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CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Twelve teams representing the Atlantic Provinces met in Moncton on the weekend of April 4-6 to determine the two teams to represent Zone 1 at the National Finals. Upon the completion of round robin play, Goldberg (Halifax) was in first place and Callaghan (Halifax) in second. These teams will represent us in Ottawa, June 7-11. Good luck to both teams!

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CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Zone Final for the CWTC was held May 17, 18 in Moncton. At the conclusion of round robin play, the MACDONALD team was in first spot. Team members include Carolyn MacDonald, Mary Stevenson, Lorelei Langille, Truro, and Babe Batten, New Waterford and Elizabeth Legacy, Bras d'Or. After considerable effort Helen Colter, Zone 1 Coordinator received permission last week to send a second team from our Zone to the Nationals. This enables the GRIFFIN team to compete. Florence Griffin, Marie Carragher, Jean MacPhail and Kathleen Murphy all of Charlottetown are the team members. The National Final takes place in Thunder Bay from June 29 to July 3, 1986. Good luck to both teams!

Deadline for the next issue is September 2, 1986

Don't For The Seniors' Sectional June 7-8!

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT "B"

Seventeen teams participated in the Grand National Flight "B" Finals in Halifax, March 8-9. The winning team was Sam Ghosh, Pardeep Banerjee, Arun Datta and Bernie Vigod all of Fredericton. This team represented us at the District Final in Ottawa in May and won the play-off. They will play in the NATIONAL FINALS in Toronto during the NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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CLUB DIRECTORS' SEMINAR IN CAMPBELLTON

A seminar will be held at the Campbellton Sectional for club directors and interested players on Saturday, August 9, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. The seminar will be conducted by Karl Ricks, who will review the most frequently applied laws and give some general advice on directing. A question period will follow.

CANADIAN OPEN PAIRS FINALISTS

During recent Unit playoffs the following players won the right to represent their respective units at the National Final in Toronto in July.

UNIT 194

1. Bryan Rapson-Elsie Adams
2. Judy Walker-Dave Lockwood
3. Myrtle Moulton-Art Matheson

UNIT 230

1. Norm O'Brien, Jack O'Brien
2. Mabel Upham, Louise Jones
3. Blair Gamble, Wally MacDonald

LOCAL PLAYERS TO ATTEND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four local players will be in attendance when the World Championships begin in Miami in September. By virtue of their Grand National Pairs Zone win, ED RISLEY, Halifax and TED MOFFATT, Dartmouth will be eligible for the Open Pairs. SANDY FOX, Sackville, N. B. and RASHID KHAN, Charlottetown have been selected by the CBF to play in the Mixed Pairs.

TO THE EDITOR

It is time to review the policy for scheduling Knockout events at Maritime Unit 194 Sectionals. Now when three rounds are required, the third round is played at midnight of the first day. If four rounds are needed, the final rounds are opposite the Swiss on the last day.

I suggest the final rounds of the Knockouts be played opposite the Open Pairs for the following reasons:

1. Most IMP players prefer the Swiss Teams to Open Pairs.
2. It is easier to concentrate on the Swiss Teams than the Open Pairs with the Knockout event still undecided.
3. Semi-final Knockout losers now can play in the Swiss Consolation which makes it more difficult for the less experienced players in the Consolation.
4. If played opposite the Open Pairs, losing semi-finalists have more options for the evening (usually Saturday) including playing in the Open Pairs Consolation which is much more satisfying (and master point rewarding) than the Swiss Consolation. It also allows for flexibility if the entire team does not wish to play.

The executive should review the above. Hopefully all or at least half of the Sectional Knockouts could be organized in this manner.

LEO WENIGER, Halifax

Moncton Results

KNOCKOUT TEAMS (9 Teams)

1. Myrtle Moulton, Ted Withers, Joe Currie, Gerry Soucy
2. Gerry LaFlamme, Wayne Hare, Norma Symonds, Gordie Tyler

MONCTON PAIRS (16 pairs)

1. Mary Cotter, Mike Ames.....110½
2. Elsie Adams, Scott MacDougall...106½
3. Ray & Leona Ogilvie.....100½
4. Christene Larrabee,
Inez MacDonald 96
5. Barbara MacKay, Alice Manzer.... 95½

MASTERS PAIRS (27 pairs)

1. Al Laughland, George Colter.....203.7
2. Mabel Upham, Louise Jones194.5
3. Ann Hartop, Bea O'Brien.....189.5
4. Mary Cotter, Mike Ames188.5
5. Norm O'Brien, Jack O'Brien184
6. Brian Hansen, Glenda Avis178.8

Open Pairs (48 pairs)

1. Brian Hansen, Glenda Avis..... 208
2. Mike Ames, Mary Cotter.....199
3. Brian Lafferty, Mike Hartop..... 298.5
- 4-5. Gordon Chippin, James Harper...193.5
- 4-5. Gord Tyler, Bryan Rapson.....193.5
6. Ron Mak, Leo Weniger.....187.5

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION (20 pairs)

1. Carol Mann, Blair Gamble.....133
2. Sandy Fox, Rashid Khan127
3. Myrtle Moulton, Ted Withers...126.5
4. Alice Manzer, Bea O'Brien.....118
5. Bette Doherty, Joanne Merzetti...115
- 6-7. Mary MacDougall, Fred Judd...113.5
- 6-7. Jack O'Brien, Norm O'Brien...113.5

SWISS TEAMS (24 Teams)

1. Ted Withers, Myrtle Moulton, Joe Currie, Gerry Soucy..... 7¾
2. Gary Brown, Ted Moffatt, Ed Risley, Gyl Balduresson..... 6¼
3. Mike Hartop, David Jackson, Brian Lafferty, Frank Jackson..... 6
- 4-6. Blair Gamble, H. MacDonald, J. McIver, Carol Mann..... 5
- 4-6. Ken Eisner, Glenda Avis, Boyd Wells, Brian Hansen..... 5
- 4-6. Ron Mak, Helen & George Colter, Evelyn Richards 5

SWISS TEAMS CONSOLATION (10 Teams)

1. Florence Griffin, Jean MacPhail, Marie Garragher, Kathleen Murphy..... 4
2. D. Murray, R. Kitchen, S. Wilson, M. Golding..... 3

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to Helen Hatfield, Woodstock on receiving her Gold card recently.

SEARCH FOR NEW EDITOR

The position of editor of the Maritime Bridge Line is vacant. The present editor will complete the 1986 term, but a new editor is needed to commence duties in late November. Interested persons please contact Mr. Vin Dohaney, President Unit 194.

Truro Results

KNOCKOUT TEAMS (14 teams)

1. **Ralph & Louise Fisher, Ann & Mike Hartop**
2. Beryl Callaghan, Linda Cobham, Jim Kirby, Leo Weniger
- 3-4. Gerry Soucy, Joe Currie, Bryan Rapson, Art Matheson
- 3-4. Brian Hansen, Glenda Avis, Brian & Bernadette Busby

FRIDAY SIDE GAME (15 pairs)

1. **Alex & Hazel McDougall**..... 99
2. Carolyn MacDonald,
Lorelei Langille 97
3. Frances MacDonald, Pearl Dickie 93
- 4-5. Don Keizer, M. Langille-Bates... 91
- 4-5. Aline Arseneault,
Marie-Ann Hachey 91

DON COX PAIRS (27 pairs)

1. **Evelyn Richards, Brian Alexander** 203
2. Elsie Adams, Alice Manzer.....201
3. Boyd Wells, Gord Tyler.....200
- 4-5. Dean Martin, Mary Cotter.....183
- 4-5. Frances MacDonald,
Pearl Dickie182

OPEN PAIRS (67 pairs)

1. **Ted Moffatt, Ed Risley**.....304
2. Gyl Baldursson, Gary Brown.....285
3. Brian & Bernadette Busby.....281
5. Mary House, Ken Eisner.....268
6. David Jackson, Brian Lafferty.....264

OPEN PAIRS CONSOLATION (30 pairs)

1. **Mike & Ann Hartop**.....193
2. M. Langille-Bates, Don Keizer...189
- 3-4. Bob Sager, Rev. H. Shea185
- 3-4. Linda Cobham, Jim Kirby.....185
5. Mike Covey, Mike O'Neil.....183
6. Jean Stensrud, Audry Forrest.....179

NONMASTERS PAIRS

1. **Eileen Mahoney, A. Joudrey**..... 48
2. G. Abell, W. Spurr..... 47½
3. M. Langille-Bates, Don Keizer... 46½

SWISS TEAMS

1. **R. Kenny, Marie Stuart, Cathy Thomas, Vernon Dakin**..... 7½
2. Bob Tumilty, James Horsifall, Roy LeBlanc, Leo Mooney 6¼
- 3-4. Evelyn Richards, George & Helen Colter, Brian Alexander..... 6
- 3-4. Lorelei Langille, Betty Chase, Carolyn MacDonald, Mary Stevenson 6
5. Kay McCurdy, Marg Waugh, Frieda Archibald, Margaret Fraser, Louise Smith..... 5¼
- 6-9. Harry & Barb Paton, Linda Walker, Dorothy Riteman 5
- 6-9. Downey & Carol Grover, Ellen Millman, Mike O'Neil..... 5
- 6-9. Ed Risley, Ted Moffatt, Gary Brown, Gyl Baldursson..... 5
- 6-9. Fran Lundin, Elsie Adams, Pat Scammell, Alice Manzer..... 5

SWISS CONSOLATION (12 teams)

1. **Sandy Fox, Rashid Khan, Myrtle Moulton, Ted Withers**..... 4
- 2-4. Marg & Graham Conrad, Pat Wallace, Bea Nowlan..... 3
- 2-4. Ann Poole, Frank & Frances Dunsworth, Helen Olive 3
- 2-4. Allister Fraser, Clarence Porter, Jean Stensrud, Audry Forrest 3

FRIDAY MIDNIGHT BOARD-A-MATCH (5 teams)

1. **Dean Martin, Evelyn Richards, George Colter, Brian Alexander**..... 16
2. Marie Stuart, Richard Kenny, Dave Scammell, Boyd Wells..... 14

LOST AT KEDDY'S, TRURO — one pearl earring of sentimental value to owner. Persons having information about this item please contact Juliet Mason 420-1583.

TROPHY STANDINGS

The Josey Trophy, awarded to the woman earning the most master points annually in Unit 194, has been renamed the MCLEOD TROPHY in honour of the late Mr. Bernie McLeod.

SPRINGHILL

1. Mike Hartop	38.66
2. James Harper	27.06
3. Brian Alexander	26.84
4. Rashid Khan	24.09
5. George Colter	20.06
6. Wayne Hare	19.35
7. Gerry LaFlamme	16.40
8-9. Gordon Cuming	13.98
8-9. Bob Melles	13.98
10. Don Cameron	13.64
11. Gordon Chippin	13.26
12. Mike Ames	12.90
13-14. Sam Ghosh	10.13
13-14. Pardeep Banerjee	10.13
15. Al Laughland	9.95

LAGAN

1. Joe Currie	35.75
2-3. Ted Withers	34.19
2-3. Myrtle Moulton	34.19
4. Brian Lafferty	30.98
5-6. Glenda Avis	28.70
5-6. Brian Hansen	28.70
7-8. Gyl Baldursson	28.06
7-8. Gary Brown	28.06
9. Gerry Soucy	27.92
10-11. Brian Busby	27.69
10-11. Bernadette Busby	27.69
12-13. Ed Risley	27.39
12-13. Ted Moffatt	27.39
14. Leo Weniger	26.15
15. David Jackson	26.14

CALLAGHAN

1. Sandy Fox	24.09
2. Evelyn Richards	16.58
3. Ann Hartop	16.34
4. Mary Cotter	13.16
5. Judy Hare	12.19
6. Alice Manzer	11.60
7. Helen Colter	11.12
8. Barb MacKay	10.67
9-10. Louise Jones	5.16
9-10. Mabel Upham	5.16
11. Leona Ogilvie	4.41
12. Jean O'Brien	4.08
13-14. Bea O'Brien	3.81
13-14. Evelyn Tower	3.81
15. Ann Posch	3.63

MCLEOD

1. Myrtle Moulton	34.19
2. Glenda Avis	28.70
3. Bernadette Busby	27.69
4. Elizabeth Legacy	18.89
5. Beryl Callaghan	18.45
6. Norma Symonds	17.00
7. Cathy Thomas	14.85
8. Babe Batten	14.45
9. Louise Fisher	14.25
10. Marie Stuart	11.92
11. Carolyn MacDonald	11.00
12. Linda Cobham	9.36
13. Lorelei Langille	8.08
14. Carol Grover	6.61
15. Mary MacDougall	6.43

EPSON WORLD SIMULTANEOUS PAIRS

Mark Saturday, June 14 on your calendar and plan to play in the largest bridge game ever. An estimated 100,000 to 250,000 from more than seventy countries will play in this largest sporting event ever.

Play begins in the single session, 24-board event at roughly the same time all over the world. Players in the ATLANTIC time zone begin at 3:00 p.m. Available sites are NEW-CASTLE, MONCTON, CORNER BROOK, HALIFAX, AMHERST, SUMMERSIDE and CHARLOTTETOWN.

Predetermined matchpoints will be used for scoring and local winners will be known in minutes. The top MIXED PAIR in each DISTRICT will qualify to play at the World Championships in Miami. The top six pairs worldwide will earn enough World Bridge Federation Master Points to become World Masters. The top 20 worldwide players will receive WBF master points as will Zonal winners. ACBL master points will also be awarded.

At the conclusion of play each contestant will receive a book of the hands with match-point results and analyses by Omar Sharif. Plan to attend this greatest bridge day ever!

HALIFAX BRIDGE WORLD MOVING

Halifax Bridge World will be located in new premises in late June. The new club rooms are located at 3600 Kempt Road, next to Wendy's. Phone number is unchanged, 454-4098. See you there!

TRURO CLUB MOVES TO NEW PREMISES

The Truro Duplicate Bridge Club has moved to brand new facilities at 573 Prince Street (Gillam Optical Building). Game time is 7:30 Monday and Thursday, with Novice games Tuesday evening and rubber bridge Tuesday afternoon.

CANADIAN ATLANTIC REGIONAL 1986 — SAINT JOHN

CAN - AT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th

Loyalist City Pairs..... 8:00 p.m.
Speedball Swiss11:59 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

Knockout Teams, Round 1..... 9:00 a.m.
Men's Pairs—Women's Pairs.....1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
Speedball Swiss11:59 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th

Knockout Teams, Round 2..... 9:00 a.m.
Open Pairs, Qualifying and Final.....1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
Novice Pairs (0-20) Separate sessions, Black points.....1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
Speedball Swiss11:59 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

Knockout Teams, Round 3..... 9:00 a.m.
Flighted Swiss Teams1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
 Flight A — unlimited
 Flight B — 0-750
 Flight C — 0-200 (½ red points for overall)
Novice Pairs (0-20) Separate sessions, Black points.....1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
Speedball Swiss11:59 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 30th

Knockout Teams, Round 4..... 9:00 a.m.
Flighted Open Pairs—Playthrough.....1:30 & 8:00 p.m.
 Flight A — unlimited
 Flight B — 0-750
 Flight C — 0-200 (½ red points for overall)
Speedball Swiss11:59 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 1st

Knockout Teams, Round 5.....10:00 a.m.
 (or time to be determined by the finalists)
Open Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m. & TBA

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SECTIONALS

SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL

HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL
CAMPBELLTON, N. B.

August 8, 9, 10, 1986

- SCHEDULE -

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

2:00 p.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 1
Open Pairs Side Game

8:00 p.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 2
Mixed Pairs

11:59 p.m.—Speedball Swiss

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 a.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 3

2:00 p.m.—Open Pairs, Qualifying

8:00 p.m.—Open Pairs, Final
& Consolation

11:59 p.m.—Speedball Swiss

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 a.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 3

2:00 p.m.—Swiss Team



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Director: Karl Hicks

Partnerships: Marielle Savoie, 753-6977

Hospitality:

Free dinner—Saturday night
Free coffee & tea every session

Tournament Fees: \$5.00 per session

Prizes: for all events

LABOUR DAY SECTIONAL

COLUMBUS CLUB
CORNER BROOK, NFLD.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 1986

- SCHEDULE -

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

2:00 p.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 1
Corner Brook Pairs

8:00 p.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 2
Mixed or Masters Pairs

11:59 p.m.—Knockout Teams, Round 3
Speedball Swiss

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

1:30 p.m.—Open Pairs, Qualifying

7:30 p.m.—Open Pairs, Final
& Consolation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 a.m.—Swiss Teams

2:30 p.m.—Swiss Teams



Playing area: Columbus Club, Reid Street

Glynmill Inn Cobb Lane (709) 634-5181 Room rate— \$50. single \$58. double	Holiday Inn 48 West Street (709) 634-5381 Room rate: \$54. per room
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Chairperson: Joan Gillam

Director: Karl Hicks

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Tournament Fees: \$5.00 per session

Hospitality: Sandwiches served after Mixed
Pairs and Open Pairs

(Meals available at Columbus Club between Open Pairs and Swiss Pairs at reasonable prices).

Prizes: for all events

HOW TO WIN AT BRIDGE

—Gerry Callaghan, Halifax

Now this article should be worth an absolute fortune. Imagine! After all these years of struggling to win and in five short minutes the key to success will be yours. Although it may seem a little strange to you at first, in order to win at bridge you have to **want to lose**. Wait just a minute, before you conclude that I have gone nuts, I intend to prove that statement. Before I do that, however, let's consider if it is so wrong to want to lose. Most of us have experienced success on at least one occasion and have the feelings of joy and satisfaction that come from it. What we fail to recognize is that there will always be some negative event which will result from winning, or, in other words, there will be at least one reason **why we should have lost**.

I am going to relate a couple of my own stories but first let's review a common place example.

Suppose you and partner went to your club last night and scored 72% to whip the field. Happy? Well I think that's just terrible. Next week you will go back to the club with the same partner and will be lucky to break average. As a bridge player, you don't make mistakes so, of course, you will be examining your partner's dummy play and defense with a fine tooth comb. Your halo is still intact, but his seems to have developed about 50 cracks and is now drooping around the ankles. Disappointment will lead to conflict (possibly armed). If you happen to be married, well that's not so bad, you are well used to conflict (even armed). All you had to do to avoid this was to lose. By winning your partnership is doomed. What I am proposing in concept about wanting to lose is similar to one of Murphy's Laws—if anything can go wrong it will. In our case if we want to lose something is bound to go wrong and so we will probably win!

During the CAN-AT last July in Halifax I had the honor to act as hospitality chairman. I had no doubt that my partners throughout this tournament would be Alexander (Keith) and Governor (General). Knowing that those guys would probably keep me up till all hours of the morning, I certainly did not want to participate in the early morning K.O.'s. All I wanted

my team to do was to lose, and lose early, normally not a gigantic task. Wanting to lose and playing to lose are two different things; being a team player you have to play to win. Well, every morning I got up to play the K.O. on my three hours sleep and each morning the desire to lose was stronger. It seems the more I partied, the harder the team played to torture me. Sure enough, on the last day we were in the K.O. finals. Getting up in the morning would no longer be a problem so I lost my desire to lose. I wanted to win and got my just reward when my team was throttled to the tune of 100 +imps.

Last fall I was committed to play on a team in the CNTC's. For many reasons not related to bridge I felt it best if my squad didn't get too far. Things looked very bright going into the final two rounds of the 1st club qualifying game. Our record was 2 wins, 4 losses and one more loss should surely put us out of the event. Even more encouraging was the news from certain members of the team that they would not be able to attend any other club qualifying games. Well, we lost the next round but as fate would have it we won the last round big and squeaked into the final qualifying spot. The next round was the provincials in Halifax to qualify five teams for the next round. As usual things started off well and we were 14th out of 16 teams at the end of day 1. After the 2nd day I began to worry as we had moved to ninth place. I instructed my team to party hard that night to help relieve some of the pressure. Alas, my fears were justified when we won the last round to creep into the top 5.

The competition in Moncton was going to be tougher, so I felt fairly confident in our ability to lose. This time only two teams would qualify out of, I believe, thirteen. The 1st place team would be fully subsidized for the finals in Ottawa. The 2nd place team would get the equivalent of bus fare to Scotia Square. Now I must tell you in all honesty that I had no interest in going to Ottawa on any team and I definitely wanted to lose. I looked over my team members and noticed Peter Maclean and Al Millman there and was more confident that my fate was in good hands.

Gordie Chippin was a question mark but I figured a few more late night team meetings would fix him. The final result however was the same. Yes, we won the last round, as we had to, and are on our way to Ottawa. I am sure by now you have guessed that we finished 2nd to add a financial insult to my desire to lose.

I tell you that this team is beginning to scare me. The more I want to lose, the harder the team tries to win. Some buddies! I had to do something before Ottawa. The possibility of winning there against all odds and having to hope to lose again at the North American finals did not appeal to me. I needed a fool proof scheme to lose. Obviously Peter and Al could not do enough damage as I originally had anticipated. We were allowed to add two players as we were only a four-man team. I looked carefully over a list of players for that extra edge that would give us no chance. I found them, just as you would have. You already know their names but maybe can't spell them, so here they are in print — John Beasy and Bryson Crowell. Excellent choice, wouldn't you agree!

God knows I pulled out all the stops. Well, maybe not quite them all—I could have appointed Gordie Maser as non-playing captain. But no, the urge would be too great to play him. So, confident of losing, I grudgingly go forth to Ottawa. This article, by the way, will not demoralize my teammates because by the time it goes to print we will have already lost. Who says I don't have team spirit? See all you cursed losers at the winner's circle!

TEST YOUR DECLARER PLAY

Bill Cunningham, Sackville, N. B.

S. AK4	S. 8652
H. 98	H. AKQ104
D. 96532	D. —
C. AK9	C. 6532

You are South, and in a four-heart contract. West leads the queen of diamonds, East plays the eight, and you ruff. If trumps break 3-3 you have nine tricks. Where do you find the tenth?

One possibility: draw three rounds of trumps, then play the A, K, and a third round in one of the black suits. If it also breaks 3-3, your last trump is the entry to your hand to cash the established winner. If the black suit that you choose breaks 4-2, the defender will return a diamond on winning the third round, extracting your last trump. Then you will have no entry to cash the thirteenth card of the other black suit even if it breaks favourably. Which black suit would you choose?

Another possibility is to play three rounds of one of the black suits before drawing trumps. If it breaks 3-3 (and trumps as well) you have ten tricks. If it breaks 4-2, you still have a 50% chance of ruffing your fourth card.

Question: What is the best way to play the hand?

Answer: The first line of play has about a 15% chance of success. The second is somewhat better, but not by much. The Hungarian expert, Geza Ottlik, found a much superior line of play. He made six tricks in hearts by trumping five diamonds in his hand, a simple but not quickly spotted dummy reversal. The chance of success is over 70%. (See: Darvas and Lukas, **Spotlight on Card Play**).

IN MEMORIAM

The communities of Campbellton and Dalhousie, N.B. were saddened by the sudden deaths of Roy and Helen Rempel in April 1986.

They lived in Dalhousie where they were involved with the Rotarians and all aspects of volunteer work. They still found time to be valuable and active members of the Campbellton Duplicate Bridge Club.

Roy and Helen were always ready for a game of bridge and helped many players improve their game. They devoted a lot of their time and energy promoting the Campbellton Duplicate Bridge Club.

Their deaths have left a void in our Club and they will be remembered for a long time and greatly missed by all who knew them.

—Campbellton Duplicate Bridge Club

C.B.F. REPORT

—George Colter, Zone 1 Director

The annual meeting of the CBF Executive took place in Ottawa May 11-14, 1986. The agenda was of necessity, lengthy and not all items discussed would be of interest to many of our readers. Following is a brief summary of the more important items.

C.N.T.C.

(Canadian National Teams Championships)

—1986 National Final June 7-11 in Ottawa
—1987 National Final in Quebec City

—The 1986 CNTC champions will play off against Bermuda and Mexico for the right to enter the 1987 Bermuda Bowl in Ocho Rios, Jamaica

—The 1987 CNTC champions will go to the world Olympiads in Venice, Italy in 1988

—1st and 2nd CNTC—1986 and 1st—1985 have berths directly into the Rosenblum Teams in Miami in September while the 2nd—1985 team plus 3rd and 4th—1986 will be allowed to enter the Swiss portion of the World Teams from which they may **qualify** to play in the Rosenblum Teams.

—Stan Tench was reappointed National Co-ordinator

—The CNTC generates enough revenue to look after expenses plus a small profit.

C.O.P.C.

(Canadian Open Pairs Championship)

—1986 National Final July 15-16, 1986 in Toronto

—1987 National Final, July 4-5, 1987 in Edmonton

—Confusion over qualifying games has been resolved for 1986 and 1987 as follows:

—All **Canada Wide and Olympiad Fund Games** in 1986 and 1987 will qualify persons who place in these games for the Unit Final.

—In addition, clubs may hold special games during the month of September allowing qualification similar to the Grand National Pairs format. Players may qualify in several games with different partners. Any person qualifying in these games may play in the Unit Final with a similarly qualified partner.

—Qualification slips for games already held in 1986 will be forwarded to all clubs which held the games.

—1986 Conditions of Contest will be rewritten to more closely follow the GNP format.

—1986 and future COPC winners will receive either:

(a) An invitation to play in the London Times Invitation (presently being checked out by Victor Goldberg)

(b) Subsidy to the Bermuda Regional in Bermuda each January.

—Winners of the COPC will also receive invitations to play in the World Pairs and

Olympiad Pairs. These events take place alternately every two years.

C.L.T.C.

(Canadian Ladies Team Championship)

—1986 National Final, June 29-July 3 in Thunder Bay

—1987 National Final May 1987 in Regina

—1988 Saint John, 1989 Toronto, 1990 Montreal

—decided to rewrite the Conditions of Contest to conform to the CNTC format, including the same Zone quotas for teams as the CNTC. This means that **club** level games going to Unit or Zone Final (as the number of teams dictates) will have to be promoted in our Zone

—one member of each team going to Thunder Bay will be asked to attend a meeting there to discuss any problems with the CLTC and make recommendations for future years.

GENERAL

—The Grand National Flight "B" teams have been well received and will continue unchanged. The CBF has been unsuccessful in having this become one of Canada's National events rather than the ACBL.

—The Rookie-Masters Game for 1986 was again a huge success and will be continued. National Co-ordinator for this event is Jan Anderson, Regina.

—The CBF has taken on John Walker Travel and Air Canada as their official travel representatives. All subsidized players will book their travel requirements through John Walker. The CBF will receive rebates through free tickets for a certain number of tickets purchased, depending on destination. The CBF also is encouraging the bridge playing public to book this way **if the cost is competitive** as this will also benefit the CBF in fulfilling its requirement for free tickets. Free tickets will be used to offset costs to directors meetings, as special prizes, and to subsidize costs of moving contestants to national and international events.

—A special by-law was passed allowing election of alternate directors to the CBF board who will receive the same information as regular CBF and thus be able to represent their Zone effectively should the regular director resign or be unable to attend a meeting.

—Dick Anderson, Regina is the new treasurer.

—Allan Simon was appointed editor of the Canadian Bridge Digest. The CBF board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Ron Bass and Jill Savage with the thanks of the CBF for many years of hard work.

—Aiden Ballantyne was elected President replacing Victor Goldberg.

—Dave Lindop was elected Vice-President.

BLUE PRINT FOR BRIDGE RENAISSANCE OR SHORTCUT TO BANKRUPTCY ?

—George Retek, District 1 Director

ACBL marketing and educational effort to be financed by 50%-66% membership fee increase

The ACBL Board of Directors met in beautiful Portland, Oregon between March 10-15, 1986. One decision of our Board will go a long way to determine the future and indeed the existence of our organization.

We have all been concerned for a long time about our declining membership, and have been committed to reverse this trend. Under the guidance of our Executive Director, Ralph Cohen and with noticeable help from our volunteers, we have turned the corner. I am happy to report that for the first time in the last six years our organization has gained a substantial number of new players and our membership once again exceeds 180,000.

A majority of the Board of Directors, led by President Tommy Sanders believes that huge financial commitments are necessary to support a major marketing and educational program to achieve this bridge renaissance and they intend to finance this effort by increasing membership dues from U.S. \$12. to U.S. \$18. (50% increase) and Life Master Service Fees from U.S. \$9 .to U.S. \$15. (66%)—while slicing our Units' participation share of this income from 25% to 20%.

Let's examine the two issues separately:

1. Proposed 4.5 million spending for marketing and education program within the next four years.

Our new marketing director, Paul Cohen supplied his "budget" to Board members upon arrival to the meeting. In all fairness to Paul, he had only a few months time to prepare for this monumental task. This budget was a listing of figures without substantial supporting information, that Paul himself described as his "best guesses" and "blue sky estimates". We were asked to accept these figures in a few days for the sake of moving forward. We were advised—that although \$60,000 is being spent on market research presently—our marketing department does not intend to wait for the results of this survey, and decisions, for example to change the size of our magazine, will be made immediately regardless of what the research will indicate for trends and wishes of our membership. If the foregoing doesn't sound logical, wait for what follows. I have prepared a summary of our projected financial position until the end of December 1987. Presently the equity of the ACBL is \$2,400,000 of which \$1,100,000 has been invested in fixed assets (head-quarters building, com-

puters, etc.) leaving \$1,300,000 available. Of this \$1,300,000 we will spend \$1,800,000!

How? Nobody could answer this question. Board members refuse to face the fact that we can't print money, only masterpoints. For less than three hours, the Board deliberated the unanimous recommendation of the Finance Committee to scale back the marketing "budget" and increase fees by \$3. only. (Our Board spent more time on previous occasions discussing items of far less importance). After some emotional speeches, that made very little financial sense the \$6. fee increase was approved, together with the entire marketing plan. (One of the cornerstones of this plan is to engage high priced consultants for every conceivable area). However, to monitor the spending, a subcommittee was established consisting of the "three hardest nosed accountants" (H. Smith, D. Moeller and G. Retek). This is similar to watching the barn after someone has opened the gate allowing the horses to escape.

At a time when we have already turned around our membership situation, we should not be so anxious for the "big leap forward" allocating huge sums of money that we don't have.

A more modest marketing and educational effort (including commercial sponsorship, improved magazine, college bridge, approved teaching program, cash prize tournaments, etc.) would be feasible even within the framework of a \$3.00 annual fee increase and would allow us to remain in a considerably more solvent financial position. I am just as committed as the rest of the Board in pursuing our renaissance—but within reason and without overtaxing our members.

2. The 1986 ACBL budget is close to a break even proposition without the additional marketing budget.

However, this effort will cause a deficit of almost 1/2 million dollars. Many members of the Board, with knowledgeable background believed that a fee increase of \$3.00 would be sufficient.

On the one hand, you can mark me down among those people who believe that our annual fee of U.S. \$18.00 is still a bargain as far as membership of similar organizations goes. On the other hand I believe that an increase of 50%-60% in fees to finance an unproven, poorly documented marketing plan is not justified — especially when an independent inquiry indicated

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that a bridge organization can be economically run on a far smaller budget than ours. Obviously, those present at the Portland Board of Governors' meeting shared in the same view by an overwhelming majority. This proposed fee increase that is to take effect on Oct. 1, 1986 is still subject to a second reading and approval of the Board of Directors at our Toronto Summer meeting where it hopefully may be reversed. Due to the unfortunate combination of fee increase and foreign exchange rate fluctuation in Canada, our annual membership fee in Canadian funds will jump from \$15 last year to approx. \$25. this year. This will become official at the July meeting unless **You** and your **unit members** express your disapproval. There is a precedent for such action; the Board was

forced to change an unwarranted increase —proposed in Fresno, Calif.—at the following meeting due to objection by our membership. Then and there it was decided that any future increases would require approval at two meetings to give time to our membership to express its opinion. Please send your views to Memphis (with a copy to me) or write directly to my address. Remember: unless you and your constituents **express your opinion**, the fee increase will take effect on October 1, 1986 —all in the name of increasing membership. Let's not forget that it is much easier to lose members who live on fixed budget than to obtain new ones. I certainly hope that the age of reason will return to our next Board meeting.