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Helms Leads Foreign Invasion

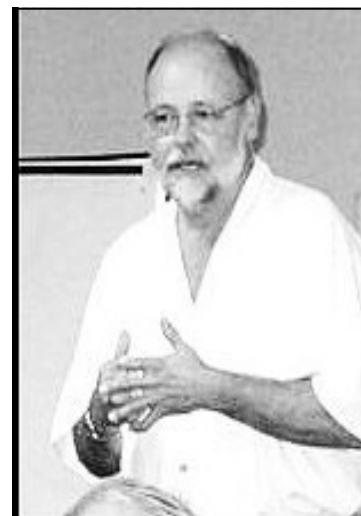
None of us can remember a Halifax Can-At that **Jerry Helms** has not attended.

Jerry, familiar to readers of the "Ask Jerry" column in the *ACBL Bulletin*—has once again agreed to be part of **Kathie MacNab's** 'IN' (Intermediate/ Novice) lecture series during the tournament. As always, **Jerry** and his teammates will be odds-on favorites to win most of the events, but playing at the same table with a person of the expertise and manners of **Jerry** is a reward in itself.

Also returning are long time supporters **Arthur and Kay Lilly, Alan and Stephanie**

Colpitts, Jeff Phipps and **Jim "Flash" Gordon**, all from the great U.S.A. **Arthur** finally picked up some masterpoints in 2006 and a few T-shirts. This caused quite a shock, and we certainly don't expect a repeat in 2008.

Trying to fend off the foreign invaders will be local stars that include **Bill Camp, Bill and Don Presse, John Stewart, Alan Doane, Eric Balkam, Bill Halliday, Rod MacKenzie** and **Gerry Callaghan**. We are proud to add to this list **Terry Shaw**, who moved to Halifax from Ottawa last year with his patient and bridge-playing wife, **Marcia**.



Jerry Helms talks to the IN group at Can-At 2006

We expect the competition to be fierce but friendly, and we thank all of our great friends from south of the border for their continued attendance.

MIDNIGHT HARBOUR CRUISE

Sunday June 29

aboard the beautiful Tall Ship "Silva"

Leaving the Queen's Wharf (foot of Prince St) 11:59 PM Sunday

Cash bar, & snacks

Live music & dancing on deck!

COME ABOARD!
JOIN THE FUN!

TICKETS: \$20 each
Call Doug Hamilton at 456-0073

DIRECTOR, PLEASE!

We have a great directors' crew in **Henry Cukoff** (Montreal), **Karl Hicks** (Dominion) and **Jacques LaFrance** (Montreal).

Henry leads the directors' team for Canada's national championships, and has often been our head director. To assist him in his rulings we send him a Maritime Standard convention card well in advance and a bottle of aspirin.

Karl is our number one Sectional director. He directs regularly at the Bermuda Regional and at many ACBL National events. He has a great sense of humor and a collection of neckties second to none. If your partner leads out of turn, he may ask if you want a new one before he makes a ruling—he's kidding. Don't miss him at the

Hospitality Suite after the evening session.

Most tournament players in eastern Canada have also benefited from **Jacques'** suave authority and general directorial savoir-faire. We are all glad to see him here again.

Note to novices: Don't be afraid of these guys; they're on *your* side.

Sitting at the bar, sipping a drink, and listening to music are good ways to relax after a day of bridge. I don't expect to sing to partner after every game--especially the bad ones--but I do know that, when partner is sitting across the table from me, it is to never his intention to torture me.

As a bridge player, I constantly search for the perfect partner. But as the years go on, I do realize that cloning myself is neither possible nor allowed under the rules of the game.*

So when I travel to a tournament, uncloned, having arranged

Let It Be (Hic) Me

—Jerry Callaghan, Tournament Chair

games with the best available players, what should I, in reality, expect or hope for? If partner is also my mate, the answer is simple--*survival of the relationship at all costs*, even if I have to accept half

I reflect:

- Did I go ballistic tonight when partner passed a forcing bid or butchered that cold game?
- How about that defense of three no-trump where he refused to return my opening lead?
- Did I thank him for not criticizing my own bad plays (not that I recall making any) at the table?
- Partners are not a dime a dozen. Come to think of it, neither are friends. Nor mates.

other situations. All I have to do is be nice for one or two events knowing that a wet bar and a new partner are not far in the future--visits to the hospitality suite and partnership desk will take care of that. But getting a new one, or renewing the old, will largely depend on *my* behavior, whatever the relationship.

*So, never leave me lonely,
Da da da da da da,
Now and forever,
Let it be me.*

And may God bless Willie, Elvis and partner.

Bartender, turn up the music! Give me another shot and easy on the Coke!

the blame.

Not so much pressure in

*(Rule # 1212, entitled 'double jeopardy').

... and speaking of PARTNERSHIPS

If you are looking for a partner please contact

BILL HALLIDAY 452-8573

or

TERRY SHAW

Do not hesitate to talk to the partnership committee to see how they can assist you.

LATE NIGHT HOSPITALITY

NEPTUNE SUITE 220 in the DELTA HALIFAX

(the former Chateau Halifax, Scotia Square).

Our Hospitality Suite will be open LATE for all to enjoy. Our famous tooney bar offers beer, wine, some light snacks (chips etc.) and Maritime enjoyment.

Meet your friends, make new ones.

If you want to know how the experts played those crazy hands, just ask them—they'll probably be there. Everyone is encouraged to join us:

Kathie, Bill, Gerry and Judy will be there to greet you all. Come join the fun.

"I/N" LECTURE SERIES:

Taking Advantage of the talent attending this year's Can-At!

Friday through Sunday in the **Room 101** the Can-At committee will be presenting a GUEST SPEAKER. Please watch the white board to see the featured speaker.

FRIDAY SPEAKER – TBA

SATURDAY SPEAKER:

JERRY HELMS

SUNDAY SPEAKER—TBA

SUPPORT YOUR TOURNAMENT —CANTEEN SERVICES

A canteen will be set up in the playing area from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. During the day there will be coffee, tea, soft drinks, bottled water and other light refreshments available. The evening canteen will provide a cash bar.

♣ Coffee and Tea -\$2.00/cup

♣ Soft drinks & Juice \$2.50

♣ Bottled Water -\$2.00

♣ Chips, bars, cookies available.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE TOURNAMENT BY PURCHASING YOUR COFFEE ON SITE. You are welcome to fill a cup.

THURSDAY'S PLAY SCHEDULE:

1:00 Bracketed Knockout Teams #1 (1st round)
 Stratiflighted Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 Afternoon Side Pairs Series (1st session)

7:30..... Bracketed Knockout Teams #1 (2nd round)
 Stratiflighted Pairs (2nd of 2 sessions)
 Evening Side Pairs Series (1st Session)
 Single Session Stratified Swiss

11:45.....*Midnight Knockout every evening Thursday to
 Saturday and Monday, provided minimum of
8 teams*

FRIDAY'S PLAY SCHEDULE:

9:00..... Morning Bracketed Knockout (1st round)
 Morning Side Pairs (1st session)

1:00 Bracketed Knockout Teams #1 (3rd round)
 Bracketed Knockout Teams #2 (1st round)
 Stratiflighted Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
 Afternoon Side Pairs Series (2nd session)

7:30..... .I/N (0 to 300) Pairs) Single session
 Bracketed KO Teams #1 (Final round)
 Bracketed Knockout Teams #2 (2nd Round)
Stratiflighted Pairs (2nd of 2 sessions)
 Evening Side Pairs Series (2nd Session)
 Single Session Stratified Swiss

For all Intermediate and Novice Players . . .

ALL PAIRS AND SWISS TEAM GAMES ARE STRATIFLIGHTED WHERE POSSIBLE!

There are Gold and Red Points to be won. Don't forget the Side Pairs, Morning, Afternoon and Evening. You are more than welcome to play in ANY event, have some fun

Masterpoints in all of these games are red, with some gold points to a few pairs at the top. You can win gold-point awards by playing at least two sessions in any

side game series and having two

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good games. Your top two percentage scores (even if you played with different partners) are added

together and compared with all other individuals to decide the **side series** leaders. If you play three games in a **series** and have 64%, 27% and 59%, your "I wasn't awake yet" game will be tossed and you'll get a score of 123% for the series, and you'll probably win some gold points!

Remembering
Beryl (Callaghan) MacLean

Friends of Beryl
 Invite you to
 A Celebration of Beryl's Life
Saturday, June 28th, 2008
 Suite 220 Delta Halifax

11:15 for 11:30 am-12:30 pm
 11:15- Coffee/tea and sweets provided
 11:30-12:30: Friends will tell stories of
 their interactions with Beryl.

If you are interested in speaking
 or want more information, please contact:
 Leo Weniger: leowen@primus.ca or (902)425-3392

Please inform others who might be interested.

SIDE GAMES

There are side games at almost every session of this Regional.

- They are grouped into three series.: The Thursday thru Sunday Morning side games are the **Morning Series**.
- The **Afternoon Series** runs Thursday to Sunday starting at 1:00 and
- the **Evening Series** Thursday to Sunday start time 7:30. You can play in as many of these as you wish; once you enter a series you don't need to stay in it to the end.

DAILY DOOR PRIZES

Be sure to fill out a registration card!!

There will be DAILY door prizes for players that have filled out a registration card. Each evening we will be drawing for prizes and the winners will be announced in the following days "CAN-AT DAILY NEWS" and on the White Board by the registration desk.

P R I Z E S

After you have won your event you may pick up your prize at the PRIZE SECTION by the Registration Desk. Your prize will be available for pick up the next day (this will allow time for the directors to relay that information to the Prize committee). Prizes may be picked up at the registration desk ½ hour before each afternoon and evening session. We will also have your prizes available as soon as possible after the final Swiss Team event on Monday.

Check results on the Web at
http://www.unit194.org/Canat/2008/2008_Canat.htm

TEACHER'S ACCREDITATION COURSE

Audrey Grant and **Better Bridge** has a NEW and wonderful Teaching Series. An improvement on Audrey's original "Club Series" (published more than 20 years ago) is

"The Bridge Basics 1 – An Introduction"

and for the Intermediate players

"Bridge Basics2—Competitive Bidding" and Doubles"

Kathie MacNab will be presenting this Teacher's Accreditation July 1st and 2nd .

The course will take over 6 hours and the registration fee is \$125.00 per participant. Included are several books and a quantity of teaching materials.

This dynamic group will be giving a presentation for the I/N Group on Sunday at 12:30 in the Room 101

Class is Limited. For more information call Kathie at 452-8573.