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## Guest Editorial

*by Allan Graves, Toronto*

I believe that the future of the game certainly lies in developing new players, and to that end I think it is imperative that we support the CBF, while at the same time not pulling away from the ACBL. I think we are a long way from separating and that it is a move in the wrong direction. However, the CBF needs to be supported a great deal more than it is.

It is equally important to support Canada's international play. I think that the new players like to have a presence at the top, and the top requires new players coming out. It is a two-way street.

To put all the effort into international play or to put all the effort into player development is a mistake. We have to support both sides equally.

The CBF has done a fairly good job to those ends — certainly in developing the concept of a national team championship, but I think that there are a number of things wrong with it at the moment.

There are too many teams involved in the final stage. Twenty is too many. It should be broken down into regions with more emphasis on regional championships which should be made a big deal. Let's develop some kind of "grass roots" interest in the regional championships.

It is difficult to generate publicity when there are so many teams involved. Fewer teams playing much longer matches would mean that we get better Canadian teams and more interest.

I think there has to be a way to allow teams, as they mature, to stay together. The present format argues against that. It is very difficult to cross regional boundaries and there is not enough incentive for good teams to stay together.

It takes a lot of time and effort to go through all the qualifying stages of the CNTC. What I would like to see is to have certain regionals' team events act as the Spingold, Vanderbilt, and Reisinger do in the U.S. The events would be open only to Canadian teams. There could be three major team events, one in the West, one in Central Canada, and one in Eastern Canada, and the winners, along with the CNTC winners, would qualify for the national final of four teams.

That way people could show up at one designated regional to play in the regional championship, which could be named after one of our great players or a sponsoring corporation. The regional championship could move within the region each year.

There would be more incentive for players if they had to come in for only one qualifying knockout event in order to qualify for the national championship. Some of the best Canadian players have not participated in the CNTC. For example, Billy Cohen, Bruce Ferguson, Neil Chambers, Peter Nagy, and other Canadian citizens would represent Canada very well internationally, but they are not able to take part in the selection process because it is far too time-consuming. If there were one tournament which they could attend, they would have a decent chance.

The CNTC could still be run as it is. It is a tremendous way to bring players from all across the country. ■

# Recontrons l'Equipe Canadienne

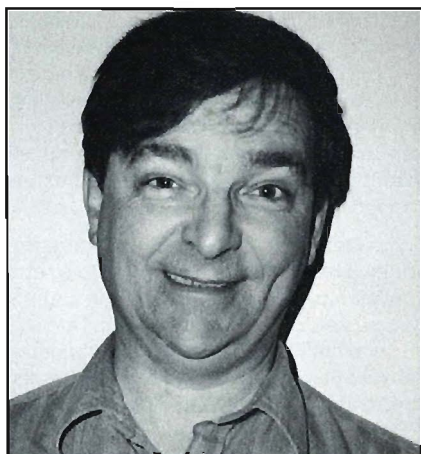
*Ce mois-ci, une équipe entièrement québécoise représentera le Canada lors du championnat du présente les six membres de l'équipe.*

## FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC JEAN BERNIER

Jean Bernier est inhalothérapeute à l'hôpital Laval. Jean est un joueur très régulier, qui excelle particulièrement en défense. Il n'est pas manchot non plus comme déclarant.

Sa conduite du jeu au contrat de 4 coeurs que nous allons voir a fortement impressionné Henry Francis, "Executive Editor" du Bulletin de l'American Contract Bridge League, qui couvrait le tournoi.

Voici les quatre jeux et les enchères, alors que Jean était en Sud, en face d'André Laliberté, contre la paire Owen-Johnson.



### Nord

♠ D106  
♥ A105  
♦ 963  
♣ RV92

### Ouest

♠ R72  
♥ V983  
♦ AR42  
♣ 86

### Est

♠ 983  
♥ D  
♦ DV10875  
♣ 1043

### Sud

♠ AV54  
♥ R7642  
♦ —  
♣ AD75

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Passe	Passe	Passe	1 ♥
Passe	2 ♠ *	Passe	2 ♦ *
Passe	2 ♥	Passe	4 ♥
Passe	Passe	Passe	

\*Pour André et Jean, sur une ouverture à la majeure de troisième ou quatrième positions, la réponse 2 trèfles est artificielle et montre ordinairement un soutien dans un jeu d'au moins une dizaine de points. La redéclaration 2 carreaux est aussi conventionnelle et montre une ouverture régulière ou mieux. C'est une extension de la convention Drury.

Entame: as de carreau

A l'autre table aussi, le Bermudien en Sud aboutissait au contrat de 4 coeurs et recevait l'entame d'un honneur de carreau faite par Raymond Fortin. Il coupa, traversa au mort par l'as d'atout et risqua l'impasse au roi de pique. Fortin gagna et insista à carreau, après quoi le déclarant découvrit la mauvaise répartition des atouts quand il encaissa le roi. Il essaya d'encaisser trois plis à trèfle, mais Ouest coupa et continua à carreau. Le déclarant devait éventuellement perdre le contrôle à l'atout et rater son contrat par deux plis.

Jean Bernier procéda de la même façon jusqu'au cinquième pli quand il encaissa le roi d'atout. Il constata que la contrat pouvait encore être fait en se contentant de quatre plis aux suites noires, à condition de faire six plis à l'atout.

Il encaissa deux piques terminant au mort, coupa un troisième carreau, prit bien soin de faire deux plis à trèfle et fit le jeu-clef de jouer le treizième pique, ce qui permettait au mort de faire le 10 de coeur en passant. A noter qu'Ouest n'a rien à gagner de couper du valet.

FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC  
KAMEL FERGANI

Kamel, avec ses 30 et quelques années, est le cadet du groupe. C'est le seul qui n'habite pas la région de Québec, bien qu'il fut initié au bridge alors qu'il étudiait à l'université Laval. C'est le seul aussi qui gagne sa vie exclusivement avec le bridge, particulièrement en donnant des cours. C'est un des six professeurs engagés par l'American Contract Bridge League pour former d'autres enseignants.

Kamel est redoutable sur tous les aspects du bridge. C'est un bridgeur dominateur, qui pouvait tout aussi bien traîner une équipe comme perdre un match à lui seul. J'ai bien dit "pouvait", puisqu'il est souvent maintenant la cause première d'une victoire, mais rarement la cause directe d'une défaite.

Pour la main suivante, il était en Sud et montra comment survivre contre un bris 5-0 des atouts.

	<b>Nord</b>		
	♠ D1095		
	♥ A109		
	♦ 7		
	♣ R10864		
<b>Ouest</b>		<b>Est</b>	
♠ RV842		♣ —	
♥ 63		♥ D854	
♦ V1065		♦ ARD943	
♣ V5		♣ D92	
	<b>Sud</b>		
	♠ A763		
	♥ RV72		
	♦ 82		
	♣ A73		
<b>Ouest</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>Est</b>	<b>Sud</b>
—	Passe	1 ♦	Contre
1 ♠	Contre	2 ♦	Passe
Passe	3 ♣	Passe	3 ♣
Passe	Passe	Passe	

Explication des enchères

Les trois paires de l'équipe bermudienne pratiquaient une variante du système Précision, où la plupart des ouvertures d'au



moins 17 points sont faites à 1 trèfle. Puisqu'ils jouent aussi la majeure cinquième, bien des ouvertures à 1 carreau sont faites avec une courte à cette suite.

Sur le contre d'appel, Ouest gagea 1 pique et, puisqu'une telle annonce est souvent psychique, Nord fit un contre de pénalité même à bas niveau. Sur 2 carreaux, Sud commença par montrer un minimum en passant, mais sur 3 trèfles, il gagea 3 piques qui devint le contrat final.

Entame: Valet de carreau

Les défenseurs firent un carreau et rejouèrent un carreau que le mort coupa. Le déclarant prit la main par l'as de trèfle et joua un atout vers le 9. Il continua avec le 9 de coeur du mort qu'il laissa filer et rejoua un coeur vers son valet. Il joua maintenant un trèfle pour le roi et appela l'as de coeur que le flanc gauche coupa.

N'ayant plus que des atouts et des carreaux, Ouest se dégagea à carreau et le mort coupa, le déclarant jetant son dernier trèfle. Avec sept plis en caisse, Fergani prit bien soin de couper un trèfle de l'as de pique, après quoi il rejoua son dernier coeur, permettant au mort de faire la dame en passant.

Impressionnant, non?



## FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC RAYMOND FORTIN

Faisons connaissance avec le docteur Raymond Fortin de Montmagny. C'est au niveau des enchères sans doute qu'il se distingue le plus. Il a consacré des milliers d'heures à développer le système d'enchères qu'il pratique avec Kamel Fergani. Cela a fait d'eux une paire redoutable, non seulement au niveau des annonces constructives, mais aussi du côté des enchères compétitives quand les adversaires ont de bons jeux.

Dites-moi d'abord comment votre partenaire et vous-même auriez gagé les jeux Nord-Sud, avant de regarder la séquence de Raymond Fortin et Kamel Fergani, respectivement en Nord-Sud.

### Nord

♠ 9

♥ RV10952

♦ A6

♣ A932

### Ouest

♠ R7653

♥ 873

♦ 872

♣ R5

### Est

♠ DV42

♥ D

♦ 1093

♣ DV864

### Sud

♠ A108

♥ A64

♦ RDV54

♣ 107

### Ouest

—

Passe

Passe

Passe

Passe

Passe

### Nord

1 ♥

2 ♥

3 ♠

4 SA

6 ♥

### Est

Passe

Passe

Passe

Passe

Passe

### Sud

2 ♦

3 ♥

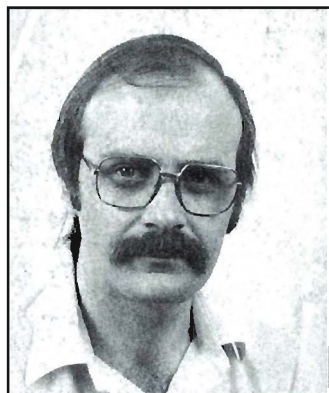
4 ♦

5 ♥

Passe

## Explication des enchères

Une enchère-clef est celle de 3 coeurs. Traditionnellement, cette annonce n'aurait pas été impérative. Sud aurait donc été contraint de sauter à 4 coeurs et Nord aurait vraisemblablement passé. Pour Raymond et Kamel, une réponse au palier de deux est virtuellement impérative de manche. Bien plus, dans une séquence comme ci-dessus,



un saut à 4 coeurs par Sud aurait montré un jeu moins intéressant que la simple annonce de 3 coeurs.

Cela permit à Nord de montrer un jeu pas trop vilain et un premier ou deuxième contrôles à pique par l'annonce de 3 piques. Sud à son tour montra un contrôle à carreau, tout en déniait ordinairement un contrôle à trèfle par son annonce de 4 carreaux.

Avec son complément à carreau, Nord fit la demande de cartes-clefs à 4 sans atout, les quatre as et le roi de coeur étant les cartes-clef. Sur la réponse de 5 coeurs, qui montrait deux cartes-clef, tout en déniait la dame de coeur, Nord gagea le chelem.

## Le jeu du déclarant

Sur l'entame d'un trèfle, le déclarant gagna, élimina les atouts, puis jeta toutes ses perdantes à trèfle sur les carreaux pour réussir les 13 plis.

A noter que même contre l'entame d'un trèfle, le contrat est excellent, étant à près de 60%. En effet, puisque le déclarant a l'intention de jouer l'as d'atout, puis un autre vers son roi, le contrat sera fait quand les atouts seront 2-2 (près de 41 % des cas), quand la dame sera sèche comme ici (plus de 12 %) ou quand Ouest aura les quatre atouts manquants (près de 5 %).

A l'autre table, les Bermudiens se contentaient de la manche, ce qui nous valait 13 points.

## FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC ANDRÉ LALIBERTÉ

Nous allons maintenant braquer les réflecteurs sur André Laliberté, qui est un conseiller financier chez les Coopérants. C'est le doyen de l'équipe. Il a déjà participé aux championnats mondiaux avec Jean Bernier, ceci en 1970, mais lors d'une compétition par paires, qui avait lieu en Suède.

C'est l'expert des experts sur toutes les facettes du jeu de la carte.

Prenez sa place pour un instant lors d'un match contre les Bermudes. Qu'auriez-vous entamé avec le jeu suivant au contrat de 4 piques, le joueur à votre gauche ayant montré un jeu balancé de 20-21 points et le déclarant, un jeu de 0-4 points d'honneur?

♠ 3

♥ A8765

♦ A64

♣ 9865



### L'entame d'André Laliberté

André entama de l'as de coeur, ce qui lui permettait d'orienter la défense après avoir vu le mort, une des options étant de viser à faire couper son partenaire à cette suite. Voici maintenant les quatre jeux:

#### Nord

♠ DV765

♥ 103

♦ 10983

♣ V10

#### Ouest

♠ 982

♥ RV9

♦ RV52

♣ 432

#### Est

♠ 3

♥ A8765

♦ A64

♣ 9865

#### Sud

♠ AR104

♥ D42

♦ D7

♣ ARD7

Après l'as de coeur, André encaissa l'autre as rouge, puis rejoua un coeur pour le roi. Jean Bernier fit l'autre roi rouge, avant de céder gracieusement les 9 autres plis pour une de chute.

A l'autre table, Maurice Larochelle en Sud ouvrit les enchères à 2 sans atout, ce qui montrait un jeu balancé de 20-21 points. Jacques Laliberté en Nord fit un transfert de type Jacoby à pique en gageant 3 coeurs et le contrat final fut aussi de 4 piques, mais par Sud. Craignant d'entamer sous un roi avec le jeu fort à sa droite, le Bermudien en Ouest entama à l'atout. Le contrat fut réalisé sans difficulté, quand le déclarant jeta les coeurs perdants du mort sur les trèfles, après avoir éliminé les atouts.

La bonne défense d'André permettait un gain majeur au Canada.





## FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC JACQUES LALIBERTE

C'est au tour de Jacques Laliberté de passer sous le bistouri. Il est l'adjoint au président de la Mutuelle des fonctionnaires. Digne rejeton du grand H.P. Laliberté, il est très fort sur tous les aspects du jeu de la carte. S'il avait le temps de pratiquer un peu plus, il deviendrait rapidement un des meilleurs joueurs du monde. Pour lui, chaque main est une mini-guerre. Il peut épuiser autant son partenaire que ses adversaires. Vous vous demandez sans doute pourquoi je joue régulièrement avec lui? C'est que j'ai encore plus peur de jouer contre lui.

Soit dit en passant, qu'auriez-vous gagé à sa place après les enchères indiquées avec le jeu suivant?

**Nord**

♠ A76

♥ RDV987

♦ AD

♣ 98

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
1♦	Passe	2♥	Passe
4♥*	Passe	?	

\*Bon soutien, mais jeu très pauvre en contrôles.

### L'annonce de Jacques Laliberté

Vous avez peut-être considéré de passer, car Sud n'a vraisemblablement pas deux as et un roi, ni même un as et deux rois. Vous avez peut-être aussi fait un cue-bid à pique pour voir si le partenaire peut montrer un contrôle à trèfle.

Jacques pour sa part fit un cue-bid... à 5 trèfles. Sud avec le jeu suivant gagea 5 coeurs et Nord poussa à 6 coeurs.

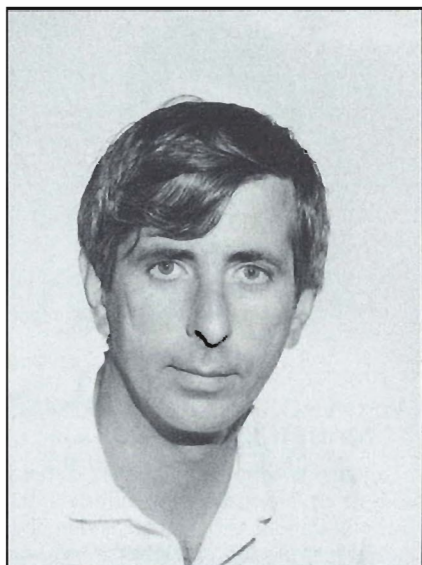
**Sud**

♠ D3

♥ A102

♦ RV10965

♣ D2

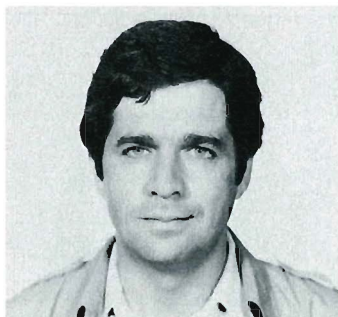


Je ne me souviens pas des jeux des Mexicains en défense, si ce n'est qu'Ouest avait le roi de trèfle, alors qu'Est avait l'as. Celui-ci n'entama pas à cette suite et le déclarant fit les 13 plis.

La prochaine fois que Jacques jouera contre les mêmes joueurs, dans une situation analogue, probablement qu'il fera des cue-bids "honnêtes" pour dérouter les adversaires qui se souviendront de ce jeu.

Pas surprenant que je grisonne prématurément!\*

*\*Voyons, Maurice. Prématurément? A ton âge? Tu te flattes. Ed.*



## FAISONS CONNAISSANCE AVEC MAURICE LAROCHELLE

L'auteur de cette chronique est d'abord analyste en informatique au ministère des Communications du Québec. Son hobby, que dis-je, sa passion, c'est le bridge bien sûr. Il signe depuis plus de 10 ans une chronique journalière dans le Soleil et le Quotidien, une chronique hebdomadaire dans la Tribune, ainsi qu'un article trimestriel dans la section canadienne du Bulletin de l'American Contract Bridge League. Il est particulièrement fier d'avoir enseigné le bridge à plus de mille personnes.

Il n'est pas facile de se décrire comme joueur. Mes partenaires toutefois ont colporté tellement de médisances à mon égard que je peux faire un essai. Points forts: les enchères et la performance sous pression. Déclarant compétent sans plus. Moins bon en défense (qu'ils disent), particulièrement sur l'entame.

Que fait-on quand on est moins bon en défense? On étudie bien sûr toutes les publications sur le sujet et on s'arrange pour pratiquer avec Jean Bernier.

Contre les Bermudes qu'auriez-vous entamé à la place de Maurice Larochelle avec le jeu suivant, contre le contrat de 6 piques, après avoir appris que le déclarant a un jeu balancé d'environ 11 points, alors que l'autre a un jeu balancé d'une vingtaine de points?

### Ouest

♠ 983  
♥ 1086  
♦ R862  
♣ 742

### Lentame de Maurice Larochelle

### Nord

♠ AD64  
♥ RD73  
♦ AV3  
♣ R6

### Ouest

♠ 983  
♥ 1086  
♦ R862  
♣ 742

### Est

♠ R7  
♥ 9542  
♦ D94  
♣ D1083

### Sud

♠ V1052  
♥ AV  
♦ 1075  
♣ AV95

Henry Francis qualifiait de "gutsy" l'entame d'un petit carreau faite par Maurice Larochelle.

Contre tout autre entame qu'un carreau, le contrat peut être réussi, car le déclarant peut jeter ses carreaux perdants sur les coeurs après avoir éliminé les atouts. A l'autre table, le déclarant fit son chelem après l'entame d'un atout. Cela valait 17 IMPs à notre camp, soit exactement l'écart qui nous séparait des Bermudes à la fin du match.





# The Montreal CNTC

by Allan Simon

## Friday evening, June 2

Our team arrives in Montreal on the eve of the country's most important tournament. At the reception we are welcomed like long lost family by host George Retek and his charming wife Mari. The atmosphere reminds me of the beginning of a convention or high school reunion: everybody knows everybody else, and as the competitors arrive they are greeted boisterously: "Hey, Randy Bennett from Newfoundland, when did you get in?", or "Looks like the guys from Victoria made it" or, in the case of a superstar, in mock terror "We're in trouble now, Joey Silver is here."

Playing in a CNTC is very different from attending any other tournament, where "hospitality" is just a meaningless expression. Here, you are treated as if you were an honoured guest in somebody's house — can I get you a glass of wine, is there anything we can do to make your stay more pleasant, please feel free to drop into the hospitality suite at any time. Retek and his crew have accomplished all this at little expense to the CBF — George found sponsors who donated most of the refreshments.

The draw is posted and we all crowd to have a look. An interesting twist: the field is split in two divisions: one with all the teams from Quebec and Southern Ontario (the "Central Division"), the other with everybody else ("the Coastal Division" — yes I know Quebec has a coast and Alberta doesn't). The first nine matches are played within your own division, and then come the interlocking encounters.

Time to announce my predictions: The Central Division is way stronger; MOLSON and LAROCHELLE are the favourites, followed by PAUL and SILVER. From the Coastal Division, I only see McAVOY and HOLLAND as potential challengers for a place in the Final Four. One thing's for sure: Any Coastal team with playoff aspirations will have to build a big lead within its own division in the first 9 matches. Our draw is tough: in rounds 2 and 3 we meet McAVOY and HOLLAND. We have added Montreal's

Beverly and Eric Kokish to our team, but they will sit out the first 3 matches. We can only hope we are still in contention when they arrive.

## Saturday, June 3

We start with a narrow win over TYRELL, then against McAVOY we bid 2 close slams:

♠ AJ4	♠ 106
♥ 6	♥ AKJ5
♦ K1095	♦ AJ87
♣ AKJ52	♣ 943

I find myself in 6♣ and receive a spade lead. I win the ace, and immediately finesse the ♥J — it wins. I pitch my losing spades.

Then comes a losing club finesse. I ruff the spade return and draw trumps. Now I have to guess the diamond queen and my only clue is that South had a doubleton trump. So I play him for the diamond length — right. But North has the doubleton queen — down one. A little later:

♠ A2	♠ K6
♥ QJ1032	♥ A97654
♦ K86	♦ J7
♣ AQ7	♣ K84

We get to six hearts. Like the previous slam, this is just the kind of chance I feel we have to take if we want to beat McAVOY — against the odds, but not preposterous. The diamond lead resolves one problem — but the hearts are 2-0 offside — down one. We lose 26 IMPs on these 2 boards instead of gaining a like number. We get blitzed and our tournament is virtually over before it starts, although we beat HOLLAND by a few IMPs in our third match.

My partner Juan Alvarez and I take the evening session off. We return to find that we've lost more ground, including a blitz at the hands of TREBLE. A look at the leaderboard shows that surprisingly TREBLE are running away with the Coastal Division, while the more tightly bunched Central race is also led by a lesser light, GILLESPIE.

## Sunday, June 4

At the conclusion of intradivision play, TREBLE have a huge lead over McAVOY in the Coastal division – nobody else has a chance. In contrast, only PHILLIPS are out of it in the Central division.

Now we start playing the Central teams – Eric and Beverly's skill and experience come in handy. Although we lose more than we win we move up in the standings because the other Coastal teams are getting crushed worse.

This leads me to think about the reasons for the superiority of the teams from Montreal and Toronto. I refuse to believe that they are better declarers or defenders; and they no longer have an edge in partnership bidding – many "Coastal" players have adopted sophisticated systems and have worked hard on defining dozens of sequences. No, I am convinced the difference is due to bidding judgment in competitive situations – and judgment is something that is acquired by experience. If you play in Saskatoon, you just don't get exposed to the same tough opposition you get in Toronto. Take these examples where we were victimized:

Dealer: North  
Vul.: East-West

		♠ J3	
		♥ KJ9853	
		♦ 2	
		♣ A863	
♠ 4			♠ AKQ9865
♥ Q73			♥ 10
♦ K10876			♦ A4
♣ K1092			♣ Q74
	♠ 1072		
	♥ A62		
	♦ QJ953		
	♣ J5		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Albertan</i>	<i>Easterner</i>	<i>Albertan</i>	<i>Easterner</i>
–	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Neither Albertan found a double; The defense took 5 tricks, for +150 instead of 500, 620, 650 or 800. No doubt you are scornful of East-West's timidity, but it was North's

(Sharyn Reus, if you must know) bold 5 ♥ bid which gave us a chance to be timid.

Enough, we said, we aren't going to let them push us around any more. So along came:

Dealer: South  
Vul.: East-West

		♠ A73	
		♥ KJ92	
		♦ 7	
		♣ AJ632	
♠ J2			♠ K6
♥ Q			♥ A1087543
♦ A109854			♦ 3
♣ 10954			♣ KQ8
	♠ Q109854		
	♥ 6		
	♦ KQJ62		
	♣ 7		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Easterner</i>	<i>Albertan</i>	<i>Easterner</i>	<i>Albertan</i>
–	–	–	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Result: –300 instead of +800 or 1100.

Oh well, we said, if the secret of winning here is to bid with nothing, we can do that too. Soon enough, this board came along:

Dealer: South  
Vul.: East-West

		♠ KQ76	
		♥ A106	
		♦ 97	
		♣ AQ63	
♠ 943			♠ A1082
♥ Q			♥ 843
♦ K8654			♦ AJ32
♣ J842			♣ K7
	♠ J5		
	♥ KJ9652		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ 1095		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Albertan</i>	<i>Easterner</i>	<i>Albertan</i>	<i>Easterner</i>
–	–	–	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
5 ♦	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Result: –800 (misguessing diamonds), instead of +50 or 100.



While sitting out, I kibitz RAYNER vs TURNHAM. John Rayner shows me something about bidding under pressure. With only his side vulnerable, he holds,

♠AQ10 ♥AK107 ♦AJ75 ♣98

Dealer, on Rayner's left, opens 1♠. Partner passes, and RHO bids 2NT, alerted as a forcing spade raise. Calmly, Rayner passes and he sees 3♣—Pass—3♦, with "Alert" cards popping up and down like gophers at a carnival booth. LHO now offers 3♠, Pass, Pass, to Rayner. He raises an inquiring eyebrow and is told "opener psyched — less than 6 points, with spade length." What

would you do? I confess I would have doubled, for +300 if partner passes or +130 if he pulls to 4♣, as he probably will. Rayner however bids 3NT, for +630.

## Monday, June 5

TREBLE are reeling. One close loss after another, and the Central pack catches them with two matches to go. PAUL, RAYNER, MOLSON, SILVER and LAROCHELLE are in the hunt. But the lowly TYRELL team first upsets RAYNER and then ties SILVER, so TREBLE reach shore with the sharks nipping on their heels:

### FINAL ROUND-ROBIN STANDINGS

		1st half	2nd half	Total
1. PAUL M., F. Cimon, D. Gordon, S. Reus, K. Thorpe, G. Silverman	Montreal/ Toronto	474	461	935
2. LAROCHELLE M., A. and J. Laliberté, J. Bernier, R. Fortin, K. Fergani	Québec/ Montreal	410	499	909
3. MOLSON M., B. Baran, A. Hobart, M. Kirt, G. Mittelman, B. Cohen	Toronto/ Montreal	380	518	898
4. TREBLE B., T. Butterworth, G. Sekhar, D. Fisher, G. Coutanche, D. McLellan	Winnipeg/ Thunder Bay	521	345	866
5. RAYNER J., M. Roche, A. Altay, I. McKinnon	Toronto	388	475	863
6. SILVER J., I. Litvack, G. Chapman, J. Sabino	Toronto/ Montreal	303	554	857
7. BOYLE B., M. and D. Caplan, F. Gitelman, G. Carroll, D. Turner	Toronto	398	437	835
8. FRASER D. and S., E. Szavay, D. Doston, D. Heron, R. Bennett	Montreal/ St. John's	320	512	832
9. McAVOY J., D. Smith, G. McOrmond, D. Jacob, J. Dickie, P. Herold	Vancouver/ Victoria	398	431	829
10. GILLESPIE J., W. Perrin, D. Turnbull, D. McCorkell, P. Bambrick, M. Lamothe	Ottawa	332	494	826
11. MOFFATT T., P. Conrad, B. Black, P. Roy	Halifax	343	365	708
12. PHILLIPS D., P. Thurston, S. Brown, E. Bridson	Toronto/ Ottawa	230	459	689
13. GARTAGANIS J. and N., K. Kilworth, M. de la Salle, T. Gandolfo, S. Cabay	Edmonton	383	280	663
14. MARSHALL G., G. Ghitter, J. Alvarez, A. Simon, E. Kokish, B. Kraft-Kokish	Calgary/ Montreal	326	336	662
15. DIMICH M., B. Takemori, J. Cunningham, D. Andrews, A. Ballantyne, D. Brazeau	Vancouver	387	271	658
16. BOWMAN J., P. Treuil, M. Schoenborn, J. Gowdy, L. McIntyre, D. Curry	Ottawa/ Toronto	365	284	649
17. TYRELL M., D. Campbell, G. Johansson, G. Mitchell, R. Boldt, D. Schneider	Saskatoon/ Regina	320	297	617
18. TURNHAM B., C. McAvoy, J. Keech, D. Todd, M. Hargreaves, A. Chappelle	Victoria	328	283	611
19. HOLLAND G., J. Stewart, M. Lorber, Z. Marcinski, M. Betts, E. Balkam	Halifax/ Montreal	299	310	609
20. BOSTON B., B. Richmond, B. Seccareccia, B. Purnis, J. Miller, S. O'Connor	Sault Ste. Marie	295	307	602

The semi-final pairings will be PAUL vs. TREBLE and LAROCHELLE vs. MOLSON. The 64-board matches will be played tomorrow.

**Tuesday, June 6**

### LAROCHELLE vs. MOLSON

LAROCHELLE, the defending champions from Quebec City, hold a slight lead throughout the rather sloppy match. With 16 boards to go the lead climbs to 21 IMPs, but in the last quarter Molson-Baran have a superb card and MOLSON pull out a dramatic 2 IMP victory.

### PAUL vs TREBLE

This is the match I choose to kibitz, and I'm glad I did. The bridge is good and the atmosphere friendly and relaxed. When Tom Butterworth drops his cards on the floor he is teased by partner Bill Treble about being nervous in the presence of beautiful ladies – at that point Dianna Gordon tells Bill flattery will not work, but is promptly contradicted by her partner, Sharyn Reus. Of course, the days are long gone when anybody thinks of the PAUL team as "lady bridge players" – they are aggressive, they are experienced, they have three well-oiled partnerships, and they have great team spirit. TREBLE fight hard and in the end they are only one slam decision away from victory:

Dealer: East

Vul.: Both

	♠ J	
	♥ 107	
♠ 10	♦ K43	♣ AK9872
♥ A964	♣ QJ97654	♥ KQ32
♦ AQJ972		♦ 6
♣ A3		♣ K2
	♠ Q6543	
	♥ J85	
	♦ 1085	
	♣ 108	


West	North	East	South
Coutanche	Reus	McLellan	Gordon
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	4♣	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	Pass	7♠	Pass
7NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Guy Coutanche considered it overwhelmingly likely his partner had the ♦ K as one of his three kings; his 7♣ bid was intended to offer a choice between 7♥ and 7NT – just in case partner did not hold the ♦ K. When McLellan bid 7♠ Coutanche of course had to convert to 7NT. 7♥ could have been made, and TREBLE would have won by one IMP instead of losing by 26. Nevertheless, Winnipeg and Thunder Bay can be proud of their team's performance; Bill Treble, Tom Butterworth, Guy Coutanche, Dave McLellan, "Shaker" Sekhar and Doug Fisher demonstrated that it is possible to play winning bridge at the highest level of competition while remaining courteous and pleasant.

**Wednesday, June 7**

### The final: MOLSON vs. PAUL

As you know by now, MOLSON won the final, breaking the match open in the second quarter and eventually winning by 20 IMPs. For Mark Molson, Boris Baran and George Mittelman, this is their fourth CNTC win in the 10-year history of the event; Baran and Molson specialize in odd-numbered years, winning in 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989. Mittelman's previous wins came in 1980, 1981 and 1985. Arno Hobart and Marty Kirr are now two-time champs – they won in 1986. U.S. resident (but Canadian citizen) Billy Cohen registered his first victory in his first appearance.

Some of the more interesting hands from this match were published in the August *ACBL Bulletin*; and a detailed report by Eric Kokish on the semi-finals and finals will appear in the outstanding British magazine, *International Popular Bridge Monthly*\*. Perhaps one day the CBF will be in a position where we can afford to publish a long report on our national championship. 

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**The Winners: Boris Baran, Billy Cohen,  
Mark Molson, Arno Hobart, George  
Mittelman and Marty Kirr.**



**Runners-up: Back: Dianna Gordon,  
Katie Thorpe, Mary Paul. Front:  
Sharyn Reus and Francine Cimon.  
Absent: Gloria Silverman**



**Semi-finalists: Doug Fisher, Bill Treble,  
Tom Butterworth, Ganesan Sekhar,  
Guy Coutanche and David McLellan.**



**Semi-finalists: Jacques Laliberté, André  
Laliberté, Maurice Larochelle, NPC Mark  
Stein, Jean Bernier, Raymond Fortin  
and Kamel Fergani.**



# Katie Thorpe - CBF President

**Digest: Congratulations on becoming president of the Canadian Bridge Federation! What are the main issues for the CBF in the coming years?**

*Katie:* Thank you. The biggest issue is that we must become a membership organization. Right now we are an organization of ACBL Units. That's the way our constitution reads. A lawyer is looking at restructuring our constitution and by-laws so that we can become a membership organization.

That lack has been the biggest stumbling block to getting any kind of government funding, whether local, provincial, or federal. We are seen as just a sub-organization of an *American* organization, without even a membership list. We can't say to them, "These people belong to the CBF," even though the members **do** belong because the Units pay on their behalf. We hope that becoming a Canadian membership organization will help with funding, and that it will be an incentive for governments to be more lenient in their interpretation of bridge as a recreational activity worthwhile of help. For example, the Minister of State did help chess with a grant to Canadian Grandmaster Kevin Spraggett for the Candidates' Matches which lead to the world championship. That was a step in the right direction.

Another problem we have been facing for a long time is the shortage of money. We have been collecting \$2.00 per player from the Units out of the money that the ACBL returns to them from the membership fees. It sounds like a lot of money, but a quarter of it goes into the International Fund. The rest is used for promotion and organization of our national events (including covering any shortfall), publishing the *Canadian Bridge Digest*, general expenses and for our annual meeting.

Starting this September, when the ACBL sends the membership bills for January 1990, the ACBL is going to collect \$3.00 per Canadian member on behalf of the CBF.

The ACBL conducted a Canadian membership survey last year, and the responses indicated that Canadians were willing to pay

extra to belong to the CBF as well as to the ACBL. \$3.00 seems a very reasonable amount and we have plans to use it for a number of things.

First, it would be wonderful to be able to operate without always slipping over that dreaded red line!

We would like to do more in the way of education. First of all we are finding out from the ACBL and from the unit education coordinators exactly what they are doing and proposing. We do not want to duplicate their efforts; we want to cooperate and concentrate on areas that might be unique to Canada and Canadians.

We are considering organizing one or more special novice games at the clubs (similar to the Rookie-Master game) for example. I'd also like to see the Rookie-Master game become a much larger event. If even half the Life Masters in Canada showed up and introduced a new player or encouraged a novice, think what potential there would be for new members!

Bridge for juniors is another area that has been overlooked. We'd like to get involved in a Canadian Intercollegiate Championship, and have a junior team to represent Canada.

We'd also like to see more interaction with seniors, other than the existing seniors' tournaments. There are lots of players in retirement homes who may not have access to any organized games, and who could benefit from lessons/games. Since the government is much more active with seniors these days, there is potential for funding in this area.

Better communication is always an issue. Aidan Ballantyne, our past president has done a good job of getting timely information into the *Digest*. I am going to try to do even better. All the CBF Directors are committed to furthering better communications with their local units/districts, however practical.

One problem with communication was that we have never had a central place where

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*Epson Pairs:*

# Hicks-MacDonald Best in North America

by Eric Balkam, Halifax

A Nova Scotia pair placed third in the world and first in the ACBL in the Epson World Simultaneous Pairs, contested at some 1000 sites in 80 countries on Friday, June 9.

Karl Hicks of Dominion and Ron MacDonald of New Waterford put together a monstrous 78.2% game to top over 18,000 North American competitors with a score of 1876 out of a possible 2400.

Hicks is the newly appointed Vice-Principal of Breton Education Centre in New Waterford. MacDonald also is a teacher at Breton Education Centre and a bridge teacher and avid tournament player. Hicks is the highest ranking bridge director in the Atlantic provinces and is currently President of Unit 194 which administers bridge activities in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Both men are in their early forties.

Board 9

Dealer: North

Vul.: East-West

		<p>♠ 43 ♥ A10 ♦ K109732 ♣ KQ5</p>		<p>♠ K1092 ♥ KQJ3 ♦ A8 ♣ 1042</p>	
<p>♠ QJ76 ♥ 765 ♦ QJ54 ♣ J7</p>		<p>♠ A85 ♥ 9842 ♦ 6 ♣ A9863</p>			
West	North	East	South		
	MacDonald		Hicks		
—	1♦	Dbl.	1♥		
1♠	2♦	2♣	3♣		
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dbl.		

Board 9 was a typical matchpoint battle. Hicks-MacDonald competed to their top spot and East contested further with three spades. Hicks applied the hammer and the spotlight shifted to MacDonald to defeat it.

After the ace of hearts lead, MacDonald reasoned that the best chance to defeat the contract was to find Hicks with the ace of spades. He continued with the ♥10 won in dummy. Declarer tried the ♠2 from dummy, Hicks rose with the ace and gave MacDonald a heart ruff. Ron then cashed two club tricks for a heart stopping +200 which reaped all 100 matchpoints.

Board 11 featured another matchpoint battle:

Board 11

Dealer: South

Vul.: Neither

		<p>♠ Q8652 ♥ 96 ♦ AQ2 ♣ K98</p>		<p>♠ K93 ♥ QJ5 ♦ 8653 ♣ 1032</p>	
<p>♠ AJ107 ♥ AK10873 ♦ 4 ♣ Q4</p>		<p>♠ 4 ♥ 42 ♦ KJ1097 ♣ AJ875</p>			
West	North	East	South		
	MacDonald		Hicks		
—	—	—	Pass		
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♦		
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣		
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass		
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass		

Hicks pushed the bidding up to the four level and MacDonald exhibited excellent card evaluation in taking the push to 5♦. If MacDonald had passed, West would surely have picked up the queen of spades to make four hearts.

West started with the Ace, King of hearts with East showing the queen at trick one. West continued with the ace of spades, jack of spades ruffed by South. Hicks was in

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Canadian  
Bidding  
Contest



*conducted by Sandy McIlwain*

THE MAY HONOUR ROLL

This contest produced our first computer-generated responses, and my thanks to the University of Calgary Bridge Club for their numerous efforts. While readers in B.C. failed to receive the Digest in February, one of them managed to sneak onto our rather exclusive list.

You are reminded that the contest winner receives a bridge book and an invitation to the next panel. Times does not permit me to respond personally to your solutions, but the column answers most of the important questions. All comments are appreciated.

1.	Grégoire Garinther	Montréal	550
2.	Michel Beauchamp	Laval, P.Q.	530
3.	Julie Smith	Vancouver	510
4.	Joseph Doucet	Toronto	500

THE SEPTEMBER PANEL

ERIC BALKAM (Halifax): has represented the Maritimes in the CNTC over a dozen times, losing the championship by one IMP in 1982, and losing an exciting semi-final match to the eventual winners last year. With partner John Stewart, writes a bridge column for the Sunday Daily News (Halifax).

SOLANGE BOUCHARD (Jonquière, P.Q.): "J'ai commencé à jouer au Bridge dans ma famille, dès l'âge de dix ans at je n'ai jamais arrêté depuis." A familiar presence in the Saguenay-Lac St. Jean area, where she has taught and played bridge for over thirty years, she is known in her "patelin" as "La Reine du Bridge". As her delightful answers will show you, her enthusiasm is undiminished.

GREGOIRE GARINTHER (Montreal): is our reader-champ this month. He was on the panel once before, as an invited expert, and we're glad to have him back. He's one of the newer stars on the Montreal bridge scene, but with several regional wins and a fifth-place finish in the 1986 CNTC already to his credit.

JOHN GUOBA (Toronto): has played in the final match to decide the Canadian Olympiad team in every year since 1975 (finishing 2nd in 1976 and 1980, winning and representing Canada in 1984 and 1988) and played for Canada in the 1978 and 1986 Rosenblums. A very thorough and entertaining panelist.

DOREEN JASKELA (Peachland, B.C.): recently became a Gold Life Master (2500 points), has won a National Mixed Swiss title (Vancouver), and played in two CLTC finals. She has served on Unit Boards in Parksville, Okanagan and Quesnel (all B.C.). Her favorite partner ("99% of the time") is her husband, Charles.

SAMI KEHELA (Toronto): is perhaps Canada's best-known bridge wizard. Aside from his numerous international appearances over the last twenty-five years, he has become a fixture at World Championships as a commentator, and is a long-standing member of the Bridge World's Master Solvers Panel. A great study at the bridge table, too, I must say.

JOHN ROSS (Flin Flon, Man.): has amassed 2400+ masterpoints playing in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Among his regional wins he recorded a double (KO's and Flight A Swiss) at the 1988 Saskatoon Regional. He played for Canada in Biarritz, France in the World Pairs (with John Munson).

Readers, take note: Without these people, there is no bidding contest, and it is them to whom your thanks should be extended.

## SEPTEMBER SOLUTIONS

### A) IMPs. N-S vul.

♠ K1065 ♥ – ♦ AQ10863 ♣ 1084

West	North	East	South
–	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	?

*The keynote of this panel is harmony, this problem setting the form:*

ROSS: 2NT. One of the things I tell any new partner is that I never have extras. Hopefully this is fresh in partner's mind. Points us toward the most likely game of 3NT.

BALKAM: 2NT. The perfect way to describe 4-0-6-3? I would have bid 2♦ originally.

KEHELA: 2NT. 1♠ may have worked if partner had had the decency to rebid in NT. 2NT looks uncouth, but is preferable to 3 clubs.

BOUCHARD: 2NT. Une manche [game] n'est aucunement hors de question.

GARINTHER: 2NT. The tens will help in no trump.

GUOBA: 2NT. 1♠ was horrible, since it leaves no exit to play in my long suit. Worse, if partner had rebid 2♥, I would be forced to pass. Ergo, I should have bid 1NT last round, after which the overbid of 3♦ would have at least allowed me to

describe my hand. Now I either have to pass (second choice) or make a gross misbid (NT will only play opposite a diamond honour). 3♦ here by me should show a weak hand with four spades and 6+ diamonds.

*Guoba implies that this hand is too strong for a 3♦ call, but there's a spark of controversy in the tranquil night:*

JASKELA: 3♦, as 2♦ would be fourth suit forcing. I'll bid 3♦ to show the hand shape, even with the club fit.

*This treatment will be effective when a diamond contract is preferable to no trump, but has the distinct disadvantage of getting partner on play in 3NT, making it impossible for LHO to lead a diamond from his KJ976 (he had it). 2♣ was a playable spot, but you didn't want to bid 3♣, believe me!*

*If you chose to pass, you have my considerable sympathy, but passing didn't score well on this set.*

Action	Votes	Score
2NT	6	100
3♦	1	70
Pass	0	40
3♣	0	30
2♦	0	0

## B) Matchpoints. E-W vul.

♠ A6432 ♥ J9 ♦ KJ87 ♣ K2

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	?

*This hand was perceived as holding no problem, but there were questions of degree involved.*

GARINTHER: 4 ♣. Can't think of any other bid.

KEHELA: 4 ♣. What are you after? 4 ♣?

JASKELA: 4 ♣. This sequence shows no slam interest, as partner could have used fourth suit forcing.

BALKAM: 4 ♣. Surely 3 ♣ is forcing, and despite the club king my hand couldn't be any worse.

ROSS: 4 ♣. At first I said "What system are we playing? Is this forcing?" Then I realized that a jump after a two over one response is forcing in all the systems I have ever played.

GUOBA: 4 ♣. I presume we have discussed the implications of partner's 3 ♣. Believe me, there is no universally accepted meaning. I will presume it is simply a slam try. Even though my club king figures to be golden, I have a hand seriously deficient in trump quality, red suit aces, distribution, and high cards.

*Giving this poor dog the whip was:*

BOUCHARD: 4 ♣. Mon partenaire pourrait avoir la main idéale, quelque chose comme ♣ KQx ♥ Ax ♦ xx ♠ AQ10xxx.

*Note that while 3 ♣ here is generally accepted as a slam try, this is not unanimous. When I saw the hand bid, South, an expert player with an expert but unfamiliar partner, passed over 3 ♣, deciding that the ubiquitous fourth suit forcing would have been unleashed to force further, making 3 ♣ slightly more encouraging than 2 ♣. Our panel is to be commended for avoiding that fruitless deduction.*

*On this problem the lack of options is good news, as it means the language of bidding still has some stability. And once again, passing doesn't score well.*

Action	Votes	Score
4 ♣	6	100
4 ♠	1	60
Pass	0	0

## C) IMPs. None vul.

♠ AJ6 ♥ A52 ♦ KQ10853 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	?

*After showing their like-mindedness, the panel stuck firmly together in this one.*

BALKAM: 2 ♥. 100% forcing. If 2 ♥ is passed we'll play it forcing from this hand forward.

GARINTHER: 2 ♥. Shows power, guarantees at least five diamonds. Can show my tripleton spade next.

BOUCHARD: 2 ♥. Cette main m'apparaît comme étant du "déjà vu". Si c'est le cas, j'ai sûrement gagé 2 ♥ la première fois et je n'en démords pas aujourd'hui encore.

KEHELA: 2 ♥. A perennial problem — given natural methods — and the least unsatisfactory answer.

GUOBA: 2 ♥. This is pretty easy, since 3 ♦ is the only alternative, which says it all. Partner's raise of hearts will not be embarrassing, since then we'll have 8+ spades between us.

JASKELA: 2 ♥. Best forcing bid to await further description.

ROSS: 2 ♥. A good hand that has improved with partner's bid. If he bids 2NT or 3 ♣ next, I'm rebidding 3 ♦ to avoid implying four spades.

*I'm not sure how long you want to wait before showing your spade support, as a jump in spades or a splinter would already have shown four-card support.*

*As long as partner doesn't pass or propel us into our sub-Moysian (i.e. 3-3 fit Ed.), from which we'll retreat to our true Moysian, there is little harm that can come to us by bidding a three-card suit here. This problem highlights the power of the spade suit.*

Action	Votes	Score
2♥	7	100
4♠	0	40
4♣	0	20
3♦	0	10

#### D) IMPs. N-S vul.

♠Q ♥K104 ♦A1076 ♠AKJ82

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	?

*With problems of this type, where a first round bid was a lively option, one expects a certain amount of abuse from those who had no choice in the matter.*

GUOBA: Dbl. The fact that I would have bid 1NT the previous round (2♠ is also OK) is of course irrelevant. I presume that I passed the first time *intending* to double spades bid and raised. Partner's long suit may be spades, and the opponents will find it easy to take a poke at our landing spot. However, to pass again and risk a double part score swing is relatively expensive. 2NT would be bizarre.

BALKAM: Dbl. Caters to partner's leaving it in for a good-sized penalty. Surely a better bid than my first one.

BOUCHARD: Dbl. Tout de suite ou jamais. Le bus suivant pourrait être bondé et ne pas s'arrêter.

KEHELA: Double.

GARINTHER: Dbl. Partner is marked with few values, but I think it is still clear to double. If they have a fit, we have a fit.

*Giving up on the penalty aspects was:*

ROSS: 2NT. Has to be for the minors by a passed hand. I can always point to my 17 high if I have to explain a large minus score to my team mates.

*We did have one passer, somewhat piqued by the auction:*

JASKELA: Pass. Should have entered the auction before. Don't like the -200 that looms on the horizon.

*In favour of bidding, let us point out that the opponents rarely double at IMPs for a one-trick set, and that even -200 is not a disaster against a part score. It's the double part score swings, those little sixes, that add up in a hurry. 2NT seems a poor alternative to the double here, committing us to declaring, possibly the wrong suit.*

Action	Votes	Score
Double	5	100
2NT	1	70
Pass	1	60
3♣	0	20

#### E) IMPs. Both vul.

♠K9 ♥J1074 ♦KQ98654 ♠—

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣	4♣*	5♣	?

\*Majors

*The returns suggest this problem falls into the man-or-mouse category. We'll save the mice for the end.*

JASKELA: 6♥. May be off two aces, but 4♣ vulnerable suggests a very good hand.

GARINTHER: 6♥. Somewhat of a shot, but when the opponents preempt, sometimes you have to guess.

KEHELA: 6♥. Expect to be defending against 7♣, unless partner has the perfect hand.

BALKAM: 6♥. Might make five or seven. Should win the post mortem anyway, if nothing else. *[I didn't.-SM]*

BOUCHARD: 6♥. Un chelem est dans l'air at il flotte sur les ailes d'un ♥.

*While many of the slam bidders point out that they're guessing, they seem confident, almost apologetic for not bidding more.*

*And now, as promised, the mice:*

ROSS: 5♥. Every hand at the table is plus or minus an ace, so I'm not going to try anything fancy. There may be more bidding and then I'll try 6♦.

GUOBA: 5♥. We are in a forcing pass situation, therefore any bid is constructive,

and at the level of Binsky invites a slam (frequent speculation on 11 tricks is the sure sign of a loser). If I thought I had a real good hand, I would pass and then bid 5 or 6♥ over partner's reopening double. If RHO bids 6♣, I'll pass to show my club void.

*We could have a lot less in high cards to prefer declaring on this auction, which makes me think the opponents will have to rescue us if we're getting to slam after 5♥.*

*Real life update: To make 6♥ you needed partner on play and for RHO to lead a club from the king into partner's AQ for two spade pitches. Your opponents played 4♥ on an uncontested auction. However, the mice aren't keeping score here.*

Action	Votes	Score
6♥	5	100
5♥	2	75
5♦	0	40
6♦	0	30
Dbl.	0	10

#### F) IMPs. N-S vul.

♣Q7 ♥108542 ♦K53 ♠A104

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	3♣	Pass**
Pass	Dbl.***	Pass	?

\*Strong

\*\*Shows Values

\*\*\*22-23 flat

*Even for this agreeable lot, this hand was a problem, and about time, too.*

*Let's hear first from the passers, since it's the only chance to score well in this quiz by passing.*

KEHELA: Pass. Trying for the new 800.

GARINTHER: Pass. An easy plus at this vulnerability. 800 is a strong possibility.

*There is an element of swinging here as we are not guaranteed even 500, but they do not have much to work with to create tricks, and it's always satisfying to punish them when they're being foolish.*

*We can always bid game and have done with it, but the choice of games was not clear.*

GUOBA: 4♥. Am I completely losing my nerve in not making the obvious pass?

Probably, but we have no guarantee we can score more than the value of our vulnerable game on defense, and it is possible that we could do much, much worse. Partner will save me from myself by bidding 4NT without a fit holding spade cards (when of course we would have been better off defending 3♣ or 3NT).

*Dare I say this borders on the esoteric?*

BALKAM: 4♥. If I thought I needed a swing I might pass. 3NT bidders should stick to matchpoints, as partner would bid 3NT with a stopper and no tolerance for hearts.

*This is a worthy point, but 3NT finished in a dead heat regardless.*

BOUCHARD: 3NT. Puisque la distribution de Nord est carrée (4-3-3-3), je ne vois aucune objection à jouer ce contrat en Sud.

ROSS: 3NT. We are borderline or worse for slam. All suits, including hearts, may split badly, so I'll gamble on no trump. Partner knows I'm not heavy in spades or I would have converted the double.

*All arguments here are suspect as each contradicts the other. 3NT is not 100% as no one has promised a spade stopper. Bad splits or a trump tap/promotion may wreck 4♥. 3♣ doubled may be a cheap save. But there is a possibility we have overlooked so far, that our Qx of spades may be an asset rather than a liability, and it may be our hand for real, as in:*

JASKELA: 6♥. Partner rates to have the ace or king of spades. 6NT looks dangerous.

*She's right, of course. We got our 800, but the opponents wrote down +1430 after E-W remained silent (especially East). Next year I'm playing where the opponents don't bid on every darned hand.*

Action	Votes	Score
4♥	2	100
3NT	2	90
Pass	2	80
6♥	1	60

*see p. 23 for January problems*





# Highlights of CBF Directors' Meeting

Here are some of the more important issues that were discussed at the annual meeting of CBF directors in Ottawa:

- Jon Goldberg (Zone 1) and Gim Ong (Zone 4) were confirmed as new Directors for a three-year term expiring in 1991.
- Katie Thorpe (Zone 3) was elected President and Gim Ong (Zone 4) Vice-president.
- Past President Aidan Ballantyne (Zone 6) will join Thorpe and Ong on the Executive Committee.
- Janice Anderson of Regina was appointed Treasurer.
- Janice Anderson was also appointed to the newly created position of National Co-ordinator.
- An annual CBF fee of \$3 will be levied by the ACBL on all Canadian members, beginning January 1, 1990. A committee was created, with Gim Ong as chairman, to examine the legal and constitutional ramifications of this decision. The question of maintaining collections from Units was also taken under advisement and will be discussed further at the next Board meeting, in January 1990 in Vancouver.
- Our Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup teams for Perth were confirmed; a subsidy of \$2000 per team member will be paid from the CBF International Fund.
- From now on, the field for CNTC and CWTC finals will be expanded from 20 to 22 teams. The two extra teams will come from Zone IV (Manitoba/Northern Ontario will have 3 teams instead of 2) and the host zone, which will always be allowed one additional team.
- CNTC, CWTC and COPC dates and locations for 1990 were approved. For 1991, the following locations were tentatively selected: CNTC-Winnipeg; CWTC-Ottawa.
- Qualification procedures for the 1990 World Championships in Geneva were decided.
- George Reteck of Montreal was appointed as International Events Chairman, succeeding Alvin Baragar.
- For financial reasons, the last two Digest issues of 1989 will be combined into a single issue, dated September 1989.
- It was decided that the CBF should refocus its priorities away from international events, toward new player development. The CBF will be involved in promoting junior and college bridge, in accrediting and supporting bridge teachers, and in fostering the emergence and growth of bridge clubs. These goals will be pursued in collaboration with the ACBL and the Canadian units.

## CBF Appoints National Co-ordinator

Janice Anderson of Regina has been appointed National Co-ordinator of the CBF, with particular responsibility for the organization of the various CBF tournaments: the CNTC, CWTC, COPC and the Rookie-Master Game.

In order to ensure that the Co-ordinator is easily accessible by clubs or individuals, a special CBF telephone line (with answering machine) has been installed in Mrs. Anderson's residence. The number is (306) 761-1677.

## Call for Elections

Elections will be held in December for the positions of Zone Director for Zones II (Quebec and Eastern Ontario) and Zone V (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba). The length of the term is three years. If you want to run for either position, submit your candidacy in writing to the Executive Secretary (Mrs. Barbara Tench, see address on p. 32) before October 31, 1989.

# Do You Want to Play the World Championships?

The 1990 World Bridge Championships will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from August 31 to September 15. There are numerous opportunities for Canadian players to compete in the various events:

**Open Pairs:** The winners of the 1988, 1989 and 1990 COPC are automatically eligible (1988 Valliant-Willis of Ottawa; 1989 Borg-Strebinger of Vancouver; 1990 finals to be held in Toronto) and will receive partial subsidization. The remainder of Canada's (still unknown) quota will be filled by pairs with the best combined results in the 1989 and 1990 COPC. Other pairs may apply to compete by writing a letter of application to either George Retek or Aidan Ballantyne. This application should include a list of the applicants' past accomplishments, both individually and as a partnership. Applicants are reminded that only a small number of pairs are seeded into the Open Pairs proper. All other participants will play in a qualifying event, from which only the very top finishers are promoted to the main championship.

**World Knockout Teams** (Rosenblum Cup): The 1989 CNTC winners are our No. 1 team and are seeded into the knockout event, with partial subsidization. Other teams may apply, as for the Open Pairs, but only teams of World Masters can count on being seeded into the knockouts (our quota is still unknown). All other teams play in the "neverending Swiss", with only a slim chance of qualifying for the knockout portion.

**Women's Pairs:** Canada's entry will be decided by a CBF committee. Interested parties must apply to Ballantyne or Retek.

**Mixed Pairs:** Again, admissibility will be decided by a CBF committee. Apply to Ballantyne or Retek. This contest has large national quotas and offers the best chance for an "average" pair to participate in a major world championship event.

**Senior Pairs:** A new secondary event limited to players 55 years or older. No complicated or highly artificial systems are permitted. Quotas are expected to be generous,

but any interested pair must apply to Ballantyne or Retek for accreditation.

**Continuous Pairs:** A new secondary event designed to allow participation by players who are not active in other championship events; pairs can enter and leave the Continuous Pairs at almost any time, since "crossover" scores will be awarded to those joining from other championship events. Apply to Ballantyne or Retek for accreditation if you want to enter only this event; any player accredited for a major championship event is automatically eligible to participate in the Continuous Pairs.

**Warning:** With the exceptions listed above, participants will not receive any financial subsidy from the CBF. Living expenses and entry fees in Geneva are likely to be very high by North American standards. You should not apply unless you are prepared to spend a minimum of \$150/day per person, plus airfare.

## George Retek Named International Events Representative

Alvin Baragar has resigned as the CBF's international events representative. His resignation was accepted with regret and with sincere thanks for the many services rendered.

Dr. Baragar will be succeeded by George Retek of Montreal. Retek is well-known as his District's ACBL Director and one of the ACBL's representatives on the Board of the World Bridge Federation. The CBF is fortunate that Mr. Retek has agreed to lend his talents in this important area.

Mr. Retek will participate in the WBF meetings in Australia this fall. He also heads a new CBF committee which will look into the possibility of naming a "chef de mission" for our teams at international championships.

*see p. 24 for more CBF news*

## JANUARY CONTEST

To enter the January contest, write your answers to the January problems (comments are welcome, but not required), together with your name and address on a sheet of paper or postcard and send to:

Sandy McIlwain  
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The reader with the best score will receive a bridge book and an invitation to the expert panel.

### THE JANUARY PROBLEMS

A) IMPs. Both vul.

♠AQ7 ♥64 ♦J ♣AQ76543

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1NT*	Pass	?

\*7-10

B) IMPs. E-W vul.

♠K97 ♥AKQ8 ♦AK10943 ♣—

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♣	Dbl.	?

C) Matchpoints. N-S vul.

♠AQ10 ♥72 ♦KQ95 ♣9854

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	?

D) Matchpoints. None vul.

♠A93 ♥J852 ♦Q4 ♣A1076

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Dbl.	Rdbl.
Pass	4♣	5♦	?

E) Matchpoints. N-S vul.

♠A983 ♥J10 ♦1062 ♣10853

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	?

F) IMPs. None vul.

♠5 ♥K1075 ♦J3 ♣A98532

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	?



## Bilingual Glossary

This recently-revised glossary\* of bridge terms might just be the answer for bridge aficionados who find themselves in a game with French-speaking players or who want to understand a French article in the Canadian Bridge Digest.

The 28-page manual is however intended mainly for casual or rubber bridge players; one finds quaint phrases like "remove the jokers" or "wash the cards", but searches in vain for "negative double", "weak two" or "key card".

\**Le Bridge*, available for US \$3.00 (postage included) from Philip Grosse, 5055 North 83 St., Scottsdale AZ 85253, USA.



## Glossaire Bilingue

Une glossaire anglais-français de 28 pages et portant sur les expressions particulières au bridge vient de paraître dans une édition remaniée\*. Ce livret est destiné à ceux qui jouent avec des joueurs anglophones, ou qui aimeraient mieux comprendre les livres et revues anglais.

Les joueurs sérieux ou modernes remarqueront certaines lacunes; alors que sont inclus de termes désuets comme "un-sur-un" et des instructions comme "ne jouez pas avant votre tour" ou "enlevez les jokers", on ne retrouve ni "cartes clé", ni "contre négatif", ni "le deux faible" (ou, si vous préférez, "le weak two").

\**Le Bridge*, disponible pour US \$3.00 (incluant les frais postaux) directement de l'auteur Philip Grosse, 5055 North 83 St., Scottsdale AZ 85253, E.-U.

## 1990 CBF Event Schedule

**CNTC:** Club Stage: Aug. 15 - Dec. 31, 1989  
Unit Stage: January - March, 1990  
Zone Stage: To be completed by April 15, 1990  
National Finals: June 2-6, 1990, in Toronto.

22 teams will qualify for the National finals; assuming the continuation of the status quo, the winning team will qualify for a playoff with Bermuda and Mexico for the right to participate in the 1991 Open Team World Championship for the Bermuda Bowl, in Tokyo.

**CWTC:** Each Zone will determine its own method for qualifying the appropriate number of teams for the National Final. National Final: June 30 - July 4, 1990, in Halifax.

22 teams will qualify for the National finals; assuming the continuation of the status quo, the winning team will qualify for a playoff with Bermuda, Mexico and four U.S. teams (2 out of the 7 teams qualify, but they must be from different countries) for the right to participate in the 1991 Women's Team World Championship for the Venice Trophy, in Tokyo.

**COPC:** Club Stage: September-October, 1989

Unit Finals: To be held by January 31, 1990

National Finals: April 13-14, 1990, in Toronto.

The winning pair will be eligible for the 1990 World Open Pairs Championship in Geneva. Other high-ranked pairs will receive qualification points for that event.

Also mark these dates on your 1990 calendar:

International Fun Games: Sat. January 27  
(ACBL-wide) Thu. May 17

Fri. July 20

Olympiad Fund Games: Thu. Feb 22  
(Canada-wide) Tue. October 9

Rookie-Master Game: Wed. April 4  
(Canada-wide)

## Midnight Fundraisers

At all Sectionals and Regionals, organizers are allowed to schedule Midnight Swisses, knock-outs, or other events as moneyraisers for the International Fund. No sanction fees are charged.

The CBF would appreciate it if Units and Districts would consider scheduling such events as a badly needed source of revenue for the Canadian International Fund. ■



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**CANADIAN BRIDGE DIGEST**

# Canadian Women's Team Championship

One of the main attractions of Canadian championships is the fact that winners qualify to represent Canada internationally. But this year's Canadian Women's Team Championship was an exception: Because no Women's World Championship is scheduled for 1990, the 1989 CWTC was an end in itself — contestants entered for the pleasure and challenge of competing with Canada's best.

With the finals scheduled for distant Calgary in late July, the perennial winners (Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Katie Thorpe and Gloria Silverman) felt there was just too much bridge on their 1989 calendar — they stayed home. They were joined on the sidelines by virtually the entire second tier of Ontario and Quebec players — you know who you are.

The Eastern girlcott left the organizers with a motley field of 19 teams. Three favourites stood out: A Vancouver team captained by superstar Rhonda BETTS; the prairie all-star team of Judy GARTAGANIS (formerly McGillis)-Karen Kilworth of Edmonton, joined by two fine young players from Saskatoon, Elaine Crossley-Linda Connell; and a Quebec City entry with Kamel FERGANI as NPC, augmented by a top Vancouver pair, Sandra Borg-Diane Kinakin.

The organization of the event was top-notch, with many unexpected delights. All teams were met at the airport by an assigned "den mother" (there were even some male mothers) who saw to it that their team was looked after throughout the tournament. Players received loot bags including especially-designed pins and printed nametags — a nice touch. In fact, the competitors were so impressed with the hospitality that they took a spontaneous collection and presented tournament chairperson Crystal Peterson with a gift of — what else but a set of crystal stemware.

## ROUND-ROBIN

Back to the competition: the first three days consisted of a round-robin — every team played a 10-board match against everybody else, with 80 Victory Points at

stake in each match. The top 4 teams would qualify for the semi-finals. Going into the last match, two of our pre-tournament favourites were in trouble, since the standings were:

1. GARTAGANIS	913
2. NEATE	884
3. CHRISTIE	881
4. BROWN	792
5. FERGANI	790
6. BETTS	778

In the last round, BROWN met REWBOTHAM, FERGANI had to face GARTAGANIS, and BETTS had the easiest draw, tailenders BERGQUIST. BROWN left the door open with by winning 65-15. But BETTS suffered a 31-49 upset (allowing BERGQUIST to escape the basement by a single IMP) and attention shifted to the GARTAGANIS-FERGANI match. The first hand set the tone:

Vul.: Both	♠ A3		
Dealer: East	♥ A10953		
	♦ A10754		
	♣ 10		
♠ J107		♠ KQ98642	
♥ K8762		♥ Q	
♦ KQ3	♠ 5	♦ J92	
♣ A8	♥ J4	♣ 53	
	♦ 86		
	♣ KQJ97642		

West	North	East	South
<i>Massé</i>	<i>Connell</i>	<i>Rivard</i>	<i>Crossley</i>
—	—	2♠	5♣
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Linda Connell may well have been about to raise her partner's majestic overcall to six, but Noella Massé doubled. She led the ♠J, won in dummy. Crossley led dummy's club to her king and Massé's ace. Still time for the diamond shift. But Massé continued with a second spade, ruffed. Crossley played a few trumps, and noticing that she could not take two heart finesses (a diamond return would leave her stranded in dummy), took her best shot, leading the ♥J, and when Massé did not cover, she rose with the ace, dropping Rivard's queen. The ♥10 forced out the king and the ♥9 was good for a diamond pitch.

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# CBF ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

Eileen Howey and Dolores Holm scored a massive 75.3% at the Trenton, Ont. Bridge Club last April 12, to win the annual Rookie-Master Game. Their score was by far the best among the 979 pairs who entered this unique competition, in which one player has less than five masterpoints, while the other is usually more experienced. Congratulations to everybody who participated in this exciting event; special recognition is due to the Club de Bridge St. Honoré for hosting the largest game, 60 pairs.

Next year's game is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 1990.

## National winners (979 Pairs)

Players	Club	Location	Score
1. Eileen Howey-Dolores Holm	Trenton	Trenton ON	75.3%
2. Carlton Baxter-Sandra Fox	Amherst	Amherst NS	71.9%
3. S. Rajan-A. Edwards	R.A.D.B.C.	Ottawa ON	70.8%
4. Ray Lothian-Edna Clemens	Carlyle	Carlyle SK	69.9%
5. W. Gauvin-S. Atallah	Rimouski	Rimouski PQ	68.5%
6. Muriel Brothers-Louise Wood	Nanaimo	Nanaimo BC	68.1%
7. Brian Greenway-Richard Gamble	Horning's	Toronto ON	67.8%
8. Gwen & Arnie Laxdal	Bridge Inn	Winnipeg MB	66.9%
9. Pierrette Desbiens-Guy Martin	St. Honoré	Chicoutimi PQ	66.7%
Isabelle & Bob Wilkinson	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw SK	66.7%

## Zone Results

### Zone I (124 Pairs):

1. Carlton Baxter-Sandra Fox, Amherst	71.9%
2. Gordon Smith-Frank Elliott, Amherst	66.2%
3. David Bower-David Hoogenberg, Mid Valley	65.3%
4. Jim Greenlee-Gary Pedersen, Corner Brook	64.6%
5. Maud Brown-Ruth Andrews, Corner Brook	62.5%

### Zone II (246 Pairs):

1. S. Rajan-A. Edwards, R.A.B.C. (Ottawa)	70.8%
2. W. Gauvin-S. Atallah, Rimouski	68.5%
3. Pierrette Desbiens-Guy Martin, St. Honoré	66.7%
4. M. Hart-C. Marchand, Mirabel	66.4%
5. J. Beaulieu-G. Lamarre, Les Saules	65.7%

### Zone III (130 Pairs):

1. Eileen Howey-Dolores Holm, Trenton	75.3%
2. Brian Greenway-Richard Gamble, Ted Horning's	67.8%
3. Larry Gartner-Helen Northway, Ray's DBC	63.7%
4. Mae Bell-G. Shprintsen, Ted Horning's	63.2%
5. J. Ochalski-S. Vogan, Aurora	62.6%

### Zone IV (110 Pairs):

1. Gwen & Arnie Laxdal, Bridge Inn	66.9%
2. M. Herman-M. Fraiss, Bridge Inn	66.0%
3. Mrs. M. Weber-M. Bigras, Falconbridge	63.9%
4. Bill Matwichuk-Leonce Gaudet, Kapuskasing	63.7%
5. Perkins-R. Newell, Superior, BC	63.1%

### Zone V (230 Pairs):

1. Ray Lothian-Edna Clemens, Carlyle	69.9%
2. Isabelle & Bob Wilkinson, Moose Jaw	66.7%

3. Barry Keats-Bob Riopel, Edmonton	66.3%
4. M. Baran-D. McKay, Saskatoon	64.6%
5. A. Wiesbrod-R. Mountenay, Moose Jaw	64.4%

### Zone VI (139 Pairs):

1. Muriel Brothers-Louise Wood, Nanaimo	68.1%
2. Allan Houston-John Baker, Nanaimo	64.1%
3. Shirley Cox-Hazel Rehill, Penticton	62.5%
4. Jack Bugar-Marvin Hansen, Williams Lake	61.1%
5. Don Jurgens-Harold Wheeler, Bridge Lake	60.9%

## Club Results

### Mid Valley D.B.C. (10 Pairs)

1. David Bower-David Hoogenburg
2. Michael Inkpen-David Forbes

### Corner Brook D.B.C. (16 Pairs)

1. Jim Greenlee-Gary Pedersen
2. Maud Brown-Ruth Andrews

### Amherst D.B.C. (14 Pairs)

1. Carlton Baxter-Sandra Fox
2. Gordon Smith-Frank Elliott

### Fredericton D.B.C. (14 Pairs)

1. Nancy Wolfe-Mike Ames
2. John Colter-Bill Campbell

### Newcastle D.B.C. (24 Pairs)

1. Selma Mitchell-Marg Napke
2. Roberta Pellerin-Margo Williston

### Charlottetown D.B.C. (14 Pairs)

1. Gene Coady-Freda Rickets
2. Sr. Mary Angela-Teresa Moore

### Moncton D.B.C. (12 Pairs)

1/2. Louise Jones-Al Forsythe
1/2. Jack O'Brien-Ron Poirier





**Nepisiquit D.B.C. (20 Pairs)**

1. Mrs. S. Bertin-Eileen Hennessey
2. Alice Lavigne-Viola Kyle

**Mirabel (22 Pairs)**

1. M. Hart-C. Marchand
2. M. Bellage-Smith-D. Clapa

**St. Lambert B.C. (24 Pairs)**

1. Lucien Lamarche-Georgie Lamarre
2. Marcel Marion-Tessa Bombenon

**Les Saules Quebec (34 Pairs)**

1. Jacqueline Beaulieu-Roger Bédard
2. Geraldine Ranger-Theresa Bernard

**Club de Br. Murray Bay (32 Pairs)**

1. Odile Henault-Ginette Girard
2. Dolores Murray-Raymond Bherer

**R.A. D.B.C. (36 Pairs)**

1. S. Rajan-A. Edwards
2. I. Gibson-C. Chamberlain

**Club de Br. de Roberval (16 Pairs)**

1. Céline Pelletier-Jean-Marie Roy
2. Nicole Lemay-Leonce Pelletier

**Club St. Honoré (60 Pairs)**

1. Pierrette Desbiens-Guy Martin
2. Daniel Boulianne-Bernard Larouche

**Club de Br. de Rimouski (22 Pairs)**

1. W. Gauvin-S. Atallah
2. G. Grenier-M. Couillard

**Ted Horning's Bridge Studio (40 Pairs)**

1. Brian Greenway-Richard Gamble
2. Mae Bell-G. Shprintsen

**Trenton Br. Club (40 Pairs)**

1. Eileen Howey-Dolores Holm
2. Vern Ducommun-Doug Heath

**Ray's D.B.C. (24 Pairs)**

1. Larry Gartner-Helen Northway
2. Fred Desjardins-Jim Morrison

**Aurora Br. Club (26 Pairs)**

1. J. Ochalski-S. Vogan
2. P. Bean-C. Salmon

**Bridge Inn (22 Pairs)**

1. Gwen Laxdal-Arnie Laxdal
2. M. Herman-M. Fraiss

**Superior D.B.C. (24 Pairs)**

1. Perkins-R. Newell
2. S. Brooks-G. Orr

**Kenora D.B.C. (14 Pairs)**

1. Gert Jackson-Dorothy Shannon
2. Peter Dunford-Darlene Kortz

**Falconbridge D.B.C. (16 Pairs)**

1. Mrs. M. Weber-M. Bigras
2. D. Johannsson-W.A. Wallace

**Kapuskasing D.B.C. (18 Pairs)**

1. Bill Matvichuk-Leonce Gaudet
2. Gale Godard-Rayo Carriere

**Weekender's Non Smoking B.C. (16 Pairs)**

1. John Maxwell-Borys Grundzien
2. Mavie Copps-Lillian Reilly

**Flin Flon D.B.C. (16 Pairs)**

1. John Ross-Herb Simms
2. Ardy Macer-Bev Picard

**Martinique Bridge Society (34 Pairs)**

1. Keith Harding-Elsie Johnson
2. Juan Alvarez-Conrad Ayasse

**Lloydminster D.B.C. (6 Pairs)**

1. Pat Hamilton-Brian Ard
2. Mary Davidson-Marjorie Clarkson

**Edmonton Bridge Center (22 Pairs)**

1. Barry Keats-Bob Riopel
2. Bob Humeniuk-Andrew Proczkowski

**Brooks D.B.C. (12 Pairs)**

1. Mike Orlita-Albert Homes
2. Alice Fleury-Lucille Nelson

**Moose Jaw D.B.C. (36 Pairs)**

1. Isabelle Wilkinson-Bob Wilkinson
2. Arnold Wiesbrod-Ross Mountenay

**Carlyle D.B.C. (18 Pairs)**

1. Ray Lothian-Edna Clemens
2. Murray Duncan-Alix Steen

**Regina D.B.C. (28 Pairs)**

1. Joan Richards-Dorothy Walker
2. Maurice Wilson-Winston Pengelly

**Saskatoon Br. Club (46 Pairs)**

1. M. Baran-D. McKay
2. C. Lamb-L. Robson

**Nipawin & District D.B.C. (12 Pairs)**

1. P. Chartier-H. Garinger
2. W. Hoppe-A. Waldner

**Nanaimo Bridge Club (41 Pairs)**

1. Muriel Brothers-Louise Wood
2. Allan Houston-John Baker

**Victoria D.B.C. (48 Pairs)**

- 1/2. Lisa Hind-Bette Henry
- 1/2. Bob Larre-Helen Hafer

**Terrace D.B.C. (10 Pairs)**

1. M. McFarland-A. Appels
2. S. Gergsma-E. Curell

**Prince George B.C. (8 Pairs)**

1. M. Rustad-M. Pfliger
2. L. Burden-K. Shillson

**Williams Lake D.B.C. (10 Pairs)**

1. Jack Bugar-Marvin Hansen
2. Noel Gooding-Pat Curtis

**Penticton D.B.C. (8 Pairs)**

1. Shirley Cox-Hazel Rehill
2. Doug Boothe-Kerry Klamut

**Bridge Lake D.B.C. (14 Pairs)**

1. Don Jurgens-Harold Wheeler
2. B.J. Deanne-Freeman-Paul Desautliers

In fact, Rivard-Massé could do nothing right in this match – they went down in a close slam by misguessing a queen, then turned conservative and played a hand in 4♠. Of course this time the cards sat perfect-

ly and they made seven. All these disasters spelled doom for FERGANI – the final score was 73-7, GARTAGANIS. The final round-robin standings were:

1. GARTAGANIS J., K. Kilworth, L. Connell, E. Crossley	Edmonton/Saskatoon	986
2. CHRISTIE M., D. McCully, L. Gold, C. McAvoy	Vancouver	954
3. NEATE M., A. Dorosh, J. Peters, P. Landau, I. Andersen, K. Adachi	Vancouver	898
4. BROWN J., J. Flint, J. Grassby, M. Dupont	Ottawa	857
5. BETTS R., L. Dickie, J. Goodwin-Hanson, J. Stenning	Vancouver	809
6. FERGANI K. (NPC), J. Rivard, N. Massé, L. Menard, M. Falardeau, S. Borg, D. Kinakin	Québec/Vancouver	797
7. EWEN R. (NPC), J. Rooney, E. Wood, C. McKinney, M. Thomas, V. Tom, L. Lister	Edmonton	785
8. McADAM P., M. Shaw, H. Peckett, J. Belyea	Ottawa	758
9. SAVILLE J., P. Sisko, J. Forchert, E. Rideout, J. Clark, J. Kittlitz	Calgary	741
10. REWBOTHAM S., S. Caty, M. Thomson, S. Carruthers, E. Johannsson, J. Fox	Toronto	729
11. HOPSON R., L. Richmond, F. MacLeod, S. Sanders, B.A. Bellerose	Sault Ste. Marie	723
12. MOULTON M., E. Adams, M.J. MacKay, C. Fagan	Halifax	713
13. TODD A., M. Fuller, B. Pyper, H. Whitmore, C. McManus	Calgary	711
14. HEDLEY D., H. Girvitz, D. Fishman, E. Johnson, L. Dunsmore	Calgary	701
15. CHAPELLE A. (NPC), D. McNabb, A. Marks, D. Rumsby, I. Anderson, L. Tomczyk, B. Jackson	Nanaimo	689
16. DUNN B., D. Gilman, G. Bortolussi, M. Henderson, A. Harper, S. Vezina	Thunder Bay	676
17. ST. AMANT C., P. Cathrae, J. Brett, D. Adams	Belleville ON	646
18. BERGQUIST M., J. Ross, L. Thierman, F. Metherell, B. Dolan	Calgary	634
19. NAGY A., C. Brown, S. Kanee, P. Minkoff	Vancouver	633

## SEMI-FINALS

One semi-final pitted GARTAGANIS against the lone Eastern qualifier, BROWN. BROWN entered the match as longshots, in spite of a 6 IMP carry-over advantage. We have often complained about this arbitrary rule; a few years ago, the CNTC was decided by carry-over, which seems to have a mysterious habit of favouring the team which finished lower in the round-robin standings. Well, carry-over wasn't going to decide this match. BROWN kept things close for one quarter, then GARTAGANIS blew them away.

The other matchup saw two teams from the Vancouver area facing one another and yes, once again the lower-placed team, in this case NEATE enjoyed an 8-IMP carry-over. This match followed the same pattern as the other semi-final: Close for one quarter, a blowout in the second, and NEATE coasted in from there.

Our two favourite hands from the semi-finals:

In NEATE vs. CHRISTIE, Kathy Adachi held ♠94 ♥KJ95 ♦83 ♣J10965. She passed, and her left-hand opponent opened 1♣. From there, McCully-Christie briskly blackwooded their way to 7♣. Ina Andersen led the ♦J, and dummy tabled ♠KQ3 ♥A1083 ♦AQ ♣KQ43. Declarer won dummy's ace, cashed the KQ of spades, the ace of hearts, and overtook the ♦Q with the king. Then followed four more rounds of spades, reducing dummy to just the KQ43 of clubs. Adachi had to find one more pitch from ♥K ♣J1096. She threw the ♥K, praying Ina held the queen. And so it was. Declarer, who held ♠A107652 ♥742 ♦K6 ♣A2, had to go down one, and NEATE gained a 14 IMP swing. In the other semi-final, Judy Gartaganis made the grand slam when Marian Dupont discarded a club in the same position.

In GARTAGANIS vs. BROWN, we saw this exciting hand:

Dealer: South  
Vul.: East-West

	♠ K105		
	♥ 96432		
	♦ 1063		
	♣ 43		
♠ AQ84		♠ J97632	
♥ Q		♥ K8	
♦ KQ8752		♦ 9	
♣ A9		♣ J852	
	♠ —		
	♥ AJ1075		
	♦ AJ4		
	♣ KQ1076		

Table 1:

West	North	East	South
<i>Grassby</i>	<i>Kilworth</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gartaganis</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♣
Dbl.	3♥	3♣	4♦
4♣	5♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Table 2:

<i>Crossley</i>	<i>Flint</i>	<i>Connell</i>	<i>Dupont</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♣	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

It is not easy to say anything good about the auction at table 1. Joslyn Grassby's double of 3♣ was not alerted, but Grassby-Brown found their good 4♣ save. Kilworth, who surely should have bid more aggressively at her first or second turn, now decided to push on to 5♥. Grassby led the ♦ K; Gartaganis won, laid down the ♥ A, exited with the ♦ J, and conceded down one.

At table 2, Elaine Crossley's bold solo venture to 4♣ also succeeded in pushing the opposition to the five-level. Again, the opening lead was the ♦ K to declarer's ace. Marian Dupont cashed the ♥ A, but noticed a chance Gartaganis had overlooked. She exited with the ♣ K to Crossley's ace. Crossley, unsure about the significance of

partner's ♦ 9 at trick one, played her ♠ A. To her shock, Dupont ruffed, played ♣ Q, club ruff, ♠ K for a diamond pitch, spade ruff in hand, another club ruff in dummy, and exited with a trump. Linda Connell won her king and was obliged to concede a ruff-and-sluff. Declarer's last diamond went away. Quite a hand to soothe the pain of defeat.

	C.O.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
GARTAGANIS	0	43	42	34	29	148
BROWN	6	23	9	31	16	85
CHRISTIE	0	42	9	51	46	148
NEATE	8	45	60	38	39	190

So the final would be GARTAGANIS vs. NEATE. Once again the team that had finished lower in the round-robin would enjoy a carry-over advantage; this time it was 14 IMPs — we hoped this difference would not be decisive.

## FINAL

The 72-board final was a dramatic encounter between two very different styles: GARTAGANIS are aggressive bidders: hand after hand they bought the contract at both tables, or found themselves in game while NEATE played a partial. NEATE preferred a more conservative approach, but were not reluctant to double for penalties when conditions were right. As a result of these divergent philosophies, a huge number of IMPs changed hands, but the match was desperately close.

With one quarter to go, GARTAGANIS had made up the carry-over and led by 4 IMPs. On board 58 both teams stepped out of character: Peters-Landau bid a vulnerable slam missed by Crossley-Connell; so NEATE regained the lead. But GARTAGANIS clawed their way back to lead by 1 IMP with five hands to go.

On board 68, Connell opened a weak notrump at unfavourable vulnerability. Double, said Marge Neate. Crossley ran to 2♥, alerted as showing both majors. Connell corrected to 2♠, passed around to Alison Dorosh who held ♠ AQ98 ♥ 109 ♦ J7 ♣ J9642. Double, she said: +800 on a part-score hand and NEATE led by 11. On 69,



**Back: Joyce Peters, Pat Landau, Ina Andersen, Kathy Adachi. Front: Marge Neate, Alison Dorosh.**



**Karen Kilworth, Linda Connell, Elaine Crossley and Judy Gartaganis.**



**Jill Brown, Joslyn Grassby, Jean Flint and Marian Dupont.**



**Leslie Gold, Connie McAvoy, Debbie McCully and Marcia Christie.**

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GARTAGANIS earned a double game swing: +420 at both tables – they were back in the lead by 2. On board 70, Dorosh and Kilworth both played in 2♥ doubled, but Dorosh got out for –200 while the statuesque Kilworth suffered a 500 set – NEATE back on top by 5. On 71, at favourable vulnerability, Kilworth tried 4♥ on a six-loser hand. Partner turned up with 2 tricks – down one. Dorosh bid 1♥, then 2♥ and bought the contract (E-W could make 3♣): 5 more IMPs to NEATE. The last board was a potential (but as the cards lay, unmakeable) slam on two finesses. Gartaganis-Kilworth stopped safely at game. Marge Neate, over partner's 4♣ bid, thought, and thought, and thought some more. Then she reached for the Pass card and won the match.

	CO	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total
GARTAGANIS	0	44	50	48	41	183
NEATE	14	57	37	30	55	193

Even without belabouring the carry-over factor, it was a painful defeat for the Prairie team. They displayed fine sportsmanship in accepting defeat graciously, and throughout the tournament they helped inexperienced and nervous opponents relax and enjoy the game. But make no mistake – they're tough and they'll be back.

The winners are all well-known in the Vancouver area, but it would be accurate to say that success at this level is new to them: Kathy **Adachi** (who recently moved to Toronto, so the East may claim a tiny share of this championship after all) and Ina **Andersen** are the most experienced pair, with 3500 masterpoints between them. Pat **Landau** and Joyce **Peters** played only the first and fourth quarters of the finals – but with them in the lineup the team picked up a net of 27 IMPs. In the recent past, this pair has done well in Vancouver-area Seniors events, suddenly they're Canadian champions. Alison **Dorosh**, the youngest member of the team (she made Life Master at this tournament), impressed onlookers with her strong nerves – this is one tough lady. Marge **Neate** played very well and provided the team with character and leadership – as soon as the score was confirmed she announced that in anticipation of victory she had placed several bottles of champagne on ice. ■

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members could phone with questions. They would phone their Unit officials, and then worry about who their Zone director was because they couldn't find their last *Digest*. Eventually they get to us one way or another, but it took a long time and everyone was frustrated.

Now that we know that we have a bit more income next year, we have established one national co-ordinator for all of our national events. She is **JANICE ANDERSON**, 107 Scrivener Cres., Regina SK, S4N 4V6.

We have our own phone number, which is (306) 767-1677. It has an answering machine attached, so if no one is there a message will be taken and the call returned.

We hope that those changes will start people realizing that there really is a CBE, and that we are a viable organization with a useful and necessary function.

My address is published on the back of the *Digest* and I will be happy to hear at any time from anyone who has constructive comments, criticisms, or suggestions or anyone who would like to volunteer some time to help out. We are trying to become an organization made up of Canadian members, working for the elements of uniqueness in Canadian bridge. I would really appreciate it if people would write to me regarding national matters, and to the Zone directors, whose addresses are also on the back of this *Digest*, regarding local concerns.

**Digest: Thank you, Katie.** ■

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serious trouble when West showed out on the second round of trumps. He drew the remaining trumps, exhausting his own trumps in the process. He continued with a club to the king, nine of clubs from the dummy – and low from East. Hicks' play in the trump suit would make the difference between –100 and –1100. Karl dropped the doubleton queen offside for 86 matchpoints and a change of underwear!

Congratulations to Ron and Karl. A superb performance by two of the nicest fellows you would ever have the opportunity to meet. ■

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