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Canadian winners John Carruthers and
Fred Gitelman. See page 9.

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from Nicholas Gartaganis

Olympic Membership

In December of 2000, the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) was recognized as a Class E member with the Canadian Olympic Association (COA). The COA is responsible for all aspects of Canada's participation in the Olympic movement, including taking Canadian teams to the Olympic and Pan American games. The COA's status is approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC); thus its mandate comes from the IOC and the Olympic Charter.

Recently, I was reminded of one of the implications of Olympic membership. The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) was holding the Scott Tournament of Hearts, which is the curling equivalent of the Canadian Women's Team Championship. The members of one team became sick and were unable to take any medication for fear of running afoul of the lengthy list of banned substances for Olympic athletes. Even though this was not an Olympic competition, the CCA is responsible for complying with Olympic regulations.

The organization that manages all aspects of athlete drug testing is the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) which has a mandate to promote drug-free sport, equity, fair play, safety and non-violence. In theory, CBF-sponsored events will, at some point, become subject to the same monitoring by the CCES as is the CCA.

Fortunately many substances that are widely used by bridge players will not trigger any repercussions. Although there will be a limit on the concentration of caffeine (found in coffee, chocolate, tea and colas) allowed in the body, normal ingestion will not cause the limit to be exceeded or even remotely approached. Cannabis is a banned substance, but alcohol is not.

It is an exciting prospect to think of bridge being recognized some day as an official Olympic sport. However, with recognition comes new costs (e.g. for drug testing) and an added degree of complexity arising from mandatory compliance with new regulations.

2001 Venice Cup

On March 10th and 11th the Canadian Women's team played against the Mexican team to determine who would earn a berth in the 2001 Venice Cup. Canada triumphed over Mexico by 18 IMPs over 128 boards (see stories page 20 (English) and page 27 (French)). The Venice Cup will be held in Bali, Indonesia from October 20 – November 2, 2001. The members of the Women's team are Francine Cimon, Ina Demme, Dianna Gordon, Martine Lacroix, Sharyn Reus and Katie Thorpe. Four members of this team won Olympiad silver last year.

CBF Web Site

Everyone should take an opportunity to visit the CBF web site (www.cbf.ca). Jude Goodwin-Hanson keeps making improvements and adding new information. Our site compares favourably with many others that I have had occasion to visit. The CBF is fortunate to have Jude as its webmaster.

2002 World Championships

Montreal is hosting the 2002 World Championships from August 16 - 31, 2002. This is a unique opportunity for Canadians to play in both pair and team competitions in a World Championship held in their own backyard. Start making your plans soon.

Note that players will be required to register their entries with Jan Anderson, the CBF Coordinator, so that a request can be submitted to the World Bridge Federation for an invitation to take part. Particulars on how to submit entries will be posted on the CBF web site and in future issues of Bridge Canada.



SAYING GOODBYE TO A CANADIAN CHAMPION

Pierre Treuil 1934 - 2000

by David Curry

On December 3rd, the Canadian bridge community lost a prodigious talent when Pierre Treuil passed away in hospital — twenty days before his 66th birthday.

Pierre immigrated to Canada in 1956 from his hometown, New York City, to pursue a career as an actuary in the Federal government where he became one of the architects of the Canada Pension Plan. He retired in 1991.

In 1967, Pierre married. His wife, Geraldine, said of their marriage, "it was a great 33 years". Their son, Ted, worked as head caddy at National Capital Regionals in the late 1980's. He was recognized for his courtesy and his ability to get along with everyone. Ted, now 31, is engaged to be married and has a degree in electrical engineering.

At the bridge table, Pierre was renowned for both his brilliance and sensitivity to others. If his partner made an error, Pierre would look for a way he might have made partner's decision easier. If he found a way, he would do the apologizing. At the bridge table, it doesn't get better than that! Pierre always found time to serve as mentor to those who sought advice.

Pierre won the Canadian Open Pairs Championship in 1992 and 1993 partnered by John Zaluski and 1995 with Jim Riegle. He is the only triple winner in the history of the event. Pierre represented Canada in the 1970 World Pairs Championship.

Pierre Treuil was a very special man, loved and respected by many. He will be greatly missed.

Trophy Hunt

The CBF is searching for the following large trophies which are missing. If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of any of these trophies please contact Jan Anderson (see p2).

Eric R. Murray Trophy - presented to the team representing Canada in the Open World Team Olympiad

Aaron Goodman Trophy - presented to the team representing Canada in the Women's World Team Olympiad

Percy Sheardown Trophy - presented to the team representing Canada in the Bermuda Bowl

Jim Donaldson Trophy - presented to the winners of the COPC

Sam Gold Trophy - presented to the winners of the CNTC

Tobi Mitchell Trophy - presented to the winners of the CWTC

BRIDGE TO BE AN "ATTRACTION" SPORT IN SALT LAKE CITY OLYMPICS, 2002

In an interview with e-bridge (www.e-bridgemaster.com) March 14, WBF President Mr José Damiani revealed that bridge has been given the opportunity by the IOC to demonstrate the competition at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games scheduled for February 8th to 24th in Salt Lake City, Utah

"If the demonstration goes well, the sport is then formally introduced at the Olympic Games four years later. WBF started a massive effort to bring bridge to the Olympic Games in 1998. By this time all of the facilities for the athletes and for the play itself in Salt Lake City were already fully booked.

So, in addition to a very broad effort by the WBF over the years to obtain the recognition of bridge by the IOC, we were always facing the logistics problem of available facilities to demonstrate the game," explains Damiani.

Luckily, the IOC was able to locate facilities for a bridge demonstration in the Grand Americana Hotel in Salt Lake City. The attraction will take place about two days before the official opening of the Winter Olympic Games. Teams in three categories will be entered: open, women, and juniors. The WBF will have to decide in the next few months on the criteria for teams' selection, and how many teams will participate.

The WBF now faces the difficult task of selecting the teams. And after a successful demonstration, bridge will still have to go through one final formal step: the IOC must amend its regulation that allows only sports conducted on ice or on snow to participate in the Winter Olympics.

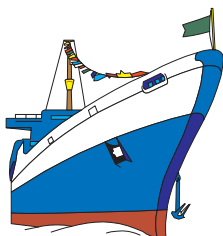
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AirCanada has been designated the official airline for the 2001 Canadian Bridge Week. If players are making reservations with Air Canada they should quote the following convention (group) number: **CV664436**. In return the CBF will have the chance to earn a free flight and players quoting this number will receive some discounts.

Web

www.cbf.ca/BWeek

Schedule

CNTC - FLIGHT A 10:00 AM

Stage 1 **Swiss Qualifying Round**
Sun., Aug. 5 - Tues., Aug. 7

Open to all teams that file entries with CBF Coordinator by June 15, 2001. Four teams qualify for the CNTC - A Round Robin

Stage 2 **Round Robin - 18 teams**
Tues. Eve., Aug. 7 - Fri., Aug. 10

Semi-Final Sat., Aug. 11, 2001
Final Sun., Aug. 12, 2001

CNTC - FLIGHT B 10:00 AM

Round Robin Sun., Aug. 5 - Tues., Aug. 7
Semi-Final Wed., Aug. 8
Final Thurs., Aug. 9

CWTC 10:00 AM

Round Robin Sun., Aug. 5 - Tues., Aug. 7
Semi-Final Wed., Aug. 8
Final Thurs., Aug. 9

COPC 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Day 1 - Qualifying Wed., Aug. 8
Day 2 - Final Thurs., Aug. 9

ENTRY DEADLINES

CNTC - Flight A: Stage 1 Swiss Qualifying - June 15, 2001
CNTC - Flight A: Stage 2 Round Robin - June 15, 2001
CNTC - Flight B: June 15, 2001
CWTC - June 15, 2001
COPC - prior to game time on Wednesday, August 8, 2001

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ZONE I REPORT

Mary Moulton, CBF Director

U 194 Can. Maritime

U 230 Acadian

As the newest member of the CBF Board, let me say how pleased I am to be representing bridge players from Atlantic Canada as I begin serving my term on the Canadian Bridge Federation Board. I feel privileged to be working with my Director colleagues from across Canada to address the challenges of the future. As bridge enters a new era at the world level, there is a new energy and lots of enthusiasm to strengthen the CBF and our representation with the World Bridge Federation.

There are over 40 sanctioned clubs in the four Atlantic Provinces - and almost 900 registered members of the CBF. We are a relatively small (but mighty) group and we welcome bridge players from across Canada and beyond to visit our clubs when travelling in the east and share our special hospitality. Check out the locations of our clubs by accessing the ACBL website where all clubs in Canada (and the USA) are listed - www.acbl.org



Mary Moulton at work



There's lots going on in the bridge scene here in Zone I.

- Youth development programs abound in the Region with bridge enthusiasts bringing the game we all love to schools and universities. These students today will be our bridge stars of tomorrow so kudos to those who work so tirelessly in these programs: Mike Hartop, Marilyn McDairmid and Bill McNichol from Moncton, Judy Losier from Bathurst, Kathie Macnab and Leo Weniger from Halifax, Cyril Connolly from Truro, and Ted Powers from St. John's. (If I have left anyone out, my apologies! Please let me know if you are working with youth in Zone I.)
- On-going competition is enjoyed by many at the many Sectionals that are held in this Zone each year. At the time of writing this, the Halifax Winter Sectional has just ended with attendance up from previous years - thanks to the promotional efforts of Tournament Chairman, Kathie Macnab, and her team of volunteers.
- Classes for those newer to bridge are bustling with activity as more and more people want to learn our game. Bridge teachers in Zone I work hard to make the game exciting and fun, and our "students" are working hard to master the basics (and more!).



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• With Bridge Week 2001 set for Montreal this August and within reasonable geographic reach of many in this Zone, there is lots of interest in the CNTC and CWTC qualifying process. Watch for Zone I-ers at the Finals!!!

• This year's CanAt Regional is scheduled for June 29 - July 4 and it will be held at the Fredericton Motor Inn, in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The CanAt is always a great Regional - filled with plenty of Maritime hospitality - For information contact: Sam Gosh at (506) 472-4115 or (506) 453-4723.

And I'll end with a personal story about a recent trip I took to St. John's, Newfoundland. Just before taking office with the CBF, I travelled to St. John's on business. On the flight over I decided to check out the bridge club in St. John's to see if they had a game that evening. Upon checking in to my hotel, I checked the ACBL website for the information, and, sure enough, they did have a game! I called Ted Powers, club owner, to see if he could find me a partner on such short notice. Ted and his wife were very gracious - they picked me up at the hotel (and brought me back later), Ted found me a delightful partner ("Bink"), and the membership at the St. John's club welcomed me in true downeast fashion. Thanks to all at the St. John's club. I know the same welcome awaits you wherever you travel in Zone I. HAPPY BRIDGE PLAYING!



ZONE II REPORT

Doug Heron, Director

Zone II is one of Canada's largest Zones, if not the largest. Stretching from the Gaspé Peninsula eastward to the Belleville Ontario area west-

ward it encompasses a huge territory. It also has the most members. The Eastern area of the Zone has a large francophone population, which includes Montreal, Quebec City, and the Chicoutimi area. Participation in CBF events such as the CNTC and CWTC has always been one of the highest per capita in Canada. The Zone has produced many National Champion teams, several of whom have gone on to win medals at the World level. In 2002 the World Championships will be held in Zone II, in Montreal.

U151 Montreal area 2,935 members

U152 Quebec City area 465 members

U192 Central Ontario, Kingston, Ottawa and the Outaouais 1,374 members

U199 St-Laurent Sag-Lac 310 members

ZONE IV REPORT

Bill Treble, Director

Zone IV is made up of four Units that geographically cover all of Western Ontario and Southern Manitoba. The Units are:

Unit 181 (Manitoba - centered in Winnipeg) 464 members; Unit 212 (Sault International) 110 members; Unit 228 (Northwestern Ont. - Thunder Bay) 150 members; Unit 238 (Quinta - Sudbury & North Bay area) 281 members

Total Zone membership is 979 members, making it the second smallest Zone in Canada.

Unit 212 (Sault International) is the only Unit in Canada to have members that reside in the United States.

**ZONE III REPORT***Ray Lee, Director*

CBF Zone III consists of three ACBL Units in South Ontario, 166, 246, and 249. Since this includes the Greater Toronto

area, it is not surprising that this is one of the largest Zones in terms of population.

It is also home to a number of players who have become well-known for their performances on the international bridge stage: Eric Kokish (a recent import), George Mittelman, Dianna Gordon, and Fred Gitelman immediately spring to mind. Fred found time recently from his successful bridge software business to travel to the prestigious Forbo teams event in the Netherlands with John Carruthers, and bring back the gold medals – a repeat performance for John.

Fred has built a successful partnership with New Yorker Brad Moss, and they can already boast a National teams title and several near-misses. This deal (top of column) is from the Invitational Teams event at the recent Forbo tournament, an extremely strong competition that they teamed up with John Carruthers and Howard Weinstein to win.

Brad's 2♦ was ostensibly a Jacoby Transfer, but when he followed up with 2♠ he showed both minors and a game-forcing hand. Fred's 2NT was an asking bid that,

Fred
 ♠ Q10
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ AKJ2
 ♣ 1084 2

Brad
 ♠ AJ3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q106 4
 ♣ AJ95 3

Fred Brad	
1NT 2	♦
2♥	2♠
2NT 3	♦
3♥	3NT
4♦	4♠
6♦	All Pass

in theory, denied a four-card minor, but he needed to know more about Brad's hand, and this was a convenient way to find out. Brad's 3♦ showed four diamonds, longer clubs, and denied 2-2-4-5 shape. Now Fred's 3♥ showed strength in hearts and Brad's 3NT showed a high card in spades. The 4♦ bid was natural and 4♠ was a cue-bid – just the one Fred wanted to hear, in fact.

Brad got a heart lead, which removed an entry early – and there were lots of finesses to be negotiated, not to mention handling charges when trumps broke 4-1.

Try to work out the winning line for yourself then turn to page 11.

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PEOPLE NEWS: Former Richmond Trophy Winner (1998) **Hans Jacobs** and Debbie Bennett have earned their director's certification and are running duplicate games at

the Regal St. Clair club where no membership is required and games cost just \$5 including parking, coffee and bagels. Hans is doing after-game workshops as well.

ZONE V REPORT

Nicholas Gartaganis, Director

Geography

Zone V geographically covers a huge area from three prairie provinces: all of Alberta, all of Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba. There are eight ACBL units in the Zone located around the main urban centres (Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat in Alberta, Regina and Saskatoon in Saskatchewan, Thompson in Manitoba). Bridge players from this zone are used to driving long distances just to play in a sectional. 300 kilometers ...why that's nothing!

Most of Zone V is also part of District 18 which is one of only two Canadian /American mixed districts in the ACBL. Our bridge players have been very successful in recent years winning the right to represent District 18 in both the Grand National Teams and in the North American Pairs.

Activities

All centres (and people, for that matter) are renowned for their friendliness and great hospitality. Two of the most popular sectional tournaments held in the region are "vacation sectionals". The Northern Saskatchewan Unit hosts a fabulously laid back late summer sectional while the town of Banff in Banff National Park is filled with bridge players during its November sectional.

Regional tournaments are few and far between in our zone: typically one Alberta regional each year and one Saskatchewan regional every second year. Because of this infrequency, local support is strong.



Complaints about "too many tournaments" are seldom heard.

The 2002 Canadian Bridge Week will be held in Edmonton, Alberta. The organizing committee has been working for some time now to make this a stand-out event. You won't want to miss this great Western celebration — mark the date on your calendars now.

Unlike most other areas in the country, a key characteristic of Zone V is member-owned clubs. All over the prairies, volunteers work hard to keep bridge alive and well in their communities. The Saskatoon Duplicate Bridge Club was one of the first to actually own its own building. That mortgage-burning party was quite an event! The Edmonton Bridge Centre raised money to get off the ground by selling debentures to local bridge players. Those loans have long been repaid, but the club remains member-owned and managed.

Personalities

Even though the Zone covers a wide geographical area, people in the Zone get to know one another at regionals and Zone competitions leading to Bridge Week. Some of our celebrities include:

- Richard Anderson (Regina), former ACBL and CBF president, has served as the District 18 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors for nine years.
- Ron Hemeon (Saskatoon) is the Saskatchewan delegate to the District 18 Board.
- Barry Pritchard (Edmonton) is the Alberta representative on the District 18 Board.
- Ken Gee (Regina) has won the last three Richmond Trophy races.



ZONE VI REPORT

By Jennifer Ballantyne, Director

In the teeth of declining membership, I am happy to report that the slippage in Zone VI is minor: only 44 members in the past 15 months, leaving us a current total of 2,352. Approximately 90% of the active players are paid up members of the CBF, showing a supportive upward trend. The introduction of Flight B in the CNTC has sparked new interest. Local bridge clubs are working hard to recruit new members and finding the response very encouraging. Thanks to hardworking volunteers in the bridge community, Zone VI mustered 94 tables in the Helen Shields Rookie-Master game and 47.5 tables in the Erin Berry game.

Given our proximity to the state of Washington and our membership in District 19, it is not surprising that Zone VI players participate in the Grand National Teams and National Open Pairs events - with strong results in both. Our CBF playoffs in the CNTC and CWTC are still in progress.

On the subject of the CNTC, I am sad to report that long time competitor Jacques Ribeyere, representing Vancouver Island, died in January, 2001. We will miss him and his dedication to the more aggressive points of the game.

Zone VI extends a warm invitation to our Canadian Regionals scheduled for Victoria, April 2-8, 2001, Vancouver (Richmond) January 7-13, 2002 and Penticton June 10-16, 2002. Holiday with us and see our country!

CLUB FOR SALE - The 8-year-old Island Bridge Club in Victoria, B.C. is now for sale (due to founder Margaret Hinton's health problems). This is a very successful club in an attractive city - a club whose social atmosphere attracts both new Bridge players and 'new to duplicate' players and which has the record of being one of the top new member recruiters in North America. Contact Margaret Hinton. (250) 477-7283 email: Margaret_Hinton@telus.net Learn more about the club on their website: www3.bc.sympatico.ca/islandbridgeclub/

☞ (Zone III continued from page 10)

Brad found an elegant solution involving a dummy reversal and endplay: he won the ♥A, ruffed a heart, drew four rounds of trumps ending in dummy, and took a club finesse. West won the king, but now had to give Brad a dummy entry so that he could take a second club finesse - successfully. The full deal was:

Fred

♠ Q10

♥ AK5

♦ AKJ2

♣ 10842

♠ K852

♥ QJ64

♦ 9873

♣ K

♠ 9764

♥ 108732

♦ 5

♣ Q76

Brad

♠ AJ3

♥ 9

♦ Q1064

♣ AJ953



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Toronto is a world-class city that is always a pleasure to visit. With its fabulous restaurants, luxurious hotels, wonderful theatres, museums, and many outstanding sightseeing spots, Toronto needs little added attraction – but this summer we will host the 2001 North American Bridge Championships!

This tournament will be an exciting chance to mingle with bridge players from all over the world. Events for every player at every level are scheduled every day. Shuttle buses will connect the tournament sites: the beautiful Royal York Hotel (for National, Senior and Separate Flight A/X events) and the spacious Toronto Convention Centre (for Novice, Intermediate, and various other events).

Hospitality, entertainment, seminars, panel shows, vugraph, childcare, and tours of the region will all be available for you and your family. There will be no dull moments at the Toronto Summer Nationals! Come and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you in July!

ERIC MURRAY AND SAMI KEHELA Win Von Zedtwitz Award and are inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame

Canadian champions Eric Murray and Sami Kehela are co-recipients of the 2001 von Zedtwitz Award and as such will be inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame at the induction ceremonies in Toronto on Thursday, July 19th.

It is a fitting tribute to both men that they will be inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame at that NABC. In 1964 Eric was not only Chairman but together with Sami, Bruce Gowdy and Percy Sheardown, won the Spingold at the first NABC held in Toronto in 1964.

The von Zedtwitz Award is given to deserving living or deceased individuals who have contributed to the game of bridge either by virtue of their bridge playing talents, or who made contributions to the game outside of their area of playing expertise.

Eric and Sami represented Canada many times in world level competition for over three decades (1960s-1980s), winning two bronze medals in the World Olympiad Teams, and many 4ths and 5ths. As well as



being bridge champions with multiple NABC and Regional titles both men have contributed more than their share to the game of bridge in its many other facets.

Sami (b.1934) has been a coach, bridge journalist, teacher, former editor of the Ontario Kibitzer, bridge columnist for Toronto Life, contributor to the ACBL Bulletin and contributing editor to the Bridge Encyclopedia.

Eric (b.1928) participated on bridge organizing committees, chaired the Toronto NABC in 1964, is a former director of District 2 and past president of the Ontario unit, devised the Murray 2D Convention and co-authored DRURY, and was a contributing editor to the Bridge Encyclopedia as well as a bridge champion with multiple NABC titles.

THE ACBL CLUB AND CRUISE DIRECTORS' COURSE

will be presented prior to the Toronto NABCs, July 17-19, 2001. Anyone interested in becoming a bridge club director or bridge cruise director is invited to register. The preregistration fee is US \$80 until July 11, and US \$100, afterward, and includes the course, the study materials, and the exam. The course will meet at the Toronto Royal York Hotel. You may preregister with a credit card by calling Joyce Stone at ACBL (901-332-5586, ext.337) or the ACBL Sales Department 1-800-264-8786 in Canada.

Mini-Spingold set for

Toronto NABC - A new event will be featured at the Toronto NABC running opposite the regular Spingold. There will be two flights (0-5000 and 0-1500). Teams will be allowed to play up, but not down. In other words, teams with all players under 1500 points can play in the big Spingold or either of the Mini-Spingolds.



IT'S A HAT TRICK FOR KENNY GEE

Saskatchewan's Ken Gee has won the Richmond Trophy for the third year in a row. This is something that has been done only twice before (Bruce Ferguson 76-78 and Mark Molson 82-84). Ken has moved from Nipawin, SK to Regina where he currently makes his living as a bridge professional and for the last couple of years has been on the road nearly full time. Ken Gee is married to Bernice who travels with him playing bridge and caddying. She was Caddymaster at the Spring NABCs in Kansas City. Kenny and Bernice have four kids - "one of his, one of mine and two of ours." explains Bernice.

1. Ken Gee, SK	1346
2. Andy Stark, ON	1083
3. Barry Harper, SK	871
4. Gerry Marshall, AB	832
5. John Zaluski, ON	672
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1999 Ken Gee

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Les Amoils, of Toronto, has been appointed CBF Junior Coordinator to replace Eric Sutherland, who resigned suddenly at the end of November. Les brings a wealth of useful experience to his new position. He was involved with the coaching of the Canada 1 team that played in the 1999 World Junior Team Championship in Fort Lauderdale. Les also represented South Africa in the 1999 Bermuda Bowl held in Bermuda in January 2000. Les's main focus at this time will be on the selecting and training of a Canadian Junior team to represent Canada in the 2001 World Junior Team Championship being held in Brazil in August. The CBF Board of Directors will officially ratify a team of six players and a NPC in May.

JUNIOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Last year the CBF agreed to the principle of forming a Junior Oversight Committee. The original plan was to have this committee oversee the training and make final decisions as to the team roster for the 2001 World Junior Team Championship. The CBF Board had also hoped that this would develop into a Committee representing all Zones in Canada and would follow the long term objective of identifying and encouraging new Juniors in all areas of our vast country. Due to the resignation of Junior Coordinator, Eric Sutherland, little has been done with this committee. The members of the committee are: Mike Roberts, Peter Bambrick, Jeff Blond and Mike Nadler. If this committee is to truly help with the development of Junior bridge in all areas of Canada, it is imperative that there be interested people representing all Zones in Canada on this committee. If anyone reading this article is interested in the development of Junior players, or knows of someone in their area that would be inter-

ested, they should contact their Zone Coordinator or the CBF National Coordinator. It is hoped that by the fall of 2001 the CBF can have a Junior Committee in place that will represent all areas of Canada and that will actively work with and encourage young players to become involved with Junior bridge.

COLLEGE TEAMS VIE FOR TORONTO TRIP

Six college teams will win an expense-paid trip to Toronto to compete in the final sessions of the National Collegiate Bridge Team Championship. The semifinals and final will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, during the Summer North American Championships.

North America has been divided into three zones, and each zone will have a qualifying session that will be played May 19 on ACBL Online. Teams must register by May 14. To register, contact Charlotte Blaiss at ACBL Headquarters.

The event is open to college students who were born in 1975 or later and who are carrying a minimum of seven semester hours. Two teams will qualify from each zone.

The covered expenses will be provided by the ACBL Educational Foundation. For further information check the ACBL web site - www.acbl.org. All kinds of relevant information, including the conditions of contest, are located at this site.

You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps - and you're the declarer!

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Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup - Canada will not be entering a team in the Bermuda Bowl this Championship but we will be able to cheer on our Women's Team in the Venice Cup. Watch all the action on the many web sites set up to present news, stories, bulletins and vugraph.

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2001 TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS

A Transnational Team event will be held during the 2001 World Championships in Bali. The event will begin on Sunday, October 28, 2001.

In Canada, interested players should submit the following to the CBF Coordinator by June 1, 2001 for nomination to the WBF: names and ACBL player numbers (if applicable) for all team members; contact information for team captain; and country of residency for all non-Canadian team members. All players on the team must be members in good standing with their NBO.

The entry fee is \$800 U.S. per team. The entry fee is waived for players who have participated in the 2001 Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup.

SENIOR TEAM TRIALS - Zone Two (Canada, United States, Bermuda and Mexico) will have only one team for the Seniors Team competition to be held in conjunction with the World Championships in Bali, Indonesia. An ACBL-wide Seniors Team Trials will be held August 14-18, 2001 at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis, MO (during the St. Louis Regional). Teams may consist of players that are eligible to represent the United States, Canada, Bermuda or Mexico. All players must be at least 55 years of age as of their most recent birthday. Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. Teams may be cross national - have members of more than one country. Pre-registration by August 1, 2001, is required. Contact: rena.hetzer@acbl.org or phone: 901-332-5586 ext 307. For more details check out the information at: www.acbl.org

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CONCERNING SLOW PLAY

by Marilyn White, Toronto

I stood with my partner and watched the pair we had been following all this long, slow, dead-

ly, deathly, dull, dragging afternoon. Blue-shirt (who, when he's not holding the room up with slow play, is one of the sweetest guys in the world) had his convention card open on his lap. Though the round had been called some hours ago, he carefully wrote down the last contract, inquired as to what the opening lead had been, and considered possible defensive errors. He leaned across the table and conferred earnestly with his partner on this latter point.

I struggled to keep my heart from racing. My heart raced. My breath came fast and shallow. My stomach clenched.

Questions occurred to me: would I be penalized if I pulled off my shoe and hit him repeatedly with it, meanwhile screaming, "Move on, you idiot!" in his ear? Or would the director understand and sympathize? Maybe just give me a benign nod? hmmm ...

Finally! Responding to the director's urging, Blue-shirt rose from his chair and drifted toward the next table, stopping en route for more earnest discussion. I exchanged shoulder shrugs and eye rolls with the opponents he had just left, sat down, and proceeded to PASS in first seat with a 13-point hand.

Anyone who knows me knows I rarely get cards that I'll open anything that even smells like a bid and that with a full 13

points I tend to get slam-minded and I passed.

Could I blame the slow players for that lapse? You'd better believe it!

My poor defence on another hand was their fault, too; they were having one of their famous conferences beside our table. My heart raced. I "shushed" them. They moved a couple of steps away and kept on talking. "Shush" again. More talking. More shallow breathing and stomach clenching.

"Director!" I yelled. "We've asked them to be quiet," I complained, hearing in my voice a note of petulance I haven't achieved since I tattled on my kid sister in grade 3.

I wasn't proud of myself, but what could I do? My body had taken control of my mind. Humans respond biologically to what they believe in, and I happen to believe that people should NOT ... PLAY ... SLOWLY.

Bridge is supposed to be a timed event. Just because slow play is usually tolerated doesn't make it right. Directors get called regularly on hesitations, but how often do you hear a call concerning slow play? We all pay our opponents the compliment of believing that their 25-minute delay in figuring out what to bid or which card to play is because they are thinking.

This is fine. Thinking is good. But how long should a thought take? The speed at which the mind moves may not have been precisely calculated as yet, but we all know it's pretty darn fast. In normal minds those little

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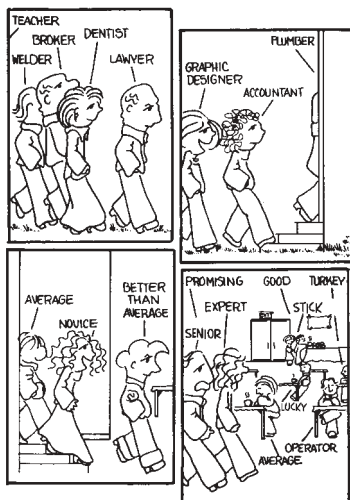
OVERCOMING BRIDGE STEREOTYPES

by Prentiss Glazier

One of the great advances of our time is the breakdown of social stereotypes that disadvantaged not only those stereotyped but those who overlooked their potential. We still have work to do on the bridge scene, however.

Society generally is getting used to the fact that many seniors are as sharp as they ever were, especially when in familiar circumstances such as bridge. Those who are not are easy to recognize, and most drop out of competitive bridge anyway. The only reason that seniors collectively score a little less well (only a little, gang) is because young players who don't see themselves on their way to the championships are more likely to drop out. This skews the sample. The concurrent running, at major tournaments, of Open and Senior's events amounts to voluntary flighting, and the strongest 55+ players play in the latter. That too creates a hidden bias. Seniors who do appear weak do so by way of their manner, not their age, and those who play badly probably always have. So all seniors are tough opponents until they prove otherwise. I do notice that it's easier for me to correctly predict which seniors I'm going to like playing with, but that's because when you get older, you get like you always were, only more so.

TIP: Treat, and view all older players as you would anyone else, and assess their bridge skills the same.



LOW MASTERPOINT HOLDINGS? I am astounded that people working the partnership desk need, it seems, to feel such concern about what might happen if they, heaven forbid, try to pair up 1200 masterpoints with 600. Apparently some naive and demanding "clients" really do feel offended by that. Letting someone scare you off by admitting to having half your masterpoints is ludicrous. If you see that somebody looks like a good prospect for you, his masterpoints aren't going to matter, except in the most extreme circumstances, in which case he wouldn't be there in the first place.

TIP: Don't even ask about masterpoints, you'll look like an opportunity freak, it's none of your business! They mean so little these days anyway.

NOVICES: We tend to notice least the newcomers who put a great deal under their belt before trying to butt heads with us, because they play and score pretty much as the rest of us do. Kind of like having the

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electrical impulses leap merrily across synapses, dashing from neuron to neuron in a billionth of a nanosecond.

Perhaps slow players might wish to argue that their minds work somehow differently; that in their brains the neurons wait politely for dendrites to grow. If so, slow players certainly would need more time. Lots of it. (Some people with an actual functional disorder continue to play the game they love; such players have my sympathy and admiration, and my comments in no way relate to them.)

Most of the many definitions of "thought" involve some reference to 'mental activity' - that is, something is assumed to be happening in the mind of the thinker. The impression I often get from extremely slow players is that this is not the case. Like a timid diver who stands paralyzed at the end of the board, the slow player seems afraid to plunge into a bid or play. The agony must be excruciating. "What if I'm wrong?"

Hey! What if you're right? Take a chance. Lighten up. Play the game.

I guess we could easily get into a "whose is bigger" contest - the stress I feel while waiting versus the pressure felt by the slow player trying to hurry up. I have no answer to that. I do know that I've heard a lot of people talk about how irritated they are by slow play, but no one seems to have any real remedy.

I have a suggestion. As a director once remarked:

"If you call me when something is happening, that's a complaint and I can deal with it; if you call me when the round is over, that's whining, and there's nothing I can do."

In that context maybe people like me should stop whining and start complaining. Petulance be damned, Let's give it a try!

police never notice what excellent drivers your teenagers are. I always assume, until I see otherwise, that newbies crossing the floor to play in the open game are doing so because they sense that's where they really belong. They are often passed up in favor of a lesser player who happens to have been active longer, and they get scolded for plays that would be deemed correct if executed by an established player (and that maybe ARE correct). They aren't given enough credit for having the courage to show up for our game, and may encounter the NIM-BY (Not In My Back Yard) factor as their "reward" for having the very limitations they are trying to address! No wonder we don't keep all of them!

TIP: Treat novices very very well - they'll remember you. Play with some of them. Pick 'em well, and you'll probably not only get good scores but immense satisfaction! Assume you'll find very little wrong with their game, and quite often you won't. They won't ruin your game as I've heard some people suggest, but they'll teach you adaptability, something you need for any partnership.

When you co-operate with the efforts of people unfairly stereotyped to overcome those stereotypes, you become the discoverer and first beneficiary of all the talents these quiet and unpretentious people have.



CANADA AND MEXICO: The Zone 2 Women's Trials

By Francine Cimon

In early March, the Canadian Women's Team went to Mexico, to decide the third team representing Zone 2 at the Venice Cup (USA already holds the first two teams). Normally, the trial should be held among Canada, Mexico and Bermuda, but the latter rarely sends a Women's team. The tournament took place in a luxurious hotel in the Zona Rosa section of Mexico City which is very safe, and we were able to take advantage of the outdoor restaurants. On Friday night, the Mexican Bridge Federation hosted a welcoming supper for all the players in a very good restaurant. The game conditions, as well as the weather, were excellent. The match lasted two days, 128 boards in 8 segments of 16.

The Canadian team which participated in Maastricht was modified as the result of the retirement of Rhoda Habert and Beverly Kraft for work-related reasons. After a few years of rest, Sharyn Reus renewed her taste for competition and re-formed her partnership with Dianna Gordon. There is also some new blood on the team, with Ina Demme forming a pair with Katie Thorpe. This is Ina's first experience as a Canadian representative in international bridge, but she was a member of the runner-up team at the last Canadian Championships. The third pair is made up of Francine Cimon and Martine Lacroix. For this event, Katie Thorpe also acted as captain. The Mexican team is composed of Miriam Rosenberg, Magy Rosenberg, Bronia Nosnik, Nancy Lira and Nancy Gerson, with Miguel Reygadas as NPC. This is an experienced team which has given us some trouble in the last two trials.

The two teams both play pretty natural systems. All the pairs play five card-majors, 2-over-one forcing to game and strong notrumps (except Reus-Gordon, at 12-14); the main difference is that we open more soundly, while the Mexicans open very light. Their style gave them a big swing in the first set.

DLR: East Vul: N/S

North

♠ 54
♥ A1043
♦ J1098
♣ 1052

West

♠ Q72
♥ 7
♦ Q6432
♣ AJ84

East

♠ K10963
♥ KQ6
♦ 75
♣ K63

South

♠ AJ8
♥ J9852
♦ AK
♣ Q97

OPEN ROOM

N	E	S	W
-	1♠	1NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

CLOSED ROOM

N	E	S	W
-	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

In first seat, Miriam Rosenberg opened East's cards, Cimon overcalled 1 NT and Nancy Gerson found a double. A very unlucky hand. On a spade lead, I decided to go for the hearts instead of cashing out for down 3 - the defence took 4 spades, 4 clubs and 2 hearts for a penalty of 1100.

At the other table, East just passed and North-South bought the contract at two Hearts down one; 14 Imps to Mexico.

Despite that hand, the first segment finished 60 to 30 in our favour, when Thorpe and Demme came out with a very good card.

In the last segment of the day, Reus and Thorpe both made a good play.

DLR: West Vul: Both

North

♠ Q74
♥ A7643
♦ 6
♣ A843

West

♠ KJ53
♥ 10
♦ K953
♣ 9765

East

♠ 9
♥ KQJ9852
♦ AQ
♣ Q102

South

♠ A10862
♥
♦ J108742
♣ KJ

OPEN ROOM

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	4♥	4♠	All Pass

CLOSED ROOM

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

*Spades and a Minor

Reus won the heart lead with the Ace and pitched a diamond; East won the diamond back with the Ace and continued with the ♥K, ruffed by declarer with the ♠6, overruffed with the ♠J. The spade return was won by the 10 and declarer followed with a diamond ruff in the dummy; when East followed with the ♦Q, Reus started to have

a good picture of the hand. She continued with a club to the King and the ♦J, not covered by West, North and East pitching a heart. A diamond ruff, followed by ♣A, club ruff, ♠A, and now South just played her diamonds. West can ruff when she wants but that's the end. At the other table, the beginning of the play was the same, but Thorpe made a good move when she didn't overruff at trick 3. Now that the declarer was in trouble, she followed with a diamond ruff, a club to the King, another diamond ruff in the dummy with the 7, overruffed with the 9. East continued with a big heart, ruffed and overruffed with the Jack. A low spade back took off the last spade from the board and the defence still had the ♦K and ♠K to come. Down one, 13 imp for Canada.

We finished the first day with a 50 IMPs lead. The Mexicans decided it was time to put on a lot of pressure...

DLR: West Vul: N/S

North

♠ 10
♥ AK94
♦ AK74
♣ Q752

West

♠ K63
♥ Q73
♦ J10865
♣ K4

East

♠ A9
♥ 1085
♦ 3
♣ AJ109863

South

♠ QJ87542
♥ J62
♦ Q92
♣ ----

OPEN ROOM

N	E	S	W
Lacroix	Miriam R.	Cimon	Gerson
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	5♣	5♠	All Pass

CLOSED ROOM

N	E	S	W
Magy R.	Gordon	Nosnik	Reus
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♠	3♣
Dbl	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The 5♣ bid shows the aggressiveness of the Mexicans: they pre-empted all the time. South had to choose between a Pass or 5♠. I hate to lose a game because of a pre-empt so much that I just bid 5♠. On the ♣K lead, South ruffed, played a spade to the Ace, won the ♦3 return with the Queen and followed with ♠J to the King, pitching a heart from dummy. When East followed with the ♠9, the contract seemed more "promising"; West came back a diamond, won by the King, East pitching a low club. When West followed to the next club ruff by declarer, the hand became clear: East's hand is 2-3-1-7, if she holds the ♥Q there nothing can be done but if West has that card she is open to a squeeze. Cimon cashed two spades and made a Vienna Coup by playing ♥A, ♥K, and a club ruff to come back in hand.

North			
♠		♠	
♥	—	♥	10
♦	Ax	♦	
♣	Q	♣	KJ
West		East	
♠		♠	
♥	Q	♥	
♦	J10	♦	
♣	—	♣	
South			
♠	x	♠	
♥	J	♥	
♦	x	♦	
♣		♣	

On the play of the last spade, West is squeezed. 650 for North South. At the other table, North had no challenge at 4♠, East-West tried to defeat the contract and let

the declarer have an easy overtrick. A lot of work for a push. Despite strong effort from the Mexicans, that set finished 23 to 13 for Canada, putting our lead to 60 with 48 boards left to go.

Nancy Lira with:

♠ AJ965 ♥ AK10 ♦ A6 ♣ 1076 opened 1♠ in third chair and on a 1 NT answer decided to continue with 2 NT.

Magy Rosenberg holding:

♠ 8 ♥ 864 ♦ KJ84 ♣ Q9875 carried on to 3 NT. The cards lay perfectly and it took a perfect defence to hold them to 3.

At the other table Demme opened 1 NT and played there making 4; 9 Imps for Mexico. They recovered 26 Imps cutting our lead to 34. For five of us, our flight home was very early on Monday morning, and we secretly hoped that we would have so big a lead before the last segment that we wouldn't have to play it! But our opponents weren't thinking that way and they picked up another 2 Imps. Sixteen boards left and an advantage of 32 Imps. The Mexicans are up and running, they have won the last two segments and it's quite clear they're going to give it everything they've got in the last one!

In that match, Gordon-Reus are the only pair playing weak notrump. With

♠ 10842 ♥ J3 ♦ 963 ♣ 9742 at favourable vulnerability, Gordon heard her partner opening 1 NT (weak, 12-14) in first chair, followed by a pass. What would you do?

It really wasn't the time to go for a big penalty, but you know that the opponents have at least 25 HCP. She bid 2♣ (non-forcing Stayman), her opponent overcalled 2♦, Reus bid 2♠ and Gordon was relieved to see everybody pass. Four down for 200, but partners made 4♥ for 680 - 10 Imps.

This hand shows that against experts playing weak NT, you need to be able to double 2♣ just to show cards, otherwise they can escape very easily. If West, instead of bidding 2♦ chose to double 2♣ to show cards, East might have taken action over 2♣.

DLR: North Vul: E/W

North

♠ K976
♥ Q2
♦ 1082
♣ AK103

West

♠ AQ
♥ K976
♦ AKQ75
♣ J6

South

♠ 10842
♥ J3
♦ 963
♣ 9742



CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE BALI, INDONÉSIE

Les équipes transnationales

Une compétition d'équipes transnationales se tiendra durant les championnats du monde à Bali, Indonésie. Le nombre d'équipes n'est pas limité dans cette compétition. Les équipes qui sont intéressées doivent soumettre leur candidature à la Coordinatrice de la Fédération canadienne de bridge, Janice Anderson (jan@cbf.ca), avant le 1^{er} juin 2001.

OPEN ROOM

N	E	S	W
Magy R.	Lacroix	Lira	Cimon
1♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

CLOSED ROOM

N	E	S	W
Reus	Miriam R.	Gordon	Gerson
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	All Pass		

The result in the last set was 46-32 in favour of the Mexicans, but Canada won the match overall by 18 Imps. Now we have 7 months to practice and be well prepared for the Venice Cup in Bali (October 20 to November 2). We really want to bring back a gold for Canada this time!

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Les équipes Senior

Une seule équipe pourra représenter la zone II (Canada, États-Unis, Bermudes et Mexique) dans la compétition des équipes Senior au prochain championnat du monde à Bali, Indonésie.

Les qualifications pour la sélection d'une équipe Senior auront lieu du 14 au 18 août 2001 pendant le régional de St-Louis. Les équipes intéressées doivent s'inscrire avant le 1^{er} août 2001 à rena.hetzer@acbl.org ou composer le (901) 332-5586 poste 307.

MOT DU PRÉSIDENT

De Nicholas Gartaganis

Participation Olympique

En décembre 2000, la Fédération canadienne de bridge (FCB) a été reconnue comme un membre de classe E, avec l'Association olympique canadienne (AOC). L'AOC est responsable de tout ce qui concerne la participation canadienne au mouvement olympique, y compris l'envoi des équipes canadiennes aux Jeux olympiques et aux Jeux pan-américains. Le statut de l'AOC a été approuvé par le Comité international olympique (CIO); ainsi, son mandat lui vient directement du CIO et de la Charte olympique.

Récemment, une des conséquences de la participation aux Olympiques m'a été remise en mémoire. L'Association canadienne de curling (ACC) tenait le *Scott Tournament of Hearts*, l'équivalent de notre Championnat canadien d'équipes féminines. Les membres d'une des équipes ont été malades et n'ont pu prendre aucun médicament, de peur de transgresser la longue liste de substances interdites dans les compétitions olympiques. Même s'il ne s'agissait pas d'un événement olympique, l'ACC était responsable de sa conformité avec les règlements olympiques.

L'organisme qui s'occupe de gérer tous les aspects du dépistage de drogues chez les athlètes est le Centre canadien d'éthique dans le sport (CCES), dont le mandat est de promouvoir le sport sans drogues, l'équité, le fair-play, la sécurité et la non-violence. En principe, les événements commandités par la FCB devront éventuellement être soumis aux mêmes contrôles du CCES que subit présentement l'ACC.

Heureusement, de nombreuses substances qui sont couramment utilisées par les joueurs de bridge ne provoqueront aucune réaction. Même s'il y aura une limite à la concentration corporelle permise de caféine (que l'on retrouve dans le café, le chocolat, le thé et les colas), il ne sera pas possible de dépasser ou même d'approcher cette limite permise, avec une consommation normale. Le cannabis est une substance interdite, mais l'alcool ne l'est pas.

Il est excitant de penser que le bridge sera un jour reconnu comme un sport olympique officiel. Cependant, cette reconnaissance est accompagnée de nouvelles dépenses (e.g. pour le dépistage anti-drogues) et d'un niveau supplémentaire de complexité provenant de l'obligation de se conformer à de nouvelles règles.

Venice Cup 2001

Les 10 et 11 mars, l'équipe féminine canadienne jouait contre l'équipe mexicaine pour décider qui aurait droit à une place à la *Venice Cup* 2001. L'équipe canadienne a vaincu les mexicaines par 18 IMPS sur 128 étuis. La *Venice Cup* aura lieu à Bali (Indonésie) à partir du 20 octobre 2001. Les membres de l'équipe féminine sont Francine Cimon, Ina Demme, Dianna Gordon, Martine Lacroix, Sharyn Reus et Katie Thorpe. Quatre de ces joueuses ont gagné une médaille d'argent aux Olympiques l'année dernière.

Site Web de la FCB

Chacun devrait prendre le temps de visiter le site web de la FCB. Jude Goodwin-Hanson l'améliore constamment et y ajoute de nouvelles informations. Notre site se compare très honorablement avec plusieurs autres que j'ai eu l'occasion de visiter. La FCB a beaucoup de chance d'avoir Jude comme webmestre.

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Le développement, une perspective alnatoise

par Marc Fiset

Maintenir un club de bridge en santé suppose, année après année, l'apport constant de nouveaux joueurs. Promotion, formation et rétention sont les trois termes de l'équation à « contrôler ». Pour les bénévoles qui animent un club à but non lucratif — au Québec, c'est le cas de la majorité des clubs à l'extérieur des grands centres — le bon dosage des efforts consentis à chaque étape est primordiale.

À Alma, une petite municipalité de 30,000 habitants sise sur les rives du lac Saint-Jean, le club de bridge connaît de beaux succès. Deux séances hebdomadaires sont offertes par le club affilié à l'ACBL, avec en moyenne 15 tables au jeu par séance. Le dynamisme d'André Gaudreault, président, et l'implication de ses acolytes du conseil d'administration dans le développement du club n'est certainement pas étranger à la prospérité du club. Voici leur recette.

Côté promotion, vers la fin du mois d'août, la ligue de bridge monte une campagne publicitaire. Les cours de bridge sont annoncés dans tous les médias locaux par voie de communiqués et par l'achat d'annonces dans le journal quotidien. Les coûts de la campagne sont entièrement défrayés par l'unité et par le programme de publicité coopératif de l'ACBL. Le club, reconnu par le service des activités culturelles et des loisirs de la ville, s'assure que ses activités seront annoncées par celui-ci. Enfin, on invite les membres à promouvoir l'inscription aux cours.

Le club garde un contrôle jaloux sur la formation : il embauche et paye le professeur, réserve les salles, gère les inscriptions et l'achat du matériel. Il s'agit

d'une part, de s'assurer de la qualité des cours tout en maintenant les coûts à un niveau raisonnable et, d'autre part, de contrôler le « message » du professeur. Le succès ou l'échec des cours est jugé sur la participation des élèves aux activités régulières du club. Le programme de formation — les cours sont donnés par Jean-François Boucher, un excellent professeur qui croit au développement du bridge de compétition dans les clubs — s'étale sur deux sessions de 10 cours. D'octobre à décembre, on offre la série «Trèfle» et, de janvier à avril, la série «Carreau». En janvier, un cours pour intermédiaires, la série «Coeur» a été offert et 12 joueurs réguliers du club ont saisi l'occasion d'améliorer leur connaissance du jeu en défense. Le coût d'inscription pour tous ces cours était de 75 \$ et comprenait un livre et ... le café !

C'est au niveau de la rétention — le terme le plus problématique de l'équation — que le club déploie un maximum d'énergie. Dès que la série «Trèfle» est complétée, on offre, à partir de janvier une séance parallèle avec un directeur-instructeur où la discussion sur le jeu est préconisée. Pour les plus hardis, un système de parrainage a été mis en place pour favoriser l'intégration aux séances régulières. Enfin, on récompense les étudiants qui se classent dans la catégorie B (moins de 200 points) par des séances gratuites.

Le bilan de cette année

À l'automne, 22 élèves ont participé à la série «Trèfle» et, à l'hiver, 28 ont assisté à la série «Carreau». Depuis les fêtes, la fréquentation a augmenté de 6 tables par semaine. Financièrement, les coûts d'inscription ont couvert tous les frais. Les heures consacrées par les responsables du club ont été très valorisantes puisqu'ils

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travaillaient à assurer la viabilité du club en formant de nouveaux joueurs et en augmentant la compétitivité des joueurs réguliers. Ces succès ont finalement eu pour effet de solidifier l'esprit de corps qui règne au club. Nouveaux comme anciens se sentent chez eux au club de bridge d'Alma.

Pour plus de renseignements, contactez : André Gaudreault (418) 347-3206.

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Championnats mondiaux 2002

Montréal est la ville hôte des Championnats mondiaux 2002, du 17 août au 1^{er} septembre 2002. Il s'agit là d'une occasion unique pour les canadiens de participer à des compétitions d'équipes et de paires dans un Championnat mondial qui se tient chez eux. Planifiez votre participation dès maintenant.

Notez que les joueurs devront d'abord s'enregistrer auprès de Jan Anderson, Coordonnatrice de la FCB, afin qu'elle demande à la Fédération mondiale de bridge une invitation à participer. La procédure détaillée pour cet enregistrement sera publiée sur le site web de la FCB et dans les prochains numéros de Bridge Canada.

Nouvelles de Charlevoix

L'ACBL peut bien subir une baisse de membership, ça ne veut pas dire que l'intérêt pour le bridge diminue pour autant. On doit tout de même constater que le bridge organisé en région au Québec a subi de lourdes pertes au cours des dernières années. Il y a deux ans le sectionnel de Baie-Comeau, une institution de plus de 30 ans, s'éteignait. Cette année c'est au tour du sectionnel de la Malbaie de disparaître. Selon Yvonne Bhérer, responsable de l'organisation, l'augmentation des coûts (salle, sanction et direction) serait en cause. Un autre facteur serait le manque d'intérêt des Charlevoisiens pour la carte de membre américaine. D'ailleurs, le club, qui attire une moyenne de 40 joueurs par séance, s'est désaffilié.

C'est dommage de voir ce tournoi disparaître. Tous ceux qui y ont joué regretteront leur petit pèleri-

nage annuel. Encore plus désolant est de constater le recul du bridge organisé.

À noter que la ligue de Québec tiendra un sectionnel dans la Vieille Capitale, au lieu de celui de la Malbaie, à la même date.

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SÉLECTION POUR LA COUPE DE VENISE

par Martine Lacroix

Les 10 et 11 mars derniers se tenait le match de qualification de l'équipe féminine canadienne contre la sélection nationale mexicaine pour obtenir le droit de participer aux prochains championnats du monde en octobre 2001.

L'équipe canadienne — Beverly Kraft et Rhoda Habert, qui ont participé aux Olympiades de Maastricht à l'automne dernier, se sont retirées de l'équipe. Ina Demme et Sharyn Reus les ont remplacées. Ina, une actuaire de Toronto qui a atteint la finale du CWTC en 2000, joue avec Kathie Thorpe. Sharyn fait un retour à la compétition internationale et retrouve sa partenaire favorite Dianna Gordon. Francine Cimon et moi-même, Martine Lacroix, constituons l'autre paire.

L'équipe mexicaine — Les représentantes mexicaines sont des joueuses aguerries qui ont déjà participé plusieurs fois à cette sélection : Magy et Miriam Rosenberg, Nancy Lira, Bronia Nosnik et Nancy Gerson.

Je suis arrivée avec Francine à Mexico quelques jours d'avance afin de visiter la capitale du Mexique. Vingt millions d'habitants résident à Mexico, ville qui a le plus fort taux de croissance au monde. Vendredi soir les deux équipes étaient conviées par le président de la Fédération mexicaine de bridge à un souper dans un restaurant fort apprécié des touristes : cuisine mexicaine servie à l'américaine (autrement dit de la retenue sur les épices...).

Le match a été joué en 8 segments de 16 planchettes, quatre segments le samedi et quatre le dimanche.

Après une première journée toute à l'avantage du Canada, les Mexicaines nous ont donné des sueurs froides le lendemain. Alors que nous menions par 50 imps la veille, elles ont été beaucoup plus agressives dans les quatre derniers sets pour réduire significativement l'écart.

Les Mexicaines ont fait de nombreux barrages nous poussant toujours à l'extrême limite. L'exemple suivant illustre bien leur agressivité.

Vulnérable, vous relevez la main suivante en Sud :

♠ 87 ♥ ARD4 ♦ 103 ♣ AR985

On ouvre de 3♦ à votre gauche, votre partenaire passe et on enchaîne avec 4♦ à votre droite. Quelle est votre enchère?

Si vous contretez, que ferez-vous lorsque votre partenaire annoncera 4♠? Votre main n'est pas assez forte pour contrer et reparler au niveau de cinq. Si vous déclarez 5♣, vous pourriez concéder une pénalité juteuse. Il est possible que la joueuse qui a annoncé 4♦ soit assise avec un gros jeu et n'attende que vous enchérissiez pour vous contrer. Vous pouvez aussi passer et perdre une manche.

Avec cette main, Francine Cimon a donné 4♥, l'enchère qui, selon elle, représente le choix des experts puisque les chances de trouver le partenaire avec 3 ou 4 cartes de cœur sont fortes. La main complète (diagramme page suivante).

Comme vous pouvez le constater, le contrat de 4♥ est imbattable. Sans le soutien à 4♦, il est un plus aisé d'atteindre ce contrat.

D: Ouest
V: Tous

Nord
♠ AR962
♥ 10832
♦ 94
♣ D2

Ouest
♠ DV
♥ 96
♦ ADV8652
♣ V3

Sud
♠ 87
♥ ARD4
♦ 103
♣ AR985

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
3♦	pas	4♦	4♥
pas	pas	pas	

Les enchères à l'autre table ont été:

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
3♦	pas	pas	contre
pas	4♦*	pas	4♥

* Les majeures.

Le résultat a été un « push », mais obtenu sous la pression.

Les Mexicaines ont aussi pris beaucoup de risques leur permettant de trouver plusieurs contrats sacrifices qui ont tourné à leur avantage : un seul de leurs sacrifices leur a coûté plus cher que les points de la manche. En voici un exemple:

D: Ouest
V: E/O

Nord
♠ V876542
♥ 85
♦ 103
♣ A9

Ouest
♠ D103
♥ ADV3
♦ 96
♣ D1054

Sud
♠ AR9
♥ 6
♦ RDV85
♣ R762

Est
♠ —
♥ R109742
♦ A742
♣ V83

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
1♣	2♠	X	4♠
pas	pas	5♥	pas
pas	pas		

La Mexicaine, en Est, a poussé les enchères jusqu'à 5♥, contrat qu'il nous a été impossible de contrer et qui n'a chuté que d'une levée sur l'entame du Roi de pique.

À l'autre table, nos coéquipières ont laissé les Mexicaines jouer bien tranquillement à 4♠ en Nord/Sud. Un gain de 8 imps pour le Mexique.

La main suivante n'a pas été annoncée de la même façon aux deux tables et c'est le Mexique qui a récolté le bénéfice de cette différence.

D: Ouest
V: N/S

Nord
♠ 109832
♥ V
♦ AD8632
♣ 8

Dianna
♠ A
♥ ARD104
♦ RV7
♣ R762

Sharyn
♠ 74
♥ 7632
♦ 104
♣ 109543

Sud
♠ RDV65
♥ 985
♦ 95
♣ ADV

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
-	pas	pas	1♠
X	4♠	pas	pas
X	pas	pas	pas

Qu'auriez-vous fait à la place de Dianna Gordon à votre deuxième tour d'enchère? Vous auriez contrez vous aussi, j'en suis sûre! Et, à la place de Sharyn, auriez-vous enlevé le contre ou espéré que votre partenaire ait quatre levées rapides?

À notre table, les enchères ont été bien différentes. Ouest a pu repasser une seconde fois et n'a pas contré le contrat final.

Ouest	Cimon	Est	Lacroix
1♠	1♠	1♠	1♠
2♣	2♣*	2♣	2♣
3♥	3♥	3♥	3♥
4♦	4♦	4♦	4♦
5♠	5♠	5♠	5♠
6♠	6♠	6♠	6♠
7♠	7♠	7♠	7♠

* Fit-showing : soutien de 4 cartes ou plus à pique et une couleur au moins cinquième à carreau avec des valeurs invitationnelles ou mieux.

Un autre gain de 8 imps pour le Mexique.

Il n'y a pas que les Mexicaines qui ont pris des risques, Dianna Gordon aussi aime vivre dangereusement. Assise en Est avec ♠ 8732 ♥ V7 ♦ 1062 ♣ 10954, elle a pris d'emblée les devants lorsque sa partenaire, Sharyn Reus, a ouvert les enchères d'un sans-atout faible en première position. Dianna a répondu sans hésiter 2♣! (Stayman).

D: Ouest	Nord
V: N/S	♠ V65
	♥ A9853
	♦ V7
	♣ D32

Ouest	Est
♠ R1094	♠ 8732
♥ D6	♥ V7
♦ 954	♦ 1062
♣ AR87	♣ 10954

Sud
♠ AD
♥ R1042
♦ ARD83
♣ V6

Reus	Nord	Gordon	Sud
1SA*	1♠	2♣	2♦
2♣	2♣	2♣	2♦
	3♥	3♥	3♥
	4♦	4♦	4♦
	5♠	5♠	5♠
	6♠	6♠	6♠
	7♠	7♠	7♠

* 12-14.

Sharyn Reus a chuté de quatre, non vulnérable, -200, alors que la manche à cœur est sur table.

À notre table, la manche a été déclarée et réalisée avec deux levées supplémentaires sur une entame pique.

Ouest	Lacroix	Est	Cimon
1♣	1♣	1♣	1♣
2♣	2♣	2♣	2♣
3♥	3♥	3♥	3♥
4♦	4♦	4♦	4♦
5♠	5♠	5♠	5♠
6♠	6♠	6♠	6♠
7♠	7♠	7♠	7♠

Nous l'avons finalement emporté par une marge de 18 imps. À mon avis, le score final est moins serré qu'il n'y paraît. L'avance prise dans la première journée nous a donné confiance et même si les Mexicaines ont réduit cet écart petit à petit, elles n'ont pas entamé notre volonté de vaincre.

Pour ma part, je suis très contente de la victoire de notre équipe. Ce sera ma deuxième participation à un championnat du monde, cette fois la Coupe de Venise, en octobre prochain à Bali, Indonésie. Tiens, pourquoi ne pas venir nous y encourager? Comme ce serait agréable d'avoir des supporters! Contactez-moi, il me fera plaisir de vous donner des renseignements.

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Ronde de qualification, mouvement Suisse, ouverte à toutes les
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Dimanche 5 août au mardi 7 août 2001.

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- Semi-finale : *samedi 11 août*
- Finale : *dimanche 12 août*.

Seules les équipes qualifiées à la finale de zone ou à l'étape 1 ci-
dessus ainsi que les champions de l'an dernier peuvent s'inscrire.

CNTC – Catégorie B

- Tournoi à la ronde : *dimanche 5 août au mardi 7 août*
- Semi-finale : *mercredi 8 août*
- Finale : *jeudi, 9 août*

Seules les équipes qualifiées à la finale de zone peuvent s'inscrire.

CWTC

- Tournoi à la ronde : *dimanche 5 août au mardi 7 août*
- Semi-finale : *mercredi 8 août*
- Finale : *jeudi 9 août*

Certaines finales de zone n'ayant pas atteint leur quota d'équipes,
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Informez-vous auprès de la Coordinnatrice de la FCB, Janice
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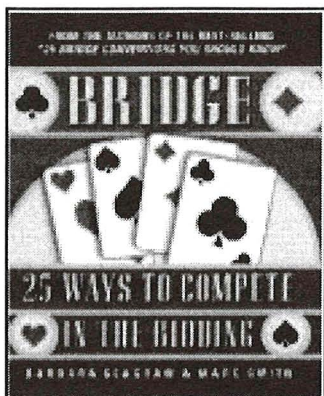
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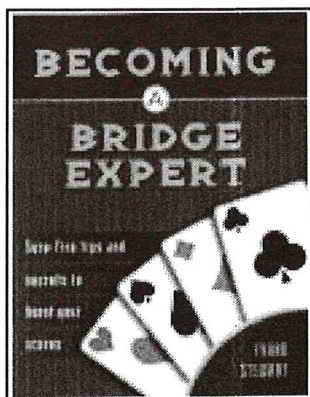
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