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RAY LEE PRESIDENT, CBF

By the time you read this, the Feasibility Study on an independent Canadian Bridge League (the 'Bridge Canada Chez Nous'

project) should be complete and in the hands of the CBF Board. The Committee that worked on this was made up as follows:

Ray Lee (chair)
Mary Moulton
Marc Fiset
Linda Lee
Dick Anderson
Aidan Ballantyne

The Board will review the Committee's report at its annual Spring meeting, and will decide what further action, if any, to take at that time.

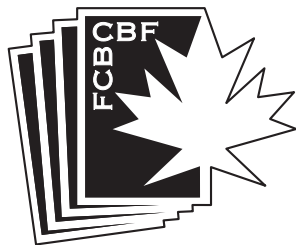
In the course of the research for this report, the committee members received input from members and bridge officials from all across the country. We also talked with a number of ACBL officials and Board members. As a result, we were able to prepare a fairly comprehensive list of Canadian bridge players' concerns regarding the ACBL. It is encouraging that, as a result, the new ACBL president, George Retek of Montreal, has appointed a Canadian Issues Committee, chaired by Harriette Buckman. This group includes Dick Anderson and Jonathan Steinberg, and is mandated to study our issues and report back to the ACBL Board with recommendations on how to improve things for Canadian ACBL members.

We have sent a list of our issues and concerns to this committee, but this is also an excellent opportunity for the membership to be heard. I would urge you to contact Dick or Jonathan

directly and let them know how you feel about the ACBL, and what you think could be done to improve the value that Canadians receive from ACBL membership.

On a different topic, we were delighted in late November to receive an invitation to send both a Men's and a Women's team to Salt Lake City in February, to take part in the pre-Olympics bridge event. Other than Canada, only one country (USA) was asked to send two teams, and this was in part because we are hosting the 2002 World Championships in Montreal this August. Unfortunately, the format of the event and the restrictions imposed on us by the WBF did not allow us simply to send the 2001 CNTC and CWTC winners, as had been previously announced. We were forced to select the teams (which is not our preferred method) in a very short time period using various criteria that the WBF specified, including WBF ranking and recent performance in international and national events. This was a unique opportunity, and we know that there are players who are disappointed not to have been selected; unfortunately, we couldn't take everybody! See page 8.

The Canadian Bridge Federation Board of Directors and the Trustees of the CBF Charitable Foundation will be holding their annual meetings in Toronto, May 4 - 6, 2002. If you have any issues you would like raised at the meeting please contact your Zone Director or the CBF Coordinator.



2001 Year of the Snake *by Kenny Gee*

2001 was a very good year for Saskatchewan. We had three bridge players that finished with over 1000 points for the year. Erin Anderson represented us in the World Junior Championship. I had the pleasure of playing in Victoria, Ottawa, Montreal, and Saskatoon. The people at these tournaments were wonderful and I appreciate their support and kind thoughts. Saskatoon was shortly after 9/11, and I didn't know if I could get home. I was in Tunica at the time and all flights were suspended, but I was fortunate enough to get home to play in Saskatoon. It would prove to be a very emotional week for me. I would like to thank the South and North Unit for the presentation. Some nights are more emotional than others. As most of you know, it is seldom that I am speechless. 2001 was my fourth Richmond. I would like to thank my teammates Barry Harper and Don Campbell for their great efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my partners for making 2001 a very special year.

2002 will be the year of the Horse. There will be a Richmond race this year. Look for the names of Campbell and Harper at the top of the list. Hopefully Gee won't be far behind. 2002 will be an interesting ride and I can hardly wait.



In an unprecedented challenge, Ken Gee of Regina, Saskatchewan, has won his 4th straight Richmond Trophy breaking two Canadian records at the same time. Gee is the first player to win the race four years in a row and his total of 1606 is the highest ever won by any Canadian in one year. Previously Cliff Campbell held that record with a total of 1561 which he won in 1992. Bruce "Superstar" Ferguson held the most-in-a-row record when he won the Richmond three years in a row, 1976, 77, 78. Kenny shares his thoughts on a big year (see left column).

1 Ken Gee, Regina SK	1606	21 Ray Jotcham, Scarborough ON	443
2 Barry Harper, Regina SK	1271	22 Thomas Gandolfo, Edmonton AB	438
3 Don Campbell, Saskatoon SK	1055	23 Claude Laberge, Longueuil PQ	436
4 Robert Hollow, Madoc ON	887	24 Doug Fraser, Victoria BC	428
5 John Zaluski, Nepean ON	768	25 Ronald Sutherland, Mississauga ON	426
6 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	733	26 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON	422
7 Jeffrey Smith, Ottawa ON	650	27 William Treble, Winnipeg MB	417
8 Edward Zaluski, Ottawa ON	606	28 Paul Janicki, Markham ON	414
9 Martin Caley, Montreal PQ	598	29 Gloria Silverman, Toronto ON	414
10 Daniel Korbel, Toronto ON	576	30 Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON	412
11 R Elwin Brown, Gloucester ON	566	31 Heather Peckett, Nepean ON	412
12 Andre Chartrand, Chateaugay PQ	563	32 Maureen Beyrouiti, Saint-Laurent PQ	410
13 Colin Revill, Burlington ON	533	33 Andrew Speers, Edmonton AB	407
14 Jean Castonguay, Lery PQ	517	34 Duncan Smith, Victoria BC	406
15 James Priebe, Mississauga ON	480	35 Robert McPhee, Belleville ON	389
16 Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	476	36 Robert Tranquille, Montreal PQ	386
17 Deanna Goh, Peterborough ON	465	37 Brent Gibbs, Willowdale ON	383
18 Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	462	38 Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON	379
19 Despina Georgas, Willowdale ON	459	39 Tom Buttle, Toronto ON	375
20 Judith Gartaganis, Calgary AB	452	40 Alice Anderson, London ON	372
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CBF Charity Foundation

In 2002 the CBF Charity Foundation will be giving a \$3,000 donation to the YWCA Shelter's Children's Program. The CBF Charity Foundation will also be focusing on organizations that aid the "Homeless" in 2002.

If you have a charity in your area that you would like considered please contact your CBF Zone Director.

Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup or \$6,000 2002 & 2003 CNTC/CWTC WINNERS PLAYOFF

The winners of the 2002 CNTC/CWTC and the winners of the 2003 CNTC/CWTC will play off to decide Canada's representative to the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. The teams that lose this playoff will receive a \$6,000 cash prize. The winner of the 2004 CNTC and CWTC will be the teams that will be eligible to be named as Canada's representative to the 2004 World Team Olympiad.

Previously, problems arose from selecting our international representatives nearly a year in advance of the International Competition to which they are eligible to attend. This change has been made in order to address these concerns. Now when a team wins the CNTC or CWTC they will be attending the World event shortly thereafter.



TREVOR WILLIS MEMORIAL CHARITY

by Dave Willis

Our annual charity event, in honour of my son Trevor Willis who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1999, earned a total of \$2,270 for the Habitat for Humanity charity. Winners Henry Unglik and Ron Weissberger, pictured at left with the Trevor Willis Trophy, scored a huge 76.6% in the 26-table game.

BRIDGE WEEK CWTC & COPC EVENT INFORMATION

CWTC

Zones must have registered their teams with the National Coordinator by April 15, 2002

Round Robin:

Tues, June 18 - Thurs, June 20

Note: If more than 16 teams enter the Round Robin a Quarter-Final will be held.

Knockouts:

Friday, June 21: Quarter-Final if warranted or Semi-Final - 64 board KO matches

Saturday, June 22: Semi-Final (if Quarter Final held) or Final. Semi-Final will be 64 boards. Final will be 72 boards.

Sunday, June 23: Final (if Quarter Final held)

COPC

Open to all pairs having COPC club Qualification.

Qualifying Round: Saturday, June 22 1pm and 7pm

Entry fee will be \$15 per player per session. Field will be cut for final. Maximum carry-over to Final will be two boards.

Two Session Final: Sunday, June 23 1pm and 7pm

Entry fee will be \$15 per player per session

Drop-ins will be allowed from the CNTC-A, CNTC-B and CWTC. Players dropping in from the team events will receive a carry-over of one board.

The pair winning the National Final will have their names inscribed on the R. James Donaldson trophy. Cash prizes awarded at the National Final will be as follows:

First place pair	\$2,000
Second place pair	\$ 600
Third place pair	\$ 250
Fourth place pair	\$ 150

BRIDGE WEEK CNTC EVENT INFORMATION

CNTC-A PRE-QUALIFYING EVENT *Stage I CNTC-A*

Open to teams of players having CNTC club round qualification. Pre-registration is mandatory. Teams must submit a complete entry listing all team members, contact information for team captain and a non-refundable \$300 deposit to the National Coordinator by May 15, 2002. Late entries will not be accepted. The \$300 deposit will be applied to the entry fee as long as the team plays in the event.

Monday, June 17 2 sessions

Tuesday, June 18 1 session

Top four teams from this event will qualify to Stage II (Round Robin) of the CNTC. In the event that only four teams enter this event, they will advance directly to Stage II but will be charged a fee for bypassing Stage I.

CNTC-A ROUND ROBIN

Stage II CNTC-A

Tues, June 18 1 session (evening)

Wed, June 19 2 sessions

Thurs, June 20 2 sessions

Fri, June 21 2 sessions

Teams are allocated as follows (18 total):

Zone I 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone II 2 teams (two partially subsidized)

Zone III 2 teams (two partially subsidized)

Zone IV 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone V 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone VI 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

2001 CNTC-A Winner

One at large team to Zone with best participation.

Four teams from CNTC-A Stage I

Top six teams at the end of the Round Robin advance to KO stage

CNTC-A KNOCKOUT STAGES

Quarter-Final Saturday, June 22, 2 sessions

Teams finishing 3rd thru 6th play-off in two head-to-head KO matches (64 boards).

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in Round Robin get byes to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Final Sunday, June 23, 2 sessions

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the Round Robin play head-to-head KO matches against the winners of the Quarter-Final matches. (64 boards)

Final Monday, June 24, 2 sessions

Winners of Semi-Final KO matches play a 72 board KO final.

CNTC-B

Open to teams of players having fewer than 1000 mpts on Sept. 1, 2001

Round Robin: Tues, June 18 - Thurs, June 20

Teams are allocated as follows (14 total):

Zone I 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone II 3 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone III 3 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone IV 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone V 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Zone VI 2 teams (one partially subsidized)

Top four teams qualify for Semi-Final.

Semi-Final Friday, June 21.

64 board KO matches.

Final Saturday, June 22

72 board KO match.

For more Bridge Week Information see pages 7 (schedule and accommodations) and 5 (CWTC and COPC); for information in French see pages 36-37.



BRIDGE WEEK

Edmonton, Alberta

JUNE 17-24, 2002

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Fax: 780-453-7360

ROOM RATES (Please book rooms by May 18, 2002)

Single/Double	\$ 82.00 + taxes
Triple/Quad	\$ 92.00 + taxes
Business Class: Single/Double	\$102.00 + taxes
Suites: Single/Double	\$142.00 + taxes

Please request Canadian Bridge Federation rate

The hotel provides free parking and complimentary scheduled shuttle service to downtown and West Edmonton Mall.

The Edmonton Bridge Centre, in partnership with Unit 391, are pleased to be hosting Bridge Week 2002. Bridge players within Edmonton have been actively fundraising in anticipation of the event in order to provide Western hospitality at its finest!!! The event will be held at the Ramada Inn. There will be hospitality every morning (breakfast) and evening (after the game) at the Edmonton Bridge Centre, a 7000 square foot facility located across the parking lot from the playing site.

BRIDGE WEEK SCHEDULE

Mon, June 17	CNTCA Pre Qualifying Event	2 sess
Tues, June 18	CNTCA Pre Qualifying Event	1 sess, aft
	CNTCA Round Robin	1 sess, eve
	CNTC B Round Robin	2 sess
	CWTC Round Robin	2 sess
Wed, June 19	CNTCA Round Robin	2 sess
	CNTC B Round Robin	2 sess
	CWTC Round Robin	2 sess
Thurs, June 20	CNTCA Round Robin	2 sess
	CNTC B Round Robin	2 sess
	CWTC Round Robin	2 sess
Fri, June 21	CNTCA Round Robin	2 sess
	CNTC B Semi-Final	2 sess
	CWTC Quarter Final or Semi Final	2 sess
Sat, June 22	CNTCA Quarter Final	2 sess
	CNTC B Final	2 sess
	CWTC Semi Final or Final	2 sess
	COPC Qualifying Rounds	2 sess
Sun, June 23	CNTCA Semi Final	2 sess
	CWTC Final	2 sess
	COPC Final Rounds	2 sess
Mon, June 24	CNTCA Final	2 sess

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CANADA GOES TO THE OLYMPICS! SALT LAKE CITY, FEBRUARY 2002

The WBF held the 4th edition of the IOC Grand Prix as an "attraction" in Salt Lake City – just before the Opening Ceremony of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

The WBF made it clear the NCBOs did not have a free hand in team selection, and Canada was expected to submit team rosters for WBF approval. The criteria included 'world-ranked players'. The CBF Board of Directors were given only a matter of days to make selections. Under these unusual circumstances, it was inevitable that an element of 'unfairness' should enter the situation.

Contrary to earlier expectation, Canada was prevented from selecting the current CWTC champions, most of whom do not have any international experience. As happens in any

Men's Team
Nicholas Gartaganis
Peter Jones
Gordon Campbell
Keith Balcombe
Fred Gitelman
Joe Silver

Women's Team
Dianna Gordon
Katie Thorpe
Francine Cimon
Gloria Silverman
Beverly Kraft
Judith Gartaganis

selection process, there were disappointed players who felt they should have received an invitation. The fact that one competition was for a Men's teams, not Open, added another complication. In efforts to make the process as fair and objective as possible, selection was based on: a) WBF rankings; b) recent international results; c) recent Canadian championship results; and d) recent N. American championship results. Above you will see the final Canadian team rosters.

Uniforms for both teams were provided through the generous sponsorship of Bridge Base Inc and Master Point Press.



THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • AUGUST 16-21, 2002 • MONTREAL PQ

ACCOMMODATIONS - Hotel reservations should be made immediately, if people want to stay at the two host hotels. We have rooms reserved at nearby hotels also at very reasonable rates. Members are urged to take advantage of the Air Canada discounted fares by quoting our convention number: CV664436

Réservations pour les Championnats du Monde à Montréal - Les réservations de chambres doivent être faites immédiatement si vous désirez loger dans l'un des deux hôtels où se tiendra le tournoi. Nous avons réservé des chambres dans des hôtels voisins à des taux raisonnables. Les membres peuvent profiter d'un rabais avec Air Canada en citant notre numéro de convention : CV 664436.

WEB SITES

The official WBF Championship website wbf.bridge.gr/tourn/Montreal.02/Montreal.htm

Great Bridge Links Championship Newspaper

www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblTOUR/Worlds02

Canada's home page will follow Canadians www.cbf.ca

HOW TO ENTER THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGUST 16-31, 2002

A Schedule of Events can be accessed through the CBF home page www.cbf.ca. There will be a concurrent Can-Am Regional: August 16 - September 2, 2002

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Participation in a World Championship is by WBF invitation only. All players wishing to play in the World Championship events must register with their NCBO - for Canadians this is the CBF. The CBF will then submit a complete list of entries to the WBF Credentials Committee for invitation by the WBF.

Deadline for submitting your Registration: May 1, 2002.

Submit Registration to the CBF (address on back cover). Registrations must be submitted by snail mail, email or fax. No phone registrations will be accepted.

Registration Requirements

When submitting a registration the following information is needed.

- Contact info. for person submitting registration.
- Names and ACBL player numbers of all players.
- Name of all events being entered.

Eligibility

In order to represent Canada in the World Championships in Montreal all registrants must be either Canadian Citizens or Canadian Residents. (To be a resident of Canada you must have maintained a residence in Canada for at least two years and physically lived in Canada for six months of each year for the last two years.) Also no one may represent Canada if they have played in a World Championship event or a Zonal play-down for another NCBO in the last two years.

Entry Fees

You do not submit entry fees in advance. All entry fees must be paid in either Canadian or US currency and will all be collected in Montreal at the World Championships. You may find the entry fees by following the link to World Championships on the CBF home page at www.cbf.ca.

L'horaire des compétitions est disponible sur le site de la FCB www.cbf.ca

INSCRIPTION : la participation à un championnat du monde est faite uniquement sur invitation de la Fédération mondiale de bridge (FMB). Tous les joueurs qui désirent jouer dans une compétition mondiale doivent d'abord s'inscrire auprès de leur organisation nationale de bridge — pour les Canadiens, cette organisation est la FCB. La FCB soumettra ensuite la liste complète des inscriptions au Comité de sélection de la FMB qui émettra les invitations.

La date limite pour soumettre votre inscription est le 1er mai 2002.

Faites parvenir votre inscription à La Fédération canadienne de bridge. Les inscriptions peuvent être soumises par la poste, courriel ou télécopieur. Aucune inscription par téléphone ne sera acceptée

Conditions d'inscription

Les renseignements suivants sont requis pour soumettre une inscription.

- Les coordonnées complètes de la personne à contacter pour cette inscription.
- Les noms et numéros d'ACBL de tous les joueurs.
- Le nom de toutes les compétitions auxquelles vous voulez participer.

Eligibilité: Pour représenter le Canada aux Championnats du monde à Montréal, tous les joueurs doivent être citoyens canadiens ou résidents canadiens (pour être résident du Canada, vous devez avoir une résidence au Canada depuis plus de deux ans et être demeuré au Canada au moins six mois par année pendant les deux dernières années). Aucune personne ne peut représenter le Canada si elle a participé à un Championnat mondial ou à une finale de Zone pour une autre organisation nationale de bridge dans les deux dernières années.

Droit d'entrée : il n'est pas nécessaire de payer les droits d'entrée à l'avance. Tous les droits d'entrée doivent être acquittés en dollars canadiens ou américains et seront exigibles à Montréal pendant la tenue des Championnats du monde.



FLIGHT A CNTC

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Seventeen teams qualified to play in the Flight A CNTC. A complete round robin of thirteen-board matches was played over 3 1/2 days to determine four semifinalists. The World Bridge Federation 30 Victory Point (VP) scale was used with 25 VPs being the maximum a team could win and zero VPs, the minimum. Teams that tied each earned 15 VPs. The leaderboard was a bit deceptive, particularly in the latter stages of the competition, because teams were awarded zero VPs for their bye.

After seven rounds, the teams at the top of the leaderboard were Thurston (Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu, Gloria Silverman, Michael Roche, Andy Altay, Ian McKinnon), Gartaganis (Judith Gartaganis, Nicholas Gartaganis, Keith Balcombe, Gordon Campbell), Fourcaudot (Marc-André Fourcaudot, Jean-François Boucher, Larry Crevier, Tony Reus, Jeffrey Smith, John Zaluski) and Murray (Eric Murray, Allan Graves, Boris Baran, Drew Cannell, George Mittelman, John Carruthers).

After twelve rounds, Carrière (Ronald Carrière, Greg Carroll, Dave Turner, Zygmunt Marcinski) and Cafferata (Mike Cafferata, Dave Colbert, Eiji Kujirai, Andy Stark) had moved into contention with Fourcaudot not far behind.

THUNDER BAY REGIONAL

AUGUST 1 - 5, 2002

Prince Arthur Hotel, Thunder Bay, Ontario

INFORMATION WEB SITE

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CNTCA Champions: Judith Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell, Nicholas Gartaganis, and Keith Balcomb,

The leaderboard:

Thurston*	222
Gartaganis*	201
Murray*	198
Carrière	189
Cafferata*	184
Fourcaudot	176

* no bye yet

On the last day Fergani (Kamel Fergani, Jeff Blond, Jurek Czynowicz, Douglas Fraser, Nicolas L'Ecuyer) had a very good day and quickly rose in the standings while Thurston and Carrière continued to solidify their grasp on one of the qualifying spots. With one match to go, Thurston could enjoy their bye knowing they would be playing the next day. Carrière was in a comfortable position and Murray needed a miracle. The leaderboard:

Thurston*	280
Carrière	270
Fergani	257
Fourcaudot	253
Gartaganis	251
Murray	231

* no bye yet

Many close results emerged as the round robin wound down. Murray was victorious (17 - 13), but not by enough. Meanwhile both Carrière and Fergani suffered small losses and moved to

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283 and 270 respectively. Gartaganis had a narrow win to add 16 VPs to their total. That meant Fourcaudot needed only a tie to claim the last qualifying spot. The Hansen foursome (Larry Hansen, Anne Harper, Sue Cressman, Rolland Laframboise) from Thunder Bay, Ontario were more than Fourcaudot could handle, however, and they managed just 13 VPs.

The final round robin standings were:

Carrière	283
Thurston	280
Fergani	270
Gartaganis	267
Fourcaudot	266

It appeared that Fourcaudot had missed qualifying by the slimmest of margins, but they had one last hope. An appeal by Fourcaudot of an earlier result had been deferred and a committee was quickly convened. After hearing the case, the appeals committee upheld the director's ruling so the final standings remained unchanged.

Hands From The Round Robin

Murray suffered back-to-back 8 - 22 losses against Thurston and Gartaganis in the Round Robin. In the Gartaganis-Murray match, Gartaganis reached 4♥ while their opponents rested in a partscore.

Dealer: East	♠ KJ982	
Vulnerable: N-S	♥ KQ63	
	♦ J43	
	♣ 8	
♠ 6		♠ A10754
♥ J4		♥ 1082
♦ KQ985		♦ 72
♣ AKJ93		♣ 1072
	♠ Q3	
	♥ A975	
	♦ A106	
	♣ Q654	

West	North	East	South
Graves	NicholasG	Baran	JudithG
-	-	Pass	INT(1)
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
2NT	4♥	All Pass	
(1) 11-13 HCP			

Graves led the ♣A and switched to the ♥4. Judith Gartaganis won the King and led a spade to her Queen and a spade back (Graves pitched the ♦5). Baran won the King of spades with the Ace and decided to give partner a ruff. Judith was now in control. She won the diamond continuation with her Ace, ruffed a club, pitched a diamond on the ♠J and cross-ruffed spades and clubs to make ten tricks. East does no better by returning a diamond rather than a spade. Declarer ducks the diamond and wins the ♥J return (best for the defense) in dummy. The diamond loser goes on the high spade and a club loser on the soon-to-be established fifth spade so only two club ruffs are needed.

Strangely enough the defense does better by playing the ♦K at trick two. Declarer can win the Ace and draw three rounds of trumps (necessary to avoid a diamond ruff) ending in the dummy. Now declarer can run the ♠9 through East. If East ducks two rounds of spades, declarer leads a diamond toward the Jack. A club ruff and the ♠J become the two entries needed to establish another spade trick to make the contract. The winning defense is for East to take the first round of spades and lead clubs through declarer. This prematurely removes dummy's fast entry while the spades are blocked and sets up a fourth trick for the defense.

On the last day, Gartaganis faced off against Willis, one of the perennial contenders. The match was a high-scoring affair with 57 IMPs changing hands. The following hand contributed to the Gartaganis win. At one table Balcombe-Campbell reached 5♥ after a

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"Texas transfer in competition" misunderstanding, conceding a doubled two-trick set for - 300. At the other table:

Dealer: West ♠ J863
 Vulnerable: N-S ♥ 4
 ♦ AKJ74
 ♣ A32

♠ AQ94 ♠ 7
 ♥ K72 ♥ AJ109865
 ♦ Q109 ♦ 8652
 ♣ J76 ♣ 10

 ♠ K1052
 ♥ Q3
 ♦ 3
 ♣ KQ9854

West	North	East	South
MacDonald	NicholasG	Willis	JudithG
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
INT(1)	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
(1) denies 3+ hearts			

MacDonald led the ♥2 to East's Ace. Willis returned the ♣10 which Judith Gartaganis won with the King. Declarer now led the ♠2 and inserted the 8 when West smoothly played the 4. Declarer played the ♦AK (pitching the ♥Q) and ran clubs. The defense was helpless and Gartaganis picked up +790 for a 10 IMP gain on the board. Even if West plays the ♠Q at trick three and continues hearts to force the dummy, declarer can still prevail. Cash the ♦AK and ruff a diamond (West is guaranteed to have at least three diamonds since he has no more than three clubs and three hearts). Declarer now reverts to clubs. Although West holds one more trump than either North or South he can do nothing to get an extra trick.

With this end position (top right), declarer leads a good club and West can fold his cards. If he ruffs low, declarer overruffs and leads a diamond, trumping with the ♠10. Suppose West overruffs with the Ace to return a trump. Declarer wins and cashes the good club (there are no more trumps outstanding) to

make ten tricks. If West overruffs and plays a heart, then declarer scores her two trumps separately.

Dealer: West ♠ J8
 Vulnerable: N-S ♥ -
 ♦ J7
 ♣ -

♠ A94 ♠ -
 ♥ 7 ♥ J109
 ♦ - ♦ 8
 ♣ - ♣ -

 ♠ K10
 ♥ -
 ♦ -
 ♣ 98

The next-to-last round featured several entertaining opportunities for unusual gains. In the Klimowicz-Cafferata match (which Klimowicz won 17-13), Jones-Crosby reached 5♦ doubled.

Dealer: East ♠ 987
 Vulnerable: None ♥ Q109843
 ♦ —
 ♣ 10874

♠ KQ53 ♠ —
 ♥ J ♥ 7652
 ♦ KJ108652 ♦ AQ97
 ♣ J ♣ AQ632

 ♠ AJ10642
 ♥ AK
 ♦ 43
 ♣ K95

West	North	East	South
Crosby	Cafferata	Jones	Colbert
-	-	1♦	1♠
2♠	3♠	4♣	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

On the actual auction there is an argument for bidding slam with the West hand once partner cuebids 4♣. However, Crosby decided to be conservative. Crosby-Jones were delighted

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when their contract made with an overtrick for +650. Unfortunately, that only cut their losses to 8 IMPs - the opponents made the same number of tricks in 5♦ redoubled! This was just one of two deals from the 16th round where successful redoubled contracts were a common occurrence.

With the fourth and final qualifying spot on the line, the last hand of the round robin turned out to be crucial in the Gartaganis-Priebe match:

Dealer: East	♠ A		
Vulnerable: Both	♥ J1098543		
	♦ A9		
	♣ 974		
♠ KJ93		♠ 107654	
♥ 6		♥ AQ2	
♦ K65		♦ J83	
♣ QJ1052		♣ A3	
	♠ Q82		
	♥ K7		
	♦ Q10742		
	♣ K86		

West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Richardson	Campbell	Lee
-	-	INT(1)	Pass
2♣	2♥	2♠(2)	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(1) 11+-14 HCP

(2) 5-card suit

Balcombe showed keen judgment by moving over a weak NT and then jumping to game. After winning the ♥K lead with the Ace, Campbell guessed both spades and diamonds correctly to bring home the contract. Meanwhile, at the other table North opened 3♥ in fourth seat and, when that was passed out, made his contract. +13 IMPs for Gartaganis – just enough to secure the last qualifying spot.

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SEMI-FINALS

Carrière, having finished first, chose Gartaganis as their opponent leaving Thurston to grapple with Fergani. The Thurston-Fergani match was close all the way. At the halfway mark of the 64-board semi-final, Thurston led 48 – 44.

Thurston had a big third quarter to increase the lead to 30 IMPs (98 – 68). Fergani recouped some of that difference in the fourth quarter, but fell short. The final tally was 123 – 107 for Thurston, earning them a spot in the final.

In the Carrière-Gartaganis match, there were some unusual similarities. Both teams were four-person squads and all four pairs played a strong club system. The first swing occurred early. Interference over a strong club auction drove North-South into the inferior contract of 3NT.

Dealer: East	♠ K9		
Vulnerable: N-S	♥ 32		
	♦ KJ65		
	♣ 108543		
♠ J7		♠ 1086432	
♥ KQ1084		♥ J975	
♦ Q83		♦ -	
♣ AJ9		♣ Q72	
	♠ AQ5		
	♥ A6		
	♦ A109742		
	♣ K6		

West	North	East	South
Carrière	NicholasG	Marcinski	JudithG
-	-	Pass	1♣(1)
1♦(2)	Pass(3)	3♥	Pass(4)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(1) strong club

(2) either hearts or a 3-suiter excluding hearts

(3) 0-7 HCP with 0-2 controls

(4) no clear bid – either balanced or a penalty double of hearts

Declarer won the opening heart lead with the Ace and played a low diamond to his King. When East discarded a spade it became a mat-

ter of holding the undertricks. Although 5♦ would involve the same diamond guess, +300 rated to be a fine result for Carrière. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Turner	Campbell	Carroll
-	-	Pass	1♣(1)
1♥	Double(2)	4♥	Double(3)
All Pass			

(1) strong club

(2) semi-positive 5-7 HCP

(3) pass would have been forcing

The auction began in a similar fashion, but Campbell applied more pressure by leaping to 4♥. North-South doubled and, after the ♠K lead and a club switch, declarer cruised home with ten tricks. A surprise 7 IMP gain for Gartaganis. The first quarter ended with Gartaganis leading by 25 IMPs (35 - 10).

The second quarter was played to a virtual tie, with aggressive bidding paying off for Carrière on the next hand.

Dealer: East	♠ 104		
Vulnerable: E-W	♥ QJ4		
	♦ 8652		
	♣ Q543		
♠ 9652		♠ AKJ87	
♥ K52		♥ A873	
♦ 7		♦ AQ3	
♣ 109872		♣ A	
	♠ Q3		
	♥ 1096		
	♦ KJ1094		
	♣ KJ6		

West	North	East	South
Carrière	NicholasG	Marcinski	JudithG
-	-	1♣(1)	2♦
Pass(2)	4♣(3)	Pass(4)	5♦
Pass(5)	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

(1) strong club (2) negative

(3) splinter (!) (4) forcing

(5) interest in competing

At one table Balcombe-Campbell arrived at 4♠ making eleven tricks. At the other table, North's eccentric splinter bid did not stop Marcinski-Carrière from rocketing into the magic 6♠. In fact, after the lead of the ♦K, declarer made all thirteen tricks (pitching a heart on the ♦Q and ruffing a heart). At the midpoint of the match Gartaganis led by 26 IMPs (66 - 40).

The third quarter saw 100 IMPs exchange hands as Gartaganis picked up another 24 IMPs to increase the lead to 50 IMPs (128 - 78).

The final quarter provided plenty of fireworks. A common theme in this match was the reluctance of the players to allow their opponents uninterrupted strong club auctions. Against Gartaganis, Carroll-Turner bid to 4♦ early in one auction, removing room to explore for a grand slam that was bid at the other table. A well-deserved gain of 11 IMPs. Marcinski won the quarter 48 - 38, but it was not enough. Gartaganis won the match 166 - 126. There were several potential swings in the last quarter. On the next hand, both tables reached 4♥.

Dealer: West	♠ Q642		
Vulnerable: None	♥ AJ7		
	♦ K954		
	♣ J5		
♠ A3		♠ 1098	
♥ K10864		♥ Q952	
♦ A6		♦ J72	
♣ AKQ9		♣ 743	
	♠ KJ75		
	♥ 3		
	♦ Q1083		
	♣ 10862		

West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Carrière	Campbell	Marcinski
1♣(1)	Pass	1♥(2)	1♠(3)
Double(4)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥(5)	All Pass

(1) strong club

(3) unspecified 2-suiter

(5) optimistic acceptance!

(2) 0-4 HCP

(4) takeout



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Based on the auction, Campbell played for the heart length in the North hand. After leading the King he later finessed the ♥9. The strong hand declared the contract at the other table. With no interference bidding to guide him, Campbell's counterpart led a heart to the Queen at trick two. Win 10 IMPs for Gartaganis. Had the hearts split 2-2 with the Jack in the South hand, Carrière would have gained 10 IMPs – a 20 IMP swing.

The following hand had similar potential.

Dealer: North	♠ 8		
Vulnerable: Both	♥ —		
	♦ AQ1052		
	♣ A1076543		
♠ Q43		♠ A65	
♥ Q109752		♥ AKJ43	
♦ K9		♦ J83	
♣ J9		♣ K2	
	♠ KJ10972		
	♥ 86		
	♦ 764		
	♣ Q8		

West	North	East	South
Carroll	NicholasG	Turner	JudithG
-	2♦(1)	2NT	Pass
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

(1) 11-16 HCP with at least 9 cards in the minors

At the first table Balcombe-Campbell conceded -500 in 5♥ doubled. At the other table, Gartaganis bought the contract for 5♣ doubled. After ruffing the opening ♥K lead, Nicholas Gartaganis led a spade, playing the King when East ducked. The favourable lie of the minor suits now allowed declarer to make eleven tricks (ruff a heart and lead a club; win any return; pull the outstanding trumps ending in the dummy and play a diamond to the Queen or 10). Even if East wins the ♠A he still has a problem. There is a danger that the

spade suit will provide five tricks if declarer holds a doubleton spade. One of East's options is to continue spades to cut declarer off from the spade suit. If he does so, declarer can play the Jack to establish the suit (whether or not West covers) and therefore secure four diamond pitches (with the ♣Q as the entry to dummy). If East subsequently tries to strand the spade suit by sacrificing his club trick (duck the ♣K when trumps are led towards the Queen) declarer can change tactics by playing on diamonds, thereby losing only a diamond and a spade. The winning defense is to win the ♠A and return a red suit. Declarer then has an inescapable loser in each minor. Had 5♣ been defeated Carrière would have won 12 IMPs instead of losing the 6 IMPs that -750 cost them.

THE FINALS

The Thurston-Gartaganis final had some interesting features. This was the first final in which both teams had a female member. Only once before had a woman (Mary Paul in 1993) been on the winning CNTC team so either Judith Gartaganis or Gloria Silverman was about to join a rather exclusive club. The rarity of seeing women in the latter stages of the CNTC is attributable to the predilection of the World Bridge Federation to hold segregated events. This has convinced most women to participate in the Canadian Women's Team Championship and has reinforced the false impression that women lack the ability to be competitive in open events.

For the first time ever, the Finals of the CNTC were broadcast as a live internet Vugraph on Bridge Base Online. Bridge Base is the brainchild of Fred Gitelman, who was on site handling the technical details and providing expert commentary during the broadcast. The broadcast also allowed other experts and viewers to comment as the match proceeded. From the reactions of spectators who followed the

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broadcast, it was an exciting and entertaining show. Both the Canadian Bridge Federation and Fred Gitelman deserve congratulations for the Yugraph's success. One can only hope that future championships continue to feature this coverage.

Gartaganis struck early in the first quarter of the 72-board final. Both tables reached 3NT on the following deal, and both had the lead of the ♦4. At one table Silverman chose to win the ♦A and run clubs hoping for something good to happen in the end position. At the other table Campbell won the ♦K and led the ♠Q. He created the illusion that he was trying to establish his ninth trick (the defense could infer a running club suit) so McKinnon won the ♠A and switched to hearts. A 10 IMP gain for Gartaganis.

Dealer: East ♠ K103
Vulnerable: N-S ♥ A10532
♦ 10932
♣ 5

♠ QJ654
♥ J4
♦ K87
♣ K106

♠ 8
♥ Q876
♦ A5
♣ AQJ973

♠ A972
♥ K9
♦ QJ64
♣ 842

West	North	East	South
Roche	NicholasG	Silverman	JudithG
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Altay	Campbell	McKinnon
-	-	2♣(1)	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT(2)	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) promises 6 or more clubs

(2) non-minimum

Three hands later Gartaganis reached 4♠ in an uninformative auction.

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: N-S

♠ Q10
♥ AK1062
♦ Q6
♣ Q1084

♠ A7
♥ J73
♦ AK10852
♣ 72

♠ J94
♥ 9854
♦ 73
♣ J963

♠ K86532
♥ Q
♦ J94
♣ AK5

West	North	East	South
Roche	NicholasG	Silverman	JudithG
-	INT(1)	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
(1) 11-13 HCP			

West	North	East	South
Balcombe	Altay	Campbell	McKinnon
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass(1)	Pass	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
(1) denies 3+ spades			

Roche led the ♦A and switched to clubs hoping to establish a fourth defensive trick. When Judith Gartaganis won the Ace and led spades, Roche grabbed the Ace to continue clubs. Declarer ran home with eleven tricks. The same contract was defeated at the other table when Balcombe-Campbell adopted a less busy defense. A 13 IMP gain for Gartaganis. Thurston recouped 9 IMPs when Roche-Silverman doubled 2♠ for +500 following a weak NT opening where Gartaganis had no safe landing spot. The first quarter ended with Gartaganis leading by 11 IMPs (41 - 30).

The second quarter followed the same pattern. Gartaganis scored heavily on aggressively bid games, but lost a number of partscore swings. It ended with Gartaganis adding another 23 IMPs to lead by 34 IMPs (86 - 52).

In the third quarter Thurston began to whittle away the Gartaganis lead. On board 39 Roche-Silverman reached 3NT after the opponents opened 2♥. When both diamonds and spades behaved Thurston scored a game swing (Balcombe-Campbell rested in 3♠, just making). The third quarter ended with Thurston winning back 12 IMPs in a low scoring set (31-19).

As the last quarter began, the Gartaganis lead was down to 22 IMPs. The players were starting to suffer from fatigue and this made for a high scoring and wild ending to the finals.

Thurston drew first blood when Altay-McKinnon bid a spade slam which needed a 3-2 break in both majors. The bad news was the heart suit broke 4-1, but the good news was that McKinnon picked up the suit for no losers. Thurston won 11 IMPs cutting the deficit in half. Gartaganis won back 5 IMPs when Thurston was pushed one level too high in a partscore. Thurston immediately recouped that loss by bidding a thin game – win 7 IMPs. The Gartaganis lead was now only 9 IMPs. Gartaganis responded by bidding a notrump game at one table while their opponents rested in 3♦ at the other table. That translated to an 8 IMP gain when Campbell divined the 3-1 break in diamonds and located the Queen. The lead was back up to 17 IMPs. On the next board Thurston found a cheap save against a vulnerable game for a 10 IMP gain that sliced their opponents' lead to 7 IMPs. Thurston picked up a net of 3 IMPs on the next few boards. Then Altay-McKinnon bid 6♦ which needed trumps to split 3-2 and the ♠K onside. The King was offside (lose 10 IMPs) so the Gartaganis lead was back up to 14 IMPs.

On board 64 Thurston landed in the best spot of 5♣ while Gartaganis reached the non-making contract of 4♠.

Dealer: West	♠ J1042	
Vulnerable: N-S	♥ AJ3	
	♦ QJ532	
	♣ 2	
♠ —		♠ AKQ753
♥ Q9852		♥ 76
♦ A8		♦ 76
♣ AK10843		♣ QJ7
	♠ 986	
	♥ K104	
	♦ K1094	
	♣ 965	

West	North	East	South
NicholasG	McKinnon	JudithG	Altay
2♣(1)	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠(2)	All Pass
(1) 11-16 HCP with at least 5 good clubs			
(2) 3♣ would not be forcing			

West	North	East	South
Delogu	Balcombe	Thurston	Campbell
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Notice that in 5♣ the ♣7 in the dummy gives declarer two chances as long as the trumps are not 4-0. Win in the diamond lead and play a club to the Queen. Pitch a diamond on the ♠A and ruff a spade. Now play a heart. If North wins the trick and plays a trump, insert the ♣7. If it loses then trumps are breaking so a heart ruff provides the eleventh trick. If the 7 holds the trick, ruff another spade and pull the last trump ending in the dummy. Should South win the first heart trick then a trump return cannot hurt declarer. Thurston was now only 4 IMPs behind.

The next two boards were pushes. Board 67 gave both sides an opportunity.

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Dealer: South ♠ 8762
Vulnerable: N-S ♥ Q863
♦ AJ75
♣ 8

♠ Q10
♥ KJ2
♦ KQ94
♣ J974

♠ A
♥ 109
♦ 1062
♣ AKQ10532

♠ KJ9543
♥ A754
♦ 83
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
NicholasG	McKinnon	JudithG	Altay
-	-	-	Pass
1NT(1)	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) 11-13 HCP			

West	North	East	South
Delogu	Balcombe	Thurston	Campbell
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♠	6♣	All Pass

Both South players chose to pass in first seat. At one table Thurston took a gamble by bidding 6♣ after his partner opened 1♦ and the opponents competed in spades. Unluckily the opponents had two cashing aces. Note that 5♣ fails even if South leads the ♥A. In that case, South must continue hearts to break up the subsequent heart-diamond squeeze or endplay against North. At the other table Nicholas Gartaganis opened a weak 1NT and was raised to 3NT. McKinnon had to lead spades to push the board, but reasonably enough led the 3 of hearts. The Gartaganis lead was back up to 14 IMPs.

Gartaganis had a slim 9 IMP lead with four boards remaining. Board 69 was a push. On Board 70 both sides reached 3NT. Thurston defeated the contract at one table while Gartaganis slipped on defense at the other table: +12 IMPs for Thurston. Thurston had grabbed the lead for the first time. With two boards remaining, the commentators saw little

potential for a swing and predicted that Thurston was destined to win. The stage was set for the drama on Board 71.

Dealer: South ♠ J
Vulnerable: E-W ♥ K2
♦ AJ87643
♣ 763

♠ AKQ532
♥ 87
♦ 9
♣ Q1082

♠ 976
♥ AQ1054
♦ K1052
♣ 9

♠ 1084
♥ J963
♦ Q
♣ AKJ54

West	North	East	South
NicholasG	McKinnon	JudithG	Altay
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♦	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Delogu	Balcombe	Thurston	Campbell
-	-	-	INT(1)
2♠	2NT(2)	4♠	All Pass
(1) 11+-14 HCP			
(2) Lebensohl			

Gartaganis reached the normal contract of 4♠ at the first table. McKinnon lead the ♥K. Nicholas Gartaganis won the Ace and played a club from dummy. Altay won his ♣K to return the ♦Q. McKinnon won with the Ace and continued hearts. In dummy with the ♥Q, Gartaganis tried to take a club pitch on the ♦K. He was rudely surprised when Altay ruffed the King with the ♠8. Gartaganis overruffed and had to decide whether or not to play for all four spades in the South hand. Both the bidding (no double by Altay) and the lead of the ♥K suggested that McKinnon had at least one spade and two clubs, so declarer cashed the ♠A and cross-ruffed for ten tricks. Once he

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had cashed a high spade and both defenders followed, declarer was guaranteed ten tricks.

At the other table Campbell chose to open a non-systemic weak INT holding the singleton ♦Q and Thurston-Delogu reached 4♠. Balcombe led the ♦A and switched to a low heart from his doubleton King. Delogu won the Ace and tried for a heart pitch on the ♦K. He was even more surprised than his counterpart when East ruffed the King with the ♦8. Declarer overruffed and led clubs from his hand. Campbell won with the Ace(!) and returned a heart which Balcombe won with his King. Balcombe got out with a club. Delogu tried to cross-ruff clubs and diamonds, but when the last club was led Balcombe was able to ruff with his ♠J for the fourth defensive trick. Gartaganis won a surprising 12 IMPs to regain the lead with one board remaining. On another day declarer would have recovered from the imaginative defense put up by Balcombe-Campbell. He would deduce that, since North was known to have seven diamonds and at least two hearts, the only possible layout to make the contract would be to play North for three clubs and one spade (i.e. cash one spade, take a pitch on the ♥Q and then cross-ruff).



The last hand was anticlimactic. Both tables played in INT making with an overtrick. Gartaganis had won the CNTC by a narrow margin (152 – 143) after a seesaw fourth quarter battle with Thurston.

Following a 17-year absence the CNTC trophy returned to Alberta. This was the second CNTC win for Nicholas Gartaganis (1982) and Gordon Campbell (1984) and the first for Keith Balcombe (a wanna-be Albertan living in Ontario) and Judith Gartaganis. Strangely enough, Keith and Gordon faced each other in the 1984 CNTC final and then, nearly 16 years later, established a successful long-distance partnership. Another interesting feature of this victory is the first-time win by a husband-wife partnership. Could this be a compelling reason for other spouses to add competitive bridge to their joint endeavours? Probably not, but stay tuned!



ERIC KOKISH CHOSEN AS ACBL 2002 HONORARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

The honour, for long and meritorious service to the ACBL, was accorded Kokish by the ACBL Board of Directors during their meetings in Las Vegas in November. As Honorary Member, Kokish joins an exclusive list that includes Charles Goren, Oswald Jacoby, Bob Hamman, Edgar Kaplan, Vic Mitchell, Alfred Sheinwold and Kathie Wei-Sender, among other luminaries.

Kokish, 54, is a native of Montreal who now lives in Toronto. Five-time winner of the CNTC (and many other international events) Eric is widely known for his talents as bridge editor, columnist, analyst, commentator, journalist, teacher, coach, player and tireless volunteer. Most recently, Eric's one year sojourn as editor-in-chief of the e-bridge content pages raised internet bridge's usefulness and service to a new level while Eric himself was only just learning how the internet worked! A good example of Eric's signature "grab the ball and run with it ..." approach to bigger and better bridge accomplishments, projects and dreams. Watch for a whole lot more Kokish over the next decade.

Congratulations Eric, a well deserved recognition.



The year 2001 introduced Canada's first CNTC Flight B National Event. Now an annual event, CNTC B is open to all players with fewer than 1000 masterpoints on September 1st of the year in which play begins. Participants begin play by entering qualifying rounds at clubs, then competing in a zone final and finally qualifying for the national final held during Bridge Week.

Eleven teams were entered in the inaugural CNTC Flight B. It was refreshing to see these new faces at Bridge Week and share in their excitement at attending one of Canada's popular national finals. The results were:

1. Andrew Petrick, Jose Tharayil, Danny Miles (Toronto, ON), Carole-Ann Ball, James Ball (Winnipeg, MB), Dan Korbel (Etobicoke, ON)

2. Norm Gordon (Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC), Larry Friedman, Jack Nayer (Montreal, QC), Monroe Miller (Cote Saint-Luc, QC), Peter Neufeld (Pierrefonds, QC), Ansar Burney (Lasalle, QC)

3/4. Jules LaSanté (Drummondville, QC), Normand Béland (St. Nicéphore, QC), Nicole Brisebois (St. Lambert, QC), Cécile Rodier (St-Thomas-d'Aquin, QC)

3/4. Diane Castonguay, Carl Levesque (St-Honoré témiscouata, QC), Alain Chapdelaine (Jonquière, QC), Micheline Longpré (Chicoutimi, QC), Luc Gagon, Gilles Belisle (Baie-Comeau, QC)

PETRICK WINS CNTCB

Members of the winning CNTC-B team pose with CBF Vice-President Mary Moulton. Andrew Petrick, Jose Tharayil, Danny Miles and Dan Korbel.
PHOTO: Robert Paul

Danny Miles of Toronto, a member of the winning team, has provided us with these hands from the CNTC-B Final.

Board 4	♠ J108763	
Dealer W	♥ K53	
Both Vul	♦ 97	
	♣ 32	
♠ 942		♠ AQ5
♥ A7		♥ QJ6
♦ Q82		♦ 10543
♣ Q10984		♣ AK6
	♠ K	
	♥ 109842	
	♦ AKJ6	
	♣ J75	

This was the very first deal of the very first match of the very first day of the round robin, not to mention the very first hand Dan and I have ever played together! East opened INT, West raised to 3NT. Dan led the ♠ K, and continued with a low diamond to West's 8 and declarer's 10. East then cashed the ♣ A and K and crossed to the ♣ Q to take a spade finesse, losing to Dan's singleton K. The position after declarer having taken 4 tricks was:

Board 4	♠ J1087	
Dealer W	♥ K53	
Both Vul	♦ —	
	♣ —	
♠ 94		♠ A5
♥ A7		♥ QJ6
♦ Q		♦ 54
♣ 109		♣ —
	♠ —	
	♥ 109842	
	♦ AJ	
	♣ —	

If Dan simply cashes his diamonds for 4 defensive tricks, I will pitch down to ♠ J108 and

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♥K5. Declarer can pitch a heart or spade on the 4th diamond, win the heart return with the ace and cash the ♠10 pitching the ♥J. When she cashes the ♣9, I am squeezed, either making her ♠A5 good, or her ♥Q. Dan (who comes in at about 0.7 Feldmans when defending - inside joke), worked this out at the table and abandoned his diamond winners, switching to the ♥10. Declarer can still get home by winning the ace, cashing the clubs and playing another heart, but she played low from dummy. I won the king and led the ♠J, killing declarer's last hand entry before the hearts were unblocked. She could only score eight tricks for one down and 12 IMPs to the Petrick team.

Board 29 ♠ J107
Dealer N ♥ A1094
Both Vul ♦ 54
 ♣ 9852

♠ AKQ9	♠ 652
♥ K5	♥ Q6
♦ A63	♦ K10987
♣ A1076	♣ KQJ
	♠ 843
	♥ J8732
	♦ QJ2
	♣ 43

This was my favourite hand of the tournament. It was the second quarter of a very close semi final match. I opened the bidding in fourth chair with 2NT, Dan bid 3♠ (a relay to 3NT), I bid 3NT, Dan bid 4♦, showing a slam try with diamonds. I cooperated by cue bidding 4♠, and Dan aggressively jumped to 6NT. Obviously, this contract has no legitimate play. But North took a very long time to lead, finally emerging with the ♠5. This had to be a singleton or doubleton, so I played the 10 of diamonds from dummy and when South played the jack I followed with the 3! My suspicions about North holding the A of hearts were confirmed when

South took more than two seconds to return a card. He returned the ♠8. I won the A, and with 11 tricks, I needed to score the ♣9 or a heart trick. I had a difficult decision to make. If North held four or more spades, I would need diamonds 3-2. I would cash another spade, the ♠A, four rounds of clubs pitching a heart from dummy, then play a diamond to the king, cash a diamond, leaving:

Board 29	♠ J7	
Dealer N	♥ A	
Both Vul	♦ —	
	♣ —	
♠ Q9		♠ 6
♥ K		♥ Q
♦ —		♦ 7
♣ —		♣

Irrelevant

When I cash the beer card (♦7) and pitch the ♥K from hand, North is squeezed. But that is not the line I took. North had signaled with the ♠10 under the A, and our opponents were playing upside down carding. They had not given a false count or attitude signal all day. I finally decided (rightly or wrongly) that it was more likely that North had chosen a poor lead of a singleton diamond than spades being 4-2 or 5-1 with North. I went to dummy with a club and ran the ♦9, winning. I was happy it won, but unhappy when North followed. I could have tried the squeeze line at no cost. However, now I could not cash all four club tricks and then run diamonds, as there is no entry to dummy besides the third club. So a squeeze would not work. Once I unblocked my diamond, cashed another spade (both following), I went to dummy with another club to cash dummy's clubs and diamonds. Luckily, South pitched another spade, so I would not have to guess. My spades were all good now. 6NT bid and made for plus 1440 and 13 IMPs to the Petrick team (the opponents were in 3NT making 5). Down one would have result-

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Carole-Ann and James Ball in foreground - CNTC B team receives medals from M. Beauchamps, representative for the Mayor of Montreal. PHOTO: Robert Paul

ed in a loss of 13 IMPs, so this board was a 26 IMP swing. The final margin of victory? 18 IMPs!

Upon reflection, I believe I took the wrong line of play. South's return of the ♠ 8 is consistent with a doubleton. North would (should) never lead a singleton in a suit we were making a slam try in. Why did he lead a diamond? He would never lead a heart with the ace, and leading a spade holding J10xx is also very unattractive. And he must not have heard of Treble's Rule (always lead clubs vs. NT). But South should have gotten it right after winning the opening lead. After all, I did not cue bid 4♥ over 4♦!

Board 20	♠ AKQ4	
Dealer W	♥ 85	
Both Vul	♦ 75	
	♣ AK952	
♠ 85		♠ J1097
♥ A972		♥ Q10
♦ K96		♦ J82
♣ J764		♣ Q1083
	♠ 632	
	♥ KJ643	
	♦ AQ1043	
	♣ —	

This was another key deal in the semi finals, occurring in the fourth quarter. North opened 1♣, South bid 1♥, North bid 1♠, South bid 2♦ (4th suit forcing to game), North tried 3♣,

and South ended proceedings with 3NT. Faced with a tough opening lead, I finally emerged with the ♠ 8. Declarer won the Ace, Dan signaling with the J. Declarer decided to work on hearts, playing the 5 to Dan's 10 and South's Jack. I ducked this trick, playing the 2. South went back to dummy with a spade to play the ♥ 8 to Dan's Queen, South's King and my Ace. My ♥ 9 and 7 were now high. I switched to the ♣ 4, declarer winning the ace in dummy as he discarded a diamond from hand. Next came the ♦ 5 to the Queen, which I ducked yet again. At this point declarer has 5 black suit tricks, along with a diamond and heart already in the bag. The ♦ A will be trick number eight. But communication problems are present. Declarer will be locked out of his hand on the next round of diamonds. When declarer played a heart hoping for a 3-3 break, I won the 7, exited a club, dummy winning the King, and declarer led dummy's last link to South's hand, a diamond. Dan put in the Jack, and Declarer won his ace. At this point declarer's last gasp is a 3-3 spade break, but when that failed, he was one trick short. 3NT down one for plus 100 and another 12 IMPs to the Petrick team.

Although we won the finals by a comfortable margin, it was not without a disaster early on.

Board 13	♠ Q952	
Dealer N	♥ K953	
Both Vul	♦ K10653	
	♣ —	
♠ KJ876		♠ 1043
♥ Q1064		♥ —
♦ —		♦ QJ982
♣ AK85		♣ J10742
	♠ A	
	♥ AJ872	
	♦ A74	
	♣ Q963	

The auction is not suitable for children or those with weak stomachs.

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MEET CLAIRE JONES NEW ZONE V DIRECTOR

Claire Jones began playing duplicate bridge in 1969 and moved to Regina in 1971. He has served as both treasurer and president on the executive of Regina Duplicate Bridge Club. In 1978 he became involved in tournament directing and worked at many sectionals in Saskatchewan. His involvement with the South Saskatchewan Unit 573 began in the 80's. Claire has served as Unit president and is currently the Unit Tournament Coordinator. In 1999 Claire retired from teaching school after 30 years. Since then he has become even more involved in bridge. He is the web master for the D18 "Wasumi" web page and an Associate Tournament Director. Claire works at many of the tournaments in Alberta and Saskatchewan giving him a good feel for the grass roots of bridge in his zone.

"During my tournament travels I have had many opportunities to discuss bridge with the players in Zone V" Claire notes. "As the Director for Zone V I am looking forward to working with all the bridge players across our Zone and Canada for the betterment of bridge."

Claire replaces Nicholas Gartaganis on the CBF Board of Directors.

2001 Erin Berry

ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2001

22 clubs took part in our annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game. The Martinique Bridge Studio in Calgary had the highest turn out with 56 pairs (28 tables). The Saskatoon DBC came in second with 34 pairs, followed by the North Bay DBC with 32 pairs. Nicholas and Judith Gartaganis of Calgary did the analyses.

NATIONAL WINNERS (641 PAIRS)

1. Coletta Gerard & Patrick O'Neil
Creston DBC 77.20%
2. Carol Anderson & Honor Shaw
Thunder Bay DBC 70.83%
3. Barbara Paikin & Phil Dowd
Kate Buckman Br. Studio 70.28%
4. Margaret McCool & Gwen McLaughlin
North Bay DBC 66.94%
5. Murray Hidlebaugh & Barry Nishnik
Saskatoon DBC 66.67%
6. Joyce Branchaud & Gladys Fenwick
Perth DBC 65.65%
7. Len Davidson & Erwin Doerksen
Moose Jaw DBC 64.69%
8. June Dunsmore & Doug Woltz
North Bay DBC 64.32%
9. Gord Way & Joe Maclean
Ken-Wo BC 63.93%
9. Justina Draper & Glenda Hansen
Ken-Wo BC 63.93%

Full results, including Zone by Zone and Club by Club, can be found on the CBF Web Site www.cbf.ca

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North	East	South	West
	Korbel		Miles
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
4♥	4♠	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

I redoubled knowing the heart void in partner's hand along with ♠Q10xx would provide

excellent play for game. ♠ Axxxx and a heart void would mean overtricks. Let's just say the sight of dummy was not quite what I expected. Despite the void in each hand, there were not nearly enough tricks. Things got worse when North ruffed the first time clubs were played. When the smoke cleared, Three down and minus 1600 nullified a well played 4♥ making 4 by our teammates for a 14 IMP loss.

Erin Berry MEMORIAL FUND

The Erin Berry Memorial Fund is a trust fund set up by Larry Berry. The Fund will be used to help subsidize bridge related activities for Youth Category (19 and under) Canadian players who are members of the CBF. In no case will any individual receive more than 75% subsidy to the bridge activity. The types of events that might be funded are: Bridge Camps; World Scholar Games; Bridge Training Sessions; Canadian Junior Trials; International Youth Bridge Festival; Junior World Championships; and other Bridge related activities.

Deadline for submitting an application for funding is May 1, 2002. Applications should be mailed to The CBF. For more information visit the cbf website at www.cbf.ca or write to jan@cbf.ca

WANTED: JUNIOR MANAGER

The Junior Manager is appointed for the period June 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

The Junior Manager is responsible for: the identification and assessment of talented junior bridge players from across Canada; recommending Canada's Junior Team and NPC to the CBF Board of Directors; managing team selection and training in accordance with CBF policy as communicated by the Board of Directors; the development and training of the Team in preparation for international competition; the administration and organization of Team participation in international competitions; regular communication with all members of the Junior Team; electronic updates on a quarterly basis to the CBF Board of Directors; annual reporting to the CBF Board of Directors; abiding by the Code of Conduct and by the related policy on expected behaviour of adult officials towards CBF juniors at all times; administering the Junior budget and funds as allocated by the CBF Board of Directors.

The successful applicant will be an experienced bridge player with some international exposure; computer literate; have advanced communications skills (written and oral); have experience working with young people in a supervisory capacity; and have administrative and organizational skills.

For more information visit the CBF website at www.cbf.ca or contact cbf coordinator at jan@cbf.ca

8th World Youth Bridge Team Championships ROUND ROBINS RESULTS

	VERSUS	VPS	TOTAL	CANADA RANK
1	Bye	0-18	18	6
2	DENMARK	16-14	34	7
3	NEW ZEALAND	25-1	59	3
4	FRANCE	15-15	74	5
5	USA 2	16-14	90	5
6	CH. TAIPEI	21-9	111	4
7	ARGENTINA	19-11	130	2
8	CAC	24-6	154	1
9	THAILAND	17-13	171	1
10	AUSTRALIA	11-19	182	1
11	BRAZIL	15-15	197	3
12	ISRAEL	13-17	210	3
13	NETHERLANDS	24-6	234	2
14	USA 1	0-25	234	5
15	EGYPT	8-22	242	5
16	NORWAY	25-3	267	4
17	CHINA	3-25	270	7

JUNIOR MASTERPOINT RACE (ACBL)

1. (5)	Daniel Korbel, Toronto ON	576
2. (9)	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	476
3. (16)	Isabelle Brisebois, Ottawa ON	372
4. (19)	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	325
5. (23)	Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	304
6. (25)	Matthew Mason, Kingston ON	274
7. (30)	Danny Miles, Toronto ON	253
8. (32)	Michael Ferman, Bremerton WA	239
9. (37)	Darren Wolpert, Thornhill ON	218
10. (38)	Susan Harbour, West Hill ON	189
11. (49)	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	145

YOUTH MASTERPOINT RACE (ACBL)

1. (2)	Daniel Korbel, Toronto ON	576
2. (3)	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	476
3. (6)	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	325
4. (10)	Susan Harbour, West Hill ON	189
5. (15)	Vincent Demuy, Laval PQ	135
6. (17)	David Sabourin, Ottawa ON	124
7. (23)	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	100
8. (26)	James Dulmage, Regina SK	90
9. (28)	Jean Francois Evrard, Montreal PQ	87
10. (43)	Erin Anderson, Regina SK	59
11. (44)	Charles Halasi, Toronto ON	52
12. (50)	Jeffery Yu, North York ON	45

The 8th World Youth Bridge Team Championships

The 8th World Youth Bridge Team Championship was held in Mangaratiba, a picturesque town near Angra dos Reis which lies in the heart of one of Brazil's most attractive destinations, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, from 6 to 15 August 2001. All Zones of the World Bridge Federation were invited to participate in this prestigious tournament.

Canada sent a junior team made up of members qualifying in a national playoff. The members were : Erin Anderson, Ian Boyd, Josh Heller and Vincent Demuy. Gavin Wolpert and David Grainger were augmented and Les Amoils was named Captain.

The Canadians had an exciting tournament, hovering in first or second place for many sessions. In the end a 7th place finish in the Round Robin was not enough to move them into the semi-finals but we must congratulate our juniors on an excellent performance. Canada's Round Robin results can be seen in the box on previous page.

I liked this hand, defended by Grainger and Wolpert in a big win against Norway in the penultimate match. The write-up is taken, with permission, from the Daily Bulletins, Editor Mark Horton.

Board 8. ♠ 10 9 5 4
Dealer West. ♥ 2
None Vul. ♦ Q 10 9 8 7 4
 ♣ K 2

♠ Q 8 7 3 2		♠ K
♥ 3		♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ K 6 2		♦ J 5
♣ 10 6 4 3		♣ A Q 9 8 5
	♠ A J 6	
	♥ A 10 8 6 5 4	
	♦ A 3	
	♣ J 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grainger	Kvangraven	Wolpert	Harr
Pass	2 ♠	Dbl	All Pass

North's opening bid promised at least four spades and a minor. East's double was the best action for his side, although the lunatic fringe in the audience also mentioned the possibility of Leaping Michaels and a Three Spade cue bid, both far too ambitious facing a passed partner. West was happy to defend and East led the ♥K. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a heart, West discarding a diamond, and played the ♦Q to his ace in order to ruff another heart. Now he exited with a diamond to the king. West switched to the ♠2 and declarer won and ruffed a heart with his last trump.

He now played a diamond and if he discards a club he can escape for one down but when he pitched a heart David Grainger ruffed and played a club. Gavin Wolpert won and played a heart and although that was a winner Grainger ruffed and played a club. Now another heart from Wolpert enabled Grainger to score both his trump tricks - a Grand Coup by the defence no less and +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Heller	Charlsen	Demuy
Pass	2 ♠	2 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
All Pass			

Josh Heller did not fancy defending 2♥ doubled and he was right as on this layout the contract cannot be defeated.

3♠ can be made but declarer made a slight mistake and finished one down - still 8 IMPs to Canada. Canada won this match by a near blitz putting them back in the 4th and qualifying spot one last time. A blitz-back from China ended Canada's playoff hopes in the final round-robin match. More hands and matches and links can be found on the CBF Junior Championship coverage page:
www.cbf.ca/Archives/010602.html



FRED GITELMAN HAS A GREAT YEAR

Canada's Fred Gitelman had a fantastic year in 2001 starting with wins in the Forbo Nations Cup and the Cavendish Teams, then sharing a gold performance in the Bermuda Bowl as coach of the USA team and finally a first in the Reisinger Teams at the fall NABC in Las Vegas. A defensive deal Brad Moss and Fred played in the Reisinger can be found on the next page.

We stopped Fred on his way to the Cap Gemini in The Hague (playing with Lew Stansby, finished a disappointing 13th) and asked about his online bridge club, Bridge Base Online.

"BBO, our online bridge club, will be 100% free for the foreseeable future and quite possibly "forever". I am planning a lot of exciting new features for the software and we are planning on doing live broadcasts of as many top events as we can. The Cap Gemini and Cavendish are two events we will be broadcasting for sure and Canadians can watch for live vugraphs of the CNTC in June."

"We have a new product with Mike Lawrence on 2/1 GF. We are taking Right Through the Pack and creating a software product based on this. Likely we will also create some more educational products in 2002, but none are currently planned. I spend most of my time working on BBO. Sheri and contractors work on the new CD products."

Don't miss Fred and Sheri's live vugraph of the 2002 CNTC Finals during Bridge Week on Bridge Base Online www.bridgebase.com

See page 7 for more Bridge Week Details.

VENICE CUP REPORT: GERMANY GOLD - FRANCE SILVER

Although they trailed through 5 sets, a strong effort on Germany's part in the last segment of the finals of the Venice Cup brought home the gold. A great performance on behalf of Germany - a disappointing finish for France after a fantastic championship. USA 2 won the Bronze medal playoff against Austria.

CANADA IN THE 2001 VENICE CUP ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

VS	VPS	Total	Rank
ENGLAND	5-25	5	16
AUSTRIA	16-14	21	14
INDIA	19.6-8.4	40.6	12
FRANCE	11-19	51.6	14
SOUTH AFRICA	10-20	61.6	13
USA 2	13-17	74.6	12
ISRAEL	24-6	98.6	11
INDONESIA	13-19	111.6	11
CHINA	14-16	125.6	11
VENEZUELA	23-7	148.6	9
USA 1	12-18	160.6	12
NETHERLANDS	7-23	167.6	12
BRAZIL	16-14	183.6	11
GERMANY	10-20	193.6	13
AUSTRALIA	23-7	216.6	10
ITALY	14-16	230.6	11
JAPAN	5-25	235.6	13

Canada's representatives (Francine Cimon, Ina Demme, Dianna Gordon, Martine Lacroix, Sharyn Reus, Katie Thorpe, Ralph Cohen - Captain) placed 13th in the round robin. Their results can be seen in the box at left.

The dramatic conclusion to the Venice Cup Final was reported in an article - Making it Count - by Linda Lee of Masterpoint Press and can be found on the web page:
[www.bridge.gr / tourn / Paris.01 / Bulletins / 3SatEvenPg4.htm](http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Bulletins/3SatEvenPg4.htm)

A WINNING DEFENSE: THE 2001 REISINGER B-A-M

by Fred Gitelman

The Reisinger

Final Deal

♠ J93
♥ A9
♦ AKJ2
♣ AJ3

Gitelman

♠ A42
♥ 105
♦ 87643
♣ 1082

Moss

♠ KQ107
♥ Q63
♦ 105
♣ KQ65

♠ 865
♥ KJ8742
♦ Q9
♣ 94

The final deal of the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams at the recent ACBL North American Championships features Brad Moss and Fred Gitelman on defense. We could not find a copy of the hand records from this session so the deal you see here may not be exactly the same as the one that was played. Fred and Brad would not have won this event without the result on this board.

North opened 1♦ and Brad chose to overcall 1♠ as East. Fred and Brad do not overcall 4-card suits very often, but Brad's decision was influenced by his strong spades, the board-a-match scoring, and because he correctly judged that his team needed a good result. South chose to pass (we would have made a negative double) and Fred raised aggressively to 2♠. North, with a good hand, but no good bid had to pass and Brad passed as well. South balanced with 3♥ which North raised to game. 4♥ was the final contract.

Fred chose to lead a low spade. While the underlead of an Ace against a suit contract is generally frowned upon in bridge literature, Fred and Brad are not averse to making such leads from time to time. This seemed like the right time to Fred. On this particular deal, the net effect of this lead was to make the rest of the defense more difficult (versus the lead of

the ♠A)! Brad played the ♠10 to the first trick (giving Fred a split second of terror) which won the trick (phew!).

Brad now made the very thoughtful return of the ♠Q and Fred had to figure out what to make of that. What message do you think that Brad was trying to get across?

Fred knew that Brad knew that Fred had been dealt the ♠A (Fred would have led a high spot if he lacked an honor in the suit). If Brad (who clearly knew more about the deal than Fred) had wanted to retain the lead he would have led the ♠K to the second trick. If Brad wanted Fred to win the ♠A and switch (to a club presumably) he would have led a low spade to Fred's ♠A at trick 2.

There was only one other thing that Brad could possibly want Fred to do - overtake the ♠Q with his ♠A and return the suit. Brad was now able to win the third round of spades with his ♠K and play the 13th spade.

Declarer tried ruffing with the ♥7 (nothing is better), but Fred was able to overruff with his ♥10 to force dummy's ♥A.

There was now no way for the declarer to avoid losing the setting trick to Brad's ♥Q. He successfully finessed the ♥J and tried the ♥K, but when Fred discarded to this trick the declarer claimed down one (dummy's diamond suit would provide a discard for declarer's club loser).

While it is true that the declarer might have gone down in 4♥ anyway on a less spectacular defense, we suspect that he probably would have made his contract. In any case, it was nice for Fred and Brad not to have to find out as their defense left declarer with absolutely no chance to win 10 tricks.

EVEN AN ODD PREFERENCE

by Prentiss Glazier

Would you like to play in a 33- point slam, needing only one of two finesses to work, and prefer to have them both fail?

Matchpoints, Vulnerability immaterial.

♠ Q75

♥ KJ5

♦ AQ74

♣ AQ3

♠ AKJ

♥ AQ73

♦ J1096

♣ 75

You, South, open 1 NT and partner jumps straight to six. When was the last time *that* happened? LHO leads the ♣9.

There are three reasons why some players might finesse the queen: because they haven't paused to consider that the club king is almost certain to be offside, because they can't think of what else to do, so they hope for a miracle, or because it can't hurt to try. Well, stop and think: since playing the queen *won't* work, is there any point in doing it, other than the off chance that LHO *might* have had a king stuck behind another card, or be silly enough to underlead a king against a slam (with a nine, yet)? No, RHO might as well jump up on the table and wave his club king around like a Victoria Day sparkler. If you do play the queen, back comes RHO with another club (if your opponents did you check-have standard carding arrangements, he will usually have the club jack and ten as well), forcing your ace.

Then if the diamond finesse fails, you go down oodles.

But no, you're smarter than that – today anyway. You see that if both finesses would have worked, you wouldn't get this lead in the first place, and you'd simply take your thirteen tricks. If either finesse is going to work, it will be the diamond finesse. If it does, you won't get punished for playing the club queen at trick one, nor rewarded for going up with the ace. But under no reasonable circumstances can *ANY* slam make if RHO has both minor suit kings. By going up with the ace, you guarantee opponents will set you one only. When RHO wins a Diamond he may cash the ♣K but the rest of your tricks are good. That should tie you for top. Now the only question is, why don't you play this thoughtfully every day? But that's another story.

Many people go over this hand afterward. At some tables, it was played the other way, where declarer cannot possibly go down more than one after two losing finesses, and will even make if he gets an unlikely club lead. So while some naïve bar patron who played with your hand as dummy is falsely attributing his drop just out of the money to this "unlucky" hand, you're still upstairs checking to see if your excellent result on the board (the same as his) will push you into first place.

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MEET MARC FISET, NEW DIRECTOR, ZONE II

The CBF Board welcomes new zone director Marc Fiset, a computer analyst from Chicoutimi, QC (Unit 199). Below is a short auto-biography.

J'ai travaillé comme bénévole dans l'administration du bridge pendant plus de 10 ans: d'abord sur le Conseil d'administration du Club de bridge de Chicoutimi, ensuite comme trésorier au sein de mon unité (St-Laurent-SagLac inc. / unité 199) puis, depuis quatre ans, comme président.

À titre de directeur de la FCB, ma première priorité sera de représenter les membres de ma zone. Je veux travailler pour une Fédération de bridge canadienne plus forte, plus impliquée auprès des joueurs, des clubs et des unités. J'estime aussi qu'il y a beaucoup de développement à faire dans le domaine de la promotion du bridge, du développement des joueurs et de la recherche de commanditaires. Mes réalisations ont consisté à: organiser des matchs promotionnels pour le public et les médias, mettre sur pied un magazine de bridge en français d'envergure provinciale «Cartes sur table» (1,200 copies, 4 fois par an, vendu au Québec), organiser le premier tournoi régional dans notre unité, créer et maintenir un site web pour l'unité 199, lancer une campagne publicitaire annuelle pour les cours de bridge, organiser un séminaire Tap, faire incorporer l'Unité, rédiger les politiques de l'unité. Bien sûr, je ne peux pas m'attribuer tout le crédit de ces réalisations. La contribution des membres de l'unité a été significative dans chacun des projets. Je compte mettre toute mon énergie à la tâche.

I have been working as a volunteer in bridge administration for over 10 years: first on the Chicoutimi Bridge Club Board of Direction, then as the unit treasurer and the last four years as president of my unit.

As a CBF board director, my first priority will be to represent my zone members. I look forward to a stronger Canadian Bridge Federation, one that is more involved with the players, clubs and units. I also feel that there is a lot to do in the field of bridge promotion and sponsorship. Some of my accomplishments include: organizing promotional matches for the public and media, Editor/Manager of the "Cartes sur table" magazine (1,200 copies, 4 times a year, distributed throughout Quebec), organizing the first regional in our unit, creation and maintenance of unit 199 Web page, devising the unit's yearly bridge promotional campaign, Tap seminar organization, unit incorporation, and writing unit policies. Of course, I cannot take all the credit for these accomplishments. The contributions of many unit members to these projects were significant. I will bring my best energies to the task as Zone II Director.

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LE MOT DU PRÉSIDENT *par Ray Lee*

canadienne indépendante (le projet «Bridge Canada Chez Nous») devrait être complétée et être à la disposition du conseil des directeurs de la FCB. Le comité qui a travaillé sur cette étude était composé de:

Ray Lee (président)	Aidan Ballantyne
Mary Moulton	Linda Lee
Marc Fiset	Dick Anderson

Le conseil des directeurs examinera le rapport du comité lors de sa réunion annuelle du printemps et décidera des actions subséquentes à prendre, s'il y a lieu.

Au cours de ses recherches pour l'élaboration de ce rapport, les membres du comité ont reçu l'apport de membres et d'officiels du bridge partout à travers le pays. Nous avons aussi parlé avec les représentants de l'ACBL et les membres de leur conseil des directeurs. Par la suite, nous avons préparé une liste détaillée des préoccupations des bridgeurs canadiens concernant l'ACBL. Résultat encourageant, le nouveau président de l'ACBL, George Retek de Montréal, a nommé un Comité d'étude de la problématique canadienne, présidé par Hilarie Buckman. Ce groupe, qui comprend Dick Anderson et Jonathan Steinberg, devra analyser nos revendications et faire un compte-rendu à l'ACBL. Le rapport inclura donc des recommandations pour améliorer le sort des membres canadiens de l'ACBL.

Nous avons fait parvenir à ce comité une liste de nos revendications et de nos préoccupations. La création de ce comité s'avère aussi une excellente occasion pour nos

membres de se faire entendre. Je vous recommande de contacter directement Dick ou Jonathan et de leur faire connaître votre position par rapport à l'ACBL ainsi que ce que vous pensez qui pourrait être fait pour améliorer la valeur de l'adhésion à l'ACBL pour les Canadiens.

Dans un autre ordre d'idées, nous avons été enchantés de recevoir en novembre dernier une invitation pour envoyer à la fois une équipe d'hommes et une équipe de femmes à Salt Lake City en février, pour participer aux épreuves de bridge pré-olympiques. À part le Canada, un seul autre pays (USA) a été invité à envoyer deux équipes, ceci est dû au fait que nous sommes le pays hôte des Championnats du monde en août 2002 à Montréal. Malheureusement, le format du tournoi et les restrictions que nous ont imposées la Fédération mondiale de bridge (FMB) nous a empêché d'envoyer les équipes gagnantes de l'édition 2001 du CNTC et du CWTC tel qu'annoncé antérieurement. Nous avons dû sélectionner les équipes (ce qui n'est pas la méthode habituelle de la FCB) dans une très courte période en utilisant les critères spécifiés par la FMB. C'est une occasion unique et nous savons qu'il y a des joueurs qui ont été déçus de ne pas avoir été choisis; malheureusement nous ne pouvons pas prendre tout le monde! Les uniformes d'équipe pour les joueurs ont été fournis grâce au soutien de Bridge Base Inc et de Master Point Press.

Le conseil des directeurs de la Fédération canadienne de bridge et les administrateurs de la Fondation de charité de la FCB tiendront leur assemblée annuelle à Toronto du 4 au 6 mai 2002. Si vous avez des questions à soumettre à l'assemblée, contactez votre Directeur de Zone ou le Coordonnateur de la FCB.

LES CHAMPIONNATS CANADIENS – Édition 2001

par Martine Lacroix

Trop de tournois ? La canicule et le bridge ne sont généralement pas associés. Dans notre pays nordique, on préfère profiter des quelques semaines de beau temps pour s'allonger au soleil. Le fait de programmer à Montréal en août, à une semaine d'intervalle, les Championnats canadiens (Bridge Week) et le Can-Am, suivant de près les Championnats nord-américains (NABC) tenus à Toronto à la fin juillet, a grandement affecté la participation aux Championnats canadiens. Ou serait-ce que l'intérêt des bridgeurs pour une compétition relevée ne se soit envolé?

À Bridge Week, 18 équipes se sont inscrites dans le CNTC-A (open), 11 dans le CNTC-B et seulement 6 équipes de dames se sont présentées dans le CWTC. De plus, la Fédération canadienne ayant décidé de tenir le COPC (Championnat de paires libres) avant que le tournoi à la ronde du CNTC ne soit terminé, très peu de paires ont pu s'inscrire dans cette compétition. Si la fédération veut faire de Bridge Week le tournoi canadien de l'année, elle a grandement besoin d'améliorer son marketing pour inciter les bridgeurs à y participer.

CWTC: LE CHAMPIONNAT CANADIEN D'ÉQUIPES DE DAMES

En finale du CWTC, l'équipe du Saguenay, composée de Solange Bouchard, Lise Lapointe (Jonquière QC), Marcelle Tremblay, Patricia Gagnon, Pascale Gaudreault et Martine Lacroix (Chicoutimi QC), a affronté l'équipe de Paulsson—Shelagh Paulsson (Toronto, ON), Helen Colter (Fredericton, NB), Sallie Caty (Oakville, ON), Elizabeth Redrupp et Rhonda Foster (Vancouver, BC).

Après les deux premiers sets, Paulsson menait par 17 imps. Mais l'écart était assez bas



2001 CWTC Silver Medalists - Shelagh Paulsson, Rhonda Foster, Helen Colter, Sallie Caty, Elizabeth Redrupp

pour ne pas nuire au moral de l'équipe saguenéenne. Au troisième set, les deux équipes ont pris un ticket pour les montagnes russes. De nombreux swings de part et d'autre ont témoigné de la grande nervosité qui a envahi les joueuses: 105 imps sont échangés en 18 planchettes. Bouchard a récupéré 9 imps dans ce segment, mais elle a raté plusieurs occasions de réduire l'écart de façon plus significative.

Par contraste, le quatrième set a été extrêmement serré, chacune des deux équipes ayant repris son aplomb. Deux swings ont fait la différence sans lesquels le segment se serait terminé sur une égalité.

Voici ces deux mains.

Donneur: Sud
Vuln.: E/O

♠ R9
♥ V107
♦ R107542
♣ RD

♠ D63
♥ R9632
♦ 96
♣ 943

♠ 54
♥ AD4
♦ DV83
♣ A762

♠ AV10872
♥ 85
♦ A
♣ V1085

☞ (suite à la page 32)

Table 1

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Bouchard	—	Lapointe	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♠	4♠
5♦	passe	passe	passe

Table 2

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	Gaudreault	—	Lacroix
passe	ISA*	passe	1♠
passe	passe	passe	2♠

* forcing.

À la table 1, Bouchard est intervenue immédiatement dans les enchères permettant à son camp d'atteindre le contrat de 5♦ qui est toujours sur table grâce à la position favorable du Roi de cœur. +600.

À la table 2, Paulsson a choisi de différer son intervention et, après le sans-atout forcing qui ne garantit pas nécessairement un fit, s'en est finalement abstenue. Le contrat de 2♠ a chuté d'une levée, -50, accordant ainsi 11 imps au Saguenay.

Donneur: Sud
Vuln.: E/O

♠ R4
♥ V6
♦ AD10976
♣ R103

♠ AV732
♥ A732
♦ V
♣ AD2

♠ D1095
♥ R1054
♦ 3
♣ V654

Table 1

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
Bouchard	—	Lapointe	—
—	—	—	passe
passe	1♦	1♠	contre
passe	2♦	contre	passe
passe	passe	—	—

Table 2

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
—	Gaudreault	—	Lacroix
-	-	-	passe
passe	1♦	contre	passe
1♥	passe	3♥	passe
3SA	passe	passe	passe

Autant à la table 1 qu'à la table 2, l'équipe de Paulsson s'est montrée agressive dans les enchères. À la table 1, Nord a été obligée de reparler sur le contre négatif et Lapointe a exprimé la force de son jeu en contrant à nouveau. Bien inspirée, Bouchard a passé et fait chuter le contrat de deux levées, +500. À la table 2, Lacroix a passé sur le contre d'appel adverse. L'ouverture de troisième position, le misfit apparent à carreau et l'absence d'une majeure cinquième ne l'ont pas encouragée à faire une enchère impérative. Paulsson, qui n'a pas suffisamment de jeu pour accepter la pénalité au niveau de 1, s'est vue contrainte d'annoncer 1♥ avec une couleur à trois cartes. Le saut à 3♥ de sa partenaire l'a ensuite conduite à déclarer 3SA, contrat qui chute de 2 levées, +200. 12 imps.

À la comparaison, lorsqu'elles constatent qu'elles gagnent, les Saguenéennes sautent de joie. Ces deux mains ont grandement contribué à leur victoire, leur permettant de remporter la finale avec un écart de seulement 16 imps (164 à 148).

CNTC: LE CHAMPIONNAT CANADIEN PAR ÉQUIPES

Pour la première fois dans l'histoire des championnats canadiens, la finale du CNTC — qui s'est déroulée à Montréal le 12 août dernier — a été diffusée en direct sur l'Internet. C'est grâce à la collaboration de Fred Gitelman, le concepteur de Bridge Base Online que cela a été rendu possible. Plus d'une centaine de spectateurs ont suivi toute la journée la finale nationale et plusieurs

➡ (suite à la page 33)

TOURNOI INTERNATIONAL EN POLOGNE

par *Martine Lacroix*

Le Canada a été invité à participer en novembre dernier à une compétition internationale qui a eu lieu à Varsovie, en Pologne. Sous la férule de la Fédération polonaise de bridge, l'événement regroupait 8 équipes : l'Autriche, le Canada, l'Angleterre, l'Allemagne, la Russie, la Hollande et l'Italie. Le pays hôte, la Pologne, y participait aussi bien sûr.

Le Canada, représenté par Kamel Fergani, Nicolas L'Écuyer, Jurek Czyzowicz et Pierre Daigneault, a terminé premier de son groupe ayant battu l'Angleterre et la Russie et perdu contre l'Italie. Les deux premiers de chaque groupe étaient sélectionnés pour la ronde éliminatoire composée d'une semi-finale et d'une finale. Le Canada a perdu la semi-finale contre la Hollande et perdu le play-off pour la médaille de bronze contre l'Angleterre, mais l'équipe canadienne aurait pu terminer facilement troisième.

Selon Kamel Fergani, le niveau des équipes était très bon. Une surprise toutefois, la Pologne qui a aligné une très bonne équipe a perdu. Le tournoi était très bien organisé, les joueurs et leurs épouses ont été très bien reçus.

Nicolas L'Écuyer m'a rapportée quelques mains de leur match contre la Russie.

♠ A82	♠ D9643
♥ AR104	♥ 972
♦ A109876	♦ —
♣ —	♣ D10642
♠ V10	♠ R75
♥ D5	♥ V863
♦ RD43	♦ V52
♣ V9875	♣ AR3

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>K. Fergani</i>		<i>N. L'Écuyer</i>
—	1♦	pas	1♥
pas	4♣(1)	pas	4♦
pas	4♠	pas	4SA
pas	5SA(2)	pas	pas!
pas			

- (1) splinter
- (2) nombre pair de cartes-clés et absence à trèfle

Nicolas L'Écuyer a demandé les As et a passé sur 5SA! Il peut lui manquer deux contrôles majeurs et ceux-ci auraient pu être l'As et le Roi d'atout. Ouest a entamé le Valet de pique pris de l'As, car le déclarant doit ménager les entrées dans sa main. Il y a 11 levées si les carreaux en rapportent 5. Donc, As de carreau sur lequel Est défause! Nicolas procède tout de même à l'affranchissement des carreaux et, comme Ouest n'a que 2 piques et que la Dame de coeur est seconde, il réussit 11 levées pour un push! À l'autre table, Jurek a contré 5♦ dans une séquence de trèfle fort ce qui a conduit les adversaires à se contenter de 5♥. Notez bien que 6♥ chute à cause de la coupe à carreau. Selon Nicolas, le Russe en Ouest n'était pas de joyeuse humeur.

Une deuxième main tirée du même match.

Donneur : Nord	♠ 2	
Vul. : Personne	♥ RD965	
	♦ AV863	
	♣ R10	
♠ ARV109875		♠ 63
♥ 3		♥ 1072
♦ R4		♦ D10972
♣ V6		♣ D94
	♠ D4	
	♥ AV84	
	♦ 5	
	♣ A87532	

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>K. Fergani</i>		<i>N. L'Écuyer</i>
—	1♥	pas	2♣
4♠	pas	pas	5♥
pas	?		

Jusqu'à l'enchère de 5♥, c'est la même séquence aux deux tables. Mais Kamel Fergani en Nord a choisi de se rendre à 6♥ juste faits, pour un beau swing de 11 imps.

Jurek Czyzowicz et Pierre Daigneault jouaient ensemble pour la première fois. Voici deux mains qui illustrent un bon jugement de cette paire.

Encore contre la Russie, cette fois la main m'a été rapportée par Jurek Czyzowicz.

Donneur : Est	♠ D62		
Vul. : E/O	♥ D8632		
	♦ —		
	♣ 86542		
♠ V1098		♠ R54	
♥ —		♥ ARV75	
♦ R109764		♦ A852	
♣ RD9		♣ 3	
	♠ A73		
	♥ 1094		
	♦ DV3		
	♣ AV107		

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Czyzowicz</i>		<i>Daigneault</i>	
—	—	1♥	pas
1♠	pas	2♦	pas
2SA	pas	3♠	pas
3SA	pas	pas	pas

À l'autre table les Russes jouaient 5♦ moins un, un gain de 12 imps pour le Canada.

Pour terminer, voici une main tirée de la troisième ronde éliminatoire contre l'Angleterre.

Donneur : Est	♠ D632		
Vul. : Tous	♠ 82		
	♦ 83		
	♣ 98642		
♠ AV4		♠ 875	
♥ RD4		♥ A10973	
♦ RV72		♦ 109654	
♣ D107		♣ —	
	♠ R109		
	♥ V65		
	♦ AD		
	♣ ARV53		

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Czyzowicz</i>		<i>Daigneault</i>	
—	—	pas	1♣
1SA	pas	2♦(1)	pas
2♥	pas	pas	contre
pas	3♣	3♦	pas
4♥	pas	pas	pas

(1) Transfert.

Avec la position des cartes, 4♥ est imperdable. À l'autre table, Hackett-Armstrong s'étaient arrêtés dans une partielle. 10 imps pour le Canada.

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Les zones doivent inscrire leurs équipes auprès du Coordonnateur national avant le 15 avril 2002.

• Tournoi à la ronde : mardi 18 juin, mercredi 19 juin et jeudi 20 juin.

Note : Si plus de 16 équipes s'inscrivent au tournoi à la ronde, un quart de finale sera tenu.

• Vendredi 21 juin : quart de finale si nécessaire ou semi-finale – 64 étuis, match d'élimination

• Samedi 22 juin : semi-finale (s'il y a eu des quarts de finale), ou finale. La semi-finale se jouera en 64 étuis et la finale, 72 étuis

• Dimanche 23 juin : finale (s'il y a eu des quarts de finale).

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Ouvert à toutes les paires qui se sont qualifiées au niveau des clubs.

• Samedi 22 juin – 2 séances de qualification

- 13 h et 19 h

- le coût d'entrée est de 15 \$ par joueur par séance

- le champ sera réduit pour la finale

- le report pondéré maximum pour la finale sera de 2 étuis.

• Dimanche 23 juin : finale de 2 séances

- 13 h et 19 h

- le coût d'entrée est de 15 \$ par joueur par séance

Note : Le transfert des joueurs du CNTC-A, CNTC-B et CWTC sera permis.

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de détails sur Bridge Week
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CNTC-A Qualification : **(Étape I CNTC-A).**

Ouvert à toutes les équipes dont les joueurs se sont qualifiés au niveau des clubs. Pré-inscription obligatoire. Les équipes doivent soumettre la liste complète de tous les membres de l'équipe, les informations pour contacter le capitaine d'équipe et un dépôt de 300 \$ non remboursable, au Coordonnateur national avant le 15 mai 2002. Les inscriptions en retard seront refusées. Le dépôt de 300 \$ sera appliqué au coût d'entrée en autant que l'équipe joue dans la compétition.

Horaire : Lundi 17 juin - 2 séances
Mardi 18 juin - 1 séance

Les quatre équipes qui termineront en tête se qualifient pour l'étape II (tournoi à la ronde) du CNTC. Au cas où seulement quatre équipes s'inscriraient, elles avanceront directement à l'étape II et devront défrayer le coût d'entrée de l'étape I.

CNTC-A Tournoi à la ronde **(Étape II CNTC-A)**

Mardi 18 juin – 1 session (soirée), mercredi 19 juin, jeudi 20 juin et vendredi 21 juin.

Un tournoi à la ronde de 18 équipes. Les équipes seront les suivantes (# partiellement subventionnée):

Zone I	2 équipes (une)
Zone II	2 équipes (deux)
Zone III	2 équipes (deux)
Zone IV	2 équipes (une)
Zone V	2 équipes (une)
Zone VI	2 équipes (une)

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CNTC-A Ronde éliminatoire **(Étape III CNTC-A)**

Les 6 équipes terminant en tête du tournoi à la ronde avanceront à l'étape de la ronde éliminatoire.

- Samedi 22 juin – Quart de finale
Les équipes ayant obtenu la 3^{ème} jusqu'à la 6^{ème} place disputeront un match d'élimination (64 étuis). Les équipes ayant terminé en 1^{ère} et 2^{ème} position dans le tournoi à la ronde se rendront directement en semi-finale.
- Dimanche 23 juin – Semi-finale
Les équipes ayant terminé en 1^{ère} et 2^{ème} place du tournoi à la ronde affronteront les gagnants des quarts de finale (64 étuis) dans un match d'élimination.
- Lundi 24 juin – Finale
Les gagnants de la semi-finale disputeront un match d'élimination (72 étuis).

CNTC-B :

Ouvert aux équipes dont les joueurs ont moins de 1000 points de maître en date du 1^{er} septembre 2001.

Tournoi à la ronde :

mardi 18 juin, mercredi 19 juin et jeudi 20 juin.

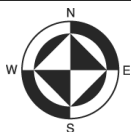
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Zone I	: 2 équipes (une)
Zone II	: 3 équipes (une)
Zone III	: 3 équipes (une)
Zone IV	: 2 équipes (une)
Zone V	: 2 équipes (une)
Zone VI	: 2 équipes (une)

Les quatre équipes terminant en tête se qualifient pour la semi-finale.

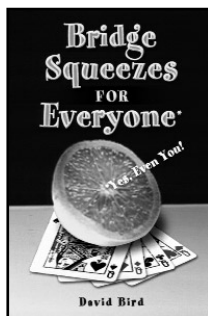
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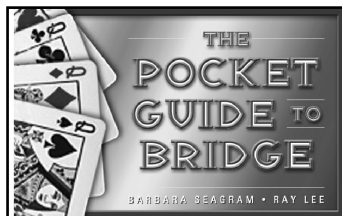
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CALENDAR

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• Finale nationale :

Bridge Week, Edmonton,
Alberta, 22 et 23 juin 2002.

• National Final:

Bridge Week, Edmonton,
Alberta June 22 & 23, 2002.

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• 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

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• 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.

• Zone Finals must be complet-
ed by April 15, 2002

• National Final will take place
at Bridge Week which is sched-
uled for Edmonton, Alberta.

CNTC-A Stage I :

17 au 18 juin 2002.

CNTC-A Stage II :

18 au 24 juin 2002.

CNTC-B : 18 au 22 juin 2002.

CNTC-A Stage I:

June 17-18, 2002

CNTC-A Stage II:

June 18-24, 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.

2003 BRIDGE WEEK June 2-9 PENTICTON BC

CBF ROOKIE-MASTER GAMES

2002 Helen Shields RM Game

Thursday, April 25

2002 Erin Berry RM Game

Wednesday, October 30

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAMES

Canada Wide

Tuesday, March 26, 2002 (eve)

ACBL Wide

Thursday, May 9, 2002 (aft)

International Fund (IF) Week

May 6-12, 2002

ACBL Wide

Friday, July 19, 2002 (eve)

International Fund (IF) Week

July 15-21, 2002

CHARITY FUND GAMES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002 (evening)

Monday, December 2, 2002 (evening)

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