

# MARITIME BRIDGE LINE



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## MIRAMICHI EXECUTIVE ELECTED

### MATCHETT PRESIDENT

The Annual meeting of Acadian Unit 230 was held at the Chatham-Miramichi Sectional on Saturday, May 13.

A Miramichi executive was elected for another two year term. Mrs Shirley Matchett was elected President, Mrs Leona Ogilvie was elected Vice-President, Mrs Margie Bawn was re-elected Treasurer and Bill Barry was elected Secretary.

Mrs Matchett and Mrs Bawn held positions on the previous executive and have been extremely active in promoting duplicate bridge at the Newcastle Bridge Club while Mrs Ogilvie has been a driving force with the Chatham Bridge Club.

The Miramichi has been the hot-bed of bridge not only in New Brunswick but in the Atlantic Provinces. This success is in large part due to the efforts of the three ladies mentioned above, the continuing cooperation between the Newcastle and Chatham bridge clubs and an extremely active beginners and novice program.

Other business included the Treasurer's report which showed that the previous executive had significantly improved the Unit's financial position.

The meeting passed a motion to pay the entry fee of the Ghosh team to this year's CNTC National Finals in Toronto which was quoted as a staggering \$600.00.

Other motions included paying for half of the replacement of new computer equipment for our tournaments and to maintain an entry fee of \$6.00 per session at Unit 230 tournaments.

Dean Hare, Past President of Unit 230 and his executive were thanked for their capable performance over the past two years. ☺

### SPLIT REGIONAL IN 1996

Plans have been underway for the past year to hold a Split Regional with Kingston, Ontario, next summer.

The Split Regional will be held in Newcastle (now part of Miramichi City) in August of 1996.

The Regional will be an excellent opportunity for Maritime players to compete with a large field in the comfort of their local environment. The tournament will begin the evening of Monday, August 19 at 7:30 with a bracketed KnockOut and continue for six more days of bridge ending with a two-session Swiss Teams on Sunday, August 25.

Major pairs events will be held every day and team enthusiasts will be able to participate in Three separate KnockOut events as well as three separate two session Swiss Team events.

The playing area will be the Legion Hall in Newcastle. The Hall sits on the hill immediately behind the Wandlyn Inn and affords an incredible view of the Newcastle waterfront project as well as the beautiful Miramichi river.

Players are only a one minute walk from the playing area and a one minute walk in the opposite direction to the downtown shopping area.

This is the Maritime's first effort at a Split Regional. Based on my inspection of the playing site and years of experience with the unparalleled hospitality and congeniality of the Miramichi bridge players, this has to be a must for your tournament calendar in 1996.

Keep August 19-25, 1996 clear for what will be one of the best bridge experiences ever held in the Maritimes. It will be a week of fun bridge in one of the most scenic areas in the Maritimes. ☺

## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

by Karl Hicks

The tournament trail began this year at home running the first Maritime Sectional Tournament at Clubs. The tournament was an outstanding success with many clubs and players giving positive comments. Next year we will have our second STAC in January. This should have even more clubs and more players participating. This is an excellent opportunity for local players to pick up silver points without the prohibitive cost of travel and lodging. It is also an opportunity to get off to a good start in the Master Point races. Plan to play in the weeklong event as we hope to better our 388 table count next January.

The CNTC in Amherst was one of the best tournaments for players held to date. This event is the premiere bridge event of the season as the top players gather to qualify for the Canadian Team Championship. This year's field was once again the creme de la creme and competition was excellent. Matches were close and the top rankers were in doubt up until the final match when the Ghosh team had a lock on top spot. Bidding boxes were used and boards were preduplicated. A caddy and the cooperation of all participants resulted in an event that ran as smoothly as silk.

One week later we are in Truro for the Don Cox Memorial. This tournament continues to be one of the most congenial in Unit 194. Well-attended due to its central location, friendly atmosphere and local hospitality, Lorelie Langille and her hard working committee hosted another big success.

Two weeks later we arrived at the Morada Motel in Chatham where Leona Ogilvie and Lillian Gouchie and their workers have laid on yet another fantastic Miramichi sectional. Lunch after the first day, fish and corn chowder after the Saturday open and muffins for breakfast on Sunday kept the players nourished. Not to mention the famous lobster supper which was held by a local church group. A complete meal with two lobsters for \$12.00. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Swiss Team participation dropped largely due to the conflict with Mother's Day but tournament attendance was excellent considering there was a sectional running concurrently in Carleton, Quebec, which is famous for its all-you-can-eat lobster dinner and is close enough to affect attendance.

A great start to the 1995 bridge season and it is only beginning. The Can-At in Fredericton, in the capable hands of Sam Ghosh and his committee, will be an excellent tournament. Here is a chance for you to go for the gold.

August brings us to the incredible Sugarloaf Sectional in Campbellton, NB. Yes, it is a long drive but it is worth every mile. Hilda Reid and her committee spare no effort or expense to provide a tremendous tournament for the players. The dinner between sessions of the Open Pairs on Saturday is fabulous. This tournament is held in the new \$20 million Civic Centre which is certainly the top playing area in the Maritimes. The local scenery is out of this world and you are a short drive across the bridge into the province of Quebec. You haven't lived if you haven't played in this delightful tournament!

There follows the Cabot Trail Sectional on Labor Day Weekend (I'm too biased to speak on this one) and the beautiful Annapolis Valley Sectional in Windsor. Gordon Warner has a classic planned this year that you have to attend.

The Spud Island Sectional in Charlottetown is a favorite with everyone. Catherine and Des MacNeill will have another premiere tournament at the popular Rodd Royalty Inn where your room can overlook the playing area. Not to be missed! Hope to see you on the trail. ☺

# 1995 MASTER POINT RACES

## UNIT 194

### LAGAN TROPHY

1. KEN EISNER	40.49
2. Elizabeth Legacy	37.76
3. Ron Legacy	37.41
4. Boyd Wells	32.93
5. Dave Scammell	32.86
6. Mike O'Neil	31.13
7/8. Ralph Fisher	28.59
7/8. Louise Fisher	28.59
9. Bram Schwartz	26.89
10. Al Millman	25.72

### MCLEOD TROPHY

1. LIZ LEGACY	37.76
2. Louise Fisher	28.59
3. Betsy Eisner	20.93
4. Kathie MacNab	20.53
5. Linda Lockwood	20.02
6. Judy Walker	19.96
7. Carol Thompson	19.89
8. Myrtle Moulton	18.15
9. Carole Berry	16.90
10. Sharron Josey	13.06

## UNIT 230

### SPRINGHILL TROPHY

1. GEORGE COLTER	36.53
2. Mike Hartop	31.34
3. Rashid Khan	30.35
4. Jonathan Shute	30.18
5. Norm O'Brien	29.88
6. Bob Baker	15.91
7. Jack O'Brien	14.65
8. Ron Doucet	14.36
9. Paul Arsenault	14.33
10/11. Rod McInnis	14.16
10/11. Davis Crocker	14.16

### CALLAGHAN TROPHY

1. HELEN COLTER	38.48
2. Ann Hartop	30.18
3. Ann Posch	17.15
4. Stania Truka	17.02
5. Elizabeth Fortunato	16.18
6. Marilyn Barry	16.14
7. Bea O'Brien	14.65
8. Jean Knowles	14.50
9. Shirley Matchett	14.08
10. Lenore Flett	11.23

## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Playing in the Midnight Zip KO all vul the auction goes 2H on your left, double from your partner, skip to 5H on your right. You hold:

S Qxx HJ D AKJ109 CAKQ8

Partner is a novice who would certainly never psych and opponents are two top players and personal friends who are capable of anything especially in a midnight.

What do you bid? Continued on page 23

## CBF UPDATE

Here are some of the highlights of the Canadian Bridge Federation Annual Meeting which were sent to me by CBF President George Holland of Halifax.

George was elected President at this meeting for a rare third consecutive term which is a tribute to his continuing contribution to Canadian Bridge.

The 1996 Canadian Women's Team Championship will be held (continued on next page)



## 1995 CNTC ZONE 1 FINALS

Amherst Bridge Club, April 22 - 23, 1995

1. **GHOSH- Sam Ghosh-John Earl-Bob Simmonds-Bob Melles 585**
2. **PRESSE-Bill Presse-John Stewart-Eric Balkam-Mike Betts 529**
3. **CROWE-Ian Crowe-Bruce Armstrong-Gordon Chippin  
Brian Alexander-Bill Presse-Bill Camp 490**
4. EISNER - Ken Eisner - Leo Weniger - Ralph Fisher - Louise Fisher 473
5. KHAN - Rashid Khan - Alice Manzer - Mary Cotter - Sandra Fox -  
Bill Campbell - Norman O'Brien 454
6. SCHWARTZ -Bram Schwartz-Ron MacDonald-Ron Legacy-Liz Legacy443
7. DEMPSEY - Brendan Dempsey - Mike O'Neil - Rod MacKenzie -  
David Lockwood - Linda Lockwood 437
8. COLTER - George Colter - Helen Colter - Alan Doane -  
Evelyn Richards - David Oulton 417
9. BROWN - Richard Brown-Jon Shute-Les Barkhouse-Bill Halliday 392
10. STARZOMSKI - Frank Starzomski - Mark Spear - Buddy Peck -  
Marie Floyd - Bernie Britten - Bernice MacDonald 314
11. AUSTEN - Joe Austen - Lyn Leighton - Gwen Hopper-Harry Eickholt 305

### CBF UPDATE (continued)

in the Maritimes next summer.

2. There will now be two Rookie-Master games per year. This game has generated a good table count and cultivates new players.

3. The 1996 CNTC will be held in Saskatoon or Calgary.

4. National coaching program is renewed. Erik Kokish is reappointed coordinator of this program. Anyone interested can contact Erik at 514-481-2969.

5. In order to play in any CBF event you are required to be a CBF member. Those who do not pay prior to the National Finals will be invoiced \$200.00 in order to play. There will be no exceptions to this regulation.

6. Canadian Youth Bridge Organization formed by Eric Sutherland of Toronto. The CYBO is directed to junior players with newsletter and junior tournament.

7. CBF members are encouraged to contribute articles to the CBF Digest.

8. In 1997, on an experimental basis, the COPC will be held opposite the CNTC Finals. The COPC will start the day after the CNTC round-Robin ends.

CNTC non-qualifiers will have automatic entry into the COPC. Those knocked out of the CNTC Quarter-finals can enter the semi-finals of the COPC with a 1 board carryover and those knocked out of the CNTC semi-finals can enter the COPC finals with a 1 board carryover.

This format is designed to enable CNTC players to plan their trip more intelligently and will increase the table count of the Canadian Open Pairs Championship and make it a more legitimate event.

We thank George for this information and congratulate him on his election to a third term as President of the Canadian Bridge Federation. ☺

# DON COX MEMORIAL SECTIONAL RESULTS

Keddy's Motor Inn, Truro, NS

April 28 - 30, 1995

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## TIDAL BORE PAIRS 8 tables

1. Valerie Best, Cambridge Station - Elianor Kennie, Kentville 98
2. Hugh Shankel, Windsor - Joy Cavazzi, New Minas, NS 97.81

## FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

### Flight A 17 tables

1. Edgar Blinn, Lunenburg - Norm O'Brien, Moncton 217.5
2. Helen MacNeil - Anna Floyd, Sydney, NS 195.5
3. Richard Ross - Jo Ann Lynds 193.5

### Flight B and C 9 tables

1. Helen MacNeil - Anna Floyd 195.5
2. Richard Ross - Jo Ann Lynds 193.5

## FRIDAY ZIP KO TEAMS 12 teams

1. Kathie MacNab - Jonathan Shute - Bill Halliday - Mark Spear
2. Boyd Wells - Elliot Offman - Bill Knoll, Jr. - David Scammell

## KNOCKOUT TEAMS OF FOUR 14 teams

1. Ron Mak - Helen Colter - Earle Fergusson - Al Millman
2. Boyd Wells - Elliot Offman - Bill Knoll, Jr. - David Scammell

## SATURDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

### Flight A 30 tables

1. Ken Eisner, Truro - George Colter, Fredericton 370.5
2. Richard Ross, Truro - Carole Berry, Moncton, NB 366.55
3. Ralph Fisher - Louise Fisher, New Glasgow, NS 365.15
4. Bryan Rapson, Dartmouth - Gerry Soucy, Halifax 364.25

### Flight B 14 tables

1. Richard Ross - Carole Berry 366.55
2. Jo Ann Lynds - Pat Scammell, Truro, NS 351.5

### Flight C 6 tables

1. Dascomb Forbush - Janet Forbush, Canaan, NH 338

## SATURDAY ZIP KO TEAMS 13 teams

1. Hugh Shankel - Joy Cavazzi - Valerie Best - Elianor Kennie
2. Kathie MacNab - Eric Balkam - Gerry Callaghan - Judy Walker

## SWISS TEAMS Flight A 32 teams

1. Dan Landry-Roy Landry, Hfx-Brian Hannon-Roy LeBlanc, Yarmouth 107
2. Bram Schwartz-Frank Starzomski-Eldon Mills-Cyril Connolly-Peter Luard-Suzanne Edwards 106
- 3/5. Mike Hartop - Ann Hartop - Ken Eisner - Betsy Eisner 105
- 3/5. Gerry LaFlamme - Linda Cobham - Ralph Fisher - Louise Fisher 105
- 3/5. George Colter - Helen Colter - Alan Doane - Sharron Josey 105

### Flight B 11 tables

1. Evelyn Tower - Helen Lawrence, Amherst- Valerie Best - Elianor Kennie 87
2. Glenn White - Herb Waters - Theresa Hughes - Will Riley, New Glasgow, NS 82

# CHATHAM-MIRAMICHI SECTIONAL RESULTS

Knights of Columbus Hall, Chatham, NB

May 12 - 14, 1995

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## MIRAMICHI PAIRS 17 tables

1. James Jodrey, Northport, NS - Elmer Tory, Sackville, NB 199.5
2. Lenore Flett, Newcastle, NB - Ursula Paschke, Chatham, NB 198.5
3. Jean Knowles - Diana Parnell, Newcastle, NB 185

## FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

### Flight A 24 tables

1. Lenore Flett, Newcastle, NB - Ursula Paschke, Chatham, NB 134.44
2. Paul Arsenault, Chatham, NB - Jim Thompson, Chatham, NB 132
3. Ruth Chisholm, Rothesay, NB - Esmee McKenzie, Saint John 131.5

### Flight B 12 tables

1. Karen Sobey - Jean Knowles, Newcastle, NB 129.5
2. Stania Truka - Elizabeth Fortunato, Newcastle, NB 123.33

## FRIDAY ZIP KO TEAMS 13 teams

1. Ron Legacy - Elizabeth Legacy - Mike Hartop - Ann Hartop
2. Robert Baker - Lynfield Leighton - Inez Schwartz - Bram Schwartz

## KNOCKOUT TEAMS OF FOUR 7 teams

1. Jack O'Brien - Bea O'Brien - David Crocker - Rod McInnis, Tignish, PEI
2. Norm O'Brien - Gordon Cuming - Vipin Acharya - Jonathan Shute

## SATURDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

### Flight A 30 tables

1. Ken Eisner - Boyd Wells, Truro, NS 401
2. Ralph Fisher - Louise Fisher, New Glasgow, NS 399.58
3. Bea O'Brien - Jack O'Brien, Alberton, PE 392.64
4. David Crocker - Rod McInnis, Tignish, PE 390.34

### Flight B 17 tables

1. David Crocker - Rod McInnis 390.34
2. Vipin Acharya, Newcastle - Gordon Cuming, Douglastown, NB 357.71

### Flight C 7 tables

1. Sharon Comeau - Margaret Whelton, Bathurst, NB 302.76

## SATURDAY ZIP KO TEAMS 8 teams

1. Inez Schwartz - Bram Schwartz, Sydney - Paul Arsenault - Jim Thompson

## SWISS TEAMS Flight A 25 teams

1. George Colter - Helen Colter, F'ton - Ken Eisner - Betsy Eisner, Truro 123
2. Elizabeth Legacy - Ron Legacy - Ann Hartop - Mike Hartop 105
3. Sam Ghosh - Barbara MacKay - Alice Manzer - Gordon Chippin, Fredericton 101
4. Jonathan Shute - Ann Posch - Louise Jones - Carol Forsythe, Moncton 100
5. Bram Schwartz - Robert Baker - Ron MacDonald - Carole Berry 96

### Flight B 13 tables

1. Bertin Losier - Jocelyne Landry - Carol Airst - Saibei Zhao 92
2. Joseph Austin - Lynfield Leighton - Doug Mullin - Carolyn Yates 91

**1995 CAN - AT REGIONAL**  
Fredericton, N.B., June 29 - July 4, 1995

**Thursday, June 29 :**

Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions playthrough) 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
CBF Charitable Fund Game 8:00 pm

**Friday, June 30 :**

Bracketed KO Teams (1st session) 9:00 am  
Stratiffighted Swiss Teams ( A, B & C ) 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Elm City Pairs 1:30 pm  
Friday Evening Pairs 8:00 pm

**Saturday July 1 :**

Bracketed KO Teams (2nd session) 9:00 am  
Senior KO Teams ( 1st and 2nd session ) 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Flighted Open Pairs ( A, B & C ) 1:30 & 8:00 pm

**Sunday July 2:**

Bracketed KO Teams (3rd session) 9:00 am  
Senior KO Teams ( 3rd and final session ) 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Flighted Teams:(A Board a match B & C Swiss) 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Unmixed Pairs: 1:30 & 8:00 pm

**Monday July 3 :**

Bracketed KO Teams ( Final) 9:00 am  
Mixed Pairs 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Open Pairs 1:30 & 8:00 pm  
Senior Pairs 1:30 & 8:00 pm

**Tuesday July 4 :**

Open Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA  
Senior Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

**Flt A : 0 - Inf MPs; Flt B : 0 - 750 MPs; Flt C : 0 - 300 MPs**

***Midnight speedball and evening side games as needed***

**Playing and accommodations Site :**

Fredericton Inn ( 1315 Regent St. on the Trans Canada Highway )  
Special Hotel Rate : \$59.00 1 double bed / \$69.00 2 double beds  
Please reserve accommodations directly with hotel before June 14.  
Specify CAN-AT bridge tournament ( 1-800-561-8777)

**Tournament coordinator :**

Sam Ghosh 1-506-472-4115 Fax: 453-4581 email: samghosh@unb.ca  
Partnership : Noreen Valenta 506-455-9692



# UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

## SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL

Campbellton Civic Center  
Campbellton, NB  
Sanction # S9508061

Friday, August 12  
2:00 Sugarloaf Pairs  
Knockout Teams 1  
8:00 Stratified Pairs  
Knockout Teams 2  
11:59 Speedball KO Teams  
Knockout Teams 3

Saturday, August 13  
1:00 Open Pairs 1st session  
7:30 Open Pairs 2nd session  
11:30 Speedball Teams

Sunday, August 14  
9:00 Swiss Teams 2 session  
Playthrough with sandwiches sold  
Chairperson: HILDA REID 506-753-5381  
Partnerships: ALPHIE ALLARD 506-753-4243  
PLAYING FEES: \$6.00 per session

Saturday: \$20.00 per player  
Includes both sessions & buffet supper  
HOSPITALITY: Hospitality Room Friday Night  
Free Coffe, tea and Lemonade  
Throughout the tournament  
Free donuts Sunday morning

Accommodations (prices include taxes):  
Howard Johnson 506-753-4133 Sngl or Dbl \$64.13  
Maritime Inn 506-753-7606 Single \$57.01  
Double \$64.13  
Forty Winks 506-753-3395 Single \$53.45  
Double \$61.76  
Journey's End 506-753-4121 Single \$60.00  
Double \$67.56

Sugarloaf Park Campground  
506-789-2366 Daily rate  
Services \$15 + taxes  
No Services \$10 + taxes

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## CABOT TRAIL SECTIONAL

Cape Breton Bridge Club Rooms  
3 LeVatte Crescent, Pine Tree Pk, Sydney, NS  
Sanction # S9509090

Saturday, September 2  
2:00 Cabot Trail Pairs  
Knockout Teams 1  
8:00 Stratified Pairs  
Knockout Teams 2  
11:59 Midnight Speedball KO Teams  
Knockout Teams 3

Sunday, September 3  
1:30 Open Pairs First  
7:30 Open Pairs Second  
11:00 Speedball KO Teams

Monday, September 4  
9:00 Swiss Teams 2 session  
playthrough. Sandwiches sold throughout.  
Chairperson FRANK STARZOMSKI 902-564-5082  
Partnerships MARIE FLOYD 902-562-3071

Lunch provided after evening sessions.  
Transportation to and from the playing area will be  
provided for all out of town players upon request.

Accommodations:  
KEDDYS MOTOR INN 902-539-1140  
BEST WESTERN CAPE BRETONER 902-539-8101  
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## MARITIME BRIDGE LINE

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First week in June  
First week in November



# UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Hants County War Memorial  
Community Centre  
Thomas St, Windsor, NS # S9509072

Friday, September 22

2:00 pm Knockout Teams 1  
Windsor Pairs

8:00 pm Knockout Teams 2  
Stratified Pairs

11:59pm Midnight Zip KO Teams

Saturday, September 23

1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 1

7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 2

11:30pm Midnight Zip KO Teams

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Swiss Teams Playthrough

Chairperson GORDON WARNER 902-457-4533  
Partnerships JOY CAVAZZI H.902-681-8540  
W.902-542-2201 ext1502

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Kingsway Inn , Windsor 1-800-565-0000

\$59 - \$80

Avonside Motel Falmouth 1-800-565-0000

\$40 - \$45

Hampshire Court, Windsor 902-798-3133

\$50 - \$65

DownEast Motel, Exit 5, Currie's Corner

902-798-8374 \$43 - \$50

All the above within 5 minutes of the playing area.

## SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL

Rodd Royalty Inn, Charlottetown, PEI  
902-894-8566 Sanction# S9510124

Friday, October 13

2:00 Spud Island Pairs  
Knockout Teams 1

8:00 Stratified Pairs  
Knockout Teams 2

11:59 Midnight Zip KO Teams  
Knockout Teams 3

Saturday, October 14

1:30 Open Pairs Stratified 1

7:30 Open Pairs Stratified 2

11:30 Speedball KO Teams

Sunday, September 25

9:00am Swiss Teams playthrough

Short lunch break with food  
available between sessions

Tournament Chairmen:

CATHERINE and DES MACNEILL 902-566-2246

Partnerships: MARIE CARRAGHER 902-892-2863

KATHLEEN MURPHY 902-892-1615

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## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

(continued)

Certainly cause for thought. This was the problem facing Unit 194 President Bram Schwartz in the Final Round of the Zip Knockout at the Chatham Sectional. After some pause for thought Bram bid 6D and the auction continued Pass, Pass, Dbl. What can go wrong with this hand? Opening lead HQ and the hand is:

S KJxx

H AKxxxx

S XX

D xx

S Axxx

H QJ10xxx

C x

H —

D Qx

D xxxx

C xxx

S Qxx

C Jxxxx

H J

D AKJ109

C AKQ8

Ruff, SA, down one. Quite an auction and Bram's team won the event!☺

# COUNTING

by  
Bill Campbell

To try to count declarer's points during the play of the hand, and at the same time to try and determine the shape of his hand, are two of the most important duties of the defenders. Forming a picture of a hidden hand in this way will enable many a contract to be defeated which declarer might have otherwise steered through the slips.

It may seem hard work at first but it soon becomes a fascinating exercise. In any case, it can hardly cause any more wear and tear than having to make an agonizing guess at about trick ten with no real evidence on which to rely.

The following hand is a good example of how to draw the correct deductions from the bidding and play and thereby defeat the contract. South bids 1C, North bids 1D, South rebids 2NT, and North raises to 3NT. You are West and lead the H5. Dummy is tabled and you see

	S QJ3
	H 842
- You	D K762
S 105	C Q97
H J8652	
D J54	
C K32	

Partner plays HA followed by the H7 and declarer the H10 followed by the HQ. You now know that declarer's heart holding is KQ10. Declarer now leads a low spade to dummy's Q which holds. He then leads the CQ on which partner plays the C5, declarer the C4 and you the C2. Declarer continues with the C9, partner the C8, declarer the 6 and you win the CK.

Now what do you lead? It is now time to take stock. You know that declarer started off with AKx or AKxx in spades, KQ10 of

hearts and probably AJ1064 in clubs - a total of seventeen points and eleven or twelve cards. His diamond holding cannot be better than 10x, for if he held the diamond queen, he would surely have bid three notrump over one diamond. You therefore return the diamond jack to defeat the contract.

The entire hand:

	S QJ3	
	H 842	
	D K762	
S 105	C Q97	S 98764
H J9653		H A7
D J54		D AQ103
C K32	S AK2	C 85
	H KQ10	
	D 98	
	C AJ1064	

Note that declarer played the hand badly. He should not have helped defenders to count his hand by playing a low spade toward dummy, but should have played Ace and another club conceding the club king. This would make it very hard for defenders to find just the right defence. If East happened to hold the CK then the contract is safe in any case.

Declarer can often profit in the same way by obtaining a picture of the defender's distribution as in this example. NS vul

North	East	South	West
1C	1S	2H	P
3H	P	4H	all pass

North  
S J96  
H J1072  
D AQ  
C AQ54

South(you)  
S 75  
H AKQ94  
D KJ6  
C 932

West led the SA followed by a low one to East's queen and you ruff the SK continuation high with West discarding a diamond. It seems that you will lose two more club tricks as the bidding makes it likely that East holds the CK. But do not give up hope. You draw

### COUNTING (continued)

trumps which break 2 - 2 and play three rounds of diamonds with East following.

You now know that East started with six spades, two hearts and at least three diamonds leaving room for at most 2 clubs.

It would appear that you can now make your contract by playing Ace and another club but this will look extremely foolish if West has the Club king all along.

So you play the ace of clubs, return to your hand and lead a low club. If the king does not appear from West, you put up the queen. This is taken by the king and East is helpless. East must now return a spade giving you a ruff and a sluff and your contract. The entire hand:

	S J96	
	H J1072	
	D AQ	
S A3	C AQ54	S KQ10842
H 85		H 63
D 108752	S 75	D 943
C J1087	H AKQ94	C K6
	D KJ6	
	C 932	

Notice that this line of play would have been successful whether East had held the stiff king of clubs, a small singleton or doubleton club (you score your club queen) or doubleton king as in the actual hand. ☺

### TRURO COUP

Al Millman has returned to Halifax from after spending several years up North. Al was a regular at Maritime tournaments and had earned a reputation as a fine player.

Generally when a player has been away from tournament competition for any length of time there is a noticeable deterioration in bidding and play. The player is said to be 'rusty'.

The following hand shows that Al might well be an exception to this rule.

	S A76	
	H xxx	
	D xxx	
S QJ4	C Qxxx	S K8
H J10x		H Axx
D Kxx		D AQJxxxx
C J10xx	S 109532	C x
	H KQxx	
	D -	
	C AKxx	

N	E	S(A)	W
		1S	P
2S	3D	4S	all pass

The low diamond lead was ruffed by Al who led a low club to the queen. He led a low heart from dummy, low, King, low.

Al now led the S2 toward dummy putting in the seven when west played the 6 and losing to the K. A diamond back was ruffed in hand. Al now played a spade to the Ace and led a low heart off dummy. East won the Ace and returned another diamond which Al ruffed with his last trump leaving this position:

	S 2	
	H x	
	D -	
S Q	C xxx	S -
H J		H x
D -		D QJxx
C J10x	S -	C -
	H Kx	
	D -	
	C AKx	

Al led the AK of clubs followed by the HK. Now when he led his last heart East can do nothing. If he throws the CJ, Al has his tenth trick and if East ruffs, Al scores his tenth trick with the lowly trump deuce.

This interesting coup serves to announce that Al Millman is back in town and he means business. Nice play, Al! ☺



# A GEM FROM TRURO

by

**Ron Mak**

A gem of a hand came up at the Don Cox Memorial. My partner was Russell Boyle. Dealer South - Both Vul

S A6  
H 6  
D AKQ1053

S 9432                      S 108  
H 732                      H KQ10984  
D J972                      D 4  
C K7                      C J1032

S KQJ75  
H AJ5  
D 86  
C Q64

South(me)	West	North(Russell)	East
1S	P	2D(1)	P
2H(2)	P	3D	P
3S(3)	P	4NT(4)	P
5S(5)	P	7S(6)	All pass

- (1) Two over one game force
- (2) Convenient rebid, giving partner maximum room. we will see the effect of this bid later.
- (3) With no help in diamonds, I didn't want to bid 3NT on a dubious club stopper. Now nobody can call me a hog.
- (4) Roman Key Card Blackwood with Spades trumps.
- (5) Two key cards and the Spade queen.

A trump was led and I could count thirteen tricks if both suits behave but then there would be no story to tell....However, on the third and fourth trumps, RHO high-losed in hearts. I then tested the diamond suit from the top only to find RHO showing out on the second round discarding another heart.

RHO then pitched the deuce and trey of clubs as I ruffed the fourth round of diamonds. This brought me down to the position shown at the top of the next column.

Now it was time to rehash and analyze the opponents holdings. My first scenario would be to find RHO with both HK and HQ along with the CK to allow a simple squeeze via small club to dummy and play

S ---	S ---
H 6	H KQ9
D 53	D ---
C A9	C J10
S ---	
H AJ5	
D ---	
C Q6	

two good diamonds. RHO cannot hold all three cards in a two card ending. However, I had seen her high-low in hearts and low-high in clubs and with such an honest face she couldn't possibly hold the club king. Besides, where was the club lead (unbid suit) unless LHO had it and didn't want to underlead it at trick one?

So I backed my reasoning with a second scenario to give me a chance to make this hand.

What if RHO holds KQ of hearts plus J10 of clubs. Now I could transfer the club threat over to east by pushing the CQ through West. Now I am really rooting for west to hold stiff CK with four little hearts.

I tabled the CQ (intent to let it ride if not covered). LHO covered with the CK, CA from dummy, C10 from RHO! EUREKA!! The rest was history. A real life Grand Slam made on a transfer squeeze and I thought it only happened in bridge books about fictional holdings.

Now back to the silly two heart bid, without which, my LHO might well have led a heart from three small and inadvertently ruined my late entry which enabled the squeeze to succeed.

Thank you, Russell Boyle, for having such faith ( Next time please have at least the Jack of Clubs) and thank you Lord for making my tournament by giving me this wonderful hand. In all, it was another well run tournament, Karl. You have my congratulations and sincerest thanks.

See y'all at the Can-At.☺

## 1995 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Units 194 and 230

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Jun 1 - Aug 31	NAOP Flts A , B & NLM Qualifying	Clubs
June 5 - 11	CNTC NATIONAL FINALS	Toronto, ON
June 9 - 10	Epson Worldwide Pairs	Clubs
June 6 - 11	CNTC NATIONAL FINALS	Toronto, ON
June 29 - July 4	CAN - AT REGIONAL	Fredericton, NB
July 5 - 9	CWTC NATIONAL FINALS	Thunder Bay, ON
July 28 (Fri)	ACBL International Fund Game #3	Clubs
July 28 - August 6	SUMMER NATIONALS	New Orleans, LA
August 11 - 13	SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL	Campbellton, NB
Sept 1 - 21	North American 49er Pairs Qualifying	Clubs
Sept 2 - 4	CABOT TRAIL SECTIONAL	Sydney, NS
Sept 20 (Wed)	ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game	Clubs
Sept 22 - 24	ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SECTIONAL	Windsor, NS
Oct 13 - 15	SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL	Charlottetown, PE
Oct 19 (Thurs)	Canada-Wide International Fund Game	Clubs
Nov 4- 6	MARITIME FALL SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS
Nov 23 (Thurs)	ACBL-Wide Charity Game	Clubs

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Jan 8 - 14	MARITIME STAC	Clubs
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\* Dates are tentative. Please check with your Unit Coordinator or club manager before making travel arrangements. Book accommodations early to avoid disappointment. Plan to involve your club in next year's Sectional Tournament at Clubs. We hope to provide hand records for players.

### RECORDING POINTS FOR NEW MEMBERS

How does a new member get credit for points which they won at a sectional tournament before they received their new number.

Write a letter to the ACBL and include the following information:

Name, ACBL Number, Sanction Number of the tournament\*, date\*, name of the event\*, section(if you remember) and your rank. You will be credited with your master points.

\* See the appropriate Maritime Bridge Line which will have this information in Tournament results.

# Kings Korner:

## No 5

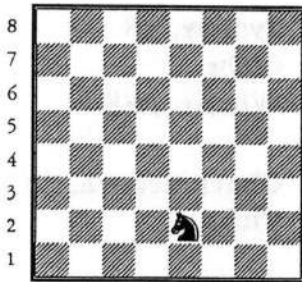
by: Parker MacDonald

Solution to previous problems:

Beginner's: 1. ♖b8 ♜b8 2. ♞e8+ ♞e8 3. ♞e8 ++

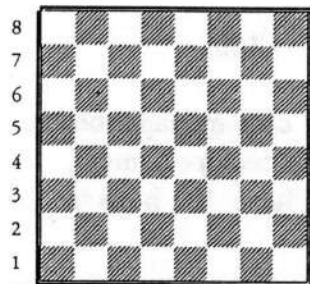
Advanced: 1. ♔g3 ♚g3 2. ♞h2 ♞h2 3. ♚g4 ++

In the beginner's problem ...



BEGINNER'S PROBLEM  
WHITE TO MOVE AND MATE IN 3

The advanced problem .....



BEGINNER'S PROBLEM  
WHITE TO MOVE AND MATE IN 3

# PUZZLE PAGE

## PETTY CASH

At the end of his shift, one of John's duties is to check the petty cash. He counts  $q$  quarters,  $d$  dimes,  $n$  nickels and  $c$  cents and records his total.

Shortly afterward, his boss calls John at home and informs him that he has counted  $x$  of the nickels as quarters and  $x$  of the quarters as nickels.

His boss tells him to call him back with the correct amount in the petty cash or else. What adjustment to his original total must John make in order to pacify his superior?

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## MY THREE SONS

Bill and George are meeting for the first time at to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their high school graduation. George asked Bill how old his three children were. Bill told him that he would give him clues until George knew the ages.

1. The sum of their ages is 13.
2. The product of their ages is the same as your age.
3. My oldest son weighs sixty-one pounds.

"Hold it," said George. "I know their ages."

What are they?

## Solution to last issue's problems:

### Accidental Delay

Let  $x$  be the distance from the point of the accident to the end of the trip and  $R$  the former rate of the train. Then the normal time for the trip, in hours, is

$$\frac{x}{R} + 1 = \frac{(x + R)}{R}$$

Considering the time for each trip, we have

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{(3/4)R} = \frac{(x + R)}{R} + \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{and } 1 + \frac{90}{R} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(x - 90)}{(3/4)R} =$$

$$\frac{(x + R)}{R} + 3. \text{ Thus } x=540 \text{ and } R=60$$

Therefore the trip is  $540+60 = 600$ m.

### Clickity Click

30 ft. per second corresponds to 1 click per second. In miles per hour

$$30 \times 60 \times 60 / 5280 = 225 / 11 \text{ mph}$$

corresponds to 1 click per second. 1 mph corresponds to  $11 / 225$  clicks per second, which is approximately 1 click in 20 seconds. Therefore,  $x$  miles per hour corresponds approximately to  $x$  clicks in 20 seconds.

### Time Travel

The train is moving for  $a/40$  hours and is at rest for  $nm$  minutes or  $nm/60$  hours. Therefore, the total time taken is

$$a/40 + nm/60 = (3a + 2nm)/120$$

## VOWEL-LESS

Joan was reading the current issue of "Street Hiker". She removed all of the vowels and punctuation from the 'Hiker's Thought For The Month' and broke the remaining consonents into groups of three letters each. Can you reconstruct the advice for the month?

PDS TRN SCM NTW  
SRT STH QCK NDT