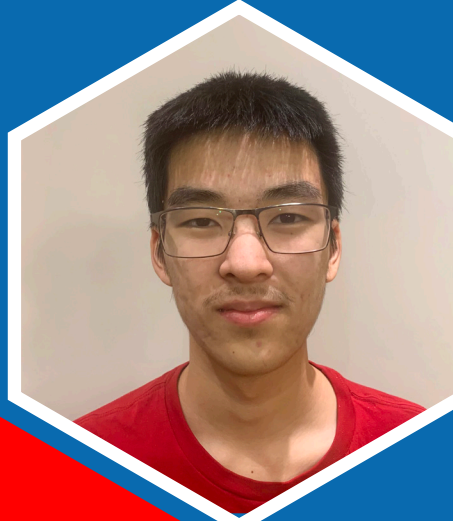


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Apr 6 Sat	Nassau, Bahamas	8 AM	3 PM
Apr 7 Sun	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 8 Mon	Bermuda	10 AM	6 PM
Apr 9 Tue	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 10 Wed	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 11 Thu	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 12 Fri	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 13 Sat	Ponta Delgada (Azores), Portugal	9 AM	6 PM
Apr 14 Sun	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 15 Mon	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean		
Apr 16 Tue	Cadiz, Spain	7 AM	7 PM
Apr 17 Wed	Granada (Motril), Spain	8 AM	6 PM
Apr 18 Thu	Alicante, Spain	8 AM	4 PM
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12 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
12 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 1 session
13 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
13 Feb: 7.00 pm: Pelau Pairs # 2 session
14 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
14 Feb: 2.30 pm: Rum Pairs
15 Feb: 9.30 am: Team Game # 1 session
15 Feb: 2.30 pm: Team Game # 2 session
16 Feb: 9.30 am: Pairs Game
16 Feb: 2.30 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 1 session
17 Feb: 9.30 am & 2.00 pm: Lady Burton Pairs # 2 & 3

My name is Barbara Seagram & I am a bridge player, author and teacher. I was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados Bridge Committee do a wonderful job running this delightful bridge tournament in February each year. Imagine \$1,120.USD per person to spend a week at a hotel in Barbados in February, including all meals and drinks. They even pick you up at the airport! The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. You cannot afford to not go! It is a very special island and I invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic.
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There is no significance to the names Pelau Pairs, Rum Pairs, Lady Burton Pairs etc: It is just a designation to distinguish one event from another. Cost per session is \$15.00 USD



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Lots to be thankful for this issue: there's Kib regular **Bob G** (Robert Griffiths III). Although semi-retired from bridge writing, he still churns out articles faster than most bridge writers. **Ross Driedger** is also becoming a Kib regular but with a focus on defence. Another Kib regular is **Darwin Li**, here with a brief report on the recently held junior trials. **Steven Norris** contributes a piece on the CBF Rookie-Master game.

Jennifer Verdam-Woodward was lucky enough to be in Gatlinburg for their famous regional. Gatlinburg is known as the 4th NABC for the number of players it attracts from all over. We were corresponding via email and I asked her about her tourney. Jen's emailed responses turned into her article! **Ray Jotcham** is back with more great theory and some stories from the 60s. And **Howard Laufer** returns with another installment of learning duplicate bridge—this time with a focus on some of the club players. And last, thanks to Kib photographer **Jonathan Steinberg** for his many photos. You will spot a few from the TO Regional.

The **Canadian Bridge Championships** were held in Niagara Falls this past May. We had a few local success stories. See page 14 for details. I learned a

valuable albeit painful lesson. I mean, I learned it years ago but obviously forgot and needed to be reminded once again to **NEVER** fall in love with your hand during the auction.

On a brighter note, we have two good junior teams off to the world championships. 10 of the 12 players have been mentored by Michael Yang, and Michael is the coach of the U16 squad. Best of luck in Veldhoven, Netherlands! Tourney report in August.

Hot off the press! The CBF has approved a U26 team to represent Canada as well! Jacob Freeman, Olivia Laufer, Darwin Li, Victor Lamoureux, and Connor Havens are busy fundraising and would be grateful to receive any financial support you can provide. To donate to this team, please click

www.cbf.ca

then click on 'Donation - Junior fund'

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On the cover: The U21 Junior team representing Canada are (clockwise from far left): Max Cheng, Quan Chen, Jasmine Xiong, Garret Liu, Katherine Yang, Cindy He

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*(\$5 games for the month of June)

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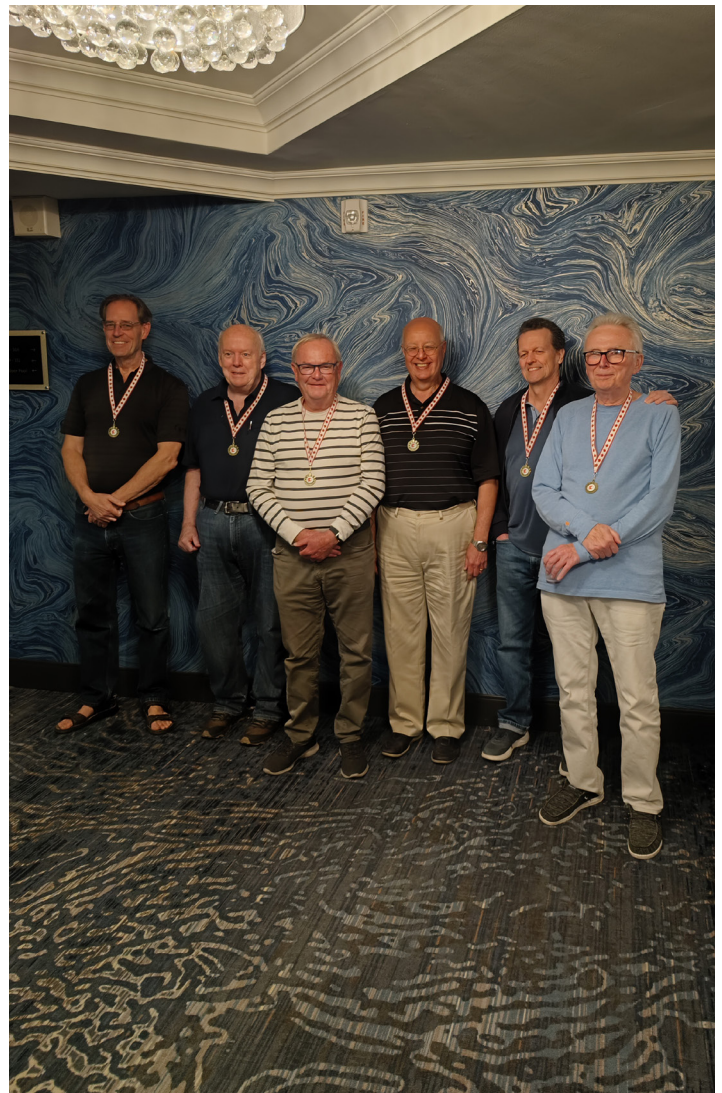
Another year of national events, another crushing blow. But let me say up front that I'll be back. Oh, I will be back, and with a vengeance. Teams from Quebec be forewarned.

As my high school English lit. teacher, Mrs. Ross, used to say, "We grow through pain," so as a fellow bridge player, I am sure you can relate when I say we sure do a lot of growing in this game, don't we?

The subtlety of the victory point (vp) scale caught my team in the last match of the Canadian Mixed. We needed to do one thing better in our final 10-board round robin match, then we would have out-pipped the team that out-pipped us. How close was the out-pipping? Well, if we took one more trick versus a 4♥ contract, we'd outscore another team in the event by 0.03 of a vp. Instead, by allowing 4♥ to make 5, that team pipped us by 0.28 of a vp.

That stung, but the good news is we're already stronger for it. Plus, if that hand comes up again, we know what to do!

Quite a few Ontario players did well at the Canadian Nationals. First up was the Senior team of Nader Hanna-John Rayner, Doug Baxter-David Lindop, and Roy Dalton-Vince Oddy. Talk about a pipping. They were down by 1 imp going into the last two boards of their finals match versus Team JACOB. Team HANNA scored one imp on the penultimate board and one imp on the ultimate board and therefore won by



Doug Baxter, David Lindop, John Rayner, Nader Hanna, Roy Dalton, Vince Oddy

one imp for the ultimate result. Before the hooting and the hollering, you can be sure everyone checked and re-checked the scores. Team HANNA is off to Morocco in August to compete in the World Seniors Championships.

While your intrepid reporter is too young for the Seniors, my Open team (Team TODD) drew the HANNA team in the quarter finals of the CNTCs. In the first quarter, Hanna-Rayner bid to a beautiful grand slam in hearts. They held:

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

and bid thusly,

Hanna	North	Rayner	South
2♣	Pass	2NT	3♣
3♥	4♣	4♦	Pass
7♥	all pass		

Rayner's 2NT was a positive bid showing hearts. (Their 2♥ bid over 2♣ would show a bust hand.) Hanna's 3♥ bid is 100% forcing. The partnership could play for a million years and 3♥ would never be passed. Rayner's 4♦ bid showed a first or second round control in diamonds. That was more than enough for Hanna, who leapt to the icy cold frigid grand in hearts. You could make 8♥ or 9♥ if you were in it. One of the pairs in the Open teams did not find the grand. Grand slams are not easy to bid, even when 14 or 15 tricks are available.

Speaking of the Open teams, congratulations to Team FELDMAN, a young crew from (mostly) Ontario, who beat the perennial favourites from (mostly) Quebec (Team L'ECUYER). Team FELDMAN survived a shaky third quarter to prevail and also win the right to represent Canada. The winners were Jason Feldman-

Darren Wolpert, Fred Gitelman-Mark Caplan, and Jacob Freeman-Daniel Lavee.



Photo of Open team

Special shout-out to Cindy He (pictured below), who played with her Mixed Teams partner Jianfeng Luo, and, along with her teammates on Team WANG, made it all the way to the finals before succumbing to Team GARTAGANIS. Cindy is 20 years old and one of Canada's top juniors. She will be representing Canada at the Youth World's in late July.





My Worthy Opponents

By Howard Laufer

Every duplicate bridge player has a story to tell about some of his most noteworthy opponents.

When we first played together as partners, Bob and I decided to keep the game as simple as possible. “Let’s play as few conventions as needed,” Bob suggested. Even though I was inclined to incorporate a few more new gadgets into our repertoire, I could see his point. So, our format for success was to use as few conventions as possible and to rely a lot on good card sense. It’s not a strategy for everybody but it worked for us. Bob was the quiet type—a thinker not a talker. I was the social part of the team. We played mostly in 499er games but on occasion, we also played in open games because that was all that was offered on the days when we were free to play. That way, we got to see quite a variety of opponents.

When you walk into a bridge club for the first time, you don’t know exactly what to expect at the table. Of course, I don’t mean bridge hands—I mean bridge players. Will everyone be kind, pleasant and courteous? Generally, that’s the norm but also be prepared for some real characters along the way. Bob and I liked to sit East-West. We wanted to keep moving so we could still feel the blood circulating in our legs after twenty-seven boards. East-West also allowed you a quick getaway if need be.

Our first opponent was the feisty Hazel Brown. She was my “favorite” card snapper. There was no stopping her. “Please, Hazel,” I begged her. I expected her to say something like, “Oh sorry, “I didn’t realize that it was a problem.” But her stock answer was, “Get used to it!”

As you can imagine, Hazel had a difficult time finding partners. It wasn’t hard to see why.

Joe, the New Yorker, presented another kind of noise. Joe was really a sweet guy by nature. Unfortunately, he had the loudest voice in the room. To make matters worse, his voice was so sharp it could cut through cold steel. He wasn’t loud on purpose; it was just his way. I was pretty sure he started his working career selling hot dogs at Yankee Stadium. Luckily for us, Joe heeded the “shush” sounds coming from the adjoining tables. Problem solved.

At the next table, Dan presented a different kind of dilemma. He was the self-proclaimed expert on “everything bridge.” Without any hesitation, he would give you a spontaneous, unsolicited postmortem on the last hand that you played. He thought he knew how to play every contract. “You should have ruffed in the dummy first. Then taken the finesse and finally end played me for the final trick.” Dan talked a good game, but I don’t think he could tell the difference between an endplay and an end run. He never seemed to finish anywhere in the money. We didn’t just walk away from his table; we ran.

Of all our opponents, Peggy was the politest and Rob was the most respected. When you arrived at Peggy’s table, you were greeted with a cheery smile and the sound of “Welcome to our table.” Now that’s how to put the competition at ease. From Rob we often heard phrases like, “Nice play” or “Good lead” or some little piece of advice that made sense and that you could apply at the next table for better defense.

The players who scared me the most were the young guys with baseball caps. A lot of the times they were expert players who liked to show a little contempt for the opposition by pulling the peak of their cap down over their eyes. Jeff was one for sure. Not only did he wear a baseball cap, but he also held his cards just beneath the level of the table so that he was always peering down. You could never see his eyes. I got the feeling he was just ignoring me. After my lead hit the table, time seemed to stand still. Jeff never called for a card from the dummy. He just sat dead still. Almost a full minute passed. I couldn't stand it any longer, so I blurted out, "What are you waiting for?"

"Just counting my tricks," came the reply.

"All thirteen," I joked.

"Yep," came the retort.

It didn't take a genius to tell me that we were in big trouble here!

My worst experience at the table happened when we were playing against an old curmudgeon, who was just lying-in wait for his next unsuspecting prey. He was an expert with thousands of masterpoints. I am going to call him Jack (not his real name) just in case this story ever gets published. Jack, my left-hand opponent opened the bidding with 3NT. I had never heard that one before, so I asked him politely, "What does that mean?"

"None of your business," he snapped back.

"I think you meant to say, 'Wait until it's your turn,'" was my comeback line.

"Yeah! That too," he replied with a look of utter disdain. I was a newcomer to the game when this event happened, but even I could see that insult coming from a mile away. Obviously, bridge etiquette wasn't

his long suit. I took some solace in the fact that he was everybody's last choice for a pro-am game.

Dottie was the dear heart of the bridge club. Everyone loved her. She was getting up there in age but that didn't deter her one bit. Dottie came to the afternoon session all dolled up and dressed to kill. You might think that she was going to a New Year's Eve party. I think she wore her finest jewelry, had her hair done that morning, and had bought a new outfit just for this occasion. She looked great and I couldn't fault her for wanting to look her best. After all, if you are going out in public you might as well flaunt it, if you can. Besides, where else could she go to show off her best "stuff"?

Dottie certainly knew how to do that. There was only one problem. She tended to douse herself with some of the most pungent perfume that she could find. I didn't want to cramp her style, so I discreetly took the director aside and pointed out the club rules regarding heavy perfumes or lotions. Beth, the director, was a very kind and considerate lady who had a way with people. "Tactful diplomacy" was her motto. She would handle the situation. I left it to her.

The most dangerous opponents you ever face are the ones who assume the role of tournament director. When you first start out playing in limited games, especially 499er games, you will eventually break a rule or two. It's inevitable! Sometimes in the middle of a daydream you play a card out of turn. It happens, right?! But when the opposition chimes in with, "Leave it out. It's a penalty card," or "Put it back and just play another card," someone must step in and sort it out. Even if your opponents mean well, don't listen to them. The ACBL is our sanctioning body and they have set out the rules and regulations that we all must follow. So, let the director make those decisions not the opposition.

Another classic example that occurs quite often is an insufficient bid. How many times have you heard

the opposition say,” Just make it sufficient.” When that happened to me, I somehow knew that was the wrong thing to do so I didn’t hesitate to call the “real” director to the table. Beth appeared promptly after the call and her first words were, “How can I help?” I knew then that we were in good hands. It didn’t take her long to take control of the situation and render the proper judgement. It was comforting to know that we had experienced directors whom we could rely on to make the correct call.

Bridge is a difficult game, and you are bound to have a few train wrecks now and again so don’t let the game overwhelm you and don’t let the opposition wear you down. Especially, don’t cry over past mistakes – learn from them. Leave bad tables behind you and start fresh at the next. Oh, also try to put some fun into the game. It’s not life and death even though it may seem that way sometimes. I’ll bet you’ve heard those words at least a thousand times before. Maybe now, you’ll listen.

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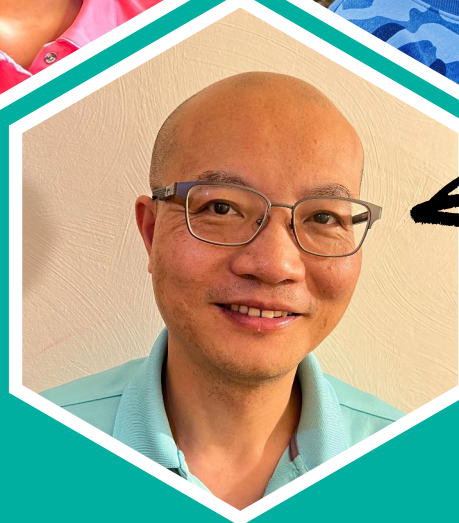


David Ellis has posted a video on YouTube. This one is called ‘Avoid the Finesse.’ You can view it by clicking the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8Ygb841Jh4>

Meet four of Canada's U16 team: Michelle Yang, Eric Lu, Honjar Xing & Honwell Xing

Terry Xiao and Vera Qian are also on the team



**Michael Yang: coach
of the U16 team**

The two junior teams (U16 and U21) will travel to Veldhoven Netherlands at the end of July to participate in the 18th World Youth Teams Championships. We'll have the results next issue!



Gatlinburg Gaffe

By Jennifer Verdam-Woodward

Gatlinburg was awesome. If you have never been, you should take a vacation and come some year. You would end up playing against Meckstroth!

My partner Adrian Record and I had a blast, finishing with just under 80 masterpoints. The funniest hand of the week wasn't with him though – I played with Dave Longstaff on a team with Adrian and Peter Peng on Tuesday and Wednesday. We got knocked out of the knockouts in session one but then won the loser Swiss Tuesday afternoon and came second in the two-session round robin Swiss the next day.

Playing with Dave, second seat, white against white, I picked up:

♠ —
♥ K J x
♦ A K x x x
♣ Q J x x x

Adrian and I play that all two suited descriptor bids are capped at 11 points, but Dave and I do not. It can be tricky remembering all the system differences when you change partners!

The auction started 1♥ by West and I overcalled 2NT, ostensibly showing both minors. At which point I realized that West had opened 2♥! So now, instead of showing the minors, I had inadvertently shown a strong balanced overcall.

O frabjious day! Here's the rest of the auction:

West	Dave	East	Jenn
		2♥	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass*	Pass	

2♥ = Weak

2NT = 14+-17 balanced. Lol.

3H = Transfer to spades

3NT = Shut up shut up shut up!

4♣ = Ooh she has a super-accept! Let us cue bid controls!

4♥ = This is my answer to Gerber. Sigh. What have I done?

5♣ = Excellent! She has a heart card! I have a second club card!

5♠ = Still Gerber. What do I do if he bids 7♠?

6♠ = She has nothing more to say and has finally completed the transfer

6NT = Oh please oh please oh please...

Dave's final pass = Thank you thank you thank you

The lead is a small heart:

♠ —	♠ A Q 10 x x
♥ K J x	♥ —
♦ A K x x x	♦ Q x x
♣ Q J x x x	♣ A K x x x

I pitch a spade from the board and a small heart from hand under East's ace. While the bidding is nothing to write home about (too late!), the contract is not hopeless. I have one heart, one spade, three diamonds, and five clubs for sure. If they finesse the spade for me, I have another trick, and if diamonds split 3-2, I have two more tricks, so it's not impossible. It will be easier to bamboozle the opponents should diamonds not split if they are unaware of the spade position, and so I must not play spades for as long as possible.

Which is literally now because East switches to a spade at trick two. I sigh and pitch the jack of hearts. Dave looks very puzzled and says, "No spades, partner???" I look sheepish and say, "No spades." East says to West, "Can she bid that with a void?" I said, "I apologize. It was intended to be the unusual notrump." East says, "That's going to be a swing because I don't think our partners will bid that way."

My internal voice says, "Ya think?" Out loud, I apologize again for screwing up, and say that my partner was unaware, which is obviously true, and we return to the play.

West plays the spade nine and I win the ten on the board. I play the queen of diamonds and a small diamond to my hand. East shows out. My heart sinks. I play a club to the board and a club back to my hand.

The position is currently:

♠ J x x	♠ A Q x	
♥ x x	♥ —	
♦ J 10	♦ x	
♣ —	♣ A x x	
		♠ K x x
		♥ Q 10 x x
		♦ —
		♣ —
	♠ —	
	♥ K	
	♦ A x x	
	♣ J x x	

I lead a club to the board. While I do this, West, who started with $\diamond J 10 x x$ and $\spadesuit J 9 x x$, thinks for a bit and finally pitches a diamond. I play a diamond to my hand and claim: one spade, one heart, five diamonds and five clubs.

We only needed the spade shift away from the king into dummy's $\spadesuit A Q$ and for West to feel a diamond pitch was the right thing to do. At the other table they had a somewhat more normal auction, ending up in 3NT, also making six.

The full deal:

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



CBF Rookie-Master Game

By Steven Norris

On Thurs., April 13, the Albion Hills Bridge Club, managed by yours truly, and the Brampton Bridge Club, managed by Denise Donovan, joined forces to participate in the Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game.

The Helen Shields Rookie Master Game is held every spring in memory of Helen Shields, a past President of the Canadian Bridge Federation and very active in teaching and introducing new players to duplicate bridge. The event is Canada-wide where participating clubs all play the same hands; also, printed hand-analyses, prepared by top Canadian players, are provided.

Taking advantage of Denise's Monday online supervised 0-20 game and Steve's Thursday face-to-face open game, 22 rookies, all of whom had fewer than 100 MasterPoints, met and played with 22 "masters," whose masterpoint total averaged 4,000 per player.

Preceded by an hour-long lesson by Denise, it was a day where the rookies were able to learn in a relaxed and casual environment and where everyone had fun. As one rookie said: "It was more fun than I had in a very long time...and, yes, I will be back to try more face-to-face bridge."

The event, hosted by the Albion Hills Bridge Club at the Mayfield United Church on Dixie Road in Caledon, was won by the NS pair of Carole Hollingsworth (rookie) and Doug Barnes (master). Carole and Doug were placed second in all of Canada! Our top EW pair were Judy Daniel and Chris Cowan.

Thanks to all our rookies and masters who helped make the event successful!

Rookies: Barbara Barschak, Bernardine Nelligan, Carol Hollingsworth, Cheryl Atkinson, Ellen Johannsen, Frances Barnett, Heather Rogers (unable to attend), Herb Glicksman, Joe Marini, John Doyle, Judy Daniel, Krystyna Sprentall, Lilas Burgel, Maryann Jefferies, MaryJo Bauer, Mayra Watts, Pat Kindree, Peter Ostrowski, Shelagh McIntyre, Sue Teti, Ted Watts, Vasanthi Sivasundaram

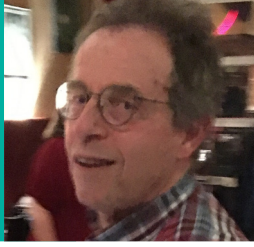
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From left to right: Steven Norris (Albion Hills Bridge Club), Doug Barnes, Carole Hollingsworth, Judy Daniel, Chris Cowan, Denise Donovan (Brampton Bridge Club)

Canada Wide Helen Shields Rookie Master Game April 13,2023				
Top 25 Canada Wide				
Rank	Club	Players		Score
1	Peterborough Bridge Club	Audrey Moffat	Kit Hilton	71.23
2	Albion Hills Bridge Club	Doug Barnes	Carol Hollingsworth	70.66
3	Lorraine's Bridge Club	Carolyn Derksen	George Lee	70.2
4	Halifax Bridge World	Jill McCormick	Micheline Trudeau	65.91
5	Halifax Bridge World	Adrian Morrison	Marvin Geurts	64.96
6	Peterborough Bridge Club	June Young	Patty MacDonald	63.02
7	CBD Louise Zicat de Gatineau	Hubert Grondin	Ghyslaine Levesque	62.73
8	Peterborough Bridge Club	Anne Heffernan	Adair Irelnad-Smith	62.51
9/10	Charlottetown DBC	Allan Callard	Bob Horobin	62.08
9/10	Charlottetown DBC	Rolf Tonlins	Jayne Hinchliff-Milne	62.08
11	Fundy Duplicate Bridge club	David Fraser	Jan McGill	61.59
12	Peterborough Bridge Club	Maureen Nichols	Dale Schaefer	61.54
13	Albion Hills Bridge Club	Nancy Strachan	Ellen Johannsen	61.48





For Newer Players

By Robert Griffiths

BARBADOS BELLYFLOP

This hand is from a pair game at the Barbados tournament. North and South were Mary and Eric Balkam, a tough pair from Halifax.

My hand was: ♠-- ♥K652 ♦A9 ♣KQ97532, an interesting hand with potential.

My RHO dealt and passed, I opened 1♣. North overcalled 1♠ and my partner doubled. At this point, this is only a negative double. If she subsequently makes an aggressive bid, she will be promising a good hand, forcing us to game.

South now made a jump to 3♠! This kind of weak jump is gaining in popularity. This is strictly a preemptive bid---a foolhardy attempt to interfere with our precise bidding.

I only knew that my partner had enough to make a 1-level negative double. But I did not want to defend 3♠. My partner had implied having hearts so I tried 4♥.

North competed with 4♠ and my partner doubled, showing her good hand.

Oh Dear, I thought. I have shown a good hand, but it is not a good hand unless one of my suits becomes trump. I was very afraid of the opponents having 10 cards in spades, my clubs being worthless and our side winning only one diamond trick, possibly a heart trick plus whatever my partner could win in spades.

My partner will be counting on me for defensive tricks and my only defensive trick may be the ♦A.

I do not like pulling partner's penalty doubles, but this time, I thought that 5♣ or 5♥ might be successful while the opponents could make 8, 9 or 10 tricks in spades.

So, I bid 5♣, offering partner the choice, and she bid 5♥. I expect that she was considering poisoning my tea before we played again.

Here's the whole hand:

Board 27
South Deals
EW Vul

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

When East put the dummy down, Eric suggested that my partner was being a bit optimistic, thinking that she could defeat 4♠.

I could only find 10 tricks in hearts; our minus score didn't look good against all the +420s for 4♥ making or the +500s and +800s for setting 4♠ doubled.

It seems that sometimes even foolhardy attempts can upset our precise bidding.

Ed. Note: Eric Balkam and I happened to be corresponding over CNTC results and I mentioned to him that this hand would be in this issue of the Kib. He responded, "I remember that hand. On the previous hand Robert and his partner had bid to a 6♦ contract making that few if any other pairs would be bidding. So for this next hand, at favourable vulnerability at MPs, I opted to crank it up to 4♠ with 3 small after partner had bid spades, thinking the opps could make 4♥ and hoping to induce a 5♥ bid. Hard to forget seeing those 5 spades to the AKJ98 come down in dummy on my right. Those two hands were much more exciting than two averages which would produce roughly the same MP total."

DULLEST HAND OF THE MATCH

We were playing a 6-board Swiss match at the recent Toronto Easter Regional. Sometimes a small match can swing on any of the six hands, usually a slam or game bid and made at one table and not at the other.

Lots had gone on at our table. The opponents bid and made a tough slam and there were close games by both sides that could have been swings.

Then there was this little hand. North dealt and opened 1♠, East passed. I was South and found a simple raise to 2♠. West was afraid that his opponents were attempting to steal the hand and came in with 3♣. Non-vulnerable players have been known to open the bidding and raise with very little.

North passed, having nothing more to say; East was unhappy, but with a bad hand it is not sensible to go searching for a suit at the 3-level.

With my horrible shape and minimum raise I wasn't going to bid again, so West bought the contract for 3♣.

Board 12
South Deals
EW Vul

<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ A J 9 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ A K Q 7 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 4 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ J 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 10 9 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 9 5 ♥ K 6 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 5 4 ♣ 8</p>
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We won our 2 spades, 2 diamonds and 1 club: down 1, +100 for NS. On to the next board.

At the other table, North also opened 1♠. They were playing constructive single raises, meaning that if South bid 2♠, he would be promising more than a flat hand with 7 HCPs. So, South bid INT (forcing), planning to bid 2♠ the next time around.

This gave West a chance to bid 2♣. He was able to get his club bid in at a level lower than the West player at our table. 2♣ was passed back to South who now bid 2♠, showing his weak raise.

This time West had no reason to feel that his side hadn't been heard. He passed 2♠, knowing that his partner still might back into the auction. Not this time as 2♠ was passed out.

East led his singleton club and West won 3 clubs then led a fourth. North did his best by throwing a losing heart on the fourth club as East ruffed, but North was doomed to lose 2 red tricks. The contract went down 1, +50 for EW.

The 150 point difference gave us a 4-IMP gain on the hand. We were surprised to find that the other 5 boards in the match were even so this board made the difference. At both tables, the board was seen

as a 'nothing' board squeezed in with the ones that mattered.

The traditional single raise promises 6-9 HCPs in support of partner's major suit opening. A constructive raise promises more: a good 7 to a poor 10 points. There is a preemptive value to the 1♠-2♠ sequence that was missed by the pair whose system forced them to bid INT before showing spade support.

BAD SLAM BID V2.0

Playing in a team game, I was South, the dealer, and opened with a strong 2♣ bid. West passed and my partner bid 2♦ which promised some values, normally at least a king.

East bid 2♠, using up my bidding space so I had to go to 3♥. After West passed, partner must have been squirming on the inside as she bid 4♣. This bid shut East up and I bid 4♦, knowing that partner would retreat to 4♥ with any tolerance for that suit.

This bid cheered North up and she went on to 5♦. East passed and I went into the tank. After North's diamond raise I was looking at 2 losers: a club and a heart. If I had been thinking clearly, it would have occurred to me that if my partner had held support for diamonds and an outside Ace, she would have made a more aggressive bid than 5♦. But it was late in the game; I was weary and annoyed with East for interfering with our auction.

So, I made a questionable bid of 6♦ which was passed out.

Board 12
South Deals
EW Vul

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

Because of partner's 2♦ waiting bid, East was on lead and out came the ♣A. When the lead hit the table, I started preparing apologies for my overbid. North could not hold the ♥A on this auction.

East took a long time before leading to trick 2, finally playing the ♥A. Watching the play, I had seconds of deep regret for my bid...until partner ruffed the heart.

Now all she had to do was cross to dummy with a diamond, ruff 1 more heart to be sure that the suit would run, draw trumps and claim.

East's attempt to cash the ♥A was a very poor idea. If North had a heart loser it was not going to disappear. If she didn't have a heart loser, the lead of the ace would make declarer's job easy.

With the lucky (for NS) lie of the doubleton ♥A in East's hand, the slam can be made with any return. South's hearts can be set up with 2 ruffs. But that play is not obvious and North may try something different, perhaps a ruffing finesse of the ♥A, assuming that card might be with West.

At the other table, South opened with 1♥, bidding only 3♥ after North's INT response and East's spade intervention. 3♥ was passed out and went down. It certainly was a hand that NS wanted to play in diamonds. But at the 6 level?

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Deadly D

By Ross Driedger

Go back to the days when you were a novice...

You accept an invitation from a far more experienced player to compete in the Open Pairs at the Toronto Regional. At each table you play against those with much higher ratings. You know who they are, but they have no idea about you. Half-way through the session you sit between a pair that has played in the Bermuda Bowl, so you know this is going to be a tough two boards.

RHO gives your partner a good-natured greeting. Obviously, they are friends. For you? Not even a nod. At this level, respect is earned.

On the second deal, at favourable vulnerability, as West you hold:

♠ A K 10 5 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K 7 ♣ 6 4 3 2

Partner deals and this is the auction:

You	LHO	Pard	RHO
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbf	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	All pass	

You lead the ♠K.

Dummy

♠ Q 6

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9 5 3

♣ K

You

♠ A K 10 5 2

♥ 7 6

♦ K 7

♣ 6 4 3 2

Trick 1: ♠K, 6, 9, 7.

Your agreement is standard count and attitude. What does partner's 9 mean?

This is an area where far too many partnerships are unclear. Usually, this would be the primary signal. With this partner, you have agreed that attitude is the primary and count is the secondary. But in this context, does it make any sense to show attitude? Partner is weak in high cards, as shown in the auction, and further, he knows that you know he is weak. There is no point to send information to partner that he already knows. Besides, the highest outstanding spade is the Jack, which will likely not play a part in this hand.

If the signal cannot be attitude then it should be count. Partner's 9 is showing an even number of cards, so you know that declarer's 7 is likely a false card. Players at this level false card with the spots on a regular basis. You have another round you can cash, but then what? Do you cash your second spade? Where is your third trick coming from? Can partner have a high card trick?

So many things to think about. Pause now before reading the solution below.

Answer

The Hideous Hog, of Victor Mollo's *Bridge in the Menagerie* stories, would often remark that the speed in which you play often matters just as much as what you play. Your only real chance to set this contract is to talk declarer out of taking the diamond finesse. How do you do that?

Cash your second spade before it goes away on the clubs and underlead the trump king by putting the $\diamond 7$ on the table.

But here is where the Hog's advice is key: you need to do it as if it is a natural play as if you are doing it without giving it a lot of thought. Who underleads kings like this, especially when declarer has not idea of how well you play?

If you break the tempo of the play after cashing the second spade, declarer will start to suspect that you have the king, certainly reasonable on the bidding. If you lead a heart or club you allow declarer to play a few tricks in either suit, to gather information. A great declarer will do that. If you need to put declarer to a guess, do so before they can gather additional information.



Not only that but you need to maintain your table presence. This is where the games of bridge and poker intersect. A great player will wait on you to see how you react during that wait. He will be looking for a tell, a physical clue that you are holding in some anxiety. Keep calm and wait patiently for declarer to make the play.

The full deal:

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

Of course, declarer might guess this correctly, but if you give them the chance to glean some information it becomes less of a guess and more of a considered play.

After five minutes of declarer thinking about what to do, he calls for the $\diamond Q$ and when partner shows out, he claims the contract. You did your best, but declarer was your match on this deal.

“Sorry I took so long,” declarer says to your pard. “I’ve never play against your partner, so I had to figure out if he is good enough to make that play.”

You leave the table with a below average result, but some well-earned respect.



Spot Marks The X (2)

By Ray Jotcham

The setting: North American Team Trials, Dallas, Texas, 1964.

You are playing the final 20-board match of 17 rounds. You are out of contention but are playing against B.J. Becker and Dorothy Hayden (later Truscott), who are in a tight race with Bob Hamman and Donald Krauss for the third and final spot on the team to represent North America in the Bermuda Bowl in Buenos Aires in 1965.

You and your partner (Bruce Gowdy) have reached 6♣ on the following cards:

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K 4 3

♠ Q 10 6 5 4
♥ 3
♦ 2
♣ A Q J 10 7 5

Bruce, as North, opened 2NT. What is the key card in the deal when Dorothy leads a trump against your slam?

If you have ever played against me, you will know that I pride myself on my speed of play. I went into the tank for about 15 minutes before deciding on my line of play.

Why hadn't Dorothy made an attacking lead with the majority of the strength revealed to be in dummy? I finally decided that she had at least two of the missing kings, if not all three. Now my path was clear. After drawing trumps, I led the spade queen from my hand. Dorothy covered and I won the ace in dummy. A low spade from dummy drew the nine from Becker, covered by my ten, and won by the jack. Dummy's eight was now the master card in the suit, and the slam was home!

Unfortunately, my euphoria was short-lived as we gave it all back on the next hand, playing 6♣ on a two-one fit. Bruce couldn't handle the 6-4 trump break. Meanwhile, we were cold for 7♦!

After the match, Becker came over to me and said I misplayed the spade suit. I asked how many pairs had reached 6♣. He replied, "Everybody." "How many players made the slam?" "Only you." "And you think I misplayed it?"

This next deal again casts the spade eight in a starring role. The deal occurred in an online match and was played by my wife, Gail.



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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbf	2♦	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All pass		

Opening Lead: ♦J

Looking at the cards, we can see two heart losers, an offside club queen, and some number of spade losers. Can the hand be made? Gail won the lead in hand and led a low spade towards the dummy. When LHO played the nine, Dummy's queen was played with RHO showing out. Now a heart was led from dummy. RHO rose king and cashed the ace, hoping for a later club trick. (Stronger defense would have been to return a diamond immediately, retaining a heart entry to eventually play a third diamond.)

When RHO returned a diamond, Gail won in dummy and ruffed a heart. A club to the ace followed by another heart ruff led to the following position:

Gail now led the king of clubs and another. Poor RHO watched his hoped-for club trick get ruffed by her partner, who was now end-played in trump. Returning the low spade would allow Gail to score the ten, while returning an honour would allow the eight-spot to flex its muscles and score *en passant*.

LHO found herself ruffing her partner's winners because she had too many trumps.

A more extreme example of this occurs in the following deal: You hold:

♠ J 10 9
♥ K J 9 7 6 5 2
♦ —
♣ J 10 9

After a pass on your left, partner opens 1♦. After a pass on your right, you bid 1♥. LHO doubles, and partner bids 3♦, showing a good suit and probably not much defense since he could have redoubled with extra values. Next hand bids 4♥! Do you double? Of course, you do! The opponents redouble, and you have to lead. You lead one of your jacks, and you see the following:

♠ K 5 4 3 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ 5 4 3
 ♣ A K 4 3 2

 ♠ J 10 9
 ♥ K J 9 7 6 5 2
 ♦ —
 ♣ J 10 9

If you lead a spade, declarer wins the ace and king and ruffs a spade in hand. Now ace and king of clubs, and a club ruff reduces you to all trumps. When declarer now leads a diamond, you get endplayed in trumps not only once, but three more times, allowing declarer to score all of his hearts from his original holding of ♥AQ108.

(That hand cost suckers a lot of money in the early days of bridge whist when unlimited redoubles were allowed.)

Now a teaser:

♠ 5
 ♥ K 9 5 3
 ♦ K 6 4 2
 ♣ K 8 5 2

 ♠ A K Q J 8 2
 ♥ A 4 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ A 3

You have over-reached and bid a grand slam in spades. The opening lead is the queen of clubs.

1. Which card will allow you to make the contract?
2. How do you propose to play the hand?

Since you appear to have twelve tricks, a squeeze of some sort is in order. A squeeze against East in the minor suits won't work since he discards after the dummy; hence we need West to hold the minors. We win the club ace and start drawing trumps. On the ace West plays the nine. On the king, he plays the three of diamonds! Now we have to worry about a trump

loser as well.

Is there a lie of cards that will let us make the hand? It's a slim chance, but what we need is for West to have precisely the ♥QJ10, any 5 diamonds and any 4 clubs. We discard a heart from dummy on the spade king since we can never set up the fourth heart. Now, what does West do when we lead the spade queen? If he discards from either minor, we discard a card from the other minor from dummy. Now we can set up the minor he unguarded via a ruff. Now we have the same length in trump as East, and a trump coup is available. We cross to dummy with the other minor and lead the established card from dummy. If East ruffs, we over-ruff and lead the high trump, squeezing West in the remaining two suits. This hand is an example of a three-suit trump squeeze combined with a trump coup.

The complete deal:

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

The most valuable card? Obviously the NINE OF HEARTS! Put that in the east hand, and no squeeze works.

The second most valuable card? The EIGHT OF CLUBS! Put that in East's hand, and West is not squeezed by the last trump. Of course, this presupposes that West chose to unguard the diamond suit.

Let's hear it again for the lowly spot cards! Hip! Hip! Hurray!



Trial Troubles

By Darwin Li

Trials for the Canadian national youth bridge teams occurred virtually over three days in the third week of April. The format of the first two days was an IMP pairs round robin and the third day, where only the top four pairs qualify, was a rotating teams match. With 14 junior players, ranging from 16 to 20 years of age in attendance it was a total fiesta. Here's a recap of some of the most interesting (and craziest) boards.

This first one shows how a virtually impossible contract can become a possible one. Sitting South, I found myself in 5♥ doubled after my partner raised my weak two and overcalled over a competing 4♠ by East. Then West doubled.

Dlr: South

Vul: Both

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

When I first saw dummy after a spade lead by West, I thought I was going to go for a huge number. There are 6 potential losers (2 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds, and 1 club). It wasimps, however, so I knew I had to first try to make the 5♥ contract.

With two definite losers in hearts and clubs from the missing aces, playing a small spade from dummy wouldn't help as I would still lose a spade even if my Q won. I rose with the A and played a heart to my king to draw trumps. My miracle plan revolved around setting up the clubs for pitches in spades and diamonds. A lot could go wrong; the defense can play on spades and get two tricks with a ruff; or cut my communication with dummy. But, after winning with the ♥A, West played the only sequence to give me the contract: ♣A followed by a small club.

I over-ruffed the ♥10 from East with my ♥Q, played another heart to the jack then set up the clubs, which worked because I still had a remaining entry to dummy with a diamond ruff. All this meant 11 tricks and making 5♥x. Junior bridge, right?

Here's another one. This board from the second day goes to show how overbidding is always rewarded in junior bridge (joking). We reached 6♠ at our table, but this EW pair took it one level further:

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

Their auction went as follows:

West	East
1♠	2♦
2♥	3♠
4♠	4NT
5♠*	7♠

*2 keycards with ♠Q

Do you see the make? North can be squeezed in the minors! Careful play in the order of drawing trumps, playing ♦AK followed by a diamond ruff in hand, and then cashing 4 rounds of hearts leaving North needing to give up either the ♦Q or coming down to singleton ♣K. Either way, 7♠ making meant +12 imps. Definitely the top declarer play in the event. Congrats to Katherine Yang for playing it and her partner Jasmine Xiong for bidding the grand.

Anyway, now that the trials are over, juniors can look forward to competing in the World Championships held in the Netherlands in August. Finally get to see each other in person 😊.



Andy Risman, 2023 Kate Buckman Award winner & Danielle Gosselin, 2023 Audrey Grant award winner

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<p>NOTE: All stratifications are dependent upon depth of field. Director may adjust as required.</p>		

Entry Fees: Pairs \$12.50 per player per session. Teams \$100 per team.

ACBL Members with Less than 5 Masterpoints receive one **FREE** session on Saturday.

Players 25 years and younger play for \$5 per session.

To participate in this tournament, players must be an ACBL member in good standing.

Non-ACBL members are welcome and will receive a complementary temporary ACBL membership.

Westfield Public School
102 Dereham Drive
Tillsonburg, ON N4G 0G5

This beautiful building is fully handicap-accessible, with a spacious playing area and excellent lighting.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on school property.
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Side of this Flyer**

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Host Hotel

92 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg



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Tillsonburg Sectional

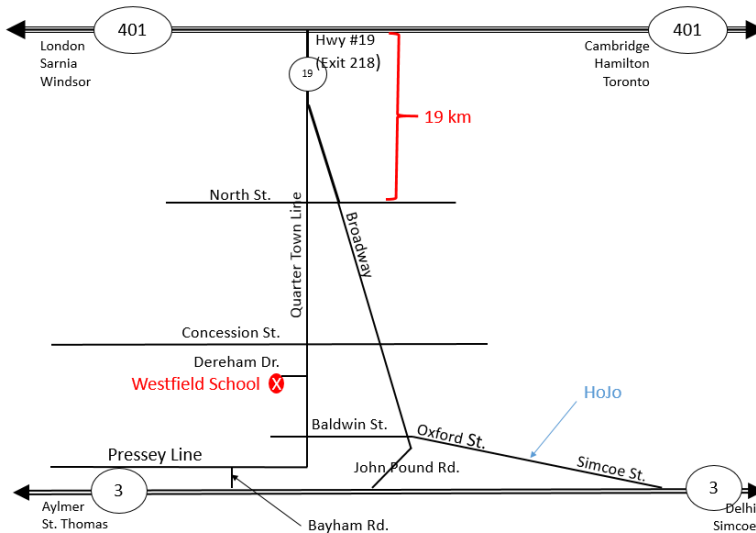
Site Location and Driving Directions

Site Location: Westfield Public School

102 Dereham Drive, N4G 0G5

(off Quarter Town Line* on the west side of Tillsonburg)

*Please note that some references may show as Quarterline Road – this is the same road!



Driving Directions

From Highway 401:

1. Exit at Hwy 19 (Exit 218).
2. Go southward 19 km to Tillsonburg.
3. Turn right at Second traffic light (North St).
4. Travel 500 m westward on North St. to 4-way Stop (Quarter Town Line).
5. Turn left on Quarter Town Line.
6. Drive southward on Quarter Town Line for 1.6 km until you come to a Stop sign (Concession St).
7. Continue southward on Quarter Town Line another 530 m to the first street on the right (Dereham Dr.).
8. Turn right on Dereham Drive to school.

From Simcoe/Delhi

1. Travel westward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Exit onto Simcoe St.
3. Travel westward full length of Simcoe and Oxford Streets to Downtown Tillsonburg (7.1 km) (5th traffic light).
4. At corner of Broadway Ave and Oxford St. angle slightly left and follow Baldwin Street westward.
5. Continue westward on Baldwin St. for 1.8 km to Quarter Town Line.
6. Turn right on Quarter Town Line and travel northward 650 m to Dereham Drive. (Dereham Drive is 2nd street on the left).
7. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

From St. Thomas/Aylmer

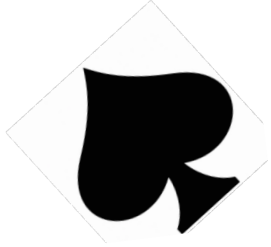
1. Travel eastward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Turn left onto Bayham Drive just before Tillsonburg.
3. Travel 1 km on Bayham Drive to Pressey Line.
4. Turn right on Pressey Line and continue 1.3 km eastward until it makes a 90 degree left curve and becomes Quarter Town Line.
5. Continue northward on Quarter Town Line for 1.1 km to Dereham Dr. (Dereham Drive is 4th street on the left).
6. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

Alternatively from St. Thomas/Aylmer

1. Travel eastward on Highway 3 to Tillsonburg.
2. Exit Highway 3 at John Pound Road – turning left.
3. Follow John Pond Road into downtown Tillsonburg (first traffic signal).
4. Turn left at light and go 1.3 km westward on Baldwin St. to Quarter Town Line (4-way Stop).
5. Turn right on Quarter Town Line and travel northward 650 m (Dereham Drive is 3rd street on the left).
6. Turn left on Dereham Drive to school.

Summer

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sectional August 18-20, 2023



NOTL Community Centre
14 Anderson Lane, NOTL
(off Hwy 55/Mississauga Rd)
905-468-4386



0-750 Tournament

Friday August 18th, 2023

750 Pairs 1:00pm & 7:00pm
199 Pairs 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Saturday August 19th, 2023

750 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm
199 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

Sunday August 20th, 2023

750 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm
199 Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

All players are required to abide by
the COVID protocols of ACBL and the
Province of Ontario

Tournament Chair:

Chandi Jayawardena 905-941-1676
Email chandij@sympatico.ca

Partnership Chair:

Peggy-Sue Verkerk 905-359-0159
Email peggysueshaver@yahoo.com

Stratification

(Pair Average and strats adjusted as attendance warrants)

750 Pairs 200 - 750
199 Pairs 0 - 200

General Information

All Events are Single Session

\$15/player/session for ACBL members

Extra \$4 for lapsed ACBL members

Temporary membership for non-ACBL members will
be available.

All events stratified by average masterpoints.



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Goderich Sectional

August 26 – 27, 2023

Knights of Columbus Community Hall
390 Parsons Court
Goderich, ON N7A 4K3

Saturday, August 26, 2023

The Percy Sheardown Open Pairs Sessions 1 and 2: 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

(Stratifications A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500)

Single Session entries available

0-299 Pairs Two Single Sessions: 10:30 and 3:30 pm

(Stratifications A: 200-299, B: 50-200, C: 0-50)

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Bracketed Swiss Teams: 11:00 am and TBA

(499 bracket guaranteed)

Entry fees: \$12.50 per person per session

We will not be providing a lunch option but will have a longer lunch break so that people can make their own arrangements at local restaurants.

Tournament Chair

Jennifer Verdam-Woodward

woodwardj@compassminerals.com

Partnership Chair

Doug Elliott

dougelliott51@gmail.com

As per the ACBL's communication on March 15, 2023, we are currently removing the requirement that players must be vaccinated to attend. Please be aware that we must follow the ACBL's policy for tournaments, and any such requirement could be reinstated if that policy changes.

Please also note that while masks are not required by law, players must still be courteous to one another. If a player requests that others at their table wear a mask covering their nose and mouth, we expect that this will be done. Refusal to comply with these requests will result in removal from the tournament. Please bring a mask with you. There will be masks available for those who forget.

Labour Day **SILVER POINT SECTIONAL** *Bridge Tournament*

September 2-4, 2023

Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport

655 Dixon Road, Toronto M9W 1J3

[Book your group rate for American Contract Bridge League](#)

or Call 1-800-668-365 or 416-244-1711

Ask for code "ACB" Special bridge rate \$139 if booked by August 12, 2023

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 2

- **10:00 AM & 2:30 PM** - A/X, B/C/D - 2 session stratiflighted pairs, single session entries are welcome
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 199 Pairs - single session stratified pairs
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 20 supervised pair game

Sunday, September 3

- **10:00 AM & 2:30 PM** - A/X, B/C/D - 2 session stratiflighted pairs, single session entries are welcome
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 199 Pairs - single session stratified pairs

Monday, September 4

- **10:00 AM & TBA** - A/X Swiss Teams - Open to all - Stratified by Average of both players
- **10:00 AM & TBA** - B/C Swiss Teams - Stratified by Average of both Players, No player with more than 2000 MP
- **10:00 AM** - 0 - 199 Pairs - single session stratified pairs*

• *Monday morning 0 - 199 game requires pre-registration. Please contact Steve Overholt: soverholt1@gmail.com*

There will be complimentary lessons by Steve Overholt at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

EVENTS ARE STRATIFIED BY AVERAGE MASTER POINTS & FLIGHTS ARE BASED ON HIGHEST MASTER POINTS OF PAIR/TEAM

Stratiflighted event: A: 4000+, X: 0-4000, B: 1500-2500, C: 750-1500, D: 0-750

Single session entries for all Pairs games are welcome.

Session Fees:

\$16 CAD

(members)

+\$4 for non-current members

All players MUST have an ACBL number. Guest memberships are currently free. Contact Glenna if you require one.

\$10 CAD

Full time students up to age 21 (members)

+\$4 for non-current members.

CHAIRPERSON:

Glenna Richardson 416-419-3089 glennarichardson@bell.net

PARTNERSHIP CHAIR:

Laurie Miller 416-276-6415 lauriemiller333@gmail.com

NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE CHAIR:

Steve Overholt 647-897-6179 soverholt1@gmail.com

COVID Protocols as mandated by ACBL will be in place.

VACCINATION: ALL staff, players and volunteers must have been double-vaccinated no less than 14 days prior to the event in which the player wishes to purchase an entry. All players must show proof of vaccination and photo ID prior to purchasing game entries.

MASKS: Masks are not required, however if a player requests others at their table to wear a face mask, we expect this will be done as a courtesy. Masks will be available for those that don't bring one and need one.

PARKING AT THE SITE IS FREE FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS



James Breihan & Joe Yassi won Friday Open Pairs

Photo by J.S.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

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All tournaments are Sectionals unless noted

Deadline for the Summer Kibitzer: July 20, 2023

The Kibitzer

Andy Stark

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