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THE CANADIAN JUNIOR TEAM AT THE 9th WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Vincent Demuy, Charles Halasi, Front: Martin Hunger NPC, Daniel Lavee



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you followed the fine performance of our Venice Cup and Bermuda Bowl contestants this year. What a heartbreak for the open team! Still, all of our players are to be congratulated for their showing (see page 12).



For the Women's and Open teams, we have looked at a number of suggestions which include: raise CBF fees, run golf tournaments, run bridge events.

We have raised our fees to \$9.00 per year starting immediately.

A long term goal that the Canadian Bridge Federation will be undertaking is that of one hundred percent financing for our teams in international play. This year, because the site of the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup (Monte Carlo) was so expensive, we were able to support our teams to a level of only 50 percent of their expenses. It was heartening to note that some of the units in which the players reside contributed to their support as well.

What is needed is a process to build up a fund so that we will always be able to pay reasonable expenses of our teams. This year, the juniors set a fine example of ways to accomplish such a goal. They got out and organized two successful bridge events in the Toronto area which were well attended and raised adequate sums of money. Well done, juniors!

We are starting to run an annual CBF Regional specifically aimed at raising money for our international teams. The first of these will take place in February 2004 in Montreal (see page 5). Well done, Montreal! We are hoping to expand this in future years to a split regional, with one in Eastern Canada and one in Western Canada every year. We will do this in "off" months, so as not to interfere with regular regional schedules.

Within a period of two to three years, I am hopeful that we will be raising the funds needed to cover the expenses of our teams.

Regards, Jim Priebe :: President,
Canadian Bridge Federation

CANADA WINS PLAYOFFS

WITH MEXICO - The 2003 Canadian Women's Team played off against Mexico this August in Toronto, at the Intercontinental Hotel on Bloor Street. Playing for Mexico were Alicia Duran, Nancy Lira, Nancy Gerson, Magy Mohan, and Miriam Rosenberg. Losing the lead in segment 4, Team Canada was 48 IMPs behind after the 5th segment. The team had to pull one of their trademark steamrollers out of the closet and they didn't disappoint, winning 44, 50, and 45 in the final three segments. Even so, they didn't break into the lead again until the final segment, keeping thousands of internet watchers across the country gripping the edges of their seats. Canada won the

match by 17 IMPs. The 2003 Canadian Open Team played off against Mexico in Montreal August 3-4. They played 128 boards with Canada winning 344-312. Playing for Mexico were Dorita Montelongo, Mauricio Smid, Moises Ades, Gonzalo Herrera and Enrico Pagani.

Both the Women's and Open playoffs are required to determine the 3rd ACBL berth in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

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All proceeds from this regional will go to the CBF International Fund. See page 16 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb 24

1:00 pm Knockouts I, Rnds 1 & 2 of 4
& 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs, 2 sessions
Side Game Series, 1st and 2nd of 6
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), 2 single sessions

Wednesday, Feb 25

9:00 am Morning Knockouts, Rnd 1
1:00 pm Knockouts I, Rnd 3 and Final Round
& 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs, 2 sessions
Stratified Open Swiss, 2 sessions
Stratified Women's Swiss, 2 sessions
Side Game Series, 3rd and 4th of 6
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), 2 single sessions

Thursday, Feb 26

9:00 am Morning Knockouts, Rnd 2
1:00 pm Knockouts II, Rnd 1
Stratified Open Pairs, 1st session
Side Game Series, 5th of 6
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session
7:00 pm Knockouts II, Rnd 2
Stratified Open Pairs, 2nd session
Horizontal Stratified Swiss Teams, 1st session
Side Game Series, 6th of 6
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session

Friday, Feb 27

9:00 am Morning Knockouts, Rnd 3
1:00 pm Knockouts II, Rnd 3
Stratified Open Pairs, 1st session
Stratified Open Swiss, 1st session
Side Game Series, 1st of 5
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session
7:00 pm Knockouts II, Final Round
Stratified Open Pairs, 2nd session
Stratified Open Swiss, 2nd session
Horizontal Stratified Swiss Teams, 2nd session
Side Game Series, 2nd of 5
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session

Saturday, Feb 27

9:00 am Morning Knockouts, Final Round
Knockouts III, Rnd 1 of 3
1:00 pm Sam Gold Pairs, 1st session
Knockouts III, Rnd 2
Side Game Series, 3rd of 5
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session
7:00 pm Sam Gold Pairs, 2nd session
Knockouts III, Rnd 3
Side Game Series, 4th of 5
Newcomer Pairs (0-5 mps), single session

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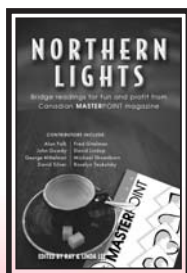
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CANADIAN JUNIOR BRIDGE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Ed Antosz :: The 9th World Youth Team Championship was held in Saint Cloud, a picturesque and historic town on the western outskirts of Paris, from 18 to 28 August 2003. Italy (Furio & Stelio di Bello, Fabio Lo Presti & Francesco Mazzadi, Ruggiero Guariglia & Stefano Uccello, npc Gianpaolo Rinaldi and coach Andrea Pagani) were the 2003 Champions with Denmark second (Kare Gjaldbaek & Martin Schaltz, Bjorg & Jonas Houmoller, Andreas Marquardsen & Boje Henriksen, npc Jacob Ron and coach Lars W Petersen). Canada's junior representatives were chosen last August 2002 through a team trial. The winning 4-person team was then augmented to 6 and a captain selected. Members included Charles Halasi, Gavin Wolpert, Ian Boyd, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Daniel Lavee, and Martin Hunter NPC.

There is no doubt that all were disappointed with the final placing of the Canadian Junior Team. The team finished in eighth place after 15 matches against the other teams participating during the round-robin portion of the event.

We certainly had some great results in various matches and on some boards in particular. The account of the team's winning effort against USA II appears on the net at www.cbf.ca. Here are a few other hands taken in a round by round review which you might find interesting.

There is much to be said for overcalling on suits with texture as was evidenced on this hand. This comes from the opening round

against Australia. Gavin Wolpert was dealer in the West seat with no one vulnerable and opened 1♦. I should like to think that most would not overcall the hand above but the Australian North chose to overcall 2♣.

Vincent Demuy quietly passed and Gavin protected with a double. When the dust settled, Gavin and Vince had 10 tricks for an 1100 point penalty. At the other table, Ian Boyd and Charles Halasi defended a quiet 3NT making 4 for minus 430. The hand gave us a 13 imp pickup contributing to our victory over Australia.

Round 1 vs Australia

NORTH

♠ 9 5 4
♥ K Q
♦ Q 10 7
♣ K 8 7 6 2

WEST

♠ A J 3
♥ A 6 5 4
♦ K 9 8 5 4
♣ 5

EAST

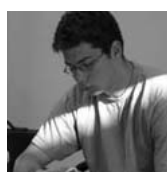
♠ K 8 7 2
♥ 8 2
♦ A 3
♣ A Q J 10 3

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 6
♥ J 10 9 7 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 9 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

| | | | |
|-------|----------|---------|------|
| Gavin | | Vincent | |
| 1♦ | 2♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |



In the 2nd match of the round robin, the Chinese Taipei NS bid to a great 19 point slam which left the defenders powerless. With NS vulnerable, North as dealer opened the auction with 2♠ and his partner took two bids to drive to a small slam.

Round 2 vs Chinese Taipei

Dealer North

NORTH

All Vul

♠ A J 8 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 5

♣ Q J 8 7 3 2

WEST

♠ 9 7

♥ J 8 6 2

♦ K 7 4

♣ A 9 5 4

EAST

♠ Q

♥ K Q 7 5 4 3

♦ Q 10 6 2

♣ K 10

SOUTH

♠ K 10 6 5 4

♥ A 10

♦ A 9 8 7 3

♣ 6

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

Dbl

2♣

3♥

4♠

All Pass

5♣

Pass

6♠

We got the slam bonus back on Board 17 (top right) when we bid a slam on a solid hand. David Grainger showed spade support and heart shortness with his splinter bid of 3♥ and now when he bid 5♣, Daniel Lavee knew what to do and placed the contract at the six level. Again there is nothing complicated in the play of the hand.

Round 2 vs Chinese Taipei

Dealer North

Vul: None

NORTH

♠ J 10 4 2

♥ -

♦ A K Q 6 5

♣ A K 10 2

WEST

♠ A 3

♥ A 10 4 2

♦ 9 8

♣ J 9 8 6 5

EAST

♠ 9

♥ Q 9 6 5 3

♦ J 10 7 4 3

♣ 7 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q 8 7 6 5

♥ K J 8 7

♦ 2

♣ Q 4

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

-

Grainger

Pass

Lavee

Pass

1♦

Pass

1♠

Pass

3♥*

Pass

4♠

Pass

5♣

Pass

6♠

All Pass

* Splinter

What do you lead as David Grainger holding

♠K1062 ♥J7432 ♦6 ♣986

after the following auction?

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1NT

Grainger

Pass

Lavee

2♥

Pass

2♣

Pass

3NT

Pass

2NT

Pass

All Pass

After a brief moment to consider his lead David tabled the ♦6. This gave declarer a difficult time but David later made an even better play.

WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION DENIES CBF REQUEST :: At the recent World Bridge Federation meetings in Monaco this November, the CBF requested the elimination of the controversial unique Rule 9/a from the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup qualification regulations that specifically requests Canada or Mexico to finish in the top half of the previous Olympiad field. This rule does not apply to any other NCBO. The request was denied.

EDITORIAL THANK YOU :: It takes a team to put this magazine together including the CBF board and editors, but I would like to give a special thanks to volunteer proofreaders Nicholas Gartaganis and Marc Fiset, and pinch-hit translator Gérard Côté. We are always looking for interesting bridge articles and volunteer proofreaders. Feel free to contact me at editor@cbf.ca.



Round 2 vs Chinese Taipei

Dealer West

NORTH

Vul: All

♠ K 10 6 2

♥ J 7 4 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 9 8 6

WEST

♠ A J 9

♥ K 10 8 5

♦ K 7 5 3

♣ A K

EAST

♠ Q 7 5 4

♥ -

♦ J 10 4

♣ Q J 10 5 4 3

SOUTH

♠ 8 3

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ A Q 9 8 2

♣ 7 2

Declarer has several options all of which involve forcing an entry to dummy. In practice, declarer won the opening lead in hand which went 6 J Q K. Declarer the cashed the ♠AK and played the ♠J which David ducked smoothly.

When declarer played low from dummy, the club suit was now lost. Declarer can make the play harder for David by leading the ♠9, threatening to overtake with the queen. Of course if Ian rises with the ♠K, the hand is over.

Team Canada won the second round by a narrow margin, but it was a win. The first day of play was satisfactory and we were well placed, definitely in the hunt. That evening, Martin treated the team to dinner in a local restaurant. No it wasn't your typical French bistro. In fact it was a Mexican restaurant called Trés Mucho. The proprietor had once lived in Mississauga and so had a Canadian connection and was very pleased to have us in his establishment.

Round Three pitted us against Italy, the eventual gold medalists. Unfortunately we fared very poorly in this round, not entirely our own doing. Wolpert/Demuy were back at the table and held the East West cards. They bid to a very delicate 7♦ on this layout (top of right column). West opened 1♠, North overcalled 2♣ and East West settled in 7♦, not an unreasonable spot. North led the ♥7 won in hand with the Q. Wolpert took a moment to consider his

play and expecting North to have some values for his bid tabled the ♠K - wrong on this layout, down one. Truly unfortunate since at the other table the Italian East West settled in 3NT.

Round 3 vs Italy

Dealer: South

NORTH

Vul: E/W

♠ 8 7 5 4

♥ 7 4

♦ 7

♣ A Q 10 8 7 4

WEST

♠ A Q J 6 2

♥ A Q 9 5

♦ K J 10 2

♣ -

EAST

♠ K 3

♥ K 10 8

♦ A 9 5 4

♣ K J 6 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 9

♥ J 6 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 3

♣ 9 5 2

Round 4 brought USA I to the table against Wolpert/Demuy and Grainger/Lavee. This ended as a close victory for Canada as a large number of imps changed hands in unusual ways.

The next hand was a large gain for USA I when they declared at both tables. (See Auction next page)

Round 4 vs USA 1

Dealer North

NORTH

Vul: N/S

♠ 10 7 2

♥ 6 4

♦ A 8 6

♣ K Q 8 4 3

WEST

♠ A Q J 8 6

♥ A

♦ K J 7 5 4

♣ J 2

EAST

♠ 9 5 4 3

♥ J 10 9 5

♦ Q 10 9 3 2

♣ -

SOUTH

♠ K

♥ K Q 8 7 3 2

♦ -

♣ A 10 9 7 6 5

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| Wolpert | | Demuy | |
| - | - | - | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | Pass | 3♠ | 4♣ |
| 4♠ | 4N | Pass | 5♣ |
| Dbl | Rdbl | Pass | Pass |
| 5♠ | 7♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Grainger | | Lavee |
| | | | 1♥ |
| 2♥ | Dbl | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | 4♦ | 5♣ |
| 5♦ | Dbl | All Pass | |

The result at the first table looked promising as Canada scored +100 for what did not appear to be a sacrifice. On a diamond lead from West, declarer was able to discard his spade king resulting in down one. This didn't appear to be an advance sacrifice at the table but in the end it was successful and just that - a great sacrifice. In the open room the auction was equally spirited and the final contract had no defence as East - West scored an overtrick in their doubled contract.

Round 4 vs USA 1

Dealer North

Vul: N/S

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| ♠ K J 7 3 2 | ♠ A 6 4 | ♠ Q 9 8 | ♠ 10 5 |
| ♥ A 10 2 | ♥ Q J 8 5 3 | ♥ K 4 | ♥ 9 7 6 |
| ♦ J 5 | ♦ - | ♦ A K 9 8 4 3 | ♦ Q 10 7 6 2 |
| ♣ A 8 5 | ♣ 9 7 6 4 2 | ♣ Q 10 | ♣ K J 3 |

USA I returned the favour on the hand above when they again declared at both tables but this time both contracts of 7♥X and 6♠ went down. The former for +1700 to Canada and the latter for +300 and a 19 VP gain.

Canada won again by a narrow margin and was now tied for eighth place with Egypt with a score of 62 VPs. We had played reasonably well although we could have done better. But isn't it always the case that a bridge player thinks they should be doing better?

The day ended with Canada playing on Vu-Graph against France. That match has been reported elsewhere. Suffice to say that is was not our finest hour. As a result, after five rounds Canada dropped into 10th place with 66 imps.

Canada finished the Round Robin in 8th place out of 16 teams. A look at the Butler scores shows the partnerships averaged 22.5 out of 44 - again, right in the middle. Canada has some fantastic Youth and Junior talent these days. New plans are underway to help make bridge more accessible than ever to players under 26 years of age.

CANADA SITS FIRST IN BOTH THE ACBL YOUTH AND JUNIOR RACES

as of November 6

YOUTH

| | | |
|----|------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Vincent Demuy, Laval QC | 949 |
| 4 | Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC | 327 |
| 16 | David Sabourin, Nepean ON | 94 |
| 18 | James Dulmage, Regina SK | 85 |
| 33 | Erin Anderson, Regina SK | 52 |
| 34 | Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON | 50 |
| 41 | Barry Mactaggart, Weyburn SK | 41 |

JUNIOR

| | | |
|----|------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON | 963 |
| 2 | Vincent Demuy, Laval QC | 949 |
| 8 | Ian Boyd, Calgary AB | 426 |
| 14 | Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC | 327 |
| 16 | Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON | 293 |
| 33 | Timothy Capes, Toronto ON | 205 |
| 41 | Matthew Mason, Kingston ON | 170 |
| 49 | Colin Lafferty, Kitchener ON | 140 |



junior report

by Ed Antosz

An interesting year for junior bridge is coming

to an end and an even more exciting year is in the offing.

As many of you already know, two juniors, Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy, were members of the team which won the CNTC and the right to represent Canada at the World Championships. Gavin and Vincent were also part of the team representing Canada at the World Junior Championships with Ian Boyd, David Grainger, Charles Halasi and Daniel Lavee. An account of their exploit can be found on page 7.

In preparation for the Word Youth Teams, we held two coaching weekends which were run under the aegis of Eric Kokish. The first weekend was open to all juniors while the second was closed to prepare the team for competition. Eric put the team through their paces and raised the level of competence among all players involved.

Junior Team Trials for the 2005 World Championships are planned for mid 2004.

This event is open to all junior players (under 26 years of age) in Canada. Watch for further details in the next issue of Bridge Canada or check the CBF website. Also, fast approaching is the deadline to register for the 2004 College Team Championship. See page 19 for contact info.

More importantly, there are many people across the country working with juniors who are just coming to this wonderful game. Some of these folks are running school programs while others are running programs at bridge clubs. Canada is such a large country it has been difficult to bring all the juniors together to share the game and to help them develop. Plans are underway to establish a series of travelling camps to coach the many younger players and to support their wonderful teachers. One and two day camps will be hosted in cities across the country as the junior population warrants. I am hoping to be able to use older juniors as instructors for these camps, creating a win/win situation. The older juniors can help develop the up-and-coming players. The first of these will be in the spring and details will be forthcoming.

As always, I am interested in locating juniors and teachers. If you are not currently getting email notices from me, send your email address to antosz@uwindsor.ca and I will add you to our database.

MANY CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

Many top players in the Toronto area placed themselves on the auction block this summer in support of the junior team which went to the World Championships. Kate Buckman's Bridge Studio hosted the auction in which you could bid for the right to play with a top player in a special duplicate game. A special thank you to Barbara Seagram, owner of Buckman's for making this event possible. Thanks also go to John Gowdy for doing an excellent job as auctioneer and to all who bid on the players with

a special acknowledgement to the Sharps for their generous gift to the team. A total of \$3400 was raised for the Junior team.

The Doubles Duplicate Bridge Club in Thornhill also held a fundraiser which raised \$1641 for the Junior Team.

Many thanks go to the volunteers who helped with Junior coaching sessions, to Martin Hunter who served as NPC for the many hours of preparation, and to Eric Kokish who conducted two very successful sessions.

THE 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Bridge Championships were held in beautiful, and expensive, Monte Carlo from the 2nd to the 15th of November. In the 36th BERMUDA BOWL, an open event, twenty-two teams competed, including Canada - Kamel Fergani, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Darren Wolpert, Jurek Czyzowicz, Gavin Wolpert, Vincent Demuy and Nader Hanna, NPC. At 20 and 21 years of age respectively, Vincent Demuy and Gavin Wolpert were the youngest participants in this year's Bermuda Bowl. Despite their young age, Demuy and Wolpert were one of the most effective pairs in the competition finishing 7th in the Butler rankings with an impressive +0.69 IMP/Board average.

The format was a complete round robin of 16-board matches with the top 8 teams moving on to the knockout phase of the competition. Starting with round 3, the Canadian team was consistently among the top 8 teams, occupying the third position, behind Italy and USA I, as late as round 15. Canada's successes included wins over USA I by 34 IMPS (23 - 7 VPs), USA II by 43 IMPS (25 - 4 VPs) and Australia by 53 IMPS (25 - 3 VPs). The 11th round match, featured on vu-graph, between Canada and Norway was a particularly well-played match ending with Canada winning by an IMP score of 13 - 6.

Sitting in 8th place at the beginning of Round 18, they were 4 places ahead of USA II in 12th spot. In the final three matches, greater drama cannot be found in bridge history (except perhaps on the final board of the Bermuda Bowl, see below). USA II lost their next match to India while Canada scored a huge win against eventual Champions USA I yet somehow, USA still managed to end up in

9th spot just behind Canada who could do no better than hold on to their 8th place. Only the top 8 teams would advance to the quarter-finals. Canada won their penultimate round against Spain, but USA II also won a huge victory against China and now sat only 13 VPS behind Canada. In the final round, USA II played against New Zealand and surged to a 36-0 lead against the Kiwis through the first 13 boards. Little by little they were closing in on Canada, who had scored only 11IMP in their own match vs Poland. On boards 14 and 15, however, Canada gained 17 IMPs and seemed a lock for the 8th qualifying spot. The VuGraph audience could see that the final board of the set was a routine 3NT that everyone would bid, so if USA II was going to make its move, it had to be on board 15. And move they did, managing a 9 IMP swing and their 44-1 win was just enough to push them past Canada with 339 VPs to 338. A single VP.

Board 15 : Dealer South
Vul: NS

NORTH

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ 2
♣ K Q 5 3

WEST

♠ 10
♥ K 9
♦ K Q 9 7 6 4 3
♣ J 10 2

EAST

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ A J 10
♣ A 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 7 6 5
♥ 7 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

This is the penultimate board where USA II gained 9 imps and thus passed Canada in the final seconds of the Round Robin. This author has not yet found a record of the auction at the USA II table, but I thought it would be interesting to see the hand.

In the **VENICE CUP**, the Canadian Women's Team (Brenda Bryant, Francine Cimon, Barb Clinton, Joan Eaton, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, John Carruthers captain) also played well, holding a firm qualifying spot throughout the Round Robin. They finished 7th and were matched up against USA II (Cheri Bjerkan, Stasha Cohen, Renee Mancuso, Becky Rogers, Sue Weinstein, Pam Wittes, and former Canadian Sheri Winestock, NPC) for the Quarter Final match. Although winning three of the six stanzas, Canada lost by a final tally of 234 to 175, a 59 imp margin.

AN EXCITING FINISH

(This account was taken in part from the Final Bulletin, Issue No. 14, Nov 15, editor Brent Manley)

Many of you will have read about the finals of the Bermuda Bowl which pitted USA I vs ITALY. In perhaps the most dramatic finish in Bermuda Bowl history, USA I gained 12 IMPs on the last board of the event to emerge with a hair-splitting 304-303 victory over Italy.

The issue was not settled, however, until an appeals committee had rendered a ruling on a disputed ending to the final board. In the closed room, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth had gone plus 400 against 4♥ by Italy's Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin.

In the open room, Paul Soloway had doubled Lorenzo Lauria in 5♠. If Lauria could get out for down one – minus 100 – it would be an 11-IMP gain and the match would be tied.

As play wound down, Lauria had already lost two tricks and still had the trump ace out against him – plus the losing ♥9 in his hand. With a singleton spade in his hand, Lauria had played the king from dummy's holding of ♠K Q to five. Soloway could have cashed the ♥10 to guarantee two down, but he played back a spade instead.

Lauria's partner had left the table after putting down the dummy, so Lauria was playing the cards himself. Lauria apparently expected Soloway to cash his winning heart, so he

Board 32

Dealer West

Vul: EW

NORTH

♠ 2

♥ A J 9 3

♦ K Q 10 9 8 6 5

♣ 5

WEST

♠ J 10

♥ 5 4 2

♦ A 7

♣ K 10 7 6 4 2

EAST

♠ A 6 5 4 3

♥ K Q 10 8 6

♦ 4 2

♣ A

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 8 7

♥ 7

♦ J 3

♣ Q J 9 8 3

WEST

Hamman

Pass

2♥

3♥

NORTH

Lauria

1♦

3♦

5♦

EAST

Soloway

2♦

Pass

Dbl

SOUTH

Versace

Dbl

Pass

All Pass

5DX by N, down 2, NS -300

Closed Room :

WEST

Duboin

Pass

2♥

3♥

NORTH

Rodwell

1♦

3♦

Pass

EAST

Bocchi

2♦

Pass

4♥

SOUTH

Meck.

Pass

Pass

All Pass

4H by W, down 4, NS 400

pulled the ♠7 from dummy – which held only clubs and spades – realizing too late that a spade had been played. He tried to change his play to the ♠Q, which would have allowed him to discard the losing heart and get out for minus 100. Hamman, who had started with the ♠J 10 doubleton, had played the jack to the first lead of the suit, and he covered the ♠7 with the 10.

A tournament director was called, and the ruling was that the ♠7 was a played card, resulting in two down for minus 300. That gave the Americans a 12-IMP gain and a 1-IMP victory.

The Italians appealed the ruling, but the appeals committee, citing rule 45B from the law book, backed the director. The rule states that when a card is touched it is played.



O! Canada *by Nader Hanna, NPC*

Many observers have taken note of this exciting Canadian team and in particular the junior players Vincent Demuy and Gavin Wolpert.

KAMEL FERGANI – NICOLAS L'ECUYER

Fergani lives in Montreal where he is a bridge club owner. He was born in Algeria and moved to Canada in 1972. L'Ecuyer also lives in Montreal where he is an advertising salesman for a TV network. Nick, who is 35, started playing bridge when he was 7 years old. Among their previous achievements, Fergani and L'Ecuyer were 2nd in the 2002 NEC Cup invitational teams in Yokohama, Japan.

The pair showed good judgement to earn their side 11 IMPs on the Board 24 from their 14th round match against New Zealand (top right).

With the significant disparity in suit quality L'Ecuyer decided to treat his hand as a 6-4 and open the North hand with one club. When Fergani bid five clubs over L'Ecuyer's double of four spades, with what is known to be a weak club holding, Nick bid the slam judging correctly that Fergani must have a highly distributional hand with enough values in the red suits to make the slam a good proposition. There was not much to the play, L'Ecuyer ruffed the heart return high, drew trumps, and with clubs and diamonds breaking evenly quickly claimed, +920 to Canada.

JUREK CZYZOWICZ – DARREN WOLPERT

Czyzowicz is a professor of Computer Science at the University of Quebec. He was born in Stargard, Poland and moved to Canada in 1984. As a junior, Jurek represented Poland in the European Junior Championships in

Board 24 vs New Zealand

Dealer West **NORTH**

Vul: None ♠ A 8

♥ 8

♦ 9 7 6 5 2

♣ A K Q J 5

WEST

♠ Q J 7

♥ A J 6 3 2

♦ Q 10 3

♣ 8 6

EAST

♠ K 9 6 5 4 3 2

♥ 10

♦ J 8 4

♣ 10 7

SOUTH

♠ 10

♥ K Q 9 7 5 4

♦ A K

♣ 9 4 3 2

WEST

Pass

4♠

Pass

NORTH

L'Ecuyer

1♣

Dbf

6♣

EAST

3♠

Pass

All Pass

SOUTH

Fergani

4♥

5♣

Lead ♥10

1974 in Copenhagen. Darren Wolpert lives in Toronto where he works as a stockbroker. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and moved to Canada with his family in 1978 when he was two years old.

Along with Fergani and L'Ecuyer, Czyzowicz and Darren Wolpert were 2nd in the 2002 NEC Cup invitational teams in Yokohama, Japan.

Accurate reading of the position by Darren on the following deal (next page, top left) from the 20th round match against Spain earned Canada 12 IMPs when the Spanish declarer in the other room went down in the same contract.

Darren won the lead with the ace and led a club to the queen and North's ace. North returned a heart to South's ace and South continued with the ♠10. Darren played low from dummy and ruffed in hand. He drew trumps and followed by cashing the king of diamonds. When he now played a diamond to the 10 in dummy North was end played and had to give

Board 26 vs Spain

Dealer East **NORTH**

Vul: All ♠ K Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8

♦ J 6

♣ A K 7 5

WEST

♠ 3

♥ 5 4 3 2

♦ A 10 9 8

♣ Q J 6 3

EAST

♠ A J 5 2

♥ K Q J 10 9

♦ K 7 4

♣ 2

SOUTH

♠ 10 6

♥ A 7 6

♦ Q 5 3 2

♣ 10 9 8 4

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|-----------|-------|---------|----------|
| Czyzowicz | | Wolpert | |
| - | - | 1♥ | Pass |
| 3♠* | 3♠ | 4♥ | All Pass |

* Constructive 4-card raise

Lead ♠10

declarer a club or a spade trick. When Darren repeated the diamond finesse he had his ten tricks. A nicely played hand and a well deserved +620 to Canada.

VINCENT DEMUY – GAVIN WOLPERT

Vincent Demuy lives in Montreal while Gavin Wolpert lives in Toronto. They have been members of the Canadian Junior team since 1999. The young pair has already established a reputation as a strong up-and-coming pair in North America.

Vincent and Gavin demonstrated their imagination on defence on the following deal from the 20th round match against Spain.

Vincent led the ♠4 (3rd and 5th), when declarer played dummy's jack Gavin smoothly played his 10! Declarer played a heart to his king and it was Vincent's turn to smoothly duck the trick. When declarer played a spade towards dummy Vincent followed with the five appearing like a man who has led from K54.

The unsuspecting declarer repeated the finesse intending to discard a diamond. Gavin won his king and returned a heart whereupon Vincent cashed his two hearts and declarer was quickly down 4 for -200 and a 4-IMP gain to Canada.

Board 28 vs Spain

Dealer W **NORTH**

Vul: N/S ♠ K 10

♥ 6 3

♦ A 9 8 5

♣ J 8 7 6 5

WEST

♠ A Q J 8 3

♥ 9 8 5

♦ J 7 6 4 3

♣ -

EAST

♠ 9 6

♥ K Q 10 4 2

♦ Q 2

♣ A 9 4 3

SOUTH

♠ 7 5 4 2

♥ A J 7

♦ K 10

♣ K Q 10 2

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| | Wolpert | | Demuy |
| Pass | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1NT* | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | All Pass | | |

* Forcing

Lead ♠4

CBF LOOKING FOR NEW SCREENS - ASKING FOR INPUT

The CBF Board of Directors will be investigating the possibility of getting new screens in 2005. We are looking for ideas on ways we can make the screens better. Cost and portability are important factors. If you have any ideas on improvements that can be made or if you have a specific proposal to give the CBF please contact the CBF Executive Assistant.



ALL ABOUT THE CBF INTERNATIONAL FUND (IF)

by CBF Executive Director, Jan Anderson

The CBF International Fund is the fund that subsidizes our Canadian teams to International Competition.

REVENUE :: Sources of revenue for the IF are limited to:

:: International Fund Games

1. ACBL Wide IF Games : three per year
During a set week in each of January, May and July, clubs may hold IF games with one session including hand records and hand analysis. The shuffle and deal games have a fee of \$7 a table and the one with hand records has a fee of \$9 a table. The CBF nets about \$7,600.00 from these three weeks

2. Canada Wide IF Games : two per year
These games held during March and October, have hand records and hand analysis. The fee for these is \$9 a table. The CBF nets about \$5,800.00 from these two games

:: International Fund Club Championships :

Each weekly sanctioned game held at a club may hold an annual one-session club championship for the benefit of the CBF International Fund. The fee for these games is \$4 per table and the CBF nets about \$2,000.00 from these games.

:: International Fund Surtax : All teams competing in the CNTC-A and CWTC National Final pay an extra amount on their entry fees for the International Fund. This is \$200 a team during the round robin and \$100 a team for each KO match. In 2003 this netted \$8,600.00 for the IF.

:: IF Games and surcharges at NABCs : The CBF receives a 10% share after expenses from

IF games held at NABCs and surcharges paid on entries for NABC+ events. This usually translates into about \$6,300.00.

Adding all these sources of revenue up, the International Fund has an annual income of about \$30,300.00 per year.

EXPENSES :: In a normal year the CBF pays the following out of the International Fund:

:: COPC Prize : Half of the prize money in the COPC National Final comes from the International Fund. \$1,500.00

:: Coaching : About \$3,000.00 a year.

:: Entry fees for WBF World Event : About \$8,500.00 for two teams.

:: Monitors for WBF Event : About \$1,600.00 for two teams.

:: Travel subsidy for teams attending WBF

World Event : In 2003 we gave each team \$10,000.00 for a total of \$20,000.00. This subsidy covered less than 50% of their travel and lodging expenses.

:: Bi-Country Play-off : In odd numbered years Canada plays off against Mexico for a berth in the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup. This play-off costs between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

Thus, in an odd numbered year, our expenses are about \$40,600.00. This is \$10,300.00 in excess of the revenue. In the years of the World Team Olympiad we do not have a Bi-Country Playoff to pay for but we do have a small sum of money going to a Canadian Senior Team (\$1,000.00). Thus in an

Olympiad Year our fund spends about \$3,300.00 more than it brings in.

In the years of Open World Championships (once every four years) we have offered a cash prize to the National Final winners since entry to the World Championships is open to all that wish to go. Thus once in four years our International Fund will actually have a surplus of revenue of around \$15,000.00.

Following this four year cycle the CBF International Fund would actually have a net minus of about \$8,900.00. Thus the fund will gradually go down until it is totally depleted.

Canada remains one of the few countries in the world that does not fully subsidize players to international competition. The Canadian teams must spend enormous amounts of money from their own pockets and also spend time fundraising rather than focussing on their training.

The CBF has set a goal to try to reach a point where we could fully subsidize one Open and one Women's team to international competition each year. A first step has been to hold one Regional a year in Canada where the profits will go to the CBF International Fund. Another possible step may be having a small portion of the membership fees go to the International Fund. More steps are needed. If our membership goes out and supports clubs holding as

many International fund games as possible this will increase the revenue from the International Fund Games. Players receive bigger master-point awards for all these games which makes them even more attractive.

Sectional Tournaments could start holding International Fund games. For only \$1 more per player the CBF International Fund would get \$4 per table and players could get regionally rated masterpoints at a Sectional Tournament. This would help increase game revenue.

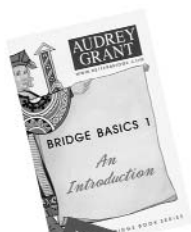
If the CBF is to ever reach its goal of 100% subsidy, it must bring in about \$20,000.00 more each year. Canadian's aren't known for their flag waving but let's all take up the challenge and play our small part in helping the Canadian flag wave high on the International Bridge Stage. Members can help by urging their local clubs and units to hold International Fund games but above all, when they do hold them, go out and play in the games.

Also, when renewing your ACBL membership, don't forget to make sure you include the CBF fees with your payments. About 18% of our membership do not pay CBF dues each year (this includes Life Masters that do not pay ACBL service fees either). CBF membership fees are only \$9.00 a year.

ATTENTION: SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS

OFFER REGIONALLY RATED MASTERPOINTS : Would you like to be able to award Regionally rated Masterpoints at your Sectional? Yes it is possible! At your Sectional Tournament you can designate a couple of sessions as International Fund Games. Players pay \$1.00 CDN extra to play and the master point awards for these games are based on Regional rating. The extra \$1.00 per player is then sent to the CBF International Fund. Please plan to do this at all your Sectionals. You will be helping your players win more master points and you will be helping support our Canadian International teams.

Gift Ideas & Great Buys



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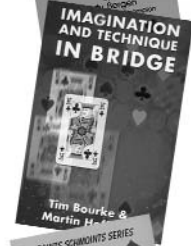
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NEW :: CANADIAN SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

At the CBF Board Meetings in 2003 it was decided that a Canadian Senior Team Championship be added to our Canadian National Calendar. Full Conditions of Contest are now online at www.cbf.ca

The first is a qualifying day where any eligible team may enter. Format for Day 1 will depend on the number of teams entered. The field will be reduced after Day 1. The exact number of teams advancing to Day 2 will depend on the size of the Day 1 field and the number of teams dropping into Day 2 from the other Bridge Week events.

Day 2 play will be used to reduce the field to two teams for the Day 3 final which will be a 64 board KO match. Check the conditions of contest on the CBF website for more details.

All players playing in the Final of the CSTC will be allowed to drop-in to the COPC final with a one board carry-over. Each Day requires an entry fee of \$200 per team.

The team declared 2004 CSTC Champion, will be eligible to represent Canada in the 2nd Senior Cup at the World Team Olympiad October 24 - 20, 2004 in Istanbul, Turkey. Funding for the Senior's Cup will be \$1000 for the team plus any additional funds raised through Senior International Fund Games.

CSTC

WIN A FREE TRIP TO NEW YORK - The 2004 ACBL College Bridge Team Championships,

sponsored by the ACBL Educational Foundation, is a multi-level event with the final playoff held at the New York NABC July 9-10, 2004. Four or more finalist teams will win a trip to New York. The success of this event depends on the valuable assistance of local education liaisons and organizers. Some schools will need help organizing a pre-event to establish a team, and some might need other kinds of help such as teachers, a location, etc. Contact Charlotte Blaiss at Charlotte.Blaiss@acbl.org at the ACBL for more information.

2003 RICHMOND TROPHY RACE

Ken Gee is far ahead in the Richmond Trophy race, on his way to winning the annual Canadian masterpoint race for the 6th year in a row. Ken sits 11th on the ACBL-wide list.

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| 1. Ken Gee, Regina SK | 1322 |
| 2. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON | 963 |
| 3. Vincent Demuy, Laval QC | 949 |
| 4. Martin Caley, Montreal QC | 797 |
| 5. Cameron Doner, Richmond BC | 741 |
| 6. Barry Harper, Regina SK | 675 |
| 7. Peter Clark, Ottawa ON | 586 |
| 8. George Mittelman, Toronto ON | 578 |
| 9. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON | 531 |
| 10. William Ge, Vancouver BC | 484 |
| 11. Richard Anderson, Regina SK | 459 |
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| 20. Gerald McCully, New Westminster BC | 398 |

ERIN BERRY CANADIAN ROOKIE-MASTER GAME

Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 23 clubs took part in the annual Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game. The Club de Bridge du Parc in Gatineau, QC had the largest turnout with 31 tables, followed by North Bay, ON with twenty-seven. The Vancouver Bridge Centre had 24 tables and both the Victoria Bridge Centre and the Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre had twenty-two. The CBF would like to express its appreciation to Kathie Macnab and Balon Buckley of Halifax for doing the analysis for this event. Complete results can be found on the CBF Website.



NATIONAL WINNERS (619 PAIRS)



| | |
|---|--------|
| 1. Rod Heigh & Chuck Nault, North Bay DBC | 70.00% |
| 2. Normand Nantel & Yolande Huot, Club de Bridge Du Parc | 69.72% |
| 3. Aline Doucet & Donna Clinch, Bathurst DBC | 69.39% |
| 4. Peter Minogue & Ted Kerr, North Bay DBC | 69.17% |
| 5. Pam Grey & Dianne Holmes, Leona Ogilvie BC | 68.33% |
| 6. George Holland & Keith Cameron, Halifax Bridge World | 67.56% |
| 7. May Jackman & Mary MacDougall, Mississauga-Oakville BC | 67.32% |
| 8. Kees Langereis & Paul Flanagan, Victoria Bridge Centre | 67.22% |
| 9. Cecile Turrall & Eleanor Walker, Victoria Bridge Centre | 66.67% |
| 10. Liz Gallagher & Michael Tarjan, Mississauga-Oakville BC | 66.36% |



ROOKIE MASTER THANKS

Twice a year the CBF holds a Canada Wide Rookie-Master game. For these games the CBF provides an analysis sheet. The analysis sheet is only possible because several Canadian players are kind enough to volunteer to do this thankless job. The CBF would like to thank all those who have done analysis for us in the past. We greatly appreciate all the work that you have put into this project. We also welcome offers from other Canadian players who would be willing to donate their time and energies to this project. Thank you to:

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| Dick Anderson : | 3 game reports | Aidan Ballantyne : | 4 game reports |
| Marilyn & Randy Bennett : | 2 game reports | Michael Betts : | 1 game report |
| Jeff Blond : | 1 game report | Balon Buckley : | 3 game reports |
| Ian Crowe : | 2 game reports | Nick & Judy Gartaganis : | 1 game report |
| George Holland : | 1 game report | Bob Kuz : | 1 game report |
| Kathie Macnab : | 1 game report | Gary Mitchell : | 1 game report |
| John Stewart : | 1 game report | Eric Sutherland : | 1 game report |
| Bill Treble : | 1 game report | | |
| Ray Jotcham : | 1 game and offering to do the next one | | |
| Steve MacKay : | 1 game and offering to do the next one | | |
| Jim Priebe : | 1 game and offering to do the next one | | |

2004 ROOKIE MASTER GAMES SCHEDULE

2004 Helen Shields Rookie Master game April 29, 2004

2004 Erin Berry Rookie Master game October 27, 2004



LE MOT DU PRESIDENT

par Jim Priebe

Plusieurs d'entre vous avez suivi de près ou de loin la performance de nos représentants à la Venice Cup et à la Bermuda Bowl. Quel déchirement pour l'équipe de l'open ! Nos équipes méritent toute notre reconnaissance pour leur performance.

Un des objectifs à long terme de la Fédération canadienne de bridge est de subventionner à 100 % les dépenses de nos représentants sur la scène internationale. Cette année, il nous a été impossible d'y arriver. Le site retenu pour la Bermuda Bowl et la Venice Cup (Monte-Carlo) était trop dispendieux pour notre budget. Nous n'avons pu rembourser que 50% des frais engagés par nos représentants. Par contre, il a été réconfortant de constater que les unités d'origine de nos joueurs les supportent financièrement.

Nous voulons mettre sur pied une structure qui nous permettrait de subventionner nos représentants dans les tournois internationaux. Cette année, les juniors nous ont ouvert la voie. Ils ont organisé avec succès deux tournois de bridge dans la région de Toronto pour recueillir des fonds pour leur

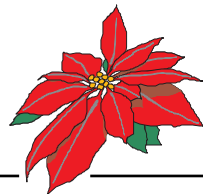
compétition internationale. Pourquoi n'en ferions-nous pas autant ?

Nous avons analysé plusieurs propositions visant à recueillir des fonds pour subventionner nos équipes chez les femmes et dans l'open dont augmenter la cotisation à la FCB, tenir des tournois de golf ou même des tournois de bridge !

Nous avons augmenté la cotisation annuelle à 9,00 \$ par année à partir d'aujourd'hui. Et nous tiendrons un tournoi régional annuel de la Fédération canadienne pour amasser des fonds pour les équipes internationales. Le premier de ces tournois aura lieu à Montréal en février 2004. Bien joué, Montréal ! Nous espérons scinder ce tournoi dans les prochaines années en un split-régional qui serait tenu simultanément dans l'Est et dans l'Ouest du pays chaque année. Bien entendu, ce tournoi aurait lieu pendant des périodes tranquilles pour ne pas interférer avec les autres régionaux.

Après deux ou trois ans, nous devrions être en mesure de couvrir la totalité des dépenses de nos équipes.

Merci à vous tous.



Tournois sectionnels :: Encore plus de points de maître !

imeriez-vous attribuer des points de maître de niveau régional pendant vos sectionnels ? Oui, c'est possible. Vous n'avez qu'à désigner les séances de vos tournois sectionnels qui feront partie du Fonds International — les joueurs paient 1,00 \$ CAN de plus pour jouer et les points de maître attribués pour ces séances seront de niveau régional. Le dollar supplémentaire sera ensuite envoyé au Fonds International de la

Fédération canadienne de bridge. Planifiez quelques-unes de ces séances à votre prochain sectionnel. Vous aiderez vos joueurs à remporter plus de points de maître tout en soutenant les équipes nationales canadiennes. Contactez-moi pour les détails de ces parties.



L'ÉPOPÉE DES CANADIENS À MONACO

par *Martine Lacroix*

Les représentants du Canada aux championnats du monde ont eu un long chemin à parcourir avant de s'y rendre. Non seulement ont-ils dû remporter le championnat canadien (CNTC et CWTC) de 2003, mais encore a-t-il fallu qu'ils affrontent et vainquent les champions de l'an dernier ainsi que la sélection nationale mexicaine pour déterminer qui, des deux pays, se rendraient à Monaco pour participer à la Bermuda Bowl (open) et à la Venice Cup (femmes).

Dans l'open, une équipe aux couleurs de la mosaïque canadienne comprenant des jeunes, des vétérans, des anglais, des français, des Ontariens, des Québécois, un Polonais, des nationalistes, des séparatistes... Kamel Fergani et Nicolas L'Écuyer, Jurek Czyzowicz et Darren Wolpert et, sans doute, la plus jeune paire à participer à un championnat du monde, Vincent Demuy, 19 ans, et Gavin Wolpert, 20 ans. Seul Kamel Fergani avait déjà concouru à la Bermuda Bowl. Pour les autres joueurs, il s'agissait d'une première expérience.

Vingt-deux équipes parmi les meilleures au monde doivent s'affronter dans un tournoi à la ronde : 21 matchs de 16 étuis, six jours de compétition à raison de trois ou quatre matchs par jour. De quoi devenir dingue ! Seules les huit premières équipes sont retenues pour les éliminatoires.

L'équipe de Fergani a été dans la course tout au long du tournoi à la ronde maintenant sa position entre la troisième et la huitième place jusqu'au

dernier match où elle s'est fait évincer par un seul point de victoire par USA2 qui, pour y arriver, devait blitzter ses adversaires dans les deux derniers matchs ! Un seul point de victoire ! Imaginez la déception des joueurs. Il y a eu 336 étuis joués en six jours et chacun des joueurs de l'équipe aurait pu récupérer ce point pendant pratiquement n'importe lequel des 21 matchs.

Chez les femmes, l'équipe est composée des piliers Dianna Gordon, Francine Cimon et Beverly Kraft auxquels s'ajoutent les nouvelles Brenda Bryant, Joan Eaton et Barbara Clinton.

Dix-huit équipes, là aussi les meilleures au monde, s'affrontent dans le tournoi à la ronde : 17 matchs de 16 étuis. L'équipe canadienne a gardé une position constante au classement durant tout le tournoi à la ronde pour terminer septième et accéder aux quarts de finale. Elle s'est finalement inclinée devant USA2.

Entre vous et moi, c'est quoi cette histoire de USA2 ? Les États-Unis ont droit d'office à deux équipes pour les représenter alors que le Canada doit affronter le Mexique pour obtenir le droit d'être représenté aux championnats du monde. Le moins qu'on puisse dire est que, cette année, ce droit-là nous aura fait perdre quelques belles médailles...

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Voici quelques mains récoltées pendant le tournoi à la ronde.

Bermuda Bowl, ronde no 10. Canada vs Brésil.

Donneur : Sud Vul. : Personne

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| | Nord | | Est |
| | ♠ A 9 3 | | ♠ R V 8 6 2 |
| | ♥ 10 7 6 5 3 | | ♥ V |
| | ♦ A 9 2 | | ♦ R D V |
| | ♣ 6 5 | | ♣ 10 7 4 3 |
| Ouest | | | |
| ♠ 7 4 | | | |
| ♥ R 9 4 2 | | | |
| ♦ 10 6 5 4 3 | | | |
| ♣ V 8 | | | |
| | Sud | | |
| | ♠ D 10 5 | | |
| | ♥ A D 8 | | |
| | ♦ 8 7 | | |
| | ♣ A R D 9 2 | | |

Dans les deux salles, Sud a atteint le contrat de 3SA après qu'Est ait fait une surenchère à pique. Aux deux tables, Ouest a entamé du 7 de pique. Faut-il laisser venir à la Dame ou appeler l'As. Réfléchissez bien avant de continuer.

Salle ouverte.

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|---------|-----------|-------|------|
| Wolpert | Junqueira | Demuy | Maia |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| Passe | 1♥ | 1♠ | 1SA |
| Passe | 2♣ | Passe | 2♦ |
| Passe | 2SA | Passe | 3SA |
| Passe | Passe | Passe | |

Le déclarant brésilien, Maia, laisse venir l'entame à sa Dame. Demuy prend du Roi et contre-attaque de la Dame de carreau. Le déclarant prend le troisième carreau avec l'As et encaisse trois trèfles maîtres, découvrant le partage 4-2 de la couleur. Il poursuit

l'affranchissement de son dernier trèfle en concédant le Valet à Vincent Demuy. Celui-ci revient avec le Valet de cœur, couvert par la Dame et le Roi, ce qui permet à Wolpert d'encaisser ses carreaux maîtres pour la chute du contrat.

Salle fermée.

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Campos | L'Écuyer | Aranha | Fergani |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| Passe | 1♥ | 1♠ | X* |
| Passe | 2♥ | Passe | 2SA |
| Passe | 3SA | Passe | |

* Contre de soutien.

Fergani gagne l'entame à pique avec l'As du mort et procède à l'affranchissement des coeurs en jouant un petit cœur à sa Dame, qu'Ouest laisse passer. Il poursuit avec l'As de cœur, Sud défaussant un pique, puis le 8 de cœur pour le Roi. Campos continue l'attaque à pique pour le Roi de son partenaire, qui change au Roi de carreau, pris au mort avec l'As. Fergani encaisse ensuite ses deux coeurs maîtres et réclame 11 levées.

12 imps pour le Canada et un match victorieux contre le Brésil.

Bermuda Bowl, ronde no 19. Canada vs USA1.

Les Canadiens affrontent USA1, l'équipe qui a remporté la Bermuda Bowl. Ils ne se laissent pas impressionner et récoltent 23 points de victoire.

Prenez place en Ouest et dites-moi quelle est votre enchère après une ouverture non vulnérable de 3♣ à votre droite alors que vous êtes vulnérable jusqu'aux oreilles :

♠ 8 ♥ A R V 10 5 ♦ A V 7 ♣ A D 6 5

Si, comme Bob Hamman, vous faites une simple surenchère à 3♥, eh bien! vous n'aurez aucune difficulté à rentrer 10 levées et à perdre 10 imps. Les barrages peuvent rendre la vie difficile aux adversaires, a dû se dire Vincent Demuy, qui n'a pas hésité à faire une telle enchère avec la main de Sud contre les meilleurs joueurs au monde !

Donneur : Sud

Vul. : E/O

Nord

♠ A D V 9 7 5

♥ 8 3

♦ D 10 9 6

♣ 2

Ouest

♠ 8

♥ A R V 10 5

♦ A V 7

♣ A D 6 5

Est

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ D 7 4

♦ 4 3 2

♣ R 8

Sud

♠ R

♥ 9 6 2

♦ R 8 5

♣ V 10 9 7 4 3

Salle ouverte.

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| Hamman | Wolpert | Soloway | Demuy |
| — | — | — | 3♣ |
| 3♥ | Passe | Passe | Passe |

+170 pour E/O.

Salle fermée.

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Czyzowicz | Nickell | Wolpert | Freeman |
| — | — | — | Passe |
| 1♥ | 2♠ | Passe | Passe |
| X | Passe | 3♥ | Passe |
| 4♥ | Passe | Passe | Passe |

+620 pour E/O et 10 imps pour le Canada.

Venice Cup, ronde 10

Bermuda Bowl, ronde 13

Canada vs Chine : Canada vs USA2

Vous relevez en Est la main suivante :

♠ A V 10 3 ♥ A R 4 ♦ 7 6 4 3 ♣ D 2

On ouvre d'un trèfle à votre gauche, passe par votre partenaire, un coeur à votre droite.

Quelle est votre enchère ?

Vous optez pour un contre d'appel puisque vous recevez votre partenaire dans les deux couleurs non déclarées. L'ouvreur continue avec 1♠ qui promet une main irrégulière plus longue à trèfle qu'à pique et qui dénie trois cartes à coeur. Son partenaire invite à 3♠ et l'ouvreur accepte l'invitation à la manche.

Donneur : Sud

Vul. : Tous

Nord

♠ D 9 8 4

♥ V 10 9 3

♦ A R V 9

♣ 7

Est

♠ A V 10 3

♥ A R 4

♦ 7 6 4 3

♣ D 2

Votre partenaire entame du 5 de carreau (top d'un doubleton ou petit d'une trois cartes), le déclarant gagne la levée avec l'As du mort et appelle le 4 de pique. À vous.

Avez-vous fourni un petit en deuxième ? La question est cruciale. Si vous êtes sûr à 100% de pouvoir encaisser vos deux levées de coeur, laissez-vous passer ce pique ? Non. Car vous avez la chute entre les mains et on ne duque pas la levée de chute, n'est-ce pas ? Le dilemme d'Est est le suivant : combien de

coeurs peut-il encaisser? Si la réponse est un, alors il a besoin de trois levées à pique pour faire chuter le contrat et il doit laisser passer le premier tour. Si la réponse est deux, il doit monter de l'As de pique et encaisser ses coeurs maîtres. Pas facile. Dans les deux événements (Bermuda Bowl et Venice Cup) les adversaires des Canadiens ont laissé passer ce petit pique, ne sachant pas qu'ils peuvent encaisser deux coeurs! La main complète :

Donneur : Sud

Vul. : Tous

Nord

♠ D 9 8 4

♥ V 10 9 3

♦ A R V 9

♣ 7

Ouest

♠ 7

♥ 8 7 6 5

♦ 10 8 5

♣ 10 8 6 4 3

Sud

♠ R 6 5 2

♥ D 2

♦ D 2

♣ A R V 9 5

Est

♠ A V 10 3

♥ A R 4

♦ 7 6 4 3

♣ D 2

Ouest

Nord

Est

Sud

—

—

—

1♣

Passe

1♥

X

1♠*

Passe

3♠

Passe

4♠

Passe

Passe

Passe

* Main irrégulière.

Entame : le 5 de carreau.

Autant chez les femmes que dans l'open, les deux déclarants, Cimon et Fergani, ont adopté le même plan de jeu. Ils gagnent l'entame carreau avec l'As et appellent un petit pique du mort. Est, incertain du nombre de coeurs qu'il peut encaisser, laisse passer. Trop tard ! Sud emporte la levée avec le Roi de pique et

débloque la Dame de carreau. L'As de trèfle, suivi d'un trèfle coupé, pour rendre la main au mort, et défausser deux coeurs sur les carreaux maîtres. Ensuite, le pauvre Est est obligé de couvrir le Valet de cœur, Sud coupe et joue le Roi de trèfle sur lequel il écarte un cœur du mort. Est coupe, mais le coup est terminé et le flanc ne fait que trois levées d'atout.

À l'autre table, dans la Bermuda Bowl, Vincent Demuy a contré 4♠ que Bobby Wolf — multiple champion du monde — a surcontré. Gavin Wolpert a trouvé l'entame à cœur. Demuy a encaissé ses coeurs maîtres et a attendu patiemment ses trois levées à pique. Le contrat a chuté de deux levées +1000 pour le Canada.

Venice Cup, ronde 6 : Canada vs Brésil

Donneur : Est

Vul. : N/S

Nord

♠ A 10 3

♥ A V 10

♦ 10 7

♣ R 10 6 5 3

Ouest

♠ 9 5

♥ 9 8 5 4 3 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 8 4

Est

♠ V 7

♥ D 7 6

♦ R 8 5

♣ A D V 9 2

Sud

♠ R D 8 6 4 2

♥ R

♦ A D V 4 3

♣ 7

En salle ouverte, les enchères :

Ouest

Nord

Est

Sud

—

—

1♣

1♠

Passe

2♣

Passe

4SA

Passe

5♥

Passe

6♣

Passe

Passe

Passe

Entame : le 8 de trèfle.



L'entame à trèfle se rend au Valet d'Est qui enchaîne avec le 7 de pique, remporté par le 10 du mort. Cimon appelle le 7 de carreau pour son Valet et continue avec le Roi de cœur, pris de l'As, pour reprendre l'impasse à carreau. Elle termine avec un carreau coupé de l'As de pique et pique pour retirer les atouts restants et réclamer son contrat.

En salle ouverte, les enchères :

| Ouest | Nord | Est | Sud |
|--------|------|--------|-------|
| Bryant | | Gordon | |
| — | — | 1SA* | 2♠** |
| Passe | 4♠ | Passe | Passe |
| Passe | | | |

* Faible : 12-14. ** Pique et une mineure.

L'ouverture à 1SA faible complique la vie d'Est-Ouest qui ne semblent pas avoir de méthode montrer un bicolore fort. Francine Cimon et Beverly Kraft jouent un intéressant système où 2SA montre soit les deux mineures ou une main très forte avec deux couleurs. Sur 2SA, Nord aurait annoncé 4♣ et Sud aurait poursuivi avec 4♦ indiquant une très bonne main avec les carreaux et une majeure. Nord aurait pu sauter à 6♥ demandant à son partenaire de passer ou de corriger dans l'autre majeure. Elles auraient quand même atteint le chelem. Les Brésiliennes n'ayant pas de système se sont contentées de la manche. 13 imps pour le Canada.

CHAMPIONNAT SÉNIOR CANADIEN PAR ÉQUIPES (CSTC)

Le conseil d'administration de la FCB a décidé en 2003 d'ajouter au calendrier des compétitions celle du Championnat senior canadien par équipes. Pour en savoir plus sur les conditions de participation : www.cbf.ca.

Première journée : qualification. Le format dépendra du nombre d'équipes admissibles inscrites. Le champ sera réduit après la première journée en fonction de son ampleur et du nombre d'équipes provenant des autres compétitions.

Deuxième journée : élimination. Elle servira à réduire le nombre d'équipes à deux finalistes.

Troisième journée : finale. Elle consistera en un KO de 64 planchettes. Veuillez vérifier le détail sur le web.

Les joueurs qui auront joué la finale pourront participer au

Championnat canadien par paires (COPC) et recevront un bonus d'un top.

Le prix d'entrée pour chaque journée sont de 200 \$ par équipe.

L'équipe victorieuse de la CSTC 2004 pourra représenter le Canada à la deuxième Coupe senior aux Olympiades mondiales, du 20 au 24 octobre 2004, à Istanbul en Turquie. La subvention pour la Coupe senior sera de 1000 \$, augmentée des fonds recueillis dans le Senior International Funds games.

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CALENDAR

Canadian Open Pairs Championship

- **Qualification dans les clubs**
1er septembre au 31 déc 2003
- **Finale nationale**
25 - 26 juin '04 Bridge Week
- **Club Round**
Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2003
- **National Final**
June 25 - 26, '04 Bridge Week

Canadian Open Team Championship

- **Qualification dans les clubs**
1er sept 2003 au 31 jan 2004
- **Les finales de zone**
doivent être complétées avant le 12 avril 2004
- **Finale nationale** - Bridge Week
CNTC-A 19 - 26 juin 2004
CNTC-B 20 - 24 juin 2004
- **Club Round**
Sept 1, 2003 - Jan 31, 2004
- **Zone Finals**
Must be completed by Apr 12, 2004
- **National Final** Bridge Week
CNTC A - June 19-26, 2004
CNTC B - June 20-24, 2004

Canadian Women's Team Championship

- Les noms des représentants de zone doivent être transmis à la Coordinatrice nationale au plus tard le 12 avril 2004
- Zone representatives must be reported to the CBF Executive Assistant no later than April 12, 2004.
- **Finale nationale**
20-24 juin 2004, Bridge Week
- **National Final**
June 20-24, 2004, Bridge Week

Canadian Senior Teams Championship

Qualification / Finale June 23-25, 2004, Bridge Week

2004 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

| | | |
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| International Fund Game ACBL Wide #1 | January 24 | Sat aft : Hand Records |
| International Fund Game Week #1 | January 19-25 | Shuffle Deal and Play |
| Junior Fund Game Month | February | all month |
| CBF Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) | February 16 - 22 | Hand Records |
| ACBL-wide Senior Fund Game | February 23 | Monday Afternoon |
| 1st Annual CBF Regional (see page 5) | February 24-29 | Four Points Hotel, Montreal |
| Olympiad Fund Game - Canada | March 9 | Tues eve : Hand Records |
| ACBL-wide Charity Game | March 24 | Wed eve : Hand Records |
| Charity Week | Mar 22-28 | Shuffle Deal and Play |
| Helen Shields Rookie Master Game | April 29 | Thursday : Hand Records |
| International Fund Game ACBL Wide #2 | May 13 | Thu eve : Hand Records |
| International Fund Game Week #2 | May 10-16 | Shuffle Deal and Play |
| Bridge Week Canada, St. Catharines | June 19-26 | See events above |
| International Fund Game ACBL Wide #3 | July 9 | Hand records |
| International Fund Game Week #3 | July 5-11 | Shuffle Deal and Play |
| Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game | October 13 | Wed Eve : Hand Records |
| Erin Berry Rookie Master Game | October 27 | Thursday : Hand Records |

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| Sun, June 20 | CNTC-A | Round Robin |
| | CNTC-B | Round Robin |
| | CWTC | Round Robin |
| Mon, June 21 | CNTC-A | Round Robin |
| | CNTC-B | Round Robin |
| | CWTC | Round Robin |
| Tue, June 22 | CNTC-A | Round Robin |
| | CNTC-B | Round Robin |
| | CWTC | Round Robin |
| Wed, June 23 | CNTC-A | Quarter Finals |
| | CNTC-B | Semi-finals |
| | CWTC | Quarter Final/Semi-Final* |
| | CSTC | Day 1 : Qualifying |
| Thur, June 24 | CNTC-A | Semi-Final Sessions 1 & 2 |
| | CNTC-B | Final |
| | CWTC | Semi-final/Final** |
| | CSTC | Day 2 : Semi-Finals |
| | CIMP | Two Sessions |
| Fri, June 25 | CNTC-A | Semi-Final Session 3 |
| | | Final - Session 1 |
| | CWTC | Final*** |
| | CSTC | Final |
| | COPC | Day 1 qualifying round |
| Sat, June 26 | CNTC-A | Final sessions 2 & 3 |
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- 2* if more than 16 teams enter it will be SF, otherwise Final
- 3* if more than 16 teams, otherwise no play on this day.