play.

The match was virtually over. MOLSON recovered 30 IMPs in the last quarter, but it was too late. Laurie McIntyre's team of Harmon Edgar-Michael Schoenborn, Marty Kirr-Arno Hobart, and David Turner-Greg Carroll had won the 1986 CNTC in convincing fashion.

The stakes were high for this one folks. Not only did the two finalists receive Canada's final two berths into the knockout portion of this year's Rosenblum Cup (to be held in Miami in the fall of 1986), but McINTYRE had also won the right to represent Canada in the 1987 Bermuda Bowl Trials, along with Mexico, Bermuda, and possibly another U.S. team. We wish them well. I assume this means that next year's CNTC winner will represent Canada in the 1988 Olympiad. We seem to be a year out of synch.

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