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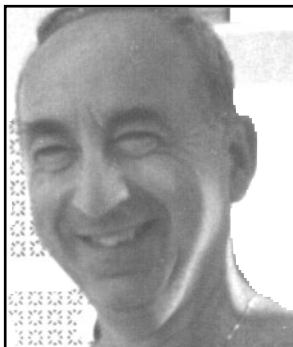
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RETEK ELECTED PRESIDENT

George Retek of Montreal, who has represented District 1 on the ACBL Board of Directors for 22 years, has been elected ACBL President for 2002.

In addition to his service on the ACBL Board, Retek is vice president and treasurer of the World Bridge Federation and is liaison for the 2002 World Bridge Championships in Montreal.

Retek recently stepped down as CBF Canadian Olympic Liaison.

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RAY LEE PRESIDENT, CBF

For many people, the Canadian Bridge Federation is probably a somewhat nebulous organization, and often they are not too sure

what it actually does. Basically, the CBF's mandate is to promote the wellbeing of bridge in Canada, and to be responsible for the selection and support of Canada's international bridge teams. It also, through the CBF Charity Foundation, administers the Canadian portion of the proceeds of ACBL Charity games, and directs the funds to worthy recipients within our country.

The annual CBF Directors planning meeting, held in May, has resulted in the decision to undertake some initiatives that I believe are of great importance to the future of Canadian bridge. These are the key points:

1 We have set up a committee to examine the possibility of establishing a Canadian Bridge League; the existence of such an organization would enable us to break away from the ACBL and administer club and tournament bridge in Canada in a manner and at a cost that is more responsive to the needs of Canadians. Many of our members have expressed the view to the CBF Board that we could run our own affairs more cheaply and effectively, and that we should be doing so. Indeed, last month I received a petition with more than 2000 signatures on it, requesting us to take action on this. It is time to examine this issue seriously. I would urge all members to provide us with their views and suggestions on this matter.

2 We intend to build Bridge Week into a major annual bridge festival. To this end, we shall actively seek corporate sponsorship for Bridge Week, and we also intend to make improvements to the event itself. For example, beginning next year, we intend to publish a Daily

Bulletin, both on-site and on the Web. This year we were able to offer Internet coverage of the KO stages of the CNTC and CWTC competitions, and we think that this should be a regular feature. Bridge Week is our Nationals – it currently includes our two national teams championships, as well as the Canadian Open Pairs finals. We would like to expand it to give more players an opportunity to participate in a uniquely Canadian bridge event.

3 We shall be moving quickly to an in-year selection process for our international teams. From 2004 onward, CNTC/CWTC winners will represent their country in a world championship that occurs only a few months later. This will necessitate a transition period in 2002/2003; in those years, the winning teams in the CNTC and CWTC will qualify for a playoff in 2003. The two playoff winners will become our 2003 international flag carriers while the losers will receive a cash prize. Unfortunately, there is a fair amount of extra cost attached to this transition, which is another reason that we need to seek a source of funds outside the organization.

4 An official CBF Code of Conduct has been prepared and adopted which deals with what we expect of those representing the CBF internationally. In today's world, this deals not only with deportment, etc., but with issues related to drug-testing, and in the case of those working with our Junior players, policies designed to protect our young players from the possibility of sexual and other forms of abuse. The document is printed on page 26 in English and on page 28 in French and can also be found on our website..

I would encourage CBF members to read the reports of this year's Directors' meeting, which will appear in this magazine and on the CBF website. The Board is working on your behalf, and we can do so much more effectively if we hear from you about your issues and concerns. I can be reached easily by email at Zone3@cbf.ca or president@cbf.ca.

Jacques Ribeyre was born in Issoine, France. After a tour in the French-Vietnam war he moved to Canada in 1952. During this voyage, he met his first wife Lucrecia (deceased). Shortly after arriving in Canada he moved to Port Alberni where he spent most of his working life employed by Macmillan Bloedel. He is survived by his second wife, Anne-Marie, three sons (from his first marriage), Edward (Ted), Alexander (Sandy), Richard (Dick), and several grandchildren.

Although most of you may only know Jacques through bridge, he was a fascinating person to know, and to talk to, with many varied loves and interests, of which bridge was only one. His wife Anne-Marie, a wonderful woman, was the light of his life. Together they built many houses (Jacques built eight houses in all) including two in Royston. Jacques' and Anne-Marie's yard, garden, fruit trees, flower beds, plants, shrubs, fish pond, waterfalls and landscaping are outstanding and a reflection of his (and her) love for growing things. He also kept several honey bee-hives to assist with pollination. I looked forward every year to receiving some of Jacques' honey.

Jacques loved his sons, their families and was very proud of each of their successes in their chosen careers. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, crabbing, prawning, boating, swimming and camping. He liked to go hiking, picking mushrooms and for walks. He was a well-traveled man with a keen interest in history and current events (a formidable trivial pursuit player). There was very little Jacques was not interested in and he loved to get involved.

JACQUES RIBEYRE

April 26, 1924 to January 10, 2001

Jacques passionately loved life, was quick to crack a joke or stop to smell the roses and

would always see the beauty in nature and people. He was a proud man, with strong political views, a strong sense of right and wrong and one that highly valued relationships and his family. He was a person you could trust. His word, once given, was as good as gold and he was unwaveringly loyal to his friends. He was compassionate. On many an occasion he cut, split and delivered firewood to relative strangers simply because they were needy.

As I'm sure you are beginning to see, to Jacques, quality of life was as important as life itself. It was this belief that ultimately led to his somewhat premature death. He had suffered with a bad heart since contracting rheumatic fever as a boy. The ordeal left him with a damaged heart. He underwent several heart operations throughout his life and in spite of these, his commitment to healthy living and his strict adherence to medications, his heart was giving out.

The choices Jacques faced were to do nothing and continue to slowly have his quality of life deteriorate until it became intolerable or to have another operation, which, if successful, would potentially extend his life, as he knew it, another ten to twenty years based on his family's history of longevity. To Jacques, there was only one choice. If there was a chance, he was going to have it.

Jacques went into the operation well aware of the risks, full of optimism and in very good spirits (even cracking a couple of jokes). During the operation Jacques' heart stopped, and, in spite of the sur-

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The CBF Board of Directors met in Toronto from May 12 - 14, 2001. Here are some of the items passed at these meetings.

BRIDGE CANADA

Changes were made to the publication schedule for Bridge Canada. Beginning in 2002 Bridge Canada will only be published twice a year - March and September. Each issue will be slightly larger so that the overall number of pages printed each year will only decrease by 4 to 8 pages. To compensate for any possible shortfall due to this change, beginning in the fall of 2001, each Zone Director will have extra funds available for them to use for communicating more directly with members within their Zone.

BRIDGE WEEK

Steps will be taken over the next year or two to try to introduce a daily bulletin at Bridge Week and a larger presentation of Bridge Week on the internet.

BYLAWS - During the next year, the CBF Bylaws will be updated and amended. Any recommended changes will be presented to the 2002 Annual General Meeting.

TROPHIES - All CBF Trophies are being updated. Historical information will also be placed on the CBF Website.

RETEK STEPS DOWN

George Retek has stepped down as CBF Canadian Olympic Liaison. Doug Heron, of Ottawa, was elected to replace George Retek in this position.

MOVING INTO THE 20TH CENTURY

Given our changing times and need to abide by Olympic rules, the CBF Board of Directors has taken steps to be more

accountable with Junior programs and to be specific about the expectations we have of our International representatives. As a result several actions have been taken:

- a) A CBF Code of Conduct has been adopted and all individuals representing the CBF in International Competition will be expected to agree to abide by it. (See Code, page 26 (English) and 28 (French).
- b) All players representing the CBF in International Competition will be required to sign the CBF release form.
- c) All individuals having direct involvement with Junior players will be required to undergo a Criminal Record Check. This will include but not be limited to: Junior manager, Junior NPC and the CBF Board Junior liaison.

Both the CBF Code of Conduct and the CBF Release form will be available on the CBF Website.

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

The CBF Board of Directors has set up a committee to pursue sponsorship. The Committee will be spearheaded by Mary Moulton of Halifax.

SALT LAKE CITY

If the CBF receives an invitation to send a team or teams to Salt Lake City for the WBFF pre-Olympic tournament the teams will be:

- a) Open Team: 2001 CNTC-A National Final winner intact
- b) Women's Team: 2001 CWTC National Final winner intact
- c) Junior Team: will be considered if and when an invitation is received

Complete minutes of the CBF Board meetings can be found on the CBF website www.cbf.ca

CBF ALTERS INTERNATIONAL TEAM SELECTION SCHEDULE

At the CBF Board meetings in May, the CBF Board of Directors made changes to the timing of selecting Canada's teams that will represent us Internationally. With the old schedule teams often waited for over a year between the time they won the National Championship and the time they were able to compete internationally. Many teams found this was not ideal and voiced their concerns to the CBF Board of Directors.

As a result, the CBF Board has initiated a new plan to ensure that in the future teams will compete Internationally in the same year as their National Championship win. Switching over to this new schedule will require transition years during 2002 and 2003. The teams winning the 2002 and 2003 CNTC-A and CWTC National Finals will play-off to decide which team will represent Canada in the 2003 Tri-Country Play-off*. The teams losing these play-offs will receive a cash prize of \$6000. The winning teams will then compete in the Tri-Country Play-off for a berth in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup (as long as Canada is eligible

by WBF rules to send a team to these events).

From 2004 onwards the teams winning the National Finals of the CNTC-A and CWTC will be eligible to be named as Canada's representative to the WBF event taking place that year.

This change of schedule will also mean that beginning in 2002 and in all future years, Canadian Bridge Week will need to be held during May or June. It is hoped that this change in schedule will help our International teams move on with the positive momentum that resulted in them winning the National Final.

**Editors Note: Bermuda has applied to play with WBF Zone 5 - leaving Zone 2 with Canada, USA and Mexico only. Bermuda's application has been approved by the ACBL and awaits final approval from the WBF. Zone 2 would still be entitled to 3 berths but would only need a Bi-country playoff - between Canada and Mexico - for the 3rd berth.*

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geon's best efforts, it could not be restarted. I never once heard Jacques complain about his continual bad luck with his heart.

He imagination and creativity at the table were amazing. I am proud to say Jacques was my friend and fortunate to have been one of his favourite partners. He has left me, and others who knew him well, with the memories of a person that loved life and everything about it, living every day to its fullest. He has also set the bar for future bridge players with his outstanding flair for the game and it will likely be quite some time before there is another like him. Good-bye my friend. I will miss you. ... Ken Bibby

Goodwill Committee adds 3 Canadian Juniors -

Craig Barkhouse, Susan Harbour and Josh Heller, Canadian members of the Junior Corps, were given memberships on the ACBL Goodwill Committee by committee chairman Aileen Osofsky, at the Summer NABCs in Toronto.

CBF Salutes its Many Volunteers and Supporters

The CBF is basically a volunteer run organization. All members of the Board of Directors are volunteers and devote countless hours to CBF business, many of the projects carried out by the CBF are totally dependent on volunteers - from the volunteers that help promote CBF events in Canadian Bridge clubs to the many volunteers that are needed to host a Canadian Bridge Week - the CBF Board of Directors thanks and salutes you all. There are also a few individuals that contribute greatly to the running of the CBF and the CBF wishes to thank them all for their tireless support.

- Jude Goodwin-Hanson and Martine Lacroix - your Bridge Canada Editors.
- Jude Goodwin-Hanson - your webmaster who makes www.cbf.ca one of the best sites around.
- Denis and Francine Cimon for their translating skills.
- George Retek who helped secure official recognition of the CBF by the Canadian Olympic Committee.
- Barbara Seagram and Alex Kornel of Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio in Toronto for housing and displaying all of the CBF trophies.
- John Armstrong of Toronto for ensuring that all the CBF Trophies have been updated and put on display at Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio. As well, over his many years as editor of Ontario's Kibitzer, John collected an impressive library of photos of Canadian bridge players and has generously offered these for use in Bridge Canada and the website. Thanks John!
- Marilyn White for continuing on as CBF Charity Foundation chairperson.
- Madeline Conrad for working as the CBF archivist.
- Robert Paul and his organizing committee for hosting the 2001 Bridge Week in Montreal.
- Doug Heron for serving on the CBF Board for 12 years and agreeing to take over as CBF Canadian Olympic Committee Liaison.
- All the bridge players in Canada that have competed in club qualifying games, Canadian Rookie-Master games, International Fund games and Charity games. We salute you all and thank you for your support during the past year.



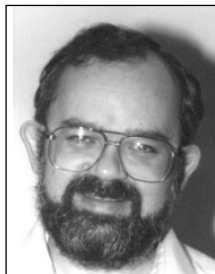
John Armstrong



Francine Cimon



Barbara Seagram



Alex Kornel

WHAT DOES A ZONE DIRECTOR DO?

If you were a CBF Zone Director you would be expected to:

Represent your Zone on the CBF Board of Directors.

Ensure that your Zone's view is heard and help the CBF Board come up with ideas and policies that will not only recognize Zone differences but also work for Canada as a whole.

Ensure that members of your Zone are informed of decisions made by the CBF and the reasons for them.

Oversee the running of the CNTC and CWTC by selecting another person to act as your Zone Coordinator for these events. Also, promote and encourage participation in all CBF events in your Zone.

Act as a contact and liaison with host Unit if a Unit in your Zone is hosting a National Championship or CBF Annual General Meeting.

Sit as a trustee on the CBF Charitable Foundation and allocate Discretionary Charity Funds to charities within your home Zone each year.

Attend all meetings of the CBF Board of Directors. The CBF Board usually meets once a year for a period of three days. The CBF pays airfare, hotel and most meals for each Director attending the meeting. The CBF Charity Foundation also meets at this time.

Correspond. Much CBF work is done by correspondence between Directors and with the CBF Coordinator. All reasonable costs associated with this are reimbursed by the CBF.

Serve on committees. Most CBF directors are assigned committees to sit on that may have reports to prepare for the next meeting.

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES
FOR CBF ZONE DIRECTOR**

The term of office for the CBF Zone Directors for Zone II (Units 151, 152, 192 and 199) and Zone V (Units 245, 248, 390, 391, 392, 393, 573 and 575) expire on December 31, 2001.

This is to notify all CBF members in those Zones that the CBF Coordinator is now accepting nominations for those positions.

Any member in good standing with the Canadian Bridge Federation and residing in the Zone may submit his or her name as a candidate for the position of CBF Zone Director.

Any interested person should notify the CBF Coordinator in writing of his or her intention to run in the election for Zone Director. This notification of candidacy must be received by the CBF Coordinator no later than September 30, 2001. The declaration shall contain the name, address, ACBL number and home Unit of said candidate and may contain biographical material which is not to exceed one hundred (100) words.

The term of office for Zone Director is for three years.

Units will conduct their voting during the period of October 10, 2001 and November 30, 2001. Questions about the duties of the Zone Director may be directed to the CBF Coordinator or the Present Zone Director.

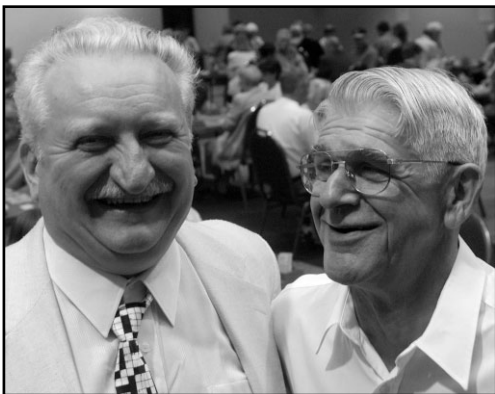
TWIST OF FATE REUNITES UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

by Mary Moulton, Zone 1

At the CanAt Regional in Fredericton this year, and after almost 40 years, an unusual twist of fate brought together Karl Hicks, Head ACBL Tournament Director from Dominion, Nova Scotia, and Brad Slauenwhite, Executive Director of Jobs Unlimited in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The CBF Charitable Foundation annually donates funds to grass roots not-for-profit organizations across this country. In 2001, the CBF Board of Directors identified sheltered workshops as a focus for its charitable giving. While researching appropriate workshops in Zone 1, Director Mary Moulton called Jobs Unlimited in Fredericton, New Brunswick, to enquire about their programming. Brad Slauenwhite, Executive Director of Jobs Unlimited, was delighted to learn that his organization might receive some of the available funding and was pleased to unexpectedly hear news about an old university friend, Karl Hicks! The two men went to Mount Allison University in the early 60's where Karl's bridge playing reputation was already entrenched. According to Brad, "Back in the 60's (Karl) was the terror of Mount Allison University: beating any and all comers." Brad went on to say that Karl's reputation at Mt. A was not limited to his dexterity with a deck of cards! However Brad wouldn't elaborate further for fear of legal reprisals!

Following approval from the CBF Board of Directors for a donation to be made to Jobs Unlimited, arrangements were made



with the editor of the Fredericton Daily Gleaner to have a journalist/photographer attend the CanAt just prior to the start of the CBF Charitable Fund Game on Friday, June 29th to capture both the surprise reunion between Karl and Brad, and the CBF cheque presentation. An article on this human-interest story appeared in the newspaper the following Monday that highlighted the reunion, bridge and CBF charitable giving. The story reportedly attracted the attention of other university friends of Karl's who called the hotel to reconnect with him!

In Zone 1 other recipients of CBF Charitable funds include New Leaf Enterprises in Halifax, NS, and Key Industries in Saint John, NB. Other appropriate organizations are being identified for donations in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. The CBF Charitable Foundation has donated over \$1,000,000 to worthy organizations since its inception in 1966 - thanks to the support of the CBF Charity Games held in clubs and at tournaments across Canada.

**Information about the Canadian Bridge
Charitable Foundation, its policies and
guidelines, can be found on at
www.cbf.ca**

Charity

CBF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION Charity Report/ Rapport de charité

At the meeting of the CBF Charitable Foundation Trustees held in Toronto in May the following donations for 2001 were

approved / A la réunion des administrateurs de la Fondation de Charité de la FCB qui a eu lieu à Toronto en mai, les donations suivantes ont été approuvées pour 2001 :

Amount Montant	Beneficiary Bénéficiaire	City Ville
\$ 5,000*	Daily Bread Food Bank	Toronto, ON
\$ 600	New Leaf Enterprises	Halifax, NS
\$ 600	Jobs Unlimited	Fredericton, NB
\$ 600	Key Industries	Saint John, NB
\$ 600	Cosmopolitan Activity Centre	Regina, SK
\$ 600	THEO BC	Vancouver, BC

\$ 12,000 to Regional charities / fondations régionales
(\$ 2000 for each trustee to donate to charities in their Zone / \$ 2000 à chaque administrateur pour faire des dons aux organismes dans leur Zone)

\$ 1,500 to the Chairperson to donate to various charities / au président pour faire don à diverses fondations.

* presented during the Toronto NABC / présenté durant le National de Toronto

For 2002 the designated charities will be / Pour 2002, les fondations désignées seront :

YWCA Shelter's Children's Programs and Canadian Organizations that help the Homeless / Programme YWCA Shelter pour les enfants et les Organisations canadiennes qui aident les sans-abris.

CANADIAN JUNIOR AND YOUTH TOP ACBL MASTERPOINT RACE POSITIONS

July 01, 2001

YOUTH

1.	Daniel Korbel, Toronto ON	156
7.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	90
9.	Susan Harbour, West Hill ON	79
11.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	59
17.	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	40
25.	Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ	27
28.	James Dulmage, Regina SK	23
35.	Adam Knutson, Regina SK	18
37.	Erin Anderson, Regina SK	17
45.	David Clement, Toronto ON	12
50.	Jean Francois Evard, Montreal PQ	10

JUNIOR

9.	Isabelle Brisebois, Ottawa ON	163
10.	Daniel Korbel, Toronto ON	156
23.	Matthew Mason, Kingston ON	101
30.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	90
35.	Susan Harbour, West Hill ON	79
39.	Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON	66
44.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	59
46.	Josh Heller, Toronto ON	52
48.	Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	49

canadian* JUNIORs

by Erin Anderson

Well it's getting to be that time of year again. In August the Canadian Junior team were off to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to play in the 2001 World Junior Team

Championship. The Canadian Junior team was chosen by means of a team trial. The team of Erin Anderson, Ian Boyd, Josh Heller and Vincent Demuy won the trials. Since then Gavin Wolpert and David Grainger were augmented to the team and Les Amoils was named captain. Let me introduce you to the team members:

ERIN* I am 18 years old and live in Regina, SK. I just graduated from High School at the end of June. This fall I will be attending the University of Regina taking Secondary Education with a math major. I am Canada's youngest female Life Master, a member of the Junior Corps and the 2001 Queen of Bridge. I was a member of the Canada 2 Junior Team that competed at the 1999 World Junior Team Championship.



Erin, Gavin, Ian and David at the Kokish training weekend.



(l to r, top to bottom) David Grainger, Ian Boyd, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy, Les Amoils (NPC), Erin Anderson, Josh Heller

IAN Ian is the oldest member of the team at 23 years old. He lives in Calgary, AB but during the winter months works outside of Calgary at the Nakiska Ski Resort. He was employee of the year. Ian is a fun loving guy and a pleasure to have as a partner. Ian was also on the Canada 2 Junior Team that competed at the 1999 World Junior Team Championship.

JOSH Josh will be turning 21 years old while we are aboard our flight to Brazil. He is from Toronto but lives in Kingston while attending University. Josh is a very intelligent young man and is taking Commerce. He is a member of the Junior Corps, was the 1998 King of Bridge and was asked to play in the 2000 Generali tournament in Athens, Greece. He has represented Canada several other times - at the Hero Youth Festival in 1998 and 2000 and was also a member of the 1999 Canada 2 Junior Team and competed at the 1999 World Junior Team Championship.

***VINCENT** Vincent is the youngest member of the team at 18 years of age. He is a high school student and lives in Montreal, PQ. I very much enjoy having Vincent on the team. He is very interesting and we get to talk in French. Vincent has represented Canada before in the 2000 International Youth Bridge Festival.

DAVID* David is 21 years old and lives in Toronto attending the University of Toronto full time. Our playing captain, David is very organized. He has a lot of international experience. David was a member of the Canadian Junior team that won the 1999 Hero International Youth Festival and was a member of the Canada 1 Junior Team that competed in the 1999 World Junior Teams.

GAVIN* Gavin is almost 19 years old and lives in Toronto. He is a student at the University of Toronto and works part-time at Doubles Bridge Club. Gavin was the winner of two bridge scholarships - the Homer Shoop pre-teen scholarship and the 2000 King of Bridge. He has also represented Canada at two Hero International Youth Festivals (1998 & 2000) and was a member of the Canada 2 Junior team that competed at the 1999 World Junior Team Championship.

LES Les Amoils, our NPC, lives in Toronto but has International experience competing for South Africa. He was the co-captain of the 1999 Canada 1 Junior team that won the 1999 Hero International Youth Festival and competed in the 1999 World Junior Team Championship. During the past year the team has been



Vincent and Josh playing against David Halasi and Ben Zeidenberg at the Kokish training weekend.

practising and training. The highlight of our training was being able to have a training weekend with the world renowned coach Eric Kokish. It was a jam-packed weekend which included bidding and discussing hands, playing and talking over two sets of boards and a very intense defensive set. The whole team would like to give a big thankyou to Eric Kokish for all his hard work and support over the years. His input is a huge help to the teams and is greatly appreciated by all. Thank you also to Doubles Bridge Club for allowing us to use their facility free of charge.

The junior team trained at the Toronto NABCs fine tuning our systems and then in August were off to Brazil. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters - District 18, Unit 166, Unit 151, Unit 390, Unit 573, Unit 392 and our sponsor BMO Nesbitt Burns. We would also like to thank the CBF and all Canadian Bridge Clubs and players that have supported the Canadian Junior Development Fund. Personally, I would also like to thank the Regina DBC for all their support over the years. The team really looked forward to this summer and we hope we made you all proud in Brazil.

May 30, 2001 - This year's Queen of Bridge is Erin Anderson, daughter of CBF Coordinator Jan Anderson and former ACBL President Dick Anderson.

The Queen of Bridge award (also known as the King of Bridge award) is presented annually to an ACBL junior, graduating from high school, who has been cited for high masterpoint totals, outstanding tournament performances, as well as participation in administrative, recreational and promotional activities related to bridge. All juniors graduating from high school are eligible to apply for the award. The winner is awarded, by the ACBL Educational Foundation, the \$1000 US Homer Shoop/International Palace of Sports Scholarship.

At an early age, Erin took an interest in bridge, and would often watch her parents play. When she was 9 or 10 years old, Erin's parents started to teach her to play, but it was not until she was 11 that she began to take lessons at the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club. Erin often played with her mom and dad, and began to travel to tournaments when she was 13 or 14. Soon Erin started to meet other Junior players, and began to play with them also. At the age of 14, Erin became, and remains, Canada's youngest female Life Master. Today, Erin is a Silver LM with more than 1100 masterpoints. In 1998, Erin was inducted into the ACBL Junior Corps. In 1999 Erin was a member of one of Canada's Junior teams (along with Ian Boyd, Craig Barkhouse, Josh Heller, Colin Lee and Gavin Wolpert) which represented Canada in the World Junior Team Championship in Florida. Locally, Erin plays bridge at least once a week, down

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from twice a week, as she is also devoting a lot of time to maintaining her 95% average at school.

Erin will graduate from Campbell Collegiate on June 26th. Next year she will attend the University of Regina where she will be pursuing a Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education degree. She will major in mathematics, and minor in chemistry.

Future plans in bridge include a second trip to the World Junior Team Championship held last August in Brazil. Erin also travelled to the Toronto NABC where she practiced with her Junior team (Ian Boyd, Josh Heller, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Dumey and David Grainger) for the ensuing trip to Brazil.

BMO Nesbitt Burns

The Canadian Junior Team would like to thank BMO Nesbitt Burns for their sponsorship of the team to the 2001 World Junior Teams Championships.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

The 2001 Canadian University Teams Championship took place on March 24th at the University of Toronto. Congratulations to winners University of Waterloo - Daniel Korbel, Mathew Mason, Colin Lafferty, and Michael Farebrother. More on this event can be found on the web page:

www.utoronto.ca/bridge/CUTC/



by Fred
Gitelman

My company has recently launched a new Internet

bridge service called, **Bridge Base Online** (BBO). There are already several sites (such as OKbridge and The Zone) that allow you to play bridge over the Internet. You can play online bridge through BBO as well, but this program has many other interesting and unique features.

In terms of online bridge, BBO offers several types of games:

- Scoring can be based on **total points**, **rubber bridge**, **duplicate IMPs** or **match-points**.

- It is possible to play sets of **prepared instructional deals**. After each deal the players can read the key lesson points of that deal.

- It is possible to play the **deals from major tournaments** and then IMP yourself against the results that were originally achieved. By the time you read this the deals from this year's CNTC final will be made available in this manner. This is your big chance to see how you would have done in a match to become Team Canada!

- You can play **minibridge** on BBO. Minibridge is a simplified version of bridge that was developed in the Netherlands and has been used successfully throughout the world to introduce bridge to children.

Here are some of the other things you can do on BBO:

- The software contains an integrated **Bridge Library** with hundreds of articles about various aspects of the game.
- The software contains a **Vugraph**

Theatre where you can watch either the card-by-card play of old tournaments or live broadcasts of tournaments as they are being played. The 2001 CNTC Final was one of the first matches that we broadcast in this manner.

- There are several **Training Rooms** available on BBO. The most useful of these is a **Partnership Bidding** area where it is possible to practice bidding various types of randomly dealt hands with your partner over the Internet. This is a great facility for new players to practice bidding or learn new conventions. It is also very useful for serious partnerships.

- Another training room at BBO is known as the **Double Dummy Room**. In this room you can download and try to solve double dummy problems. **Deep Finesse**, a highly acclaimed program for solving double dummy problems has been integrated into this part of BBO (among others).

- There is a **Lecture Hall** on BBO where famous bridge players and authors give highly graphical and interactive presentations of bridge lectures to large audiences.

- **Chat Rooms** with bridge-specific functions. The Chat Rooms at BBO are a great place to get together with your bridge friends to talk about the game.

You can download the software to install BBO on your PC for free through the following web page:

www.bridgebase.com/online

Please give this program a try! There are plenty of interesting things you can do on BBO, it is a free service until the end of this year, and, best of all, it's Canadian!

Helen Shields

2001

CANADIAN ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001 - Twenty-two clubs took part in our annual Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio and The Vancouver Bridge Centre had the highest turnouts with 56 pairs (28 tables). Other attendance leaders were The Bridge Fokes with 54 pairs, the Saskatoon DBC and Nanaimo BC with 52 pairs, and the Victoria DBC with 49 pairs. Aidan Ballantyne did an excellent analysis for this game.

NATIONAL WINNERS (932 PAIRS)

1. Peter Lipscomb & Connie Lipscomb
General Motors DBC 73.60%
2. Doug Hamilton & Heather Gillis
Maritime Cards & Games 72.02%
- 3/4. Margaret Munds & Molly Farmer
The Bridge Fokes 67.97%
- 3/4. Pat Kvill & Bill McDonald
Edmonton Bridge Centre 67.97%
5. Jym Galand & Linda Brodie
Victoria Bridge Centre 67.71%
6. Susan Levin & Ron Bishop
Doubles DBC 66.27%
7. Kevin Strangway & Pat Zaporzan
Terrace DBC 65.87%
8. Linda Minto & Muriel Johnston
Saskatoon DBC 65.48%
9. Chuck Arthur & Helen Sophianopoulos
Doubles DBC 64.68%
10. Larry Hansen & John Filipovic
Thunder Bay DBC 64.55%

A full winners list can be found on the CBF website at www.cbf.ca

A calendar of Rookie-Master games can be found on page 35.



The General Motors D.B.C. is proud to announce the 2001 Helen Shields Rookie/Master game winners, mother and son team Peter & Connie Lipscomb.

This win is especially gratifying to them because they had previously only played one game together and Connie had only played social bridge throughout the years.

Connie found the bidding boxes interesting and remarked "the stop card was quite silly". For Peter after thirty years of play this is his first national title.

ZONE ONE WINNERS: (79 PAIRS)

1. Doug Hamilton & Heather Gillis
Maritime Cards & Games 72.02%
2. Aline Doucet & Gerry Ross
Nepisiguit DBC 64.20%

ZONE THREE WINNERS: (202 PAIRS)

1. Peter Lipscomb & Connie Lipscomb
General Motors DBC 73.60%
2. Margaret Munds & Molly Farmer
The Bridge Fokes 67.97%

ZONE FOUR WINNERS: (63 PAIRS)

1. Larry Hansen & John Filipovic
Thunder Bay DBC 64.55%
2. Ruby MacMillan & Carol Dorcas
North Bay DBC 63.89%

ZONE FIVE WINNERS: (145 PAIRS)

1. Pat Kvill & Bill McDonald
Edmonton Bridge Centre 67.97%
2. Linda Minto & Muriel Johnston
Saskatoon DBC 65.48%

ZONE SIX WINNERS: (195 PAIRS)

1. Jym Galand & Linda Brodie
Victoria Bridge Centre 67.71%
2. Kevin Strangway & Pat Zaporzan
Terrace DBC 65.87%



The Master Hand

by Nancy Koffler

The master hand is the hand from which we try to eliminate the losers. But before eliminating them, we need to know how many there are.

In my experience as a bridge teacher, the one area of play in which I find the biggest weakness is counting losers. Everyone wants to count losers from declarer's hand, making that the master hand, since that is easier and more comfortable. However, bridge, like life, is often more complicated than we would like it to be. Consider this hand:

	♠ x x	
	♥ K x x	
	♦ Q J x x x	
	♣ J x x	
♠ A K J x		♠ x x
♥ 8 x x		♥ Q J 10 x
♦ x		♦ 10 x x
♣ K x x x x		♣ A Q x x
	♠ Q 10 x x x	
	♥ A x x	
	♦ A K x x	
	♣ x	
SOUTH	NORTH	
1 ♠	1 NT	
2 ♦	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 8 (top of nothing)

South becomes declarer in 2 ♦, but there are more trumps in the dummy than in declarer's hand! After the heart lead, if declarer draws trumps (which break 3-1, as expected) he will lose 2 spade tricks, one heart trick, and 2 club tricks. While south would still make his contract, he should make 3 by starting with counting the losers from DUMMY! Dummy has 2 spade losers, one heart loser and 3 club losers. One of the club losers is a sure loser, but the other 2 losing clubs can be

trumped in the south hand! South wins the heart lead in his hand and immediately plays a club. The defense is now powerless to prevent declarer from ruffing two clubs in his hand and scoring that all-important overtrick at matchpoints. Now imagine that east had all 4 missing diamonds. If south drew 4 rounds of trumps he would have NO trumps left with which to ruff the losing clubs and would go down in an easy contract. An easy rule in such cases is *always count the losers from the hand with the longer trumps*. While sounding simple, it is generally difficult for novices to feel comfortable with this. It goes counter to their early teachings, which need to present many concepts in a manner that can be readily grasped, before elaborating on exceptions.

Transfers are an extension of this principle and that is why I do not recommend learning transfers too early in one's career. For example:

	♠ x x	
	♥ Q 10 9 8 x x	
	♦ K x x	
	♣ x x	
♠ J x x x		♠ A K x
♥ x		♥ K J x
♦ A x x x		♦ J 10 x x
♣ Q J 10 x		♣ x x x
	♠ Q 10 x x	
	♥ A x x	
	♦ Q x	
	♣ A K x x	

SOUTH

1 NT

2 ♥

All Pass

NORTH

2 ♦ (transfer to hearts)

3 ♥

Opening lead: ♠ Q

South must play on diamonds before pulling trumps. Counting losers in the DUMMY, there are 2 spade losers, 2 diamond losers and at least 1 heart loser. Fortunately, the third diamond from dummy can be trumped in the south hand after the ♦ A is forced out and the king cashed. BUT all this must be done before playing on hearts.

A slightly more difficult application of this concept occurs when playing a 4-4 fit. This frequently occurs after Stayman auctions and after a major suit response to a minor suit opening. For example:

♠ x x
♥ Q J 10 x
♦ Q J x
♣ A K x x

♠ K 10 x x
♥ x
♦ 10 9 8 x
♣ Q x x x

♠ A x x x x
♥ A K x x
♦ K x x
♣ x

♠ Q J
♥ 9 x x x
♦ A x x
♣ J 10 x x

SOUTH

-

1 ♠

3 ♥

All Pass

NORTH

1 ♣

1 NT

4 ♥

Opening lead: ♦ 10

South becomes declarer in 4 ♥ after a standard auction. If south draws trumps after seeing the 4-1

break he will be down one, losing 1 diamond and 3 spades (one spade can be discarded on the ♣ K). However, if we think of dummy as the master hand, declarer can ruff the 2 losing clubs in his hand, losing only one diamond and one spade - a 2 trick difference! One club is ruffed low and the other with the ace so that declarer retains a low heart to enter dummy and draw the opponents' trumps, but only AFTER the losing clubs are trumped. The technical term for this type of play, where declarer trumps dummy's losers, is a dummy reversal. While in the case of the 4-4 fit there is no easy rule as to which hand should be the master hand, if, after counting the losers in your hand you don't like the total, try counting the losers from dummy!

Nancy Koffler is a well-known Montreal bridge teacher and professional player. Nancy has won numerous regional events as well as twice representing her zone in the North American Open Pairs Championships at the Spring NABCs with her husband Ady. Nancy is also a former Canadian Women's Team Championship winner, who has represented Canada internationally.


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BIG DEAL FROM VICTORIA

by Bill Lim, Vernon, BC

The date: Sunday April 8, 2001

The venue: Victoria Island Regional

The setting: Senior Swiss Teams, final round. Your team is leading the event and ahead of your opponents by 5 VPs (i.e. your team can lose by 4 IMPs and still clinch the championship).

The deal: Board 11 (South dealer, none vul.) which would prove to be the match- (and championship-) deciding deal.

The auction:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	Dbl*	Pass
2♦	3♠	5♦	All Pass

* Negative double

Opening lead:

As West, what is your opening lead?

The play:

♠ K	
♥ J	
♦ KJ9865	
♣ J10954	
♠ A1098654	♠ 732
♥ A73	♥ 10652
♦ ---	♦ Q74
♣ K62	♣ Q87
	♠ QQ
	♥ KQ984
	♦ A1032
	♣ A3

At the other table, our team-mate cashed his two Aces and played a second spade. Declarer drew trumps (no problem to play them correctly on the auction), played his top hearts, ruffed a heart, returned to his hand with ♣A to discard dummy's last club on the good Heart. Making 5.

At our table, my LHO led out the two major suit Aces and switched to a low club. Like my counterpart at the other table I drew trumps, played out the top hearts and ruffed a heart, but now could not return to my hand to discard the last low club. Down 1. Good-bye match, good-bye championship -- we lost the match by 5 IMPs and the event by 1 VP. Shame on me!! I should have ruffed my low heart before drawing the last trump, using ♦A as the much-needed entry to my hand to discard dummy's last club.

Interestingly, the only opening lead which ensures setting the contract is the most improbable lead of a club, giving declarer no chance. Did you find that lead?

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A HUNDRED STAYMANS

by Prentiss Glazier

You can only use the Stayman Convention so many times, so what is it "worth" to know it? The answer, would surprise many: only about one board worth of matchpoints per thousand played. That's right, only about one tenth of one percent of all the matchpoints you will play for can be gained by effective use of that convention. It is harder to measure the value of the other "must" conventions (of which there are at most a dozen), but I think the picture is the same.

Since you can easily blow two or three boards worth of matchpoints on a really horrible day, it could be said that having your head screwed on really right is worth a hundred Staymans. No wonder I keep writing about the importance of effective self-management at the bridge table.

Since most of us will never become great bridge players, the focus should be on simply playing ordinary bridge well. If you genuinely like the gadgets, use them. I myself like Bergen raises and some other things. But if you are naturally inclined to keep it simple, it's probably better to go that route.

All this has been said before. However, around this issue revolve many others. One is, of course, the need to do some things the way everyone else does. I happen to think Jacoby transfers are overrated, but why make a new partner feel insecure by suggesting I have to be different? On the other hand, everyone can remember the pickup partner who tried to get you to play everything under the sun, ignoring your polite attempts to show your lack of enthusiasm ("I've never/ Well any-



way it goes like this"). Did you start the session feeling truly confident? Did this partner prove to be a person of even average sensitivity and supportiveness as the session wore on? Did you do well, have a good time, want to play with the person again? No? I didn't think so...

Occasionally players wallpaper their cards with umpteen devices before they are really ready, often with ludicrous results. However, my general experience is that most people using a highly complex card do know what they are doing. Even for them, I think the value of such a card is primarily psychological: have you never, at least on your softer days, felt intimidated by a card with eighty-nine conventions on it, or distracted by an auction with eight alerts in it? That may not be the conscious intent of the "experts", but it would be the effect with some opponents even if they didn't want it to be. The art of preventing opponents from being at their best is a

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LE MOT DU PRÉSIDENT

par Ray Lee

Pour certains, la FCB est une entité nébuleuse dont le rôle est plutôt

vague. Plusieurs personnes ne savent pas ce qu'elle fait réellement.

Fondamentalement, le mandat de la FCB est de promouvoir le bien-être du bridge au Canada et d'être responsable de la sélection et du soutien des équipes représentant le pays au niveau international. Elle gère également le Fonds de charité canadien ainsi que les montants perçus par l'ACBL lors des tournois de charité et en remet les fonds aux organisations méritantes de notre pays.

Lors de la dernière réunion du Conseil d'administration, tenue en mai, les directeurs ont approuvé des décisions qui, je crois, pourraient avoir un impact sur l'avenir du bridge au Canada. Voici les propositions qui ont été retenues :

A* Nous avons formé un comité qui doit étudier la faisabilité de créer une Ligue de bridge canadienne; l'existence d'une telle organisation nous permettrait de nous séparer de l'ACBL et d'administrer les clubs et les tournois au Canada d'une manière et à un coût correspondant mieux aux besoins des Canadiens. Plusieurs de nos membres ont exprimé à la FCB que nous pourrions gérer nos propres affaires de façon plus économique et efficace et que nous devrions le faire. D'ailleurs, le mois dernier j'ai reçu une pétition de plus de 2000 signatures appuyant cette cause. Il est temps de considérer sérieusement cette question. Aussi j'invite tous les membres à nous faire part de leur point de vue et suggestions à ce sujet.

B* Nous avons l'intention de transformer Bridge Week en un festival de bridge annuel d'envergure. À cette fin, nous sommes activement à la recherche de commanditaires corporatifs pour Bridge Week. Nous avons aussi l'intention d'améliorer l'événement lui-même. Par exemple, l'an prochain, nous publierons un bulletin quotidien sur place qui sera aussi diffusé sur le Web. Cette année, nous avons pu couvrir les matchs à élimination directe (KO) du CNTC et du CWTC sur l'internet et nous croyons qu'il devrait en être coutume. Bridge Week est notre «National», il comprend actuellement nos deux championnats nationaux en équipes ainsi que la finale canadienne des championnats de paires. Nous aimerions lui donner suffisamment d'ampleur pour permettre à plus de joueurs de participer à un événement canadien exceptionnel

C* Nous allons changer prochainement le cycle de sélection de nos équipes internationales. À partir de 2004, les gagnants du CNTC/CWTC vont représenter leur pays aux championnats du monde quelques mois après leur victoire. Cela occasionnera une période de transition en 2002-2003; les équipes gagnantes du CNTC et CWTC de ces deux années s'affronteront dans un match d'élimination en 2003. Les gagnants deviendront les porte-étendards du Canada aux compétitions internationales de 2003 alors que les perdants recevront un prix en argent. Malheureusement, il y a des coûts importants à cette transition, une autre raison de rechercher une source de fonds à l'extérieur de l'organisation.

D* Un code de conduite officiel de la FCB a été rédigé et adopté qui traite de ce que nous attendons de nos représentants internationaux. Il traite non seulement du comportement des joueurs mais aussi des questions relatives à l'usage des drogues et, dans le cas de ceux qui sont responsables de joueurs Juniors, des politiques destinées à protéger nos jeunes joueurs contre les abus sexuels ou autres méfaits. Ce code a été publié sur notre site Web.

J'invite les membres de la FCB à lire le rapport annuel du conseil d'administration présent dans ces pages et sur notre site Web. Le c.a. travaille pour vous et pourrait être plus efficace si vous lui faisiez part de vos préoccupations. On peut me contacter facilement par courrier électronique à Zone3@cbf.ca.

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FCB TOURNOI SECTIONNEL DANS LES CLUBS

La FCB tiendra son premier STAC pan-canadien du 18 au 24 février 2002. Le STAC sera divisé en deux sections : l'Est du Canada et l'Ouest du Canada.

Votre club vous informera de la date à laquelle se tiendront les séances durant le STAC de la FCB.

 (100 Staymans - Continued from page 19)

completely legitimate one. I believe that the psychological value of having a card full of red ink is greater than the technical value, and I think that at world championships some participants try to wear each other down by introducing systems their opponents cannot possibly have encountered before - that in some cases aren't even of the highest technical order once world-class opponents become familiar with them. It also has to be an incentive for good local players to use all that the ACBL will allow when playing

against the likes of us. Well, stiff upper lip and all that.

For the rest of us, though, there comes a point where it's not what you know, it's what you do with what you know. Certainly new players must do their homework and learn new things as much as possible, but the process does at some point become a chore, at which point I'd say the average player is going to be in pretty good shape. Then attentiveness, self-discipline, ability to maintain rapport with partners take over as the main determinants of your effectiveness. Like I say, a hundred Staymans.

NOUVELLES DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Bridge Canada

À partir de 2002, Bridge Canada sera publié deux fois par année, en mars et septembre. Chaque numéro sera plus volumineux donc le nombre total de pages imprimées par année diminuera à peine de 4 à 8 pages.

Bulletin quotidien pendant Bridge Week

Dans les deux prochaines années, la FCB mettra en place la publication d'un bulletin quotidien pendant Bridge Week et offrira une plus large diffusion de cette activité sur Internet.

Lois et règlements

Durant la prochaine année, les lois et règlements de la FCB seront mis à jour et amendés. Toutes les modifications seront soumises à l'assemblée générale annuelle de 2002.

Trophées

Tous les trophées de la FCB seront actualisés. L'historique sera disponible sur la page d'accueil de la FCB.

Code de conduite

Étant donné l'arrivée du 21^e siècle, les temps changeants et l'obligation de nous conformer aux règlements olympiques, le c.a. de la FCB a pris des mesures pour améliorer la supervision des programmes Juniors et pour être spécifique envers ce que nous attendons de nos représentants internationaux.

a) Un code de conduite de la FCB a été adopté et tous les représentants de la FCB aux compétitions internationales devront s'y conformer. (Voir le code à la p.28)

b) Tous les joueurs représentants la FCB dans les compétitions internationales

devront signer un formulaire d'exonération de responsabilité.

c) Toutes les personnes directement impliquées avec les joueurs Juniors devront se soumettre à une vérification de leur dossier au criminel. Ceci inclut (mais ne se limite pas à) : les entraîneurs, les capitaines et le coordonnateur de la FCB.

Le code de conduite de la FCB et le formulaire d'exonération de responsabilité sont disponibles sur la page d'accueil de notre site Web.

Liaison olympique

George Retek a quitté le poste d'Agent de liaison de la FCB à l'Association olympique canadienne. Doug Heron d'Ottawa le remplacera dans cette fonction.

Vers une fédération canadienne indépendante

La FCB évaluera la faisabilité d'établir une Ligue de bridge canadienne indépendante. Ray Lee de Toronto a été nommé en charge de ce comité.

Commanditaires

Un comité a été mis sur pied pour la recherche de commanditaires. Mary Moulton d'Halifax a été nommée à la tête de ce comité.

Compétition internationale

La FCB adoptera un cycle de qualification des équipes représentant le Canada la même année que les compétitions internationales. Voir les détails à la p.24

Salt Lake City

Si la FCB reçoit une invitation pour inscrire une ou plusieurs équipes à Salt Lake City pour le match de démonstration olympique, les équipes seront :

- a) Équipe «Open» : gagnante de la finale nationale du CNTC-A 2001;
- b) Équipe féminine : gagnante de la finale nationale du CWTC 2001;
- c) Équipe Junior : sera considérée seulement si une invitation est reçue.

Les minutes complètes de l'assemblée du conseil d'administration de la FCB sont disponibles sur la page d'accueil de notre site Web.

APPEL DE CANDIDATURES POUR DES DIRECTEURS DE ZONE DE LA FCB

Le mandat des Directeurs de zone de la FCB, zone II (Unités 151, 152, 192 et 199) et zone V (Unités 245, 248, 390, 391, 392, 393, 573 et 575), expire le 31 décembre 2001.

Avis est donné à tous les membres de la FCB de ces deux zones que la Coordinnatrice de la FCB acceptera les candidatures pour ces postes.

Tout membre en règle de la Fédération canadienne de bridge et résidant dans la zone peut soumettre sa candidature au poste de Directeur de zone de la FCB.

Toute personne intéressée doit aviser la Coordinnatrice de la FCB par écrit de son intention de se présenter à l'élection du Directeur de zone. Cet avis de candidature doit parvenir à la Coordinnatrice de la FCB au plus tard le 30 septembre 2001. La déclaration doit comprendre le nom, l'adresse, le numéro d'ACBL ainsi que l'unité d'origine du candidat et peut aussi contenir quelques notes biographiques qui ne doivent pas excéder cent (100) mots.

LE MANDAT DU DIRECTEUR DE ZONE
EST DE TROIS ANS.

LA FCB SALUE SES NOMBREUX BÉNÉVOLES ET SUPPORTERS

La Fédération canadienne de bridge est essentiellement une organisation dirigée par des bénévoles. Tous les membres du conseil d'administration sont des bénévoles qui se dévouent sans compter aux affaires de la FCB, plusieurs projets

pilotés par celle-ci dépendent totalement d'eux — que ce soit les bénévoles qui font la promotion des compétitions de la FCB dans les clubs de bridge canadiens ou les nombreux bénévoles nécessaires pour accueillir Bridge Week — le conseil d'administration les remercie tous. Il y a aussi un certain nombre de personnes qui ont contribué activement à la bonne




Martine Lacroix



Jude Goodwin-Hanson

marche de la FCB et nous souhaitons les remercier pour leur indéfectible soutien.

- Jude Goodwin-Hanson et Martine Lacroix, les éditrices de Bridge Canada.
- Jude Goodwin-Hanson, notre webmestre qui a fait de un des meilleurs sites.
- Denis et Francine Cimon, pour leurs traductions.

 (suite à la page 24)

La FCB change le calendrier de sélection des équipes internationales

À l'assemblée de la FCB en mai dernier, le conseil d'administration a modifié le cycle de sélection des équipes qui représenteront le Canada au niveau international. Anciennement, les équipes devaient souvent attendre plus d'un an après leur victoire nationale avant de passer aux compétitions internationales. Cette situation est loin d'être idéale et plusieurs équipes ont exprimé leur insatisfaction. La FCB a mis sur pied un nouveau calendrier pour que dorénavant les équipes représentant le Canada puissent participer aux tournois internationaux la même année qu'elles remportent un championnat national.

Cette nouvelle formule occasionnera une période de transition pendant les années 2002 et 2003. Les équipes qui remporteront les finales nationales du CNTC-A et du CWTC en 2002 et 2003

devront s'affronter dans un match d'élimination. L'équipe perdante recevra un prix en argent de 6 000 \$ et l'équipe gagnante représentera le Canada dans les épreuves de qualification des trois pays (Mexique-Canada-Bermudes) en 2003 pour obtenir le droit de participer à la Bermuda Bowl et à la Venice Cup de 2003 (en autant que le Canada ait droit à une équipe selon les règlements de la Fédération mondiale de bridge).

À partir de 2004, les équipes qui remporteront les finales nationales du CNTC-A et du CWTC représenteront le Canada aux compétitions internationales régies par la FMB durant la même année. Ce changement implique qu'à partir de 2002, et pour toutes les années suivantes, Bridge Week se tiendra en mai ou juin.

Nous espérons que ce nouveau calendrier aidera nos équipes internationales à aller plus loin avec le même esprit positif qui ont fait d'elles des championnes aux finales nationales.

 (suite de la page 23)

- George Retek, qui a obtenu la reconnaissance officielle de la FCB par le Comité olympique canadien.
- Doug Heron, qui a accumulé 12 ans de service au sein de la FCB et qui a accepté d'assurer la liaison avec le Comité olympique canadien pour la FCB.
- Barbara Seagram et Alex Kornel du Studio de bridge Kate Buckman's à Toronto, pour l'hébergement et l'exposition de tous les trophées de la FCB.
- Marilyn White, comme présidente de la Fondation de charité de la FCB.

- John Armstrong de Toronto, pour avoir veillé à ce que tous les trophées de la FCB aient été mis à jour et soient exposés au Studio de bridge Kate Buckman's.
- Madeline Conrad, pour son travail d'archiviste de la FCB.
- Robert Paul et son comité organisateur pour accueillir Bridge Week 2001 à Montréal.
- Tous les joueurs de bridge du Canada qui ont participé aux séances de qualifications : Maître/Non-Maîtres, Fonds International et tournois de charité.

Nous vous remercions tous pour votre support durant l'année écoulée.

THRUMP DOUBLE

Un «thrupp double» qu'est-ce que ça peut bien être me direz-vous? C'est, à coup sûr, une invention de Marty Bergen, ce prolifique auteur américain qui a produit la série Points Schmoints! J'ai pêché ça dans son livre sur les contres négatifs.

Prenez la main suivante :

♠D7 ♥D2 ♦1087 ♣ARDV75

Dès que votre partenaire ouvre les enchères, vous songez au contrat de 3 sans-atout. En fait, vous atterrirez dans ce contrat peu importe la couleur d'ouverture de votre partenaire. Votre idée est d'annoncer vos trèfles et votre pointage en espérant que votre partenaire puisse déclarer sans-atout tôt ou tard. Excellent plan! Mais voilà, votre adversaire de droite fait un barrage à 3♦, 3♥ ou 3♠ avant que vous ayez pu faire quoi que ce soit. Devez-vous abandonner l'idée de jouer 3 sans-atout? Si vous faites une enchère normale à 4♣, vous attendez-vous à ce que votre partenaire fournisse les cinq levées manquantes pour réaliser 5♣?

Quelle est l'opinion de Marty Bergen à ce sujet? Il suggère de faire un contre négatif. Plutôt que d'essayer de trouver un fit dans la majeure non déclarée, cette enchère devient une tentative pour jouer le contrat de 3 sans-atout (THRee notrUMP). Avec la plupart des mains où le partenaire détient un arrêt de la couleur adverse, vous voulez qu'il déclare 3 sans-atout.

À toutes les fois que l'adversaire fait un barrage au palier de 3♦ et en bas de 3SA, le contre demande au partenaire d'annoncer 3SA avec un arrêt dans la couleur des adversaires. Est-ce que cette enchère garantit une couleur solide?

Absolument pas. Ce contre est tout à fait approprié après 1♥ (3♠) avec :

♠864 ♥65 ♦AD754 ♣AD2

♠93 ♥R7 ♦RD10865 ♣RD8

♠63 ♥A2 ♦852 ♣AR10854

Le contre ne dit rien sur la teneur du répondant dans les autres couleurs et nie, en général, un arrêt dans la couleur ennemie. Cette enchère a aussi tendance à nier une couleur majeure cinquième ainsi qu'un soutien à trois cartes dans la majeure d'ouverture du partenaire.

Si l'ouvreur n'a pas d'arrêt dans la couleur des adversaires, il fait la déclaration normale qu'il aurait faite sur un contre négatif ordinaire. Voilà!

Cette méthode est un excellent outil pour nous aider à trouver le meilleur contrat après un barrage adverse. Je l'ai rajouté sur ma carte de conventions.

Pour ceux que ce concept intéresse, le livre «Negative doubles» de Marty Bergen est en vente chez tous les bons distributeurs.

TRANSLATOR NEEDED

Denis Cimon has stepped down as translator and the CBF is looking for another volunteer for this job. Items needing translating include Conditions of Contest, the occasional item like the Code of Conduct found on these pages and articles for this magazine. Interested persons may contact CBF Coordinator Jan Anderson (jan@cbf.ca) - see back page for contact information.



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This document is in two parts:

- *Code of Conduct to govern all players representing Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF).*
- *Specific policies to cover under-age and Junior players, and officials involved in coaching and supervising them.*

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour that is expected of all CBF representatives, including players, coaches, captains, parents, directors, volunteers and staff. Anyone who accepts a position with the CBF or on a CBF team is deemed to have accepted and agreed to abide by these standards. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action by the CBF. Such action may result in a person losing the right to represent the CBF. The CBF will in its sole discretion determine whether a breach of this Code of Conduct has occurred, and assess any appropriate penalty.

1. The CBF is committed to providing an environment for bridge players in which all individuals are treated with respect.
2. Representatives of the CBF shall conduct themselves at all times in a fair and responsible manner.
3. Representatives shall refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated by CBF.

4. During the course of all activities and events, CBF representatives shall avoid behaviour that brings the CBF or the game of bridge into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol and non-medical use of drugs.

5. The CBF recognizes the Canadian Policy on Penalties for Doping in Sport. Representatives shall not use illicit drugs/narcotics or performance-enhancing drugs or methods, and shall agree to submit to such drug testing as may be required by the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Bridge Federation (WBF) or any such organizing body for an event in which they participate.

6. CBF representatives shall at all times adhere to the CBF's operational policies and procedures, and to the rules governing any competitions in which the representative participates on behalf of the CBF.

7. Representatives of the CBF shall not engage in any activity or behaviour that interferes with a competition or with any player's preparation for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.

AUDREY GRANT WINS 2001 ABTA BOOK AWARD

"Commonly Used Conventions," Canadian teacher and author, Audrey Grant's latest book in the famous teaching series she has written for the ACBL, was awarded the Shirley Silverman Award as the 2001 American Bridge Teachers Association's Book of the Year.

SPECIFIC POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR CBF JUNIOR PROGRAMS

The CBF recognizes that it bears a special responsibility for the well-being of players in its Junior programs, and especially for those players who are minors. In particular, the CBF has a clear policy designed to prevent such players being subject to harassment, abuse, or other potentially dangerous situations. This policy applies to all CBF representatives, including players, coaches, captains, parents, directors, volunteers and staff. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action by the CBF. Such action may result in a person losing the right to represent the CBF. The CBF will in its sole discretion determine whether a breach of this policy has occurred, and assess any appropriate penalty. For the purposes of this policy, a Junior player is defined as a player eligible for selection to compete in WBF Junior competitions.

The CBF requires all adults who work with Junior players under CBF auspices to adhere to the following guidelines with respect to their dealings with Junior players, both inside and outside official CBF programs. Failure to do so will result in the offender being deemed ineligible for positions with the CBF Junior program.

1. General Considerations

- Respect the dignity and spirit of all players
- Treat all players fairly and equitably, regardless of age or gender.
- Establish supportive, positive environments for the purpose of healthy competition, skill development, fun and achievement of goals.
- Avoid contact or conduct that may be interpreted to have sexual connotations or which is defined as inappropriate by the CBF.

- Avoid making suggestive or sexually-oriented remarks, even in jest.
- Do not suggest or take part in any sexual contact with Junior players, even those who are over the age of consent; the element of consent is removed between a player and an adult who is perceived to be in a position of trust or authority.
- Do not take part in or tolerate behaviour that frightens, embarrasses, demoralizes or negatively affects players' self-esteem.
- Do not take part in or tolerate harassment of any kind as defined in Paragraph 5 of these guidelines.
- Set a positive example by engaging in "fair play" both during and outside of all CBF activities. "Fair Play" is defined as showing considerate regard for players and officials, abiding by all the rules of the sport, and abiding by officials' decisions.
- Adhere to the policies of the CBF.

2. Travel to Bridge Tournaments

- Unless they are members of the same family, adults and Junior players may not share accommodations, regardless of the potential cost savings or other benefits.
- Unless individuals are members of the same family or cohabit, players of different genders should not share accommodations.
- Junior players and adult personnel may not be in each other's rooms unless there are at least three individuals present. Any meetings involving only one adult and one junior player must be held in common areas, such as a conference room.
- Parents of players who are under the age of majority will be required to sign a Release and Consent Form before their child will be allowed to travel with a CBF team. Failing this, the player must be accompanied on such trip by a parent or guardian, who will accept responsibility for the safety and well-being of the player.

3. Discipline Of Players

Discipline may be required on occasion due to inappropriate behaviour of players. Discipline by adult personnel must be administered appropriately in a controlled manner, mindful of the age and developmental level of the player, with a clear goal of teaching appropriate behaviours. Discipline must not be used impulsively or out of anger, to gain power over players, or to embarrass or humiliate players.

4. Disciplinary Action By The CBF

In the event of disciplinary action taken by the CBF, an individual may choose to appeal the decision to the CBF Conducts & Ethics Committee. A written appeal must be made within one month of disciplinary action taken by the CBF. The Conducts & Ethics Committee must hear the appeal within one month of the appeal being made as long as the Committee decides the appeal has sufficient merit. The Conducts & Ethics Committee will decide on the format of the appeal hearing. The Committee's final decision is binding on all parties involved in the appeal.

5. Harassment is defined as conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive or physically harmful. Types of behaviour which constitute harassment and abuse include, but are not limited to:

- Unwelcome jokes, innuendo or teasing about a person's looks, body, attire, age, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation
- Condescending, patronizing, threatening or punishing actions which undermine self-esteem or diminish performance
- Coercive behaviour by someone perceived by the player to be in authority, where a player's status is threatened or rewards are given or promised
- Practical jokes which cause awkward-

- ness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety or negatively affect performance
- Unwanted or unnecessary physical contact including touching, patting or pinching
- Unwelcome flirtation, sexual advances, requests or invitations
- Any form of hazing
- Any form of physical assault
- Any sexual offence including sexual assault
- Behaviours such as those described above which are not directed towards individuals or groups but which have the effect of creating a negative or hostile environment.

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Ce document comprend deux parties :

- Code de Conduite, régissant tous les joueurs qui représentent le Canada sous les auspices de la FCB.
- Politiques spécifiques pour traiter des joueurs mineurs et Juniors, de même que des officiels impliqués dans leur entraînement et leur supervision.

CODE DE CONDUITE

Ce Code de Conduite met sur pied le standard de comportement qui est attendu de tous les représentants de la FCB, incluant les joueurs, les entraîneurs, les capitaines, les parents, les directeurs, les bénévoles et les employés. Quiconque accepte une position dans la FCB ou sur une équipe de la FCB est présumé accepter ce Code et donner son accord pour se conformer à ses directives. Un manquement au Code de Conduite pourrait conduire à la prise d'une action disciplinaire par la FCB. Une telle action pourrait avoir pour conséquence que la personne impliquée perde son droit de représenter la FCB. La FCB sera le seul

juge pour déterminer s'il y a eu un manquement au Code, et pour évaluer la pénalité appropriée.

1. La FCB s'engage à procurer aux joueurs de bridge un environnement dans lequel tous les individus sont traités avec respect.
2. Les représentants de la FCB se conduiront en tout temps d'une manière équitable et responsable.
3. Les représentants s'abstiendront de tout commentaire ou comportement irrespectueux, blessant, injurieux, raciste ou sexiste. En particulier, aucun comportement considéré comme une injure ou un harcèlement ne sera toléré par la FCB.
4. Durant toutes les activités ou événements auxquels ils participent, les représentants de la FCB s'abstiendront de tout comportement qui porte atteinte à la réputation du bridge ou de la FCB, incluant (sans se limiter à) l'usage excessif d'alcool et l'utilisation non-médicale de drogues.
5. La FCB reconnaît la *Politique canadienne sur les pénalités pour le dopage dans le sport*. Les représentants ne feront pas usage de drogues/narcotiques illicites ou de méthodes ou drogues pour améliorer la performance, et accepteront de se soumettre aux tests anti-dopage qui pourront être exigés par les règlements du Comité international olympique (CIO), de la Fédération mondiale de bridge (FMB) ou de tout autre organisme responsable d'un événement auquel ils participent.
6. Les représentants de la FCB devront en tout temps se conformer aux politiques et procédures opérationnelles de la FCB,

de même qu'aux règlements régissant toute compétition à laquelle ils participent au nom de la FCB.

7. Les représentants de la FCB ne devront pas avoir d'activités ou de comportements qui dérangent la compétition ou la préparation d'un joueur pour la compétition, ou qui met des gens en danger.

POLITIQUES SPÉCIFIQUES ET LIGNES DIRECTRICES POUR LES PROGRAMMES POUR JUNIORS DE LA FCB

La FCB reconnaît qu'elle a une responsabilité spéciale en ce qui concerne le bien-être des joueurs dans ses programmes pour Juniors, et tout spécialement pour les joueurs qui sont des mineurs. Plus particulièrement, la FCB s'est doté d'une politique claire afin de prévenir que ces joueurs soient sujets à du harcèlement, des comportements grossiers ou d'autres situations potentiellement dangereuses. Cette politique s'applique à tous les représentants de la FCB, incluant les joueurs, les entraîneurs, les capitaines, les parents, les directeurs, les bénévoles et les employés. Un manquement au *Code de Conduite* pourrait conduire à la prise d'une action disciplinaire par la FCB. Une telle action pourrait avoir pour conséquence que la personne impliquée perde son droit de représenter la FCB. La FCB sera le seul juge pour déterminer s'il y a eu un manquement au Code, et pour évaluer la pénalité appropriée. Aux fins de cette politique, un joueur Junior est défini comme tout joueur éligible à la sélection pour compétitionner dans les événements pour Juniors de la FMB.

La FCB exige de tous les adultes qui travaillent avec des joueurs Juniors sous

les auspices de la FCB, qu'ils respectent les présentes *Lignes directrices* en ce qui concerne leurs relations avec les joueurs Juniors, à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur des programmes officiels de la FCB. Un manquement à ces *Lignes directrices* pourrait faire en sorte que le coupable soit considéré inéligible à remplir un poste dans le programme pour Juniors de la FCB.

1. Généralités

- Respecter la dignité et le caractère de tous les joueurs.
- Traiter tous les joueurs de manière juste et équitable, quel que soit leur âge ou leur sexe.
- Mettre sur pied un environnement positif et de soutien, dans le but de favoriser la saine compétition, le développement des habiletés, le plaisir et l'atteinte des objectifs.
- Éviter tout contact ou comportement qui pourrait être interprété comme étant à connotation sexuelle ou qui est défini comme inopportun par la FCB.
- Éviter de faire des remarques suggestives ou à connotation sexuelle, même sous forme de blagues.
- Ne pas suggérer ou participer à un contact sexuel avec des joueurs Juniors, même ceux qui ne sont plus d'âge mineur; la notion de consentement n'a pas cours lorsqu'il s'agit d'un joueur et d'un adulte qui est perçu comme étant dans une position de confiance ou d'autorité.
- Ne pas participer ou tolérer un comportement inquiétant, embarrassant, démoralisant ou qui affecte négativement l'estime de soi des joueurs.
- Ne pas participer ou tolérer de harcèlement de quelque nature que ce soit, tel que défini au paragraphe 5 des présentes *Lignes directrices*.
- Donner le bon exemple en montrant du *fair play* autant à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur

des activités de la FCB. Le *fair play* est défini comme la démonstration de gentillesse et de respect envers les joueurs et les officiels, le respect de tous les règlements du jeu, de même que des décisions des officiels.

- Obéir aux politiques de la FCB.

2. Transport aux tournois de bridge

- À moins d'être des membres d'une même famille, les adultes et les joueurs Juniors ne peuvent pas partager une chambre, quelles que soient les économies de coûts ou les autres bénéfices.
- À moins que les individus concernés soient des membres d'une même famille ou vivent ensemble, des joueurs de sexes différents ne devraient pas partager une chambre.
- Les joueurs Juniors et le personnel adulte ne doivent pas se retrouver dans la chambre de l'un ou de l'autre à moins qu'il n'y ait au moins trois personnes présentes. Toute rencontre impliquant uniquement un joueur Junior et un adulte doit avoir lieu dans une aire commune, comme une salle de conférence.
- Les parents d'un joueur mineur devront signer un formulaire d'Exonération de Responsabilité avant que leur enfant ne soit admis à voyager avec une équipe de la FCB. Sinon, le joueur doit être accompagné durant le voyage par un parent ou un tuteur qui acceptera la responsabilité de la sécurité et le bien-être du joueur.

3. Discipline pour les joueurs

Il pourrait être nécessaire de discipliner des joueurs s'il y a des comportements inopportuns de leur part. Le personnel adulte doit administrer la discipline de manière appropriée et contrôlée, en tenant compte de l'âge et du niveau de

développement du joueur, et dans le seul but de lui enseigner le bon comportement. La discipline ne doit pas être utilisée sous le coup de l'émotion ou de la colère, pour augmenter son pouvoir sur les joueurs, ou pour les embarrasser ou les humilier.

4. Action disciplinaire par la FCB

Dans le cas de la prise d'une action disciplinaire par la FCB, un individu peut choisir d'en appeler de la décision au Comité de conduite et d'éthique de la FCB. La demande d'appel doit être faite par écrit au plus tard un mois après la prise de l'action disciplinaire par la FCB. Le Comité de conduite et d'éthique doit entendre l'appel au plus tard un mois après la demande d'appel, en autant que le Comité décide que l'appel mérite d'être entendu. Le Comité de conduite et d'éthique décide du format de l'audience d'appel. La décision du Comité est finale et exécutoire pour toutes les parties impliquées dans l'appel.

5. Le Harcèlement

est défini comme un comportement qui est insultant, intimidant, humiliant, grossier ou physiquement nuisible. Les types de comportement qui constituent du harcèlement et de l'injure incluent (mais ne se limitent pas à) :

- Des blagues, des insinuations ou des taquineries dérangeantes sur l'apparence d'une personne, son corps, ses vêtements, son âge, sa race, sa religion, son sexe ou son orientation sexuelle.
- Des gestes condescendants, menaçants ou punitifs, qui minent l'estime de soi ou minimisent la performance.
- Un comportement coercitif de la part d'une personne perçue par le joueur comme étant dans une position d'autorité, où le statut d'un joueur est menacé ou

lorsque des récompenses sont données ou promises.

- Jouer des tours qui causent de la gêne ou de l'embarras, mettent une personne en danger ou affectent négativement sa performance.
- Des contacts physiques inutiles ou non-désirés, incluant toucher, donner une tape ou pincer.
- Un flirt non-désiré, des avances sexuelles, des demandes ou des invitations.
- Toute forme d'initiation.
- Toute forme d'agression physique.
- Tout délit sexuel, incluant l'agression sexuelle.
- Des comportements tels que ceux décrits ci-haut qui ne sont pas dirigés contre des individus ou des groupes mais qui ont pour effet de créer un environnement négatif ou hostile.

GOOD LUCK, BONNE CHANCE

Be sure to follow our **Canadian Venice Cup** team of Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Katie Thorpe, Ina Demme, Martine Lacroix, Francine Cimon, and Ralph Cohen (NPC) in Bali at the World Championships, October 20-Nov 2, 2001. There will be many web sites covering the event including:

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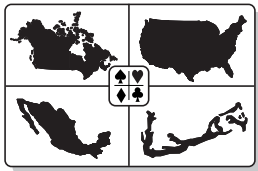
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A NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE FEDERATION ... COULD IT BE THE ANSWER?

An Editorial by Jude Goodwin-Hanson

In his inaugural address (page 3) new CBF president Ray Lee talks about CBF Board moves toward establishing an independent Canadian Bridge League. For many of us,

there is an familiar ring to these words. Thirteen years ago the idea gave rise to much hot debate.

A well worded article in the February 1988 Canadian Bridge Digest (now known as Bridge Canada), written by then CBF President Aidan Ballantyne and subtitled "Towards an Independent Canadian League", clearly outlined a CBF/ACBL restructuring plan/strategy that was presented to the ACBL through Percy Bean, member of the ACBL Canadian affairs committee. In that article Ballantyne noted "The CBF has already asked the ACBL to commission the necessary independent study, on behalf of its Canadian members".

This article was followed in May 1988 by Digest editor Al Simon's editorial which presented four options for resolving CBF/ACBL conflicts. It was Option 2 - to convince the ACBL that "all Canadian memberships must include a surcharge" that became, in the end, the practical solution. Today, all Canadian members of the ACBL do pay a bit more in order to become a member of the CBF and for more than a dozen years the subject of an independent league has not resurfaced.

However, this was only a short-term solution - not a cure. Today the CBF Board and many CBF members are reconsidering Simon's 3rd option - "Go it alone". Simon called this the "Horning Solution" as the late Ted Horning had promised an article on why he thought the CBF should break from the ACBL.

In 1988 the reactions to the concepts presented in Ballantyne's and Simon's articles - from Ontario's Robin Wigdor "The Horning Solution is doomed to failure. The ACBL won't bar Canadians from membership. At best, the CBF would compete with the ACBL for members." to BC's A.Becker "I'll play in the US instead of Canada - I'll try to get my unit to opt out of the CBF/CBL and play ACBL tournaments in Prince George" - were not all positive! Has anything changed in the some 13 years since?

I think they have. Today it is generally accepted that bridge is a sport, not a pastime. The coming of olympic bridge is making everyone feel just a little more nationalistic. The international bridge community has become closer and more familiar due to the advent of the internet. And the ACBL no longer holds the enviable and lofty position of an organization without fault as sub-organizations such as the Committee for an Open and Improved ACBL (COI) have been pointing out. All this leads to a more tolerant look at an independent national league.

To jump-start the process, the publication "Cartes sur table" recently ran an article describing a petition - which garnered more than 2000 signatures - for a feasibility study on an independent Canadian Federation. Issues discussed in the article included: a) cost - we pay ACBL fees in US dollars, so effectively Canadians pay a 50% premium; b) for that, Canadian mem-

bers basically get the Bulletin and master-point recording; and c) Francophone members are largely ignored by ACBL

At its annual meetings in May the CBF Board set up a committee to examine, once again, the possibility of establishing a Canadian Bridge League. Today the issue isn't so much CBF funding but dollar value. Current CBF president Ray Lee notes:

"There is a general feeling that the ACBL is inefficient and expensive even for the services it does offer. For example, it has about 90 headquarters staff to serve 167,000 members, while membership dues are US\$33.25 per member. By contrast, the Netherlands Bridge Federation has 110,000 members (a staggering total, actually), has 24 staff, and its members pay less than US\$15.00 per year. Even allowing for geographical disparities, my guess is that we could deliver ACBL-like services in both languages for a membership fee of about Can\$35.00 - and much better services if members are prepared to maintain their current fee levels. At the same time, we could control our own destiny, without, for example, having to go to the ACBL for approval on how we run Bridge Week - Canada's National Championships."

There appears to be a lot of renewed energy for this project. Mr. Lee continues:

"If this project moves forward, it's going to be important for our members to decide what kind of services they want from a Canadian Bridge League, and how much they would be prepared to pay for them. I would see the process being for us to develop two or three alternatives, attach costs to them, and then approach the membership for some direction. Other critical groups will be club owners and man-

agers, as well as the people involved at the Unit and District levels in tournament organization and other local administration."

But this is all confusing! you may cry. How would it work? I liked parts of Ballantyne's 1988 proposal which described an ACBL Federation of four independent leagues, each representing an ACBL country (US, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda). The proposal suggested that masterpoints, a key exchange today for membership dollars, be administered as a North American masterpoint plan by the ACBL (as a North American Federation), and the CBL would pay for that service on behalf of the Canadian players. Tournaments and clubs, of course, would be sanctioned and run by the CBL.

Right now, the CBF Board has a small amount of money budgeted for the preliminary work. A Steering Committee has been formed, chaired by Ray Lee, and the plan is to pull in other resources as necessary. The committee's mandate is to have a preliminary report before the Board by the end of this year.

In closing, Ray Lee notes: "This will not be a quick process; it's going to be important to talk to a lot of people as the plans are developed, and to make sure that the direction is one that has the support of bridge players across Canada."

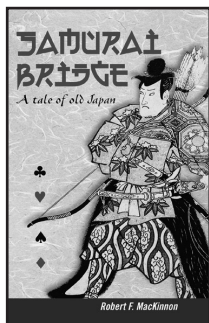
So once again, dear fellow Canadians, it is time to speak up. What do you want? How do you feel about an independent bridge league? What are your hopes and dreams for the future of bridge in Canada?

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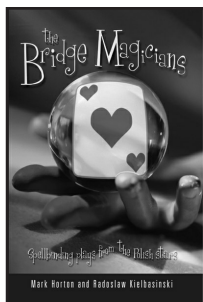
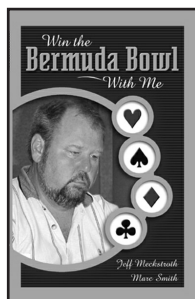
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August 12 - 18 Edmonton, AB
Aug 13 - 18 Sault Ste. Marie, ON
August 16 - 31 World

Championships, Montreal

October 9 - 14 Ottawa, ON
October 15-20 Oshawa, ON

This magazine does not guarantee any listing. It is highly recommended that you confirm with tournament contacts before making hotel or airline reservations.

STAC

1ST CBF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS

February 18 - 24, 2002

TWO EVENTS!

Canada East and Canada West

Watch your clubs for announcements about what games they are holding during the CBF STAC.



INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

October 20 - Nov 2, 2001
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup
Bali, Indonesia

August 16 - 31, 2002
World Championships, Montreal

A CALENDAR

CBF ROOKIE-MASTER GAMES

2001 Erin Berry RM Game Thursday, October 25
2002 Helen Shields RM Game Thursday, April 25
2002 Erin Berry RM Game Wednesday, October 30
2003 Helen Shields RM Game Monday, April 28
2003 Erin Berry RM Game Tuesday, October 28

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAMES

Canada Wide Thursday, October 18, 2001 (evening)
ACBL Wide Saturday, January 26, 2002 (evening)
International Fund (IF) Week January 21-27, 2002
Canada Wide Tuesday, March 26, 2002 (evening)
ACBL Wide Thursday, May 9, 2002 (afternoon)
International Fund (IF) Week May 6-12, 2002
ACBL Wide Friday, July 19, 2002 (evening)
International Fund (IF) Week July 15-21, 2002
Canada Wide Thursday, October 3, 2002 (evening)

CHARITY FUND GAMES

Monday, November 22, 2001 (evening)
Wednesday, March 13, 2002 (evening)
Monday, December 2, 2002 (evening)

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CHECK OUR CALENDAR ONLINE

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CALENDRIER DES CHAMPIONNATS NATIONAUX

Les championnats nationaux débutent à ce temps-ci de l'année au niveau des clubs. Tous les gérants de club ont déjà reçu un communiqué en juillet et commandé leurs sanctions pour tenir leurs séances de qualification. En tant que gérant, si vous n'avez pas encore demandé une sanction pour votre club, s'il vous plaît faites-le maintenant.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT SCHEDULE

It is that time of year again when our National Championships begin at the club level. All club managers received mailouts in July and have hopefully applied for sanctions to run their games. If you are a club manager and haven't applied for a sanction for your club games please do so now.

COPC

• **Qualification dans les clubs :**
entre le 1er septembre 2001 et le 31 décembre 2001.

• **Finale nationale :**
Bridge Week, Edmonton, Alberta,
22 et 23 juin 2002.

• **Club Round:**
Sept 1, 2001 - Dec 31, 2001
• **National Final:**
Bridge Week, Edmonton, Alberta
June 22 & 23, 2002.

CWTC

• Les représentants de zone doivent s'inscrire auprès de la coordonnatrice de la FCB au plus tard le 15 avril 2002.

• **Finale nationale :**
Bridge Week, Edmonton, Alberta,
18 au 22 juin 2002.

• Zone representatives must be reported to the CBF Coordinator no later than April 15, 2002.

• **National Final:**
Bridge Week, Edmonton, Alberta
June 18 - 22, 2002

CNTC

• **Qualification dans les clubs :**
entre le 1er septembre 2001 et le 7 janvier 2002.

• **Les finales de zone** doivent être complétées le 15 avril 2002.

• **La finale nationale** aura lieu pendant Bridge Week qui se tiendra à Edmonton, Alberta.

• **Club Round:**
Sept 1, 2001 - Jan 7, 2002
• **Zone Finals** must be completed by April 15, 2002
• **National Final** will take place at Bridge Week which is scheduled for Edmonton, Alberta.

CNTC-A Stage I :
18 au 20 juin 2002.

CNTC-A Stage II :
20 au 25 juin 2002.

CNTC-B : 18 au 22 juin 2002.

CNTC-A Stage I :
June 18 - 20, 2002

CNTC-A Stage II:
June 20 - 25, 2002

CNTC-B:
June 18 - 22, 2002

La date limite pour l'inscription des équipes dans le CNTC-A, Stage I est le 15 mai 2002.

Deadline for entering teams in CNTC-A Stage I is May 15, 2002.