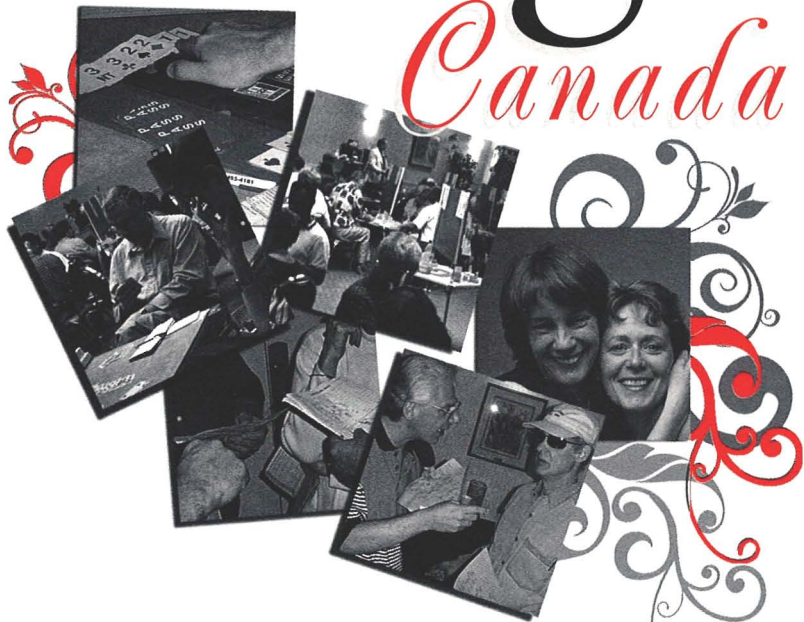


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

le mot du président

by Mike Hartop

Bridge week approaches once again and I look forward to seeing old friends and some new in Montreal. Nader Hanna is doing a great job with our juniors and we look forward to sending as many teams to Beijing as our limited funding will allow.

Nader and other Zone representatives have also been soliciting your input into the format and running of the national CNTC event. The questionnaire was in the general form of "Are the CNTCs an appropriate way to select Canada's national teams and what alternatives do we have?"

To those of you who have taken the time to respond I thank you. The input we now have will be considered carefully at our May meetings.

If you have not been contacted and have an opinion on this issue, even if it is "leave things alone", I would be pleased to hear from you by e-mail at mikehartop@rogers.com

The CBF is your national body for bridge matters and I will take all comments on any Canadian bridge matters to the Board for discussion.

I want to wish Jean Castonguay (a tireless worker for the CBF) a speedy recovery from his most serious health problem. Our thoughts are with you.

Good bridge!

Encore une fois, la semaine de bridge approche et j'éprouve tout autant de hâte à revoir les vieux amis que les nouveaux à Montréal. Nader Hanna fait une job sensationnelle avec les juniors et nous espérons envoyer autant d'équipes à Beijing que nos fonds nous le permettent. Nader, ainsi que les autres représentants de zone, vous ont aussi demandé votre avis sur le format et la tenue du CNTC, notre championnat national. Le sondage a pris la forme d'une question générale : « Est-ce que le CNTC est une manière appropriée de sélectionner les équipes canadiennes et, sinon, quelles sont les alternatives ? » Je remercie tous ceux qui ont pris le temps d'y répondre. Nous allons maintenant analyser tout cela à notre réunion de mai.

Si vous n'avez pas été contactés et que vous avez une opinion à partager, même si elle consiste à laisser les choses telles quelles, nous aimerions le savoir. Écrivez-moi à mikehartop@rogers.com. La FCB est à votre service pour tout ce qui concerne le bridge et je vais transmettre tous vos commentaires au c.a. aux fins de discussion.

J'aimerais souhaiter à l'infatigable Jean Castonguay un prompt rétablissement pour ses problèmes de santé. Nos pensées sont avec toi.

Bon bridge!

What are the World Bridge Games? The recently established International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) is organizing the 1st World Mind Sports Games, following the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, October 3-18. IMSA comprises Bridge, Chess, Draughts and Go. All these mind sports (and Chinese Chess, in addition) will be represented at the inaugural World Mind Sports Games, which may well prove the doorstep to the Olympic Games. All WBF member countries are invited and expected to participate in the World Bridge Games, i.e. the bridge series of the 1st World Mind Sports Games. More information can be found throughout this magazine and on the website www.worldbridge.org

ERIN BERRY MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established in 2001 as a trust fund set up by Erin Berry's father, Larry Berry. The Trust Account is meant to help Juniors 19 or younger with expenses incurred to attend bridge events. The Memorial Fund will be used to help subsidize Youth Category Canadian players, who are members of the CBF, for bridge related activities. In no case will any individual receive more than 75% subsidy for the bridge activity.

Application Deadline is May 15

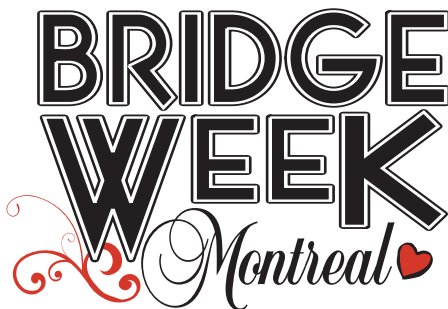
To apply for an award from the Erin Berry Youth Memorial Fund, an application for funding must be submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant by May 15th. This application must include the following:

- Candidate's name, address and ACBL number.
- Candidate's birth date and a copy of their birth certificate.
- Description of the event they wish subsidy for, with particulars on dates, cost, etc.
- Budget of expenses for each event.

The types of events that might be covered for funding are:

Bridge Camps
World Scholar Games
Bridge Training Sessions
Canadian Junior Trials
World Youth Team Championship
World Schools Team Championship
Other bridge related activities.

Only after the above are granted will the Trustees take a look at tournaments. Funding will not be given for cash prize events or for events in which an individual is receiving pay or compensation - thus making it a professional arrangement.



MAY 24-31, 2008

**Hilton Montréal Aéroport
Dorval, Québec**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CNTC-FLIGHT A : Round Robin Saturday, May 24 - Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
Quarterfinals Wednesday, May 28, 2008.
Semifinals Thursday, May 29, 2008. 128-board final Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31, 2008.

CNTC-FLIGHT B : Round Robin Sunday, May 25 - Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Semifinals Wednesday, May 28, 2008. 72-board Final Thursday, May 29, 2008

CWTC : Round Robin Sunday, May 25 - Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Semifinals Wednesday, May 28, 2008. 72-board Final Thursday, May 29, 2008.

COPC : Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2008.

CSTC : Four day event: Wednesday, May 28 - Saturday, May 31, 2008

CIPC : One day, two session event: Thursday, May 29, 2008

DAILY RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE
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**SOME OF THE FINALS WILL BE
FEATURED ON VUGRAPH**
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from the **cbf OFFICE**

Executive Assistant Jan Andersson

CBF Annual General Meeting

Saturday, May 31, 2008
9:00 am
Montreal Aéroport Hilton
2008 Canadian Bridge Week.

This meeting is open to all paid-up members of the Canadian Bridge Federation. The Agenda of the meeting will cover:

- Adoption of 2007 AGM minutes
- Appointment of CBF Auditors
- Confirmation of Zone Directors
- Highlights of the 2008 CBF Board of Director Meetings
- Highlights of the 2008 CBF Charity Foundation Trustees Meetings
- Any other new business.

CBF Charitable Foundation

Attention Club Managers

The ACBL Rules and Regulations governing Charity Fund Club Championships state that the first Charity Club Championship game a club holds must be for the CBF Charity Foundation. The fee of \$4 a table must be submitted to the CBF. After this initial game, you may alternate Charity Club Championship games between the CBF Charitable Fund and local charities. Every second Charity Club Championship game must be for the CBF Charitable Foundation. All proceeds for the CBF Charitable Foundation are to be sent to the CBF office.

CLUB MANAGER Sanction Packages ARRIVE IN JULY

Watch your mail in early July for a package of sanction applications for CBF events. This package will include applications for the following:

- CNTC and COPC club qualifying games
- 2008 Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game and
- 2009 Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game
- 2009 CBF STAC

Please make sure you apply for sanctions if your club will be holding any of these games.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL **Canadian Bridge Federation Website**

In 1995, the CBF website was the first NCBO website on the internet. At that time, our website was made up of just a few pages and a links section. Over the 13 years since then, the site has grown with new sections, new menus and new pages added as the need arose.

The time has come to rebuild the website from the ground up and this rebuilding must be done with the next 13 years in mind. We are looking for proposals from companies or individuals familiar with either Drupal or Joomla cms systems. The new site design and content will be managed by current webmaster, Jude Goodwin. A successful candidate will be able to work using basecamp, email, and skype with Jude Goodwin and Goodwin Studios. For more info, visit www.cbf.ca. **Deadline for proposals is May 15, 2008** Please respond by email to Jude Goodwin, Webmaster jude@cbf.ca

2008 World Wide Bridge Contest

The 2008 World Wide Bridge Contest will be held on June 6 and 7 and is open to clubs throughout the world. Make sure your club is registered to participate!

Participation is easy – it is a fun event, with players going to their normal club for the evening and playing the special hands. At the end of the evening they will get an excellent commentary by Eric Kokish and then have the fun of watching the results being uploaded to the servers from all the participating clubs. Their scores will change throughout the next 24-48 hours as new sets of results are submitted and the event is re-scored across the whole field each time. Then the final winner is announced.

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meetings

The CBF Board of Directors will meet in Montreal, May 20 - 22, 2008 just prior to Bridge Week. If you have any matters you wish to have discussed by the Board, please contact your Zone Director or Jan Anderson.

Youth North American Bridge Championships

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Atlanta, Georgia



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www.youthnabc.org

Your chance to play in a world championship

For most world championships, it is necessary to qualify. This fall, at the World Mind Sport Games in Beijing, China, you can play in the World Transnational Mixed Teams without playing in a team trial. Players must be members in good standing of their National Bridge Organization. This means that any Canadians playing in this event must be paid-up members of the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF). Teams and/or players must contact the CBF to request nomination to play in the Mixed Team Championship in Beijing.

The Transnational Mixed Teams is expected to begin on Sunday, Oct. 12 or Monday, Oct. 13. Entry fee is \$1500 US per team. The format will depend on the final number of entries, but is likely to be Swiss type, followed by a Knockout stage (starting with the round of 16 or 8) to determine the Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists.

Teams must consist of two or three Mixed Pairs playing in partnership.

The World Mind Sport Games begin October 3 and continue through October 18. They will consist of Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and Chinese Chess.

For more information, visit
<http://www.worldbridge.org>

To register for the Transnational Mixed Teams please submit your name, ACBL number and details on your team-mates (name, ACBL number if they have one and country of residency) to the CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson.

Entries must be submitted by June 30, 2008.



NORWAY

by Waldemar Frukacz

The team of Piotr Klimowicz, Jeff Smith, Waldemar Frukacz, Kamel Fergani, Nicolas L'Ecuyer, and John Zaluski (with Nader Hanna npc) represented Canada in the 2007 World Championships.

There were a couple of interesting boards from our round robin match against Norway.

Open Room

W: Waldemar Frukacz
N: Ulf Tundal
E: Piotr Klimowicz
S: Glenn Groethelm

Closed Room

Geir Helgemo
Nicolas L'Ecuyer
Tor Helness
Kamel Fergani

RR Bd 17. Dlr N. Vul None.

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

Open Room: Lead ♠9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	3♣	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

What do you play to trick two after taking first trick with the ♠A? I played ♣J to the King and quickly collected 10 tricks, +430.

In the Closed Room the contract was 4NT and the opening lead was the same. Helgemo was declaring and played a heart to the Jack. The defence now found the diamond switch and the contract went down.

Result: 10 imps for Canada.

RR Bd 23. Dlr S. Vul Both

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

Open Room: Lead ♥3.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣(1)	Pass	1♦(2)	Pass
2♥(3)	Pass	3♠(4)	Pass
6♥	All pass		

- (1) Polish Club, forcing for one round
- (2) Artificial, in most cases 0-8 HCP
- (3) 19+ HCP, 6+ hearts
- (4) Splinter, 3 card support 7-10 HCPC, or 4 card support 5-6 HCP

After taking the first trick with the ♥A, I played my singleton club, North played the Jack and I ducked in dummy. Another heart was played, taken in dummy with the ♥10, as South discarded a small spade. I played a small club from the dummy ruffing in my hand, and then ♠A and another spade ruffed in dummy. After another club ruff this was the position:

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

On the play of ♥Q South is squeezed in 3 suits. Hoping for the ♠J in partner's hand, South discarded the ♠K. +1430 and ... a push board! After the same lead, Helgemo played at trick two the ♣K of clubs and made the contract the easy way.

There were some interesting statistics for this board. In the Open event, 10 pairs bid 6♥ with just one declarer failing to make the contract. The remaining 12 pairs bid game. In the Women's field, 7 pairs bid 6♥, again one failing. The remaining 15 pairs bid game. In the Seniors event, 6 pairs bid and made 6♥, - the remaining 16 pairs bid game.

RR Bd 25. Dir N. Vul EW.

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

Open Room: Lead ♠7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣(1)	1♦	1♥(2)	Pass
2♦(3)	Pass	3♥(4)	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All pass

- (1) Polish Club, forcing for one round
- (2) 4+ hearts, 7+HCP
- (3) 18+HCP, 3+ hearts artificial
- (4) 5 hearts with shortness

Once seeing the dummy I was not happy to be only at the 4-level. In the Closed Room, Helgemo/Helness bid to 6♥. When diamonds didn't split, Helgemo made the contract by playing for favorable positions in clubs and hearts. *Result: 13 imps for Norway.*

RR Bd 27. Dir S. Vul None.

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

Open Room: Lead ♠ J

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♠	dbl	1NT
Pass	2♠	dbl	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

After the ♠J lead I went one down. In the closed room Helgemo and Helness bid to 4♥. After a ♣3 lead Helgemo showed his skill, correctly reading the diamond, heart and club positions, and with the help of a small defensive error, he made this super-aggressive contract.

SENIOR AGE INCREASE PUT ON HOLD IN 2008

Beginning in 2005, the WBF began increasing the Senior Age by one year with the intent of it becoming 60 in 2009. This age increase did not apply to ACBL Senior events but only to WBF Senior events and our Canadian championships that select a Canadian Senior team to represent Canada in the World Senior Event. For the 2008 Mind Sport Games, the WBF has put a hold on this increase – the age will remain 58 as it was in 2007. Thus our Canadian Senior Team Championship will again be open to all players who are 58 or older in 2008 (born in 1950 or earlier). In 2009 the age will increase to 59 and become 60 in 2010.

MY FAVORITE HAND FROM SHANGHAI

By Sylvia Caley

My favorite hand from Shanghai comes from Segment 4 of our Quarterfinal Match against Germany.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

At my table the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Caley	S-Meuer	Smith	Alberti
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

I didn't bid directly over South's 2NT bid because I didn't want to overstate my values but I felt quite comfortable reentering the auction when 3♣ was passed to me. North competed to 4♣ and partner raised me to 4♥ which was doubled by North.

The opening lead was the ♣A followed by a low trump! I won the trump switch in dummy and played a spade which was won by South. South exited with King and another club which I ruffed. Now by taking ruffing finesses twice in spades I scored +590.

At our teammates' table the auction was quite different.

West	North	East	South
Auken	Cimon	v Arnim	Fajgelzon
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I think that Francine liked her spade holding and saw no reason not to overcall 1NT. After her partner raised her to 3NT, the auction had gotten a little high for Auken to introduce her heart suit.

The opening lead was a low diamond which Francine won in the closed hand with the ♦9. Next she played a club to the King and a club back. When the ♣Q appeared Francine simply cashed her 9 tricks: 2♠, 2♦ and 5♣ for +600.

The average score on this hand in the four Venice Cup matches was +125 NS. Both our pairs were well ahead of par on this one. That's what I like, teamwork!

E-BAN takes effect at Summer NABC

A new ban on electronic devices goes into effect for all nationally rated events at the 2008 Summer NABC. The new policy reads as follows: Electronic devices, excluding health-related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication, including but not limited to, headphones, earphones, cellular phones and mini-computers: (1) shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, restrooms or accessible break areas; and (2) shall not be used during a session.

These restrictions shall apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, recorders and kibitzers and shall apply throughout any actual playing session or segment. A violation of this policy shall result in a disciplinary penalty of one full board (or 12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense shall result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy shall be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session. These devices are not permitted near the playing area, even if they are turned off.

LEBI, JACOB

TAKE SILODOR PAIRS TITLE.

Detroit NABC, March 2008

Canadians Robert Lebi and Dan Jacob scored two 60% games in the final sessions of the Detroit NABC Silodor Open Pairs to win the event by less than a board. It was the third NABC title for Lebi, of Toronto, (the others were the Fast Pairs in 2006 and the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1989) but the first for Jacob, of Vancouver, BC. The winners posted a 59.74% score in the after noon, and had a 61.59% game in the evening. Their total score (with carryover) was 2598.74. (Top in the final was 77) Lebi and Jacob were 17th after Friday's qualifying round, but had moved into third place after the first final session. Because the champs live far from each other, they frequently practice online. Lebi is a retired systems analyst for the Royal Bank of Canada. Jacob reviews construction engineering projects for the Canadian government.

Taking advantage of opportunities was part of their winning strategy. On this deal (rotated) from the second final session, written up in the Daily Bulletin Number 4, the pair earned almost all the matchpoints when Jacob took full advantage of the opponents' bidding to make a lead-directing double for Lebi (see right):



Dir S. Vul None.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

The double, of course, asked for the lead of dummy's first suit, hearts. Lebi obediently led the ♥9, and the defense soon scored two hearts tricks and a heart ruff. Although careful play will allow declarer to escape for down one, declarer dropped another trick late in the play. That, along with the ♣A, left declarer down two. Plus 300 was good for 76.5 out of a possible 77 matchpoints for the winners.

Other Canadians did well at the NABC. Notably, Morrie Kleinplatz of Windsor, ON won the Silver Ribbon pairs with partner Sheldon Kirsch of West Bloomfield, MI. In the NAPs, Marielle Brentnall and David Sired of Winnipeg, MB finished 3rd in Flight B and Kaiyu Qian and Jiawei Luo of Markham, ON finished 2nd in Flight C.

CALEY'S COMMENTS

by Sylvia Caley

We're planning a new series of articles for beginning and advancing players entitled 'Caley's Comments' by Sylvia Caley, one of Canada's top women bridge players. If you would like to submit questions on partnership agreements, bidding or opening leads, Sylvia will try to answer as many as possible in the new series. Please send your questions to the editor <jude@cbf.ca>.

Balancing

by Martine Lacroix

If your pass would mean that the bidding is over, you are in the balancing seat. Let's have a look at the most common 'balancing' situation.

Opener makes a bid which is followed by two passes. You have some values and wonder if you should keep the bidding alive. To 'balance' means the same as to 'reopen'. Here are some guidelines.

You might not have opened with your hand, but you may balance with around 10 points. Partner should keep that in mind and take care not to get you too high; he should respond as if he had a King less than he actually holds. Moreover, pre-emptive bids do not exist at this stage. If you truly wish to prevent opponents from finding their best fit, just keep quiet and pass.

Bid of suit : 8-14 HCP. The better the suit, the fewer points you need. If you must balance at the 2 level, you should be more careful (10 HCP).

Take-out double : 10+ HCP. Denies a 5-card suit. You may even choose to do it with as little as 8 HCP.

1NT : 11-15 HCP, balanced.

2 NT : 19-20 HCP, balanced.

Cuebid : Michaels, or all hands with 17 HCP or more.

Jump bid : 14-16 HCP. A hand you would have opened in first seat. 6-card suit, or 5 solid.

Taking the above into consideration, what do you bid with each of the following hands after the bidding has been:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	Pass P	ass	?

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

Solutions:

- 1) Double. A classic take-out double. If you were in second seat, it would be a minimum, but it becomes a must in re-opening seat.
- 2) 1NT. Regular distribution, promising at least one heart stopper and between 11-15 HCP. One bid tells your partner all.
- 3) 3♦. A jump in a suit promises an intermediate hand, 15-16 HCP, with a good 6-card suit, or more.
- 4) 2NT. 19-20 HCP, balanced hand.
- 5) Pass, or 2♦? You have a good suit and enough points to bid 2♦, but who has the spades? Your partner, who is marked with some values, did not overcall. As I said earlier, if you want to prevent your opponents from finding their fit, don't give them the chance to bid again - pass!

WORLD YOUTH CATEGORIES DEFINED

In Beijing at the World Mind Sport Games there will be three Youth Category team events. 1) World Youth Mind Sport Games Event: players born in 1980 or later. 2) World Youth Championship (Ortiz-Patiño Trophy): players born in 1982 or later. 3) World Under 21 Championship (José Damiani Cup): players born in 1987 or later. There will also be World Youth Mind Sport Pairs and Individual contests open to all players born in 1980 or later.

Basics of Elimination Play

by David Bird

One of the most frequently occurring endplay techniques is known as 'elimination play'. Suppose you are in a contract of 4♠. You have a side suit where it would assist you if the defenders made the first play:

♦ Q 8 2
♦ K 10 3 ♦ A 9 7 4
♦ J 6 5

As the cards lie, you cannot make a diamond trick if you play the suit yourself. However, if East or West has to lead the suit first, the situation is different. One of them will have to play high in third seat and you will then make the queen or jack on the third round. The idea of elimination play is to put a defender on lead at a time when he will have to make the first play in your problem suit (diamonds, here) or give you a ruff-and-sluff. Let's put those diamonds into the context of a complete deal:

Neither Vul. ♠ K 5
Dealer South ♥ K 9 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ K J 10 3

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

West	North East	South
Pass 2	♣	1NT
Pass 4	♥	♥
	All Pass	

West leads the ♠Q against your heart game. How will you play the contract?

The black suits are solid. You have one loser in the trump suit, provided it breaks 3-2 (as

you must hope). Diamonds is your 'problem suit' and you would dearly like the defenders to make the first lead there. This wish is about to be granted!

You win the spade lead and play the ace and king of trumps, both defenders following. The idea now is to put a defender on lead with a third round of trumps. It is no good doing this immediately because then the defender would have a safe exit in either black suit. Before exiting with a trump, you must 'eliminate' the two black suits.

The first step is to cash your remaining spade honor. This is the first way to eliminate a suit — by leaving yourself with no cards in either hand, the defenders will not be able to play a spade without giving you a ruff-and-sluff.

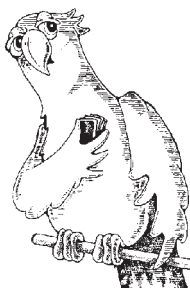
Next you cash three rounds of clubs. This is the second way of eliminating a suit. By removing all of the defenders' cards, you again prevent them from exiting safely in the suit. This position remains:



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

You play a trump, putting West on lead and at the same time eliminating the trump suit by removing the defenders' last card there. What is the result of all of this hard work?

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Le réveil

par Martine Lacroix

Lorsque vous êtes le dernier à parler et qu'un passe mettrait fin aux enchères, on dit que vous êtes en position de réveil

Aujourd'hui je vais vous entretenir de la situation la plus courante: le donneur ouvre les enchères et il est suivi de deux passes .

Vous avez quelques valeurs et vous vous demandez s'il faut passer ou garder les enchères ouvertes? Voici quelques informations qu'il est bon de savoir à ce moment. Dans cette position, vous pouvez annoncer avec la valeur d'un Roi de moins qu'en position normale. Le partenaire devra en tenir compte pour les enchères subséquentes. Il devra enchérir comme s'il avait un Roi en moins, afin de ne pas trop élever le niveau des enchères. En plus, il n'existe plus de barrage à ce stade. Si vous désirez empêcher les adversaires de trouver leur meilleur contrat, passez!

Annonce d'une couleur: 8-14 points. Plus la couleur est belle, moins on a besoin de points. Au niveau de 2, être plus prudent (10 pts).

Contre d'appel: 10+ PH . Dénie une couleur cinquième. (Peut même avoir aussi peu que 8 PH)

1SA: 11-15 PH, main régulière.

2SA: 19-20 PH, main régulière.

Cue-bid: Michael.s ou toutes les mains de 17 PH et plus.

Enchère à saut: 14-16 PH (ouverture) avec 6 cartes ou 5 solides.

Si vous partez de ce principe, quelle sera votre enchère pour chacune des mains suivantes :

Ouest	Nor	d	Est	Sud
1♥	Passé	P	asse	?

1) ♠ R D 9 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A 5 4 2 ♣ V 7 6 2

2) ♠ R D 9 6 ♥ A D 5 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ D 10 2

3) ♠ V 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ A R V 10 8 7 ♣ A D 5

4) ♠ A D 2 ♥ A D 4 ♦ A 7 6 4 ♣ R 4 3

5) ♠ 4 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A R V 8 7 6 ♣ V 7 6 4

Réponses

1) Contre. Un contre d'appel classique. Minimum en second siège, mais obligatoire en réouverture.

2) 1SA. Une main régulière, un arrêt de coeur et 11 à 15 points. Dites tout cela en une enchère à votre partenaire.

3) 3♦. Une surenchère à saut de force intermédiaire tel qu'enseignée dans les livres. Une bonne couleur sixième et 15-16 points.

4) 2SA. Cette fois, une main régulière de 19-20 points.

5) Passe ou 2♦? Vous avez la couleur et le pointage pour dire 2♦, mais attention, où sont les piques? Votre partenaire qui a quelques valeurs n'a pas fait de surenchère. Comme mentionné plus haut, si vous voulez éviter que les adversaires trouvent leur fit à pique - passez!

Principes fondamentaux des jeux d'élimination

Un des plus fréquents types de mise en main qui se produit à la table est le jeu d'élimination. Supposons que vous ayez atteint le contrat de 4♠. Vous avez une couleur secondaire que vous aimeriez que les adversaires ouvrent pour vous :

♦ D 8 2
 ♦ R 10 3 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♠ V 6 5

Si vous jouez la couleur vous-même, vous ne ferez pas une seule levée. Cependant, si c'est Est ou Ouest qui le fait, la situation est totalement différente. L'un d'eux devra jouer un honneur et vous ferez la Dame ou le Valet au troisième tour de la couleur.

Le principe du jeu d'élimination consiste à rendre la main au flanc à un moment où il n'aura pas d'autre choix que d'ouvrir la couleur ou vous donner coupe et défausse. Plaçons cette couleur problématique dans son contexte :

Vul.: Personne ♠ R 5
 Donneur: Sud ♦ R 9 7 4
 ♦ D 8 2
 ♣ R V 10 3

♠ D V 10 4	♠ 9 7 6 3 2
♥ D 10 2	♥ V 6
♦ R 10 3	♦ A 9 7 4
♣ 9 4 2	♣ 7 5

♠ A 8
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ V 6 5
♣ A D 8 6

West Nor	th	East	South
Passe 2	♣	Passe 2	1SA
Passe 4	♥	Tout Passe	♥

Ouest entame de la Dame de pique contre votre manche à coeur. Comment jouez-vous le contrat ?

Vous gagnez l'entame et tirez deux tours d'atout sur lesquels les deux adversaires fournissent. L'idée est de rendre la main à l'adversaire avec le troisième atout, mais, attention, vous ne devez pas le faire immédiatement, parce que le flanc dispose de cartes de sortie à pique ou à trèfle. Éliminez ces deux couleurs avant de sortir à coeur.

Tirez d'abord le second honneur de pique. Cette première technique d'élimination consiste à ne laisser aucune carte d'une couleur donnée dans les deux jeux combinés. Le flanc sera incapable de jouer pique sans concéder coupe et défausse. Jouez ensuite trois tours de trèfle. Cette fois, ce sont les adversaires qui n'ont plus de carte dans cette couleur, ils seront dans l'incapacité de jouer trèfle. Voici la position:

♠ V 10	♠ —	♠ 9 7
♥ D	♥ 9 7	♥ —
♦ R 10 3	♦ D 8 2	♦ A 9 7 4
♣ —	♣ V	♣ —

♠ —	♠ 8 5
♥ 8 5	♥ V 6 5
♦ V 6 5	♦ 8
♣ 8	

Jouez maintenant atout. Vous placez Ouest en main tout en effectuant une dernière élimination, dans la couleur d'atout elle-même. Quel est le résultat de tout ce travail? Ouest doit soit vous ouvrir les carreaux, votre couleur problématique, soit revenir pique, ce qui vous permet de couper d'une main tout en défaussant un carreau de l'autre. Dans l'un ou l'autre cas, cela réduit à deux le nombre de vos perdantes à carreau.

Vul. : Personne

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Regardez ce qui est arrivé. Vous avez éliminé les couleurs noires et mis le flanc en main au troisième tour d'atout. Celui-ci est maintenant contraint de vous donner une levée.

Une des conditions importantes de tous les jeux d'élimination est qu'il doit rester au moins un atout au mort et dans la main du déclarant quand vous rendez la main à l'adversaire. Dans l'exemple ci-dessus, Ouest ne peut pas revenir pique sans concéder coupe et défausse.

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Basics of Elimination Play *Continued from page 12*

West must either play on your problem suit (diamonds), saving you a trick there, or he must lead a spade and give you a ruff-and-sluff. In the latter case, you will be able to ruff in one hand and throw a diamond from the other, again restricting your diamond losers to two.

Look back at what happened. You eliminated the black suits and threw a defender on lead with the third round of trumps. He then had to give you a trick with his return. It is an important condition of every elimination play that both the dummy and declarer's hand contain at least one trump when the defender has been put on lead. That is exactly why West, on the present deal, could not exit safely in spades. It would give you a ruff-and-sluff.

David Bird is the author or co-author of more than ninety books, ranging from technical to humorous. Five years ago, David Bird wrote Bridge Squeezes for Everyone, a book about an even more complex topic that has become a modern classic. Using the same straightforward, conversational style and helpful recaps and quizzes that characterized the earlier book, his new book, Bridge Endplays for Everyone, Yes, Even You!, will take endplays from intimidating to understandable for many readers who have been afraid to attempt to learn them.

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WINNING THE NATIONAL FINALS : What's at stake? Every year hundreds of players from across Canada compete for a national title which brings certain rewards. This year the event will be held in Montreal at the end of May. See page 4 for more information.

CNTC A. The team winning this event will represent Canada in the Open teams at the 2008 World Mind Sport Games which are being held in Beijing, China October 3 - 18, 2008.

CNTC B. The winning team will receive a cash prize of \$2000.

CWTC. The winning team will represent Canada in the Women teams at the 2008 World Mind Sport Games which are being held in Beijing, China October 3 - 18, 2008

COPC. Winners receive a \$2000 cash prize. 2nd place pair will receive \$1000.

CSTC. Winners will represent Canada in the Senior Cup at the 2008 World Mind Sport Games in Beijing, China.



2007 RICHMOND TROPHY CAM DONER

Cam Doner, of Richmond BC, has won the Canadian 2007 Richmond Trophy, proving that good bridge players can stay good for a long time. Cam won this same trophy 16 years earlier in 1991 and has placed in the top ten of our annual masterpoint race almost every year since. Congratulations Cam!

Doner wasn't going to give 2nd place Barry Harper even a sniff at the 2007 prize, putting a solid 318 masterpoints between them. Harper had won the last two in a row.

Newcomer Hannah Moon of Prince Albert SK placed third with a total of 983.39 mps. This also makes her 2007's top woman masterpoint winner in Canada. Second highest woman was Rhonda Foster of New Westminster BC and third was Heather Peckett, of Nepean On.

The Richmond trophy was first introduced in 1974. Named after David Richmond it is annually awarded to the Canadian that wins the most Masterpoints each year.

The first winner in 1974 was John Carruthers from Toronto, ON with a grand total of 522.

1	Cameron Doner Richmond BC	1,425.26
2	Barry Harper Regina SK	1,107.95
3	Hannah Moon Prince Albert SK	983.39
4	Jonathan Steinberg Toronto ON	958.41
5	Gavin Wolpert New York NY	870.78
6	Daniel Korbel Waterloo ON	751.26
7	Gerry McCully New Westminster BC	727.89
8	Rhonda Foster New Westminster BC	704.65
9	Gerry Marshall Calgary AB	691.91
10	Heather Peckett Nepean ON	654.10
11	Bernie Lambert Acme AB	597.46
12	Gary Whiteman London ON	591.26
13	Dennis Nelson Saskatoon SK	575.07
14	Roman Klein Oakville ON	569.15
15	Andre Chartrand Lery QC	539.02
16	Ronald Davidson North York ON	536.37
17	Ronald Sutherland Mississauga ON	521.59
18	Nicholas Gartaganis Calgary AB	519.33
19	Andy Anderson Saskatoon SK	513.39
20	William Ge Vancouver BC	508.67
21	Judith Gartaganis Calgary AB	505.62
22	Dwight Bender London ON	503.77
23	Thomas Gandolfo Edmonton AB	500.86
24	Curley Anderson Saskatoon SK	495.02
25	Louise Zicat Gatineau QC	494.62
26	William Koski King City ON	487.19
27	Dan Mathieson Regina SK	485.55
28	Robert Hollow Madoc ON	481.53
29	Claude Laberge Longueuil QC	479.42
30	Martin Hunter Mississauga ON	458.64
31	Stuart Eastwood Halifax NS	457.73
32	Patrice Roy Sherbrooke QC	452.01
33	Helene Beaulieu Sherbrooke QC	432.22
34	Peter Clark Ottawa ON	428.62
35	Jack Lee Richmond BC	425.17
36	Sandra Robson New Westminster BC	423.72
37	Stephen Mackay Markham ON	416.01
38	Danny Schamehorn Washago ON	412.05
39	Robert Lebi Toronto ON	405.77
40	Karl Hicks Dominion NS	400.22
41	Dan Jacob Vancouver BC	398.00
42	Peter Jones Edmonton AB	392.81
43	Aidan Ballantyne Burnaby BC	392.76
44	Linda Harrison Calgary AB	391.52
45	Richard Anderson Regina SK	390.56
46	Mark Donovan Kingston ON	386.97
47	James Priebe Mississauga ON	386.34
48	Lesley Thomson Toronto ON	383.76
49	Roger Snowling Hamilton ON	376.54
50	John Ayer Dartmouth NS	375.69
51	John Rayner Oakville ON	372.88
52	Herve Chatagnier Quebec QC	371.05
53	Peter Petruzzellis Toronto ON	369.23
54	William Cox Edmonton AB	368.71
55	Anna Boivin Victoria BC	368.62

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CBF STAC : FEB. 18 - 24, 2008

About 100 clubs participated in this year's Sectional Tournament at Clubs, with 2936 total tables taking part. This is up 230.5 tables from the 2007 STaC. The STAC raised \$13,267 for the CBF General Fund. Thank you to all the clubs that held these games and to all the Canadian players that support the CBF STaC.

Goto www.cbf.ca for full results.

LE STAC DE LA FCB : 18-24 FÉV. 2008

Environ 100 clubs ont pris part cette année au Tournoi sectionnel dans les clubs, soit un total de 2 936 tables. Cela représente 230,5 tables de plus que le STaC de 2007. Ce STaC a généré 12 267 \$ pour le Fonds général de la FCB. Merci à tous les clubs qui ont tenu ces séances et à tous les joueurs canadiens qui y ont participé.

STAC OVERALL POINT WINNERS

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Vera Petty, Warwick, Bermuda | 25 Glen Ashton, Nepean ON |
| 2 Roman Smolski, Warwick, Bermuda | 26 Karen Ashton, Nepean ON |
| 3 Sandy Webster, St Thomas ON | 27 Stuart Eastwood, Halifax NS |
| 4 Shirleyanne Webster, St Thomas ON | 28 H Werkhoven, Belleville ON |
| 5 Ross Cody, Thunder Bay ON | 29 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON |
| 6 David Jones, Orleans ON | 30 Larry Potvin, Kingston ON |
| 7 Heather Peckett, Nepean ON | 31 Pushpa Satinder, Thunder Bay ON |
| 8 Marilyn Kalbfleisch, Orillia ON | 32 Paul Kilger, Stittsville ON |
| 9 H Sriharsha, Orillia ON | 33 T Mayes, Thunder Bay ON |
| 10 Danny Schamehorn, Washago ON | 34 Sam Yamanouchi, Burnaby BC |
| 11 John Cook, Ottawa ON | 35 Ron Haney, West Hill ON |
| 12 David McLellan, Thunder Bay ON | 36 Kristie Misener, Wellington NS |
| 13 Keith Hogan, Laval QC | 37 Pat Lithgow, Berwick NS |
| 14 Danielle Boyer, Terrebonne QC | 38 Margaret Welin, Kingston NS |
| 15 Edouard S. Eddie, Bathurst NB | 39 Mary MacKay, Halifax NS |
| 16 Therese Butler, Bathurst NB | 40 George Challoner, St Catharines ON |
| 17 Dan Boyle, Ottawa ON | 41 Malcolm Ewashkiw, Belleville ON |
| 18 Martin Newland, North Bay ON | 42 B Lafferty, Halifax NS |
| 19 Peter Minogue, Callander ON | 43 Lois Blanchard, Perth ON |
| 20 Ruth Cruden, Halifax NS | 44 Alain Dufour, Loretteville QC |
| 21 William Cruden, Halifax NS | 45 Andre Renaud, Quebec QC |
| 22 Betty Crutcher, Orillia ON | 46 Medhat Fawzy, Richmond Hill ON |
| 23 Norman O'Brien, Saint John NB | 47 John Morton, St Catharines ON |
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| | 49 Craig Hamilton, Kamloops BC |
| | 50 Bill Koski, King City ON |



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*Le Fonds commémoratif***ERIN BERRY**

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Date limite pour une demande: le 15 mai

Pour demander une bourse au Fonds commémoratif Erin Berry, il faut faire parvenir une demande à l'assistante de direction de la Fédération canadienne au plus tard le 15 mai. Cette demande doit inclure les renseignements suivants :



Nom du candidat, adresse et numéro d'ACBL;
Date de naissance et certificat de naissance du candidat;
Description de l'activité pour laquelle une bourse est demandée :
dates, coûts, etc.
Budget des dépenses pour chaque activité.

Les activités qui sont éligibles au financement par le Fonds sont :
Les camps de bridge
Les sessions d'entraînement de bridge
La sélection canadienne des représentants juniors
Les championnats scolaires
Le festival international de bridge junior
Le championnat du monde des Juniors
Toute autre activité reliée au bridge

Lorsque les bourses auront été attribuées aux activités mentionnées ci-dessus, les administrateurs considéreront les tournois. Les subventions ne seront pas accordées aux tournois qui offrent des récompenses en argent ou à un individu qui reçoit un salaire ou une compensation monétaire, ce qui équivaut à un arrangement professionnel.

Assemblée générale annuelle de la FCB

Date : Le samedi 31 mai 2008

Heure : 9 h

Endroit : Hilton Aéroport, Montréal

Semaine nationale de bridge 2008

Tous les membres en règle de la Fédération canadienne de bridge sont invités à y assister.

Les points à l'ordre du jour sont :

Approbation du procès-verbal de la dernière assemblée

Nomination d'un vérificateur

Entérinement des directeurs de zone

Faits saillants de la réunion du c.a. de la FCB 2008

Faits saillants de l'assemblée des fiduciaires du Fonds de charité de la FCB 2008

Questions diverses

**RÉUNION DU
C.A. DE LA FCB**

La réunion du c.a. de la FCB aura lieu à Montréal, du 20 au 22 mai 2008, juste avant la tenue de la Semaine nationale de bridge. S'il y a des points sur lesquels vous aimeriez que le c.a. se penche, faites-en part à votre directeur de zone ou à Jan Anderson.



Participez au Championnat du monde

La plupart du temps, pour participer à un championnat du monde, vous devez disputer une épreuve de qualification. Cet

automne, au Championnat du monde des jeux de l'esprit qui se tiendra à Beijing en Chine, vous pourrez jouer dans les Équipes mixtes transnationales sans avoir besoin de suivre un processus de qualification.

Les joueurs doivent être membres en règle de leur Fédération nationale de bridge. Cela signifie que les Canadiens désireux d'y participer doivent être à jour avec la Fédération canadienne de bridge (FCB). Les équipes, ou les joueurs, doivent contacter la FCB pour obtenir le droit de s'inscrire au Championnat mondial par équipes mixtes transnationales à Beijing.

Cette compétition commencera le dimanche ou le lundi (12 et 13 octobre). Le coût d'entrée est de 1500 \$ US par équipe. Le type de tournoi dépendra du nombre

d'équipes inscrites, mais il y a de fortes chances que ce soit sous la forme d'un Suisse, suivi d'un knock-out (de 16 ou 8 équipes) qui déterminera les gagnants des médailles d'or, d'argent et de bronze. Les équipes doivent être formées de deux ou trois paires mixtes.

Le Championnat du monde des jeux de l'esprit commencera le 3 octobre et se terminera le 18 octobre. Les jeux de l'esprit sont le bridge, les échecs, le go, les dames et les échecs chinois.

Pour plus de détails, consultez le site www.worldbridge.org.

Pour vous inscrire au Championnat mondial par équipes mixtes transnationales, faites parvenir votre nom, votre numéro d'ACBL et la liste de vos coéquipiers (nom, numéro d'ACBL s'ils en détiennent un et pays de résidence) à l'assistante de direction de la FCB, Janice Anderson, au plus tard le 30 juin 2008.

Fonds de charité de la FCB Aux gérants de club

Les Lois et règlements de l'ACBL qui régissent les Tournois de charité des clubs stipulent que le premier tournoi de charité d'un club doit être au profit du Fonds de charité de la FCB. Un montant de 4 \$ par table doit être envoyé à la FCB. Après ce tournoi initial, vous pouvez alterner les tournois de charité entre le Fonds de charité de la FCB et les organisations caritatives locales. Un tournoi sur deux doit être au profit du Fonds de charité de la FCB. Faites parvenir tous les dons au profit du Fonds de charité de la FCB au bureau de la FCB.

Aux gérants de club

Vous recevrez par la poste au début du mois de juillet une série de formulaires pour les sanctions des tournois de la FCB.

Cet ensemble comprendra les demandes de sanction pour :

Les séances de qualifications du CNTC et du COPC

Les tournois maîtres non-maîtres Erin Berry 2008 et Helen Shields 2009

Le STAC 2009 de la FCB

Assurez-vous de faire vos demandes de sanction pour toutes les compétitions que vous désirez tenir à votre club.

FORTIFIEZ VOTRE DÉFENSE

Par Martine Lacroix

Je connais de nombreux joueurs qui préfèrent jouer le contrat – quitte à forcer les enchères – plutôt qu'être obligés de jouer en flanc. Ils trouvent la défense peu intéressante, sinon carrément ennuyante. Ils ne réalisent pas à quel point la coopération entre les partenaires y est importante, autant que dans les enchères. Même si la plupart d'entre eux sont prêts à apprendre toutes les conventions à la mode, ils ne font que peu ou pas d'effort pour améliorer leur jeu en défense.

D'autres ont appris depuis longtemps que le secret de la réussite consiste à avoir d'aussi bonnes stratégies en défense que dans les enchères.

Aujourd'hui, je vous propose quelques donnes pour illustrer l'ouverture d'esprit requise pour devenir un bon joueur de flanc.

Numéro 1

Donneur : Nord Vul. : N/S

Nord		Est	
♠	7 6 4	♠	R D V 10 9
♥	A R D 9	♥	3
♦	A 9	♦	R 8 7
♣	A R 10 9	♣	D V 6 5
Sud		Nord	
♠	8 5 3	♠	1 ♣
♥	V 6 2	♥	Contre
♦	D V 10 6 4	♦	Contre
♣	8 4	♣	Passe
Ouest		Est	
♠	A 2	♠	1 ♣
♥	10 8 7 5 4	♥	Contre
♦	5 3 2	♦	Passe
♣	7 3 2	♣	Passe

Entame : l'As de pique

Nord a ouvert à la couleur plutôt qu'à 2 sans-atout puisqu'il n'a pas d'arrêt à pique. Considérant le manque d'enthousiasme de Sud pendant les enchères et la vacuité de sa propre teneur à pique, il s'est finalement incliné sur 3♦.

Sur l'entame de l'As de pique, Est fournit le Roi, qui, dans ce cas-ci, n'est pas un signal de préférence, mais une indication que sa couleur est solide. Ouest poursuit avec le 2 de pique, gagné par le 9 d'Est. Celui-ci change au 3 de cœur, pris par le Valet du déclarant, qui enchaîne avec le 4 de carreau pour l'As du mort. Sud continue avec le 9 de carreau, pris du Roi. Ce n'est qu'alors qu'Est se décide enfin à encaisser le troisième pique, le 10, amenant la position suivante :

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

Si Ouest se contente de jeter négligemment un cœur ou un trèfle parce que la carte de son partenaire est destinée à remporter la levée, c'est la fin des haricots. Il aurait déjà dû s'interroger quelques minutes plus tôt, quand Est a changé à cœur au lieu d'encaisser son pique, pourquoi cette contre-attaque soudaine dans la couleur fermée du mort? Cela ne fait aucun sens, sauf si Est détient un singleton et un arrêt à l'atout. Est vient juste de confirmer qu'il détenait un arrêt à l'atout. Tout ce qu'Ouest a à faire est de couper cette levée maîtresse et retourner cœur pour une coupe. Moins un.

Numéro 2

Donneur : Sud Vul. : N/S

Nord

♠ 4
♥ D 9 8 7
♦ D V 10 5 2
♣ 8 6 2

Ouest

♠ V 7 6 2
♥ 6 2
♦ A 9 6
♣ R D 5 3

Est

♠ D 10 9 3
♥ R 10 5 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ 10 9

Sud

♠ A R 8 5
♥ A V 3
♦ R 3
♣ A V 7 4

Ouest

—
Passe
Passe
Passe

Nord

—
3♣
3SA
3SA

Est

—
Passe
Passe
Passe

Sud

2SA
3♠
Passe
Passe

Entame : Le 6 de coeur.

Quelle horrible entame ! Toutefois, avant de fournir automatiquement le 10 de cœur en maugréant contre la stupidité des entames du partenaire, il vaudrait mieux réfléchir. La règle de onze révèle qu'il ne peut s'agir d'une couleur longue, tout au plus deux ou trois petites cartes. Si Ouest a entamé de trois petites cartes, Sud détient l'As et le Valet secs. Si l'entame a été faite d'un doubleton, le déclarant possède alors trois coeurs par As-Valet. Dans l'un ou l'autre cas, le Roi d'Est est impenable, n'est-ce pas ?

Excellent, mon cher Watson, mais le danger n'est pas là. Le danger est de créer une entrée au mort que le déclarant utilisera pour encaisser la longue à carreau. Ainsi, si Est joue le 10 de cœur, Sud prendra soin de gagner la levée de l'As. Il présentera ensuite le Roi de carreau, qu'Ouest laissera passer, puis il rejouera carreau jusqu'à ce que l'As tombe. Sud n'aura plus qu'à surprendre le Valet de coeur de la Dame pour obtenir une entrée sûre dans cette couleur et gagner son contrat. Pour contrecarrer ce plan, Est doit fournir une petite carte au premier tour, laissant le mort gagner prématurément la levée alors qu'il est trop tôt pour que le déclarant puisse en profiter.

Numéro 3

Donneur : Nord Vul. : Personne

Nord

♠ A 5
♥ D 10 7
♦ R 7 5
♣ R V 10 5 2

Ouest

♠ V 10 9 8
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 6 3
♣ A 6 3

Est

♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A D V 2
♣ D 7

Sud

♠ R D 4
♥ A R V
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Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
–	1♣	Passe	2SA
Passe	3SA	Passe	Passe
Passe			

Entame : Le Valet de pique.

Le déclarant gagne l'entame du Roi et présente le 9 de trèfle, qui perd à la Dame d'Est. L'heure de vérité sonne déjà pour Est. Si, machinalement, il retourne pique, la couleur d'entame, il vient de concéder le contrat. Pourtant, compter ses levées en défense n'est pas plus difficile que compter ses levées sûres quand on est déclarant. Est a une levée en caisse, plus trois levées potentielles à carreau. Si Ouest a l'As de trèfle, ce qui semble être le cas, le flanc peut escompter cinq levées, c'est-à-dire la chute. Mais, attention, il y a un hic. Une entrée en Ouest n'est pas suffisante pour réaliser trois levées à carreau; en effet, après avoir gagné un carreau du Valet, Est ne pourra plus retourner la couleur. La solution ? Contre-attaquer du 2 de carreau à la levée numéro trois. Le déclarant peut bien remporter la levée avec une basse carte, mais ensuite, quand Ouest prendra la main à l'As de trèfle, la continuation carreau assurera la victoire du flanc... À moins qu'Ouest, frustré par le changement de couleur, ne s'étrangle en s'exclamant : « Plus de pique, partenaire ? » et ne persiste obtusément à pique, après l'As de trèfle, pour bien exprimer sa désapprobation.

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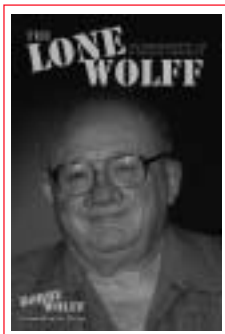
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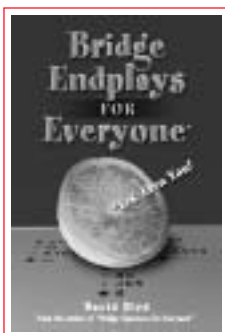


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