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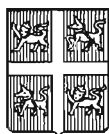
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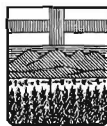
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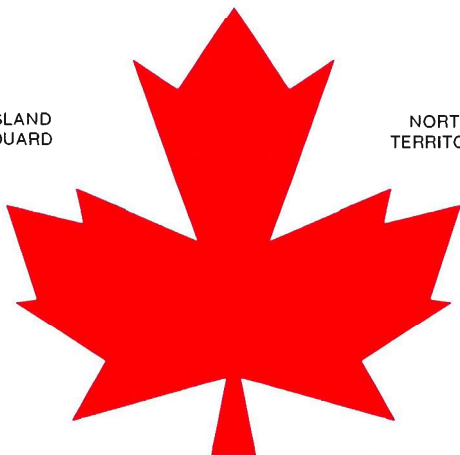
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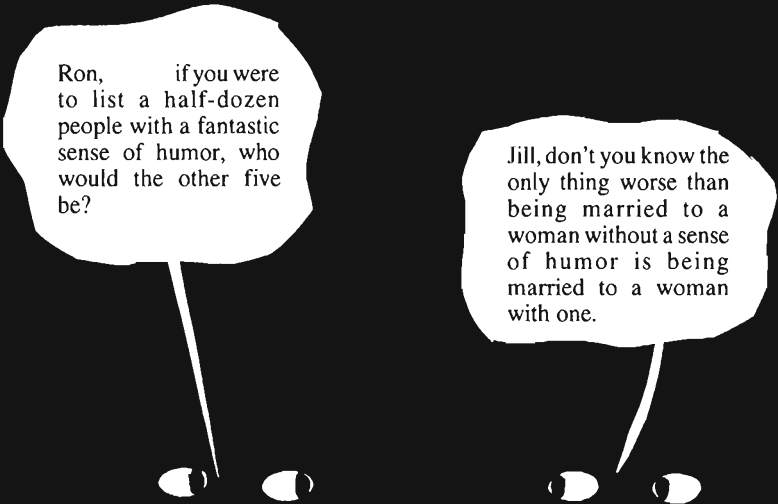
The prelude to our resignation? Correct! We have considered our decision to resign as Co-editors of the Digest for sometime, and feel that now that time has come to move along and allow someone else to initiate some new ideas for the Digest.

We certainly enjoyed the time we've spent as Editors, and we've made a lot of friends along the way. Our regular contributors are truly fantastic people and the occasional contributors were fast becoming regular ones.

Because there are always so many things that tend to be said at a time like this, and because we both hate long good-byes, we've decided to limit ourselves to one sentence to try and sum up our feelings.

"We did what we could effectively do, and always with consideration for others."

Good-Bye
Ron & Jill



Ron, if you were to list a half-dozen people with a fantastic sense of humor, who would the other five be?

Jill, don't you know the only thing worse than being married to a woman without a sense of humor is being married to a woman with one.

WHOSE MONEY

BRIDGE'S PARENT BODY OUGHT TO CORRECT FAMILY'S FINANCES

by *Eric Kokish*

At the Las Vegas meetings of the ACBL board of directors a motion was passed to allocate some \$6,000 from the general fund to supplement money in the international fund to support ACBL's No. 1 teams in both the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil in mid-October, 1985.

So what. Just another business procedure. Well, not quite. The general fund, you see, belongs to all ACBL members regardless of creed, color, or (the big one) *nationality*.

While all ACBL women did have an opportunity to qualify for the ACBL's No. 1 Venice Cup team, the same cannot be said for the No. 1 Bermuda Bowl team which, according to board decree, must be composed of Americans exclusively.

Declared ineligible

The ACBL's No. 2 team is determined through a playoff among the national champions of Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico.

The Sao Paulo team was Canadian, the first time that our nation has been officially represented in the World Championship by zones.

In effect, what the ACBL board has done was to give family finances to one of its children while declaring three other (theoretically) equally deserving children ineligible.

Not that both the No. 1 teams aren't entitled to full funding. They are. The conditions of contest say so.

In the case of the Venice Cup team, it's

easy to see that the general fund should bail out the U.S. international fund. Indeed, the team should theoretically be financed by the general fund.

Had the No. 1 team been Canadian, for example, we can only hope that Canada would not have been asked to finance that team.

Either that, or a guarantee that ACBL will contribute when necessary to the funding of Canadian, Bermudan, or Mexican teams who earn their way to the Bowl.

Like this year, for example, when the Canadian Bridge Federation must fund its team to Sao Paulo. Would a transfusion of ACBL dollars not be of tremendous advantage to the CBF, whose own finances are always inadequate?

Canadian board representative George Retek strongly objected to the allocation, but to no avail. Joseph Silver, a Canadian delegate to the board of governors, raised the issue when the group met, but the board's role is largely advisory and it is not yet clear whether anything will come of their notice of concern.

Curiously, the CBF itself has not yet lodged a protest. In remaining silent, the CBF is tacitly condoning the board's action and, in so doing, failing to efficiently carry out its mandate on behalf of Canadian members.

In the political arena this would amount to a scandal of sorts. But here in the wonderful world of bridge we turn the other cheek. It's high time that we insist on professional conduct from our American "parent" if we are to remain productive and satisfied "family" members.

Polmabarmy's Pathos

by Bill Murray, Pinawa, Manitoba

This new group of "help people" is called BridgeAholics Anonymous. What happens is that if a person is having a particularly tough time with bridge, you call this phone number, and someone who has been "through it" comes over and drinks and talks with you until your status is back to quo. A sleepless night of self-deprecating post-mortems is one thing, but what if the problem is with your partner? This is what caused me to call "the" number.

When this smooth looking gent arrived, and mentioned that he was so addicted that games of 50 cents a hundred were common and at times he had been in games at a dollar a hundred, I figured, OK, I'll listen. My general limit is 10 cents per hundred.

"Coming from a long line of addicts" he commenced "partnerships must be inviolate."

"Each member of a Partnership," he capitalized it "must be in complete agreement as to what method of bidding and play they use."

"Yeh but," I eagerly started.

"Generally speaking," he ignored me as he poured himself a hefty drink of my Crown Royal, "Partnerships should keep the bidding as simple as possible. I mean, why spring a 'Colorful CueBid' on him or her when you've just read about it yourself?"

He pontificated on and on.

I thought that if I watched him closely, I could time my question just as he was taking a slow sip of my Crown Royal.

"Now!" I thought.

My "Yeh but" was completely ignored again as he gulped instead of sipped. This one-sided conversation continued on and on. It became a battle of wits. When I interjected a "Yeh but" he gulped my whiskey. If I said nothing he sipped it

slowly.

During a lecture on ethics, I awoke with a start because he had actually asked me a question.

"Huh?" I said, alertly.

"Do you and your partner use the Grand Slam Force?" he repeated.

"Huh?" I continued my brilliant repartee.

"Let me explain," he said kindly. As it turned out, he had visited my distraught partner earlier and knew my problem before he had arrived. "Your partner held ..." he chortled as he drew out the hand.

Partner

S A6
H Q1087642
D AJ105
C VOID

You

S K109843
H AK53
D 9
C Q10

Partner

1 heart
3 spades
5 No Trump
Pass

You

3 hearts
4 spades
6 hearts

"That's exactly my problem," I cried, "What type of Blackwood is that 5 No Trump bid?"

As we both eyed my now empty bottle, the whole story was recited to me.

"Five No Trump is never Blackwood unless preceded by a bid of Four No Trump. Even if the asker holds all four Aces, he must bid 4 No Trump first and then bid 5 No Trump to ask for kings.

A bid here of 5 No Trump asks partner a specific question and requires a specific answer. It tells partner to bid 6 of the agreed suit if he has one of the top three honours in that suit. In this case the suit must be hearts. If partner has two of the top three honors, he must bid 7. If for some reason he does not have any of the top three honors, he must bid 6 clubs. Your bid of six hearts said that you had only one of the top three honors, and that is why your partner passed, when seven was a

laydown.”

Resolving to buy the “Book of Goren” after he left, I considered what this fiasco

had cost me, just because I blamed my ex-partner for something I didn’t know. It could have been worse, though, it could have been you, dear reader.

CBF Events and Activities Update

By Aidan Ballantyne

Your directors will be meeting again in May '86 to sort out the most pressing CBF problems and decide on the coming season's programs. Meanwhile there have been a few developments re the Miami Olympiad.

Rosenblum Teams

Canada's quota now stands at 6 teams (up from 4 as detailed in the previous Digest issue) to be filled as follows:

- 1985 CNTC winners
- 1985 CLTC winners
- top three finishers of the 1986 CNTC
- one team of Canadian WBF masters (to be named).

Open Pairs

Canada is allowed 9 pairs:

- top three finishers in the 1985 COPC held in Montreal.
- one representative from each of the 6 CBF zones (most have already been selected)

The CBF is currently trying to persuade the WBF and ACBL to increase Canada's quota. Additional pairs may be selected through the 1986 COPC or from CBF zones II and III.

Mixed and Women's Pairs

Our quota is 30 pairs for the mixed and 5 for the women's. Canada's entry in these

two events is presently being decided by Dr. Alvin Baragar's International Events Committee.

Funding

The matter of funding will be discussed at the CBF director's meeting in May. At this time (March) it looks as if funding will extend to: the 1985 CNTC and CLTC winners; the 1985 COPC winners; and to the Open Pairs representatives from each CBF zone.

The COPC

Your director will decide the fate of the COPC at the May meeting. The unit stage of the 1986 COPC is now over. The National Final is scheduled for July 15-16 in Toronto, in conjunction with the summer NACS. Meanwhile, the date for the following National Final is as yet undecided. A number of options will be considered re the COPC, ranging from turning it into an annual event to scrapping it altogether. Opinions on this matter are welcome; please send comments as soon as possible to your zone director.

Shady Lady

Good luck isn't always a lady.
She's often an elusive frump.
To win her you have to play cagey
More so **when the lady's a trump.**

Dr. Harry Mann

What Is This Thing Called Bridge?

by CAROL KORINETZ

I was feeling sad and blue one day
My friend said come out and play
Your partner I will be
If you will play bridge with me.
Little did I know what was in sight
As she and I went to play bridge one night.
Not to worry, Don't get uptight!
It's for charity, you don't have to be bright.
We gathered around the tables in clusters
of four
I will play North and keep score.
What convention will we play
Stayman, Gerber, or the Blackwood way?

Oh, no thank you, Bridge will be fine
A funny look came from that friend of

mine.

A convention card we must fill
But going to a convention is against my
will.

Strong, Intermediate and Preempt on a
jump overcall?
But really that sounds like we are going to
play ball.

Jump Shift forcing good or weak?
The closest exit I began to seek.

Alas, the game was under way,
I never had time, I had to stay.
One Club, Alert! I shook with fright
I knew it was going to be a long night.

Only too soon I realized, and it wasn't
funny
It took bridge to create a dummy.

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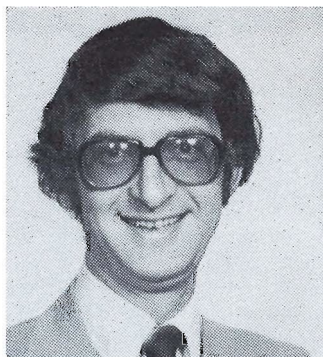
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FEBRUARY HONOUR ROLL

By Allan Simon

The difficult February contest resulted in generally very low scores; only four readers were able to break the 500 point barrier. They were:

1. Ms. M. Varkonyi	Downsview, Ont.	530
2. Roy Perry	St. Johns. Nfld.	530
3. Tony Reus	Montreal, Que.	530
4. Tom McNie	Salmon Arm. B.C.	500

In accordance with our previously published rules, a random draw was held among the three winners, with the book prize ("The Bridge Adventures of Androcles MacThick", by Theimer) going to Ms. Varkonyi. Moreover, Ms. Varkonyi and Mr. Perry join the expert panel for the May contest, while Mr. Reus, who appeared on the panel before, gets fixed again.

MAY PANEL

BRIAN ALEXANDER (Fredericton, N.B.) is one of the Atlantic area's most outstanding players - in three of the past five years he has been on the team which represented the Maritimes at the Canadian National Team Championships (CNTC) Final. In 1984 his team placed third in the nation. He is also active in bridge administration, having held a number of positions at the unit level.

RANDY BENNETT (Gander, Nfld.) was a teammate of Alexander's on those remarkable Atlantic CNTC teams. In addition, he represented Canada at the 1974 World Championships in Spain and he has been Newfoundland's most successful player over the last three years.

ANNA BOIVIN (Montreal, Que.) is one of the nation's leading bridge personalities. Her competitive record is highlighted by at least five regional triumphs and a national championship - the 1985 Canadian Ladies Team Championship in Halifax. At the administrative level, she has served her zone as CBF Director for three years.

ADOLPH FEINGOLD (Edmonton, Alta.), a former resident of Ottawa, now lives in retirement (both professionally and bridge-wise) in Edmonton. However his master-point total still ranks him at the top in Canada on an all-time basis.

GEOFF GHITTER (Calgary, Alta.) has won a couple of regionals and performed well at the 1983 Grand National Pairs Finals in San Antonio, placing 12th overall. Pretty



thin qualifications for a place on expert panel, you say? Well, Geoff happens to be my current partner, and politicians aren't the only ones who can dispense patronage appointments.

MARTY KIRR (Toronto) hardly needs an introduction. He is one of the most respected competitors in the Toronto area, thanks to numerous regional championships and no less than 3 CNTC qualifiers. He has also knocked at the door at a couple of major NAC team championships, the Reisinger and the Spingold.

ROY PERRY (St. Johns, Nfld.) sounds like a modest and funny fellow. He writes "Most of my major victories are still ahead of me. Come to think of it so are my minor ones." Judging from Mr. Perry's fine performance in this contest, his wait will be a short one.

MARIA VARKONYI (Downsview, Ont.), the other reader-champ, was on the winning team at the flight C intercity match between Montreal and Ottawa in 1983, but she doesn't say which city she represented. The February contest was her second straight score in the 500's, an almost Doucet-like performance.

KEN WARREN (Pickering, Ont.) is a familiar name on the McKenney-Crane list. He has won two regional and qualified for the national finals for both the CNTC and the Grand National Pairs.

WAYNE WEAVER (Trail, B.C.) is one half of what may be Eastern B.C.'s strongest pair (the other half would be Ian Glover). He has won several regionals and hopefully the political wrangles which have helped keep him out of the CNTC and COPC events will soon be a thing of the past. If so, look out.

MAY SOLUTIONS

(A) S:KQ H:AKQJ4 D:8 C:KQJ103

West	North	East	South
-	-	3C	?
Action		Panel Votes	Points
4H		5	100
Dbl.		3	90
3NT		1	50
3H		1	40
Pass		0	30

After getting over our shock at the opening bid (are those guys playing transfer pre-empts?) and thinking a little longer than the requisite 10 seconds, this hand should come into focus. It is easy to eliminate the also-rans: 3NT requires two key-cards from partner (a diamond stopper and a black ace, or two diamond stoppers), whereas four hearts requires just a few little hearts (10xx would be dandy). 3H sounds like the underbid of the year and Pass is wishful thinking.

As to the choice between the two sensible bids, let's go to the panel:

WEAVER: Double. I will then bid my

hearts no matter at what level my partner responds. Two bullets in partner's hand is not out of the question.

VARKONYI: Double. I need very little from partner to make game and I'm not willing to let East steal the hand.

Well, we're all agreed on that. But I feel partner is entitled to play us for support for more than one unbid suit. I would feel sheepish if the bidding continued 4D from pard - 4H - 4S. Sure we might miss a slam if we simply make the value bid of 4H, but perfection is sometimes impossible to attain against preempts. Agreeing with me was the panelist who got 600 on this set of problems:

BENNETT: Four hearts. Not the apparent underbid that it seems. This could be a four loser hand opposite 109xx 9xx QJxx x (West ruffs second club with heart 10, or if we draw trumps we have two club losers).

And similarly:

WARREN: Four hearts. Even with the threat of a club ruff partner needs only an ace or the heart 10 to make 4H. If partner has values for slam (2 aces and 10 of

hearts) he will probably find a bid over my vulnerable jump to game.

PERRY: Four hearts. Unfamiliar problem. I'm always East pre-empting with A6542 of clubs. If partner has 2 aces, he'll bid on.

ALEXANDER: Four hearts. With all my HCP some form of action is required. 4H is preferable to double (dangerous) or 3NT.

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

S:Q85 H:743 D:AQ6 C:Q832

West	North	East	South
-	-	1H	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	3H	?

Action	Panel Votes	Points
Pass	7	100
4C	2	60
Dbl.	1	50
4H	0	30

After the easy warmup problem, here are two toughies. Both were presented by Andy Anderson of Brandon at a panel show during the Winnipeg NACs. In Winnipeg, this problem saw 34 experts provide a diametrically different evaluation of South's hand: Only four passed, five tried 4C, nine doubled and no less than 16 cue bid 4H, a bid only one of our panelists as much as considered.

BOIVIN: Four clubs. I wish a double would be responsive here but I am not sure how partner will take it. 4H may push this into an impossible game. I know partner has a distributional hand with shortness in hearts.

I wouldn't double at rubber bridge either, the cue bid of 4H seems overly aggressive (even if we concede that a rubber bridge partner will not reopen on a piece of cheese), so that leaves pass. The passers sound like a bunch of clones.

ALEXANDER: Pass. Partner may be merely balancing with a double. If he bids again I would be happy to support him.

KIRR: Pass. And then if (big if) partner makes one more noise leap to 5 clubs. I may beat 3H but I won't get rich.

GHITTER: Pass. Too queeny to try a 4-level bid. If however partner can reopen

with a double, I have enough to bid 5 clubs. If he bids spades or diamonds I'll raise to game.

FEINGOLD: Pass. If partner is strong, he will double again or bid.

Makes sense to me. The only bid I hate is double.

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

S:97532 H:AK D:8732 C:AQ

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

*weak

**negative double

Action	Panel Votes	Points
Pass	6	100
3H	2	70
3S	2	50

Okay folks, relax. This is about as tough a problem as you'll ever get. In Winnipeg, Bobby Wolff called it "The Chamber of Horrors". In fact I can't remember ever seeing a problem before where every single potential answer was ludicrous.

Pass with xxxx of trumps when partner is likely to make a horrible lead?

VARKONYI: Pass. Hopefully the only bid for a plus score.

BENNETT: Pass. Time to ride the bus, right shape, wrong HCP location, but nowhere to go.

PERRY: Pass and pray. 3D rates to make. Shouldn't have opened; now I have the problem I deserve. Maybe we can run out the clock. Maybe pard forgot we were playing negative doubles.

Hey, I like that last part. So what do we do, rebid nine fifth?

KIRR: At the table I bid 3S and went one down (same as 3D). I haven't changed my mind.

I hadn't realized the hand was from actual play. Thanks for the info, Marty. If we dismiss Pass and 3S as outrageous, that leaves 3H. This weird bid fascinates me and

I'll give it my endorsement.

FEINGOLD: Three hearts, distasteful as it may be. 3D double might easily make, especially with an unfortunate spade lead.

BOIVIN: Three hearts. Where do you find these evil problems? Least of all evils. In Matchpoints I would consider a pass.

In Winnipeg, Pass got 19 votes, 3H eight, 3S five and 3NT and 4C one each, panelist Ron Anderson unkindly attributing the 4C bid to his mother. Thanks again to Andy Anderson for the use of these hands.

(D) IMPs, neither vul, South holds:

S:A632 H:- D:A108652 C:A93

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1S	2D
2H	Pass	Pass	?
Action		Panel Votes	Points
Pass		6	100
Double		3	70
3C		1	40
2S		0	30

What a passive panel we've got this month. I expected the double to get about as many votes as Jean Drapeau at a Montreal municipal election. Why let them play in their best suit at the two level when we've got such a fine hand?

Spearheading the conservative element:

WEAVER: Pass. Looks like the best chance at a plus score. As it appears partner has hearts and should have three defensive tricks.

VARKONYI: Pass. I am not proud of my overcall.

ALEXANDER: Pass. Would love to compete with a double at matchpoints but I am afraid of bouncing the opponents into a game of IMPs.

BENNETT: Pass. That's three straight passes in a row and I usually think of myself as an aggressive bidder. Since partner didn't double I see a two trick set unlikely, down one probable, and making two a possibility. This is not our hand so no

protection necessary.

Obviously, nobody can be right all the time. But I'm told that in real life North held Kx xxxxx - KQxxxx. At the other table North-South bid and made 6 clubs. Surely our teammates are entitled to more from us than a measly +150.

I like the double, so I'll quote all three doublers:

GHITTER: Double. Perfect. Shows short hearts and help in the other suits. My first round controls make up my shape flaws. Good game opposite as little as xx xxxx Kx KQxxx or xx xxxx x KQJxxx

WARREN: Double. Hoping partner can pass for penalties. Otherwise 3C or 3D should be playable contract.

PERRY: Matchpoint double. I think we own this hand. North is uncertain about my overcall and needs more info. I didn't double to begin with so s/he can pull to 3D if defence is no picnic.

Finally, a tip of the hat to Dr. Feingold, the one panelist who smelled out the master bid:

FEINGOLD: Three clubs, in case there is a fit there. Even a good 4-3 will do. Partner knows my diamonds are much longer than my clubs, otherwise I would have overcalled 2NT, not 2D.

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

S:K42 H:J2 D:Q74 C:KJ976

West	North	East	South
Pass	1H	Dbl.	Redbl.
1S	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2D	Pass	?
Action		Panel Votes	Points
2H		8	100
3C		1	60
2NT		1	40
Pass		0	30

Let's take a break from all the excitement to examine a "boring" problem, but just the kind of decision that wins pair games.

ALEXANDER: Two hearts. Completes

the description of my hand: 10-11 HCP with some tolerance for his first bid suit.

The question is: Didn't my first two bids already show that kind of hand? Can't we do something more descriptive at this juncture?

KIRR: Two notrump, because of positional values and likely decent spade break. Question is partner's 2D. It should be forward going with likely concern for clubs.

BOIVIN: Three clubs. Partner should have a reasonable hand or else he would not have passed at his second turn. I have shown my spade stopper and now I will show my club suit. This should imply diamond fit.

My own feelings are: Pass is out, since partner could have a good hand; a raise to three diamonds should promise four; among the other three bids, there is little to choose. But 2H sounds the least encouraging and that's the bid I prefer, since I may already have overbid this hand.

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

S:4 H:KQ10432 D:74 C:KQ85

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

Which card do you lead?

Action	Panel Votes	Points
Low heart	7	100
High heart	1	80
Club	2	40
Other	0	10

I faced this problem last fall, while partnered by Geoff Ghitter. I choose to lead a small heart. Geoff held QJ10x x xx AJ10xxx and declarer worked up no sweat while taking two spades, two hearts and six diamonds (dummy had KJxxxx in that suit) for 10 tricks and all the matchpoints. Needless to say, neither Geoff nor I was pleased. But instead of throwing boards at each other, we decided to include the hand in this contest.

The first answer won't surprise anyone:

GHITTER: Club king. RHO isn't crazy. If partner controls spades as he should declarer's tricks must be in diamonds. If hearts is right there's time to switch after seeing dummy. Might have to take our tricks off the top to beat this. Second choice is a low heart.

Since I detect a touch of contribution in that last sentence, I won't gloat over the decisive panel vote. A few sane comments:

WEAVER: Four of hearts. If partner says "lead a heart" who am I to argue? If you didn't plan on leading a heart you shouldn't have passed and any honour lead gives up a trick if partner has Ax and declarer J9xx.

WARREN: Four of hearts. Partner's double should indicate something in hearts. An honour lead may block the suit.

As a final conciliatory gesture to Geoff, I'll quote his only supporter:

KIRR: Club king and hope. At IMPs a heart lead is right but at matchpoints, partner might double with random values, based on my overcall.

AUGUST CONTEST

Readers are invited to enter the August contest by answering the August problems and sending their answers, together with their name and address, to

Canadian Bidding Contest
c/o Allan Simon
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Contest deadline is July 31. The reader with the highest score will receive a bridge book and an invitation to join the expert panel. The results will be discussed in the August issue while the honour roll will appear in November. Good luck.

AUGUST PROBLEMS

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

S:9 H:K964 D:KQJ9 C:AJ108

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

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

S:4 H:- D:KQ75 C:KJ876542

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	?

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

S:6 H:A98 D:QJ75 C:AJ1062

West	North	East	South
-	Pass	1D	Pass
2D	Dbl.	3D	?

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

S:AQJ74 H:1064 D:65 C:J104

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

(E) Matchpoints, North-South vul, South holds:

S:A964 H:10 D:J762 C:9863

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
2H	Pass	Pass	?

(F) Matchpoints, neither vul, South holds:

S:85 H:1073 D:10752 C:10832

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	7C	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

Note: East-West are Rodwell-Meckstroth
Which card do you lead?

Tuesday Morning

by David House

Two hours ago I got off the bus aching after a 20 hour ride home from ten days at the Fall Nationals in Winnipeg. I felt alot better with a long hot shower, but I needed my bridge fix. So here I was in a seven table Tues. morning game at the Haida Club.

First hand, board #9, E-W vul., N deals — As west I held void, J10X, KQ10987X, KJX and the auction proceeded Pass, Pass, 2C (strong, artificial, and forcing) on my right. I bid 3D, my L.H.O. bid 3H, my partner bid 4D, and R.H.O. said 4S. I now called 5D, Pass, Pass, 5S, Pass, Pass, Pass. I led D's and we cashed two D tricks and waited for our C trick. +50 was good for 5 out of the 6 matchpoints available. The whole hand was:

S XXX
H KXXXXX
D XX
C XX

S —	S XXX
H J10X	H AQXX
D KQ10XXXX	D AX
C KJX	C XXXX
	S AKQXXXX
	H —
	D XX
	C AQXX

Later, as I was dicussing this hand with Bob and Doug over a post-session brew, I got to thinking how much more interesting the stories would be if this hand had been played in a tough event like the Blue Ribbon. How many would bid the cold 5D game after Pass, Pass, 4S? How many would play in 6D? It makes in a non-H lead.

My favorite action would be Pass, Pass, 1C (precision or other strong C). Now if the E-W pair are playing transfer overcalls, West can bid 3 or 4 C's to transfer to D's, and after East has accepted the

transfer, 12 tricks in D's can always be made. You'd certainly feel fixed if they bid the D slam against you in that fashion; especially if you'd pushed them there with a 5S call.

In the Tuesday morning game, most south's opened 4S in third seat and bought it there. When Bob held the South hand he

opened it 2C. The sweet little old lady in the West chair asked his partner what the 2C opening showed, and Doug smiling informed her that it was very strong; probably 34 or 35 points. She passed and quietly defended 4S.

That might not have worked in the Blue Ribbon, Doug.

Big Doings Around the World

In Epson Bridge Championship

More than 125,000 contract bridge players from nearly 100 countries will attempt to become world champions in the first annual Epson World Simultaneous Pairs, scheduled for Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15, at locations throughout the world.

This is believed to be the biggest field in a single event ever to compete in any type of game or competition.

A unique feature of this competition will find all 125,000 participants playing exactly the same hands within exactly the same time frame. That's why the event will take place on two different days -- players in North America, South America, Europe and Africa will compete at various hours on Saturday, while participants in Asia and Australia will be playing on Sunday. The time zones make the difference -- actual play will be taking place simultaneously everywhere.

Since the deals will be the same everywhere, and since the scoring table will be available in each case as soon as a game is completed, it will be possible to determine local winners almost immediately. A hot line will be set up to Paris, France, where the organizers will determine the world champions.

In the United States, Canada, Bermuda and Mexico, the American Contract Bridge League will set up the games at clubs and tournaments. All contestants will play 24

deals in duplicate style.

All manner of special events are being set up all over the world.

In New York, a special game is being organized for world leaders who are in attendance at the United Nations.

In Beijing, Chinese government leaders will gather to play. Current plans call for ACBL President Tom Sanders and his wife Carol plus another score of American players to be in China on game day, and they plan to play there, probably in Beijing.

In Amsterdam, where bridge is popular with the younger generation, there will be a game for children.

In London, members of the diplomatic corps will take a few hours off to try to win this new special world championship.

In Paris and Hollywood, celebrities will gather to try their luck.

And that's only the beginning. The event has caught the imagination of bridge leaders and bridge players everywhere. Even though the games will have to be played in the early morning hours on Sunday in areas such as Asia and Australia, it appears that people are willing to make the sacrifice of staying up late or getting up early to participate.

Organizers expect to produce world-wide, continental and national winners within hours. This will be facilitated by the

scoring system -- everyone will be able to calculate his score immediately by referring to the game booklet that will be distributed to all as soon as the last hand is played. A point scale has been predetermined for every remotely likely result on every deal. Players will be able to copy their scores directly from the booklet.

A special communications network will be set up so that results will flow directly to headquarters in France. Chief Organizer Jose Damiani of France is in charge of this operation.

Starting times for players in North America are as follows:

Atlantic -- 3 p.m.
Eastern -- 2 p.m.
Central -- 1 p.m.
Mountain -- Noon
Pacific -- 11 a.m.
Hawaii -- 9 a.m.

All times are in Daylight Savings Time.

ACBL competitors will have two special inducements. The ACBL will issue master points, which are used to determine a player's proficiency in comparison to his peers. In addition, the top mixed pairs (one man and one woman) in each of the ACBL's 25 districts will become instantaneous qualifiers for the World Mixed Pairs, which will take place in Miami in September.

The top six pairs worldwide will receive enough WBF points to become instant World Masters. In all, 20 pairs worldwide will receive WBF points, ranging from 20 for first place to 1 for 20th.

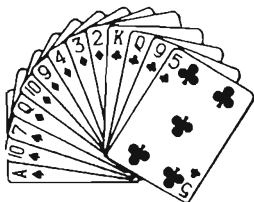
In addition, the top five finishers in each WBF zone will be awarded WBF master points on a 5-4-3-2-1 scale. World points and zonal points will **not** be cumulative.

Canada Performs Well In World Bidding

The Canadian placings in the 1985 World Bidding Contest sponsored by the International Bridge Academy were as follows:

3rd Greg Arbour and Paul Sontag, Vancouver
11th Mike Kenny and Eric Marshank, Montreal
19th Dr. and Mrs. Don Campbell, Saskatoon

The contest was won by Falk and Mertz from the USA.



Conventional Wisdom

Conventions in bridge are on the rise,
It would take a month to read them.
If all these you could memorize
You would be much too smart to need
them.

Dr. Harry Mann

Help Wanted

The CBF is accepting applications for
the position of

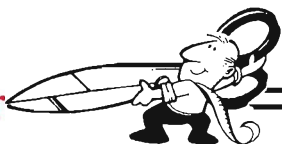
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Anyone interested in applying for this
position should submit a resume to

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Letters To the Editor



Letter to myself:

Jill, You did it again! You let your pen race ahead of your mind, and in aiming for brevity, it appeared you were in agreement with the letter that was critical of Frank Vine's article. What you meant to say was "the last line of the **article** says it all," namely that the piece was written in a satirical style, displaying good humor.

May your fake fingernails fall off, one by one!!

Your Nemesis,
Id

First, I want to apologize to Frank Vine. I did enjoy the article and hope to see more of them published.

Ron said my editor's note might be misunderstood, but I've never written a word yet, without first ignoring Ron's good advice.

I hope that Frank Vine and I get a chance to meet, because people usually know me for at least three minutes before they really hate me.

I guess I was given a sense of humour to compensate for nature's law of gravity: my elevator doesn't always get to the penthouse!!

Jill

Canada's Top Master Point Winners

1. Eric R Murray, Toronto	8488	26. Ron Borg, Richmond BC	3695
2. Eric Kokish, Montreal	7017	27. David Stothart, Ottawa	3659
3. Mark Molson, Montreal	6600	28. Paul Hagen, Vancouver	3655
4. Bruce Elliott, North York ON	6378	29. Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON	3611
5. Sami Kehela, Toronto	6114	30. John Stevens, Toronto	3602
6. Paul Heitner, Bramalea ON	5907	31. Bert Wings, Ottawa	3570
7. Joe Silver, Hampstead PQ	5659	32. Stephen Brown, Ottawa	3554
8. Doug Fraser, Mont Royal PQ	5209	33. Don Cowan, Toronto	3518
9. Allan Graves, Vancouver	5110	34. Pierre Daigneault, Chomedey PQ	3479
10. Dale Hutchinson, Lethbridge	5082	35. John Guoba, Toronto	3466
11. Boris Baran, Montreal	4986	36. Francois Gauthier, Montreal	3436
12. Ted Horning, Thornhill ON	4762	37. David Lindop, Toronto	3431
13. George Mittelman, Toronto	4617	38. Mary Paul, Toronto	3414
14. John Carruthers, East York ON	4563	39. David Curry, Ottawa	3364
15. Mary Hutchinson, Lethbridge	4531	40. Alan Doane, Halifax	3333
16. Robert Lebi, Toronto	4431	41. Ken Murray, Scarborough ON	3284
17. Laurence Betts, Vancouver	4312	42. Frank Vine, Hamilton	3257
18. Percy Sheardown, Toronto	4307	43. Ed Bridson, Toronto	3246
19. Leo Steil, Vancouver	4009	44. Sharyn Reus, Roxboro PQ	3198
20. Subhash Gupta, Calgary	3973	45. Madeline McGill, Calgary	3187
21. Fred Hoffer, Westmount PQ	3972	46. Dick Edney, Kingston	3160
22. Maurice Paul, Toronto	3969	47. Leo Glaser, Thornhill ON	3136
23. Sandra Fraser, Mont Royal PQ	3814	48. John Bowman, Ottawa	3116
24. Adrian Hicks, Vancouver	3805	49. Mike Cummings, North York ON	3098
25. Adolph Feingold, Edmonton	3736	50. Sydney Isaacs, London	3096