

MARITIME BRIDGE LINE



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NEW STARTING TIME FOR SWISS TEAMS

UNIT TEAM EVENT POLICY

The current policy for Team games at Sectionals in Unit 194 and 230 is outlined below.

Knockout Teams

The main problem with KO teams is when to hold round 3 and Round 4(if required).

Current policy is as follows:

Unit 194: the third round will be held on Saturday morning at 9 am. In the event that a 4th session is needed (10+ teams) it will be held concurrently with the first session of the Open Pairs.

Unit 230: The third session will be held during the Midnight game on Friday night. A fourth session will be held at a time mutually agreeable to the finalists and the director.

There will no longer be Compact Knockouts. We tried these for one year in an attempt to improve participation without success. Head-on matches will be 24 boards and three-way matches will be 12 boards each.

Swiss Teams

Current policy is as follows:

Unit 194: Swiss teams will start at 10:00 am on Sunday

The Swiss Teams will be seven rounds of seven boards. In the event of a small turnout, the Swiss will be six rounds of eight boards (effective Jan 1, 2003)

Unit 230: Policy to be discussed at next annual meeting

These changes accommodate those players who feel 9 am is too early and the game will still end between 5 and 6 pm.

Midnight Speedball Knockouts

Unit 194: No midnight game on Saturday night.

Unit 230: Midnight games on both Friday and Saturday provided there is sufficient interest.

DIRECTORS SEMINAR IN YARMOUTH

Unit 194 will sponsor a Director's Seminar at the Yarmouth Sectional. Saturday, March 22, 2003.

The presenter will be ACBL Tournament Director Karl Hicks. Registration will be held at 8:30 am and the seminar will begin at 8:45. Topics will include basic directing techniques, hesitations, misinformation and alerts, contested claims as well as a round table discussion of problems common to a club environment. The fee is \$15 and the seminar is open to club directors and interested players.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations are in order to our newest Life Masters.

Bea Brown, of Bedford, NS, became a life Master at Can-At 2002 and was inadvertently excluded from the list published in our last issue.

Verna Petrie and Lorraine Williams, of New Waterford, NS, achieved Life Master status at the Portland, Maine, Regional in November.

This achievement is one of the most important milestones for players and we wish you continued success in your future bridge endeavours.

UNIT 194 EXECUTIVE

The Annual Meeting of Canadian Maritimes Unit 194 was held in Halifax on Saturday, November 16.

The President elect for the next two years is **Ms Jo Ann Lynds** of Truro, NS. Jo Ann, who served as Unit First Vice-President for the past two years, is an active bridge teacher, tournament player, and supporter of the Truro Bridge Club.

Martin Pink, of Yarmouth, is First Vice-President.

Newly elected representatives to the Executive are **Dan Landry** and **Ms Judy Callaghan** who will represent the Halifax area.

Bill Halliday, of Halifax, will continue in the position of Secretary-Treasurer and **Edgar Blinn**, of Lunenburg, will continue as Unit Tournament Chairman. A vote of thanks was extended to out-going President **Ted Withers** for a job well done

The Tournament Trail

by Karl Hicks

A Glance Back

Last year was one of my most exciting and enjoyable years in bridge. As a director, it was gratifying to see that Sectional tournament attendance increased. Our STAC attendance exceeded 500 tables for the second consecutive year followed by huge increases at the South Shore, Spud Island and the Halifax Fall Sectionals over 2001 totals. There are a lot of new players attending our tournaments and they are enjoying themselves. This is a definite indication that we are providing an enjoyable and positive atmosphere in which new players can feel welcome and enjoy the wonders of our favourite pastime which many of us take for granted.

On the other hand special events such as the CNTC and NAOP Flights A, B, and C were down from 2001.

In addition to directing our wonderful Maritime tournaments, I was invited to direct at the Washington, DC Summer Nationals in July and the Bermuda Sectional in September.

As a player I enjoyed a fabulous week of bridge in Gatlinburg, TN (7004 tables in 6 days - bigger than some Nationals), got to play two days at the end of my directing assignment in Washington, played in the Rosenblum Teams and the accompanying Regional in Montreal for 15 days in August, played in the National Capital Regional in Ottawa and the NAOP Flight A in Moncton in October. Add to that three club games a week when I'm at home and the occasional Midnight Zip KO game and 2002 was absolutely fabulous.

A Look Ahead

2003 has all the makings of the best bridge year yet. After our STAC, I've been invited by Audrey Grant to teach bridge on the first leg (31 days) of a World-Wide Cruise aboard the MARINER (one of the Radisson Seven Seas luxury liners { rssc.com } from Los Angeles to Sydney (the one without the tar ponds)

The HALIFAX WINTER Sectional (Feb 7 - 9), always a success, will be capably directed by our good friend Jacques Lafrance.

In March, there is the CNTC Finals (Truro, Mar 15-16) followed by the much anticipated YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC Sectional (Yarmouth, Mar 21 - 23). If you aren't a lobster fan, I can assure you that you will still have an unforgettable time.

The DON COX MEMORIAL (Truro, Apr 4 - 6) will be a hit again this year. A highlight will be a dance and/or Karaoke on Saturday after the open pairs. We immediately leave for Gatlinburg, TN (Apr 7 - 13) to play in the continent's largest Regional. Then it's off to Cape Cod for the Seniors Regional (thank heavens for the gray hair) in Yarmouth, MA (Apr 23 - 27).

The CHALEUR Sectional in Bathurst, NB (May 2-4) will offer famous northern New Brunswick hospitality. The SOUTH SHORE Sectional (May 30 - June 1) will once again try for a record attendance.

A chance to play again in Carleton, QC (Jun 13 - 15) and enjoy another lobster feast followed by the internationally renowned Mira Invitational (June 20-22). Then we have our CAN-AT 2003 in Fredericton, NB (Jun 27 - Jul 2) where Sam Ghosh and his committee will once again provide an excellent tournament.

Then off to play at the EDMUNDSTON Sectional (Jul 11 - 13) followed by another wonderful northern New Brunswick tournament experience at the SUGARLOAF Sectional in Campbellton, NB (Aug 8-10).

September boasts the ever popular MONCTON Sectional (Sep 5 - 7) and the ANNAPOLIS VALLEY Sectional (Kentville, Sep 21 - 23*)

Another trip to the National Capital Regional in Ottawa (Oct 7 - 12) followed by the SPUD ISLAND Sectional (Charlottetown, PE, Oct 17 - 19) always our largest and most popular Maritime Sectional.

This year the NAOP Flights A and C will be held in Halifax (Oct 25-26) and Flight B in Moncton, Nov 1 - 2.

The HALIFAX FALL Sectional (Nov 14 - 16) always ends our bridge year on a positive note. Then to play at the FALL NATIONALS (Nov 20 - 30) in New Orleans, LA and some long awaited Szechwan alligator. Add to this a few Zip KOs, club games, and the unexpected and 2003 looks to be a banner year. ☺

2002 TROPHY WINNERS

Unit 194

LAGAN

1. Bill Halliday	115.26
2. Kathie MacNab	108.31
3. Boyd Wells	99.84
4. Jo Ann Lynds	98.38
5. Gerry Callaghan	84.62
6. Judy Callaghan	84.50
7. Leo Weniger	70.69
8. John Beasy	62.89
9. Ken Eisner	54.11
10. Gerry Murphy	51.65
11. Myrtle Moulton	51.28
12. Stuart Eastwood	49.17
13. David Scammell	40.19
14. Bryan Rapson	40.11
15. Balon Buckley	36.51
16. Mike Inkpen	36.45

MCLEOD

1. Kathie MacNab	108.31
2. Jo Ann Lynds	98.84
3. Judy Callaghan	84.50
4. Myrtle Moulton	51.28
5. Joy Cavazzi	33.79
6. Louise Fisher	32.36
7. Elaine MacKeigan	32.24
8. Suzanne Edwards	31.55
9. Virginia Giza	27.56
10. Betsy Eisner	26.72
11. Beryl Higgs	25.37
12. Lynne Tolson	22.50
13. Elianor Kennie	22.40
14/15. Anne D'Entremont	21.36
14/15. Judy D'Entremont	21.36
16. Lorna Stock	19.36

Unit 230

SPRINGHILL

1. Gerry Laflamme	82.61
2. Chris Rawlines	68.45
3. Mike Hartop	59.67
4. Brian Hannon	54.81
5. Jon Shute	49.17
6. Peter Samson	46.99
7. Ron Duplisea	45.74
8. Frank Bodley	38.14
9. Leo Mahoney	38.14
10. Mike Moses	35.98
11. Jim Praught	31.91
12. Norm O'Brien	29.61
13. Ed Hynes	28.36
14. George Stanley	27.52
15. Peter Hare	25.07
16. Tom Vokey	24.58

CALLAGHAN

1. Sandra Fox	69.15
2. Greta Rawlines	63.87
3. Mary Cotter	57.42
4. Linda Cobham	50.48
5. Ann Hartop	45.57
6. Anne Posch	45.57
7. Anne Mahoney	38.96
8. Ursula Paschke	24.31
9. Lynn Stanley	23.67
10. Marilyn Macdiarmid	18.79
11/12. Audrey Murray	14.89
11/12. Alverna Simpson	14.89
13. Alice Manzer	13.89
14. Carol Mann	13.06
15. Frances Sear	12.46
16. Bea O'Brien	11.50

The winners will enjoy free entries to Maritime sectionals in 2002. Congratulations to all!

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Cornwallis Inn, Kentville, NS September 27 - 29, 2002

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ANNAPOLIS VALLEY PAIRS

Flight A 20 tables

1. Leo Weniger - Rod MacKenzie, Halifax, NS 111.00 66.07%
2. Curtis Wright, Kingston, NS - Jean Beveridgem Wolfville, NS 102.86

Flight B 11 tables

1. Wright - Beveridge (Also won C)
2. Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines, Riverview, NB 97.00

Flight C 7 tables

1. Mary MacKay - Margaret Oulton, Halifax, NS 88.50

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 21 tables

1. Edgar Blinn, Lunenburg, NS - Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater, NS 110.00 65.48%
2. Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS - Pat Heald, Cornwallis, NS 104.50

Flight B 12 tables

1. Eastwood - Heald
2. Suzanne Edwards, Antigonish, NS - Andrew Endendijk, Truro, NS 162.50

Flight C 7 tables

1. Edwards - Endendijk

FLIGHT A PAIRS 28 tables

- 1/2. Sandra Fox, Sackville, NB - Mike Moses, Amherst, NS 363.00 58.17%
- 1/2. Oscar Koller - Bob Simmonds, Fredericton, NB 363.00
2. Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan, Halifax, NS 356.00
4. Ken Eisner, Truro, NS - Gerry Murphy, Kentville, NS 351.00

FLIGHT B/C PAIRS 14 tables

1. Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines 367.73 64.29%
2. Duncan Wilson - Mike Rafuse, Charlottetown, PE (Also Won C) 356.00
3. Carol Hamilton - Doug Hamilton, Halifax, NS (2nd in C) 353.00

FLIGHT A SWISS 13 teams

1. Boyd Wells - Jo Ann Lynds - Kathie MacNab - Bill Halliday 105
2. Ken Eisner - Gerry Murphy - Dave Scammell - Mike Moses 99
3. Gerry Laflamme - Linda Cobham - Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan 97
3. Bryson Crowell - Carolyn MacDonald - Sandra Fox - John Beasy 95

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 13 teams

1. David Morse - Colin Langille - Kathleen DiProffio - Matthew Morse
Marv Nordin 133
2. Bob Chase - Bill Davidson - Glendon Dominoe - Scott Greenough 98
3. Mike Connolly - Phyllis Boudreau - Charlotte Cooling - Cyril Connolly 97

Flight C 7 tables

1. Suzanne Edwards - Peter Luard - Irv Blakeney - Andrew Endendijk 86
2. Doug Hamilton - Carol Hamilton - Barb Landry - Margo Beverage 83

SPUD ISLAND RESULTS

Rodd Royalty Inn Charlottetown, PEI October 18 - 20, 2002 S0210067

SPUD ISLAND PAIRS

Flight A 28 tables

1. **Dennis O'Brien, Cornwall, PE - Dave Steeves, Charlottetown** 183.00 69.32%
2. Kathleen Murphy - Florence Griffin, Charlottetown, PE 171.50

Flight B 20 tables

1. **Peter Luard - Scott Rappard, Antigonish, NS** 170.00
2. Lily Michael - Barbara MacMillan, Charlottetown, PE 161.50

Flight C 10 tables

1. **Joyce McIver, Albany, PE - Lorraine Foley, Summerside, PE** 159.00

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 37 tables

1. **Ann Hartop, Moncton, NB - Joe Hortie, Kingston, NS** 117.50 69.94%
- 2/3. Mike Hartop, Moncton, NB - Arthur Lilly, Londonderry, NH 113.50
- 2/3. Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan, Hammond Plains, NS 113.50

Flight B 24 tables

1. **Del Roche - Betty Arsenault, Charlottetown, PE(Also Won C)** 106.50
2. Joyce Gallant - Mel Martin, Charlottetown, PE 105.50

KNOCKOUT TEAMS 8 teams

1. **Boyd Wells - Jo Ann Lynds, Truro, NS - Leo Weniger - Myrtle Moulton, Halifax, NS**
2. Gerry Laflamme - Linda Cobham - John Beasy - Sandra Fox

Friday Zip KO Teams 12 teams

1. **Bob Brown - Mary Cotter - Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines**
2. Greg Lee - Mike Rafuse - Carol Reid - Jim Trainor

FLIGHT A PAIRS 18 tables

1. **Anne Posch - Jon Shute, Sackville, NB** 384.02 61.54%
2. Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan 380.53
3. Ann Hartop - Joe Hortie 374.00

FLIGHT B/C PAIRS 24 tables

1. **Ron Colpitts, Bedford, NS - Doug Mitchell, Dartmouth(won C)** 331.31 62.75%
2. Eddie Cormier - Paul Dumas, Wellington, PE 323.76
3. Maureen O'Sullivan - Mardi Cockburn, Fredericton, NB 317.72

Saturday Zip KO Teams 8 Teams

1. **Bill Halliday - Kathie MacNab - Ian Crowe - Balon Buckley**

FLIGHT A SWISS 15 teams

1. **Tom Vokey - Jim Praught - Jack O'Brien - Bea O'Brien** 119
2. Bill Halliday - Kathie MacNab - Ann Posch - Jon Shute 100
3. Ian Crow - Balon Buckley - Brian Hannon - Stuart Eastwood 93

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 21 teams

1. **Rita Theriault - Rejane Pinet - Kerry Hicks - Kerry Lafferty (won C)** 124
2. Dennis O'Brien - Del Roche - Mel Martin - Gerard Whalen 108
3. Lloyd Snyder - Bernice Snyder - Peter Samson - Keith Carmichael 95

Top Master Point Winners

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1/2. Ann Posch - Jon Shute | 22.38 |
| 3. Gerry Callaghan 18.60 | 4. Judy Callaghan 18.48 |

HALIFAX FALL RESULTS

Sheraton Casino Halifax, NS S0111131

METRO PAIRS

Flight A 24 tables

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|---|--------|--------|
| 1. Betty Demont - Malcolm Demont (Also won B & C) | 107.21 | 63.82% |
| 2. Joy Cavazzi, Wolfville, NS - Joe Hortie, Kingston, NS | 105.50 | |
| 3. Jessie Sanford, Falmouth, NS - Hugh Shankel, Windsor, NS | 105.37 | |

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 26 tables

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| 1. Beryl Callaghan, Halifax - Ron MacDonald, New Waterford | 164.50 | 62.31% |
| 2. Mike Connolly, Truro, NS - Martin Pink, Yarmouth, NS | 160.00 | |

Flight B 14 tables

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| 1. Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton, NB | 159.00 | |
| 2. Anne D'Entremont - Judy D'Entremont, Pubnico, NS | 152.00 | |

Flight C 8 tables

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| 1. Suzanne Edwards, Antigonish - Andrew Endendijk, Truro, NS | 145.45 | |
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KNOCKOUT TEAMS 6 teams

1. Ian Crowe - Balon Buckley, Halifax - Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells, Truro
2. Myrtle Moulton - Dan Landry - George Holland, Halifax - Dave Scammell, Truro

Friday Zip KO Teams 8 teams

1. Karl Hicks - Brian Hannon - Boyd Wells - Jo Ann Lynds

FLIGHT A PAIRS 17 tables

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| 1. Ken Eisner, Truro - Gerry Murphy, Kentville, NS | 371.84% |
| 2. Kathie MacNab - Bill Halliday, Halifax, NS | 359.65 |
| 3. Mary Cotter, Fredericton, NB - Frank Bodley, Saint John, NB | 356.53 |

FLIGHT B/C PAIRS 18 tables

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| 1. June Spindler - Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS | 381.24% |
| 2. John Rafferty - Jon Surette, Truro, NS (Also won C) | 379.61 |
| 3. Syed Husain, Halifax, NS - Peter Mackay, Dartmouth, NS | 362.89 |

FLIGHT A SWISS 17 teams

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| 1. Scott MacDougall - Del Knox - Jim Mathers - Rosemary Sampson | 102 |
| 2. Ken Eisner - Betsy Eisner - Carol Mann - Jim Praught | 100 |
| 3. Gerry LaFlamme - Linda Cobham - Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan | 99 |
| 4. Bryson Crowell - Bill Camp - Sandra Fox - John Beasy | 98 |

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 20 teams

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| 1. Mike Connolly - Martin Pink - Charlotte Cooling - Cyril Connolly | 119 |
| 2. Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney - Lorna Stock - Ron Duplisea | 110 |
| 3. Jill McCormick - Steve Anderson - Brian Arseneault - Mary Moulton | 98 |

Flight C 10 tables

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| 1. Suzanne Edwards - Inge Hausgaard - Peter Luard - Erv Blakeney | 93 |
| 2. Andrew Endendijk - Ray Boudreau - John Rafferty - Jon Surette | 90 |

Top Master Point Winners

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|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ken Eisner | 19.51 |
| 2/3. Scott MacDougall - Del Knox | 12.88 |
| 4. Gerry Murphy | 12.67 |

NAOP FLIGHT A

Lion's Club Moncton, NB October 27, 28, 2002
4 tables

1. Rod MacKenzie - Leo Weniger, Halifax, NS	194.38
2. Karl Hicks, Dominion, NS - Mike Hartop, Moncton, NB	187.75
3. Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines, Riverview, NB	169.00
4. Virginia Giza - Bryan Rapson, Halifax, NS	167.13
5. Jim Anderson, Saint John, NB. - Allan Hackett, Miramichi, NB	166.38
6. Kathie MacNab - Bill Halliday, Halifax, NS	151.50
7. Ron Duplisea - Frank Bodley, Saint John, NB	142.38

NAOP FLIGHT B

Lion's Club, Moncton, NB November 2, 3, 2002
9 tables

1. Ann Posch - Jon Shute, Sackville, NB	400.24
2. Evelyn Tower - Mike Moses, Amherst, NS	391.38
3. Leona Ogilvie - Evelyn Ross, Miramichi, NB	389.32
4. Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines, Riverview, NB	379.37
5. Ron Duplisea - Frank Bodley, Saint John, NB	379.18
6. Mark Golding, Moncton, NB - Rob Kitchen, Salisbury, NB	373.50
7. Fred Boddy - George Stanley, Moncton, NB	363.31
8. Edward Hynes - John Steeves, Sussex, NB	361.45
9. Jim Anderson, Saint John, NB - Allan Hackett, Miramichi, NB	357.68

NAOP FLIGHT C

Lion's Club, Moncton, NB October 27, 28, 2002
7 tables

1. Glendon Dominoe - Scott Greenough, Bridgewater, NS	276.50
2. Eldon Collins, Moncton, NB - Bernie Poirier, Shediac, NB	262.50
3. Lynne Tolson - John Tolson, Sackville, NS	257.00
4. Ann Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton, NB	246.50
5/6. Sandra Boddy - Lynn Stanley, Moncton, NB	244.50
5/6. Paco Collins - Emery Landry, Moncton, NB	244.50
7. Fred Boddy - George Stanley, Moncton, NB	235.00
8. Sandra Wood - Harold Wood, Halifax, NS	234.00
9. Frances Sear - Wayne McLeod, Sussex, NB	231.50

The winning pairs receive airfare to the North American Final in Philadelphia, PA in March ☺

HALIFAX WINTER

February 7 - 9, 2003

Howard Johnson's S0302083,
20 St Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax, NS

Friday, February 7

- 2:00 pm CHOCOLATE LAKE PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 1
8:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, February 8

- 9:00 am KNOCKOUT TMS 3
1:00 pm 49ers Game
1:00 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN 1
7:30 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN 2

Sunday, February 9

- 10:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
short break for lunch.

Tournament Co-Chair

Kathie MacNab 902-443-4676
cell-452-8573 email kmacnab@hfx.eastlink.ca
Jill McCormick 902-445-8286

Partnerships:

Jill McCormick 902-445-8286

Accommodations:

Howard Johnson's 902-477-5611

book early - mention bridge tournament

YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC

March 21 - 23, 2003

S0303078

Rodd's Grand Hotel, Main Street, Yarmouth, NS

Friday, March 21

- 2:00 pm CLARE PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 1
8:00 pm WEDGEPORT PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS TMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, March 22

- 8:30 am Director's Seminar
1:00 pm PUBNICO Stratiflighted OPEN 1
7:30 pm PUBNICO Stratiflighted OPEN 2

Sunday, March 23

- 9:00 am YARMOUTH Stratiflighted SWISS
two-session playthrough.
short break for lunch.

Tournament Chairman

Martin Pink bus. 902-742-9224
res. 902-742-7474

Partnerships

Existe Gaudet 902-769-3244

Accommodations:

Rodd's Grand Hotel 902-742-2446
Single \$75.00 Double \$85.00

Partners guaranteed. Hospitality unequalled.

CNTC ZONE 1 FINALS

March 15 - 16, 2003

Truro DBC Rooms - Lion's Hall, Prince St., Truro

FLIGHT A - unlimited FLIGHT B - 0 - 1000 mps

This event requires qualification at the club level. Clubs are entitled to hold qualification games between September 1, 2002 and January 15, 2003. See your local club manager to confirm qualification dates at your club. Teams that qualify must register by March 1. Flights A and B will be separate events providing there are enough teams entered, otherwise, a stratified Final will be held.

DON COX MEMORIAL

APRIL 4 - 6, 2003

Howard Johnson's Inn, Truro, NS S0302056

Friday, April 4

2:00 pm TIDAL BORE PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 1
8:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, April 5

1:00 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN
49ers PAIRS
7:30 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN
11:30pm Dance

Sunday, April 6

10:00am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
half hour break at noon.

Tournament Chairman

Cyril Connolly (902) 895-5476

Partnerships:

Pat Scammell (902) 893-7571

Accommodations:

Howard Johnson Motor Inn (902) 895-1651

NOTE: These dates are significantly different than previous years!

CHALEUR Sectional

MAY 2 - 4, 2003

KC Irving Center, 850 St Annes St, Bathurst, NB
S0305043

Friday, May 2

2:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 1
8:00 pm ELM CITY PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, May 3

11:00 am Unit 230 Annual Meeting
1:30 pm STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 1
7:30 pm STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 2
11:30pm ZIP KO TEAMS

Sunday, May 4

10:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
half hour lunch break

Tournament Chairman

Judy Losier (506) 546-3856

Partnerships:

Peter Samson (506) 783-8237

Accommodations:

Danny's Motel (506) 546-6621
Atlantic Host (506) 508-3335
Comfort Inn (506) 547-8000
Keddys Hotel (506) 546-6691
Lakeview Inns (506) 548-4949

SOUTH SHORE SECTIONAL

MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2003

Wandlyn Inn, 50 North Street, Bridgewater, NS S0305074

Friday, May 30

2:00 Ross Memorial Pairs
Knockout Teams 1
8:00 Stratified Pairs
Knockout Teams 2
11:45 ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, May 31

1:00 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1
49ers Pairs
7:30 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2

Sunday, June 1

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Chairman and

Partnerships Bilgin Batman H: 902-527-1114
B: 902-543-7488

Accommodations

Wandlyn Inn 1-800-561-0000
Comfort Inn 1-800-228-5150

Success At Bridge – Part 5

By Jon Shute

Last article gently expanded our rules for Success at Bridge to the final number of three – **1. Be polite. 2. Have fun. 3. Be actively ethical.** To understand Rule 3 we must trek into the mists of the dreaded “Unauthorized Information”.

Authorized Information is information provided to you in the proper form, at the proper time by partner, or any information provided by an opponent. Example, when it is partner’s turn to bid, he bids, “One club.” **Unauthorized Information** is any other information from partner. Examples include: hesitations, speedy bidding or play, facial expressions (“Partner, I hate that lead!”), mistaken explanations, an alert that alerts you to a conventional mistake that you have made. Note that any alert (or lack thereof) or explanation by partner is for the benefit of the opponents, **NOT** for your benefit.

It is not ethical to use Unauthorized Information (UI). The ethical player must pretend that the information doesn’t exist, and not take any action (including Pass) that is pointed to by the unauthorized information.

Mistaken explanations should be brought to the attention of the opponents as soon as the correction will not cause **more** unauthorized information for your partnership -- i.e., if your side is declaring, then before the opening lead is made; if your side is defending, then at the end of play.

Example: You hold: **Axxx x AKxxxx xx** LHO bids 1 Club, Partner Passes, RHO bids 1NT, and when you bid 2 Diamonds, Partner Alerts. When asked for an explanation, Partner says, “Brozel - it shows Diamonds and Hearts.”

You know this is incorrect -- you play Brozel over an opening 1NT, not a response of 1NT. You must say nothing, and, when Partner bids 2 Hearts and RHO Doubles, you must take care not to use the unauthorized information.

The best way to do this is to pretend that you and partner are on the same wavelength. Say to yourself, “Partner knows I have a good Diamond suit, yet he has chosen to play in Hearts, not knowing anything about my Heart holding. I must honor partner’s bid and Pass.” You must not try to correct to 2 Spades or 3 Diamonds. This can be painful, but you can hold your head up high knowing that you’ve acted ethically.

If the opponents ask you what Partner’s 2 Hearts means, you should say, “He prefers Hearts to Diamonds.” You must not let on, at this point, that anything is wrong. Once the bidding is over (and before the opening lead), **if your side is declaring**, announce, “I’m sorry, there has been a mistaken explanation. We do not play Brozel over a 1NT response. My 2 Diamonds bid was a natural overcall that says nothing about Hearts.” **If your side is defending**, this explanation must be saved until the last card has been played. The director should then be called to the table.

Key points: **Unauthorized Information is Unusable Information.** And, when a bidding mix-up has been brought to light by UI, **Pretend that you and partner are on the same wavelength, even when you know you’re not!**

THE TOP 100

as of December 05, 2002

UNIT 194

1. Joe Currie	6517.69
2. Bryan Rapson	4576.04
3. Myrtle Moulton	4049.88
4. Eric Balkam	3745.03
5. H L Stewart	3664.85
6. Alan Doane	3597.84
7. Leo Weniger	3533.28
8. Randy Bennett	3396.73
9. Gerry Callaghan	3374.86
10. Jim Kirby	3286.13
11. John Stewart	3106.80
12. Ralph Fisher	2945.59
13. Gerry Soucy	2921.34
14. Ron MacDonald	2781.19
15. George Holland	2708.17
16. Bram Schwartz	2519.30
17. Bill Knoll, Sr	2390.33
18. Elizabeth Legacy	2380.14
19. Ian Crowe	2360.11
20. Louise Fisher	2326.51
21. Ron Legacy	2214.70
22. Karl Hicks	2199.69
23. Patrick LeBlanc	2175.32
24. Beryl Callaghan	2168.84
25. Ken Eisner	2107.70
26. Ted Withers	2097.14
27. Don Presse	2034.35
28. John Beasy	2002.41
29. Bill Halliday	1963.49
30. Elsie Adams	1941.31
31. Bryson Crowell	1914.52
32. Victor Goldberg	1888.77
33. Boyd Wells	1885.97
34. Virginia Giza	1871.18
35. Kathie MacNab	1853.59
36. Bernie Britten	1826.01
37. Patricia Harris	1785.61
38. Rod MacKenzie	1758.37
39. Gerry Murphy	1740.98
40. David Oulton	1735.62
41. Carolyn MacDonald	1735.38
42. Jeannine Law	1685.30

UNIT 230

1. Mike Hartop	3912.83
2. Marie Carragher	3331.16
3. Sandra Fox	3228.76
4. Bill Campbell	2829.18
5. Barbara MacKay	2746.90
6. Norman O'Brien	2695.25
7. Gord Chippin	2647.14
8. Ann Hartop	2533.35
9. Gerry Laflamme	2401.23
10. Kathleen Murphy	2357.66
11. Mary Cotter	2299.98
12. Brian Alexander	2123.22
13. Linda Cobham	2095.76
14. Peter Hare	2070.79
15. Carol Mann	2043.97
16. Ursula Paschke	1930.03
17. Jean MacPhail	1796.95
18. Alice Manzer	1758.88
19. Florence Griffin	1738.42
20. Christene Larrabee	1724.31
21. Charles Dionne	1718.53
22. Leo Carragher	1648.55
23. Jack O'Brien	1607.46
24. Heinz Paschke	1560.85
25. Gwen MacDonald	1498.40
26. Judy Losier	1409.16
27. Bob Baker	1404.00
28. Bob Simmonds	1369.42
29. Allan Hackett	1365.58
30. Gladys Reid	1364.44
31. Louise Jones	1355.86
32. Helen Colter	1351.20
33. Sam Ghosh	1345.14
34. Simone Sullivan	1344.39
35. George Colter	1324.39
36. Anne Posch	1308.48
37. Bea O'Brien	1304.98
38. Bob Losier	1280.03
39. Sue Burns	1272.62
40. Jim Anderson	1269.14
41. Jim Praught	1250.87
42. Bob Hambly	1236.97

UNIT 194

43. Edgar Blinn	1680.55
44. Doug Miller	1590.33
45. Bill Camp	1576.48
46. Richard Brown	1506.90
47. Sharron Josey	1495.59
48. Doug McAvoy	1479.69
49. Brian Hansen	1444.77
50. Glenda Hansen	1428.42
51. Roy Landry	1345.22
52. Barb Miller	1330.53
53. Dan Landry	1328.40
54. Earle Fergusson	1251.49
55. Marjorie Siddall	1245.67
56. Florence Knoll	1240.87
57. Richard Demarais	1207.53
58. Anne Laffin	1196.45
59. Jo Ann Lynds	1178.23
60. Con Carter	1162.58
61. Myrna Murphy	1158.92
62. Frank Caul	1149.38
63. Brian Delong	1136.91
64. Buddy Peck	1126.87
65. Bill Presse	1107.57
66. Marie Floyd	1100.43
67. Russell Keating	1084.63
68. Judy McGowan	1076.24
69. Judy Callaghan	1065.65
70. Tom Dale	1050.75
71. Elizabeth Dale	1046.30
72. Balon Buckley	1029.66
73. Ted Power	1029.49
74. Roy Leblanc	1002.34
75. Alan Millman	994.24
76. Fred Struve	993.95
77. Joy Cavazzi	983.36
78. Ted Moffatt	962.92
79. Florence MacLeod	959.92
80. Hugh Shankel	955.22
80. Michael Inkpen	931.64
82. Bill Knoll, Jr	928.94
83. Roy Perry	921.97
84. Russell Boyle	914.24
85. Carol Thompson	913.67
86. Frank Fisher	908.56
87. Leo Mooney	904.46
88. Mark Spear	903.46
89. Norma Symonds	901.52
90. Bruce Watson	896.95

UNIT 230

43. Walter MacDonald	1225.11
44. Bob Melles	1221.24
45. Evelyn Richards	1202.19
46. Jon Shute	1201.55
47. Ron Doucet	1176.19
48. Tom Vokey	1136.11
49. Bernie Boyle	1135.74
50. Garnet Demerchant	1080.93
51. Marilyn Barry	1068.59
52. Bob Brown	1049.43
53. Bill Taylor	1014.64
54. Aline Doucet	1012.44
55. Lyle Wiggins	1005.05
56. Lenore Flett	1005.02
57. Therese Butler	995.88
58. Rosamunde Brenan	987.05
59. Rob McCosh	984.94
60. June Hare	979.12
61. Anna Kinsella	978.78
62. Jeannine Poirier	971.23
63. John Earl	947.26
64. Mike Moses	943.33
65. John Steeves	940.77
66. Hubert Harper	939.99
67. Norma Keswick	911.88
68. Hazel McDougall	911.08
69. Rene Aves	897.90
70. Jane Dempsey	897.00
71. Judy Reilly	879.39
72. Edward Hines	865.91
73. Shirley Matchett	864.67
74. Noreen Valenta	853.10
75. Sandy Stevens	852.88
76. Francine Goldsmith	850.26
77. Patricia Maher	846.81
78. Lydwine Chiasson	845.61
79. Stania Truka	838.52
80. David Ross	812.41
81. Grace Dickison	808.55
82. Ruth Chisholm	805.82
83. John Kesselring	805.05
84. Olive Fleming	801.18
85. Wayne Hare	796.94
86. Mike Ames	796.66
87. Brian Hannon	793.42
88. Robert Keswick	783.94
89. Leona Ogilvie	776.24
90. Evelyn Ross	772.55

UNIT 194

91. David Scammell	896.20
92. David Ingham	890.22
93. Jim Mahoney	885.24
94. Bea Nowlan	884.42
95. Bilgin Batman	879.33
96. Carol Grover	878.44
97. Gordon Way	871.92
98. Paul Conrad	850.09
99. Louise Smith	848.62
100. Ken Newton	827.83

UNIT 230

91. Kay Hayes	739.11
92. Claudia Rogers	725.80
93. Judy Hare	721.34
94. Frank Bodley	717.72
95. Olive MacLeod	711.64
96. Dora Smith	709.83
97. Peter Samson	708.66
98. Al Laughland	691.11
99. Catherine Profit	690.26
100.. Amelia Goldman	688.56

In our last issue's column "The Tournament Trail", I thanked both Units for their kindness and threatened to publish the poem read by Kathie MacNab. It should be read in the meter of "Twas the night Before Christmas":

THE DIRECTOR, THE MAN!!

by Kathie MacNab

You go to the game carrying your convention card
 Agreements are made between you and your pard.
 Suddenly something goes wrong and you make a mistake,
 Your opponents (who were dozing) are suddenly awake.

"**DIRECTOR**" they call. "Oh no", you are thinking, "What have I done?
 I'm so bad at this game and I'm not having fun"
 . You sit back waiting, it seems five minutes or six
 Then along comes "The Man" Director Karl Hicks.

He sees that you are new to the game you are playing
 and asks your opponents why they are dismayed.
 The player on your right says to Hicks at last
 "Why this player **HESITATED** before saying pass."

Mr. Hicks knows you have nothing to dread
 He has a twinkle in his eye and he nods his head.
 For he has a round face and a fat little belly,
 That shakes when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly (*Oops, wrong poem*)

He reviews all the bids and says as quick as a beat,
 "There were **THREE** other passes and you are in last seat."

You feel much better, for you did not err,
 There is no other director who could be more fair.
 You now like the game, you are having some fun,
 You sit, you relax, you've finished **Board One!!**

This is a real work of art, Kathie, and I would like to thank you for the time and thought that you put into creating this poem and indeed into creating a wonderful evening for myself and my friends. ☺

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2003

Jan 25 (Sat Aft)	ACBL International Fund Game #1	Clubs
FEB 7 - 9	HALIFAX WINTER SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS
Feb 17 - 23	CBF Canada-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs	Clubs
Feb 24 (Mon Aft)	ACBL-Wide SENIORS GAME	Clubs
March 6 - 16	SPRING NATIONALS	Philadelphia, PA
March 11 (Tues Aft)	ACBL - Wide Charity Game	Clubs
MARCH 15 - 16	CNTC ZONE 1 FINALS A & B	Truro, NS
March 18 - 24	District-Wide Sectional Tournament at Clubs	Clubs
MARCH 21 - 23	YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC SECTIONAL	Yarmouth, NS
March 25 (Wed)	Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #1	Clubs
APRIL 4 - 6	DON COX MEMORIAL SECTIONAL	Truro, NS
April 28 (Mon)	Helen Shields Rookie - Master Game	Clubs
MAY 2 - 4	CHALEUR SECTIONAL	Bathurst, NB
May 14 (Wed Aft)	ACBL International Fund Game #2	Clubs
MAY 30 - JUN 1	SOUTH SHORE SECTIONAL	Bridgewater, NS
June 1 - 30	NAOP Flts A, B & NLM Qual	Clubs
June 6 (Fri eve)	WORLD-WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST	Clubs
June 7 (Sat Aft)	WORLD-WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST	Clubs
JUNE 27 - JULY 2	CAN-AT REGIONAL	Fredericton, NB
July 1 - 31	NAOP Flts A, B, & NLM Qual	Clubs
JULY 11 - 13	EDMUNDSTON SECTIONAL	Edmundston, NB
July 17 - 27	SUMMER NATIONALS	Long Beach, CA
July 18 (Fri eve)	ACBL International Fund Game #3	Clubs
August 1 - 31	NAOP Flts A, B, NLM Qual	Clubs
AUGUST 8 - 10	SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL*	Campbellton, NB
SEPT 6 - 8	MONCTON SECTIONAL	Moncton, NB
Sept 10 (Wed Eve)	ACBL INSTANT GOLD Matchpoint Game	Clubs
SEPT. 19 - 21	ANNAPOLIS VALLEY*	Kentville, NS
October 16 (Thurs)	Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2	Clubs
OCTOBER 17 - 19	SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL*	Charlottetown
NOVEMBER 14-16	HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS
November 24 (Mon)	ACBL-Wide Charity Game	Clubs

* indicates tentative dates based on previous years. Exact dates will be published in our Feb. issue.

BRIDGE WEEK 2000 AND CBF BUSINESS

by **Leo Weniger**, CBF Zone 1 Director & President, ACBL District 1

The Canadian Bridge Federation and ACBL Unit 194 are pleased to announce that Bridge Week 2000 will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel July 22 - 29, 2000. Bridge Week is a series of National Finals for the CNTC, CWTC and the COPC (Open Teams, Women's Teams and Open Pairs respectively) and a Calcutta. The winners of the CNTC and CWTC win the right to represent Canada at the World Championships in their respective categories.

Bridge week will immediately precede Can-At 2000 and it is hoped that Bridge Week participants who will be coming from all across Canada will play in the Can-At. This is an excellent opportunity for Maritime bridge players to watch the best Canadian bridge players in action.

Bridge Week and Can-At 2000, which starts June 28 in Halifax, are cooperating with the aim of producing a bridge extravaganza unparalleled in the history of Maritime Bridge. In addition to the events mentioned above, we hope to have special lectures, games for the non-duplicate playing public, games for seniors and possibly juniors. All of the above will create publicity, marketing and fund-raising opportunities and will, at least for a two week period, raise the profile of our favorite game.

The Bridge Week 2000 Committee is made up of Leo Weniger (Chairman), Mike Betts (Hospitality), Earle Fergusson (Tournament Operations), Mary Moulton and Chris Wilcox (Marketing and fundraising), and Myrtle Moulton (Treasurer). We will be working closely with the Can-At 2000 Committee chaired by Kathie MacNab.

We want Bridge Week 2000 to be the best Bridge Week ever in Canada. We want to provide the best playing conditions and Maritime hospitality to our visitors as possible within our budget constraints. The Lord Nelson will have completed a major renovation by then. Fundraising and marketing are well underway. Mike Betts and his restaurant, Boomerangs, will take care of most of our catering needs at a very reasonable cost to the tournament.

What we need are volunteers. We need volunteers for registration, hospitality suite operation (both morning and after play), playing site setup and breakdown, transportation, and recorders (monitoring the bidding and play of each hand the semis and the finals). If you can offer some time or other goods or services, please contact Mike about hospitality and Earle about any of the other categories.

I also encourage all of our bridge players to play in the qualifying rounds of the CNTC, CWTC and COPC this year. Not only do you have a chance to qualify directly for the Canadian Championships to be played in Halifax during Bridge Week but, traditionally, the host Zone (the Maritimes in 2000) gets to add teams and pairs if another Zone is unable to fill its quota. If the CNTC format remains the same, it also affects our quota for the following year.

Now, on other CBF and ACBL matters:

1. For those of you who have qualified for Bridge Week 1999 in Toronto, I suggest that you make room reservations ASAP. The phone number for the hotel in your information packet is incorrect. It should be **(416)789-5161**. If you have a problem, call Karen Levy at Peerless Travel, 1-800-294-1663 ext.357. Karen can also get you a 5% discount on flights (except seat sales).
2. Calcutta: Anyone may play in the CBF International Fund Calcutta 1999, which will be held immediately before Bridge week 1999 on Saturday, July 10 (Auction the night before). The proceeds will help fund our Canadian Teams' trips to the World Championships. If this event is successful, we hope to have a Calcutta as part of Bridge Week 2000.
3. I will report on the CBF Board Meeting and the District 1 meeting in the next issue.
4. Thank you to Myrtle Moulton and Karl Hicks for being our CWTC and CNTC Coordinators.
5. Kathie MacNab has arranged a very attractive airfare to Boston for the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in November. The airfare should be under \$300 plus taxes and is available through Canplan Travel (902)429-8450 or 1-800-866-9708 and uses Air Canada. Please ask for Elaine and mention the Bridge Tournament in Boston.

Respectfully submitted
Leo Weniger

1998 UNIT 194 AWARDS

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ACE OF CLUBS

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Harold Wood, Bedford, NS	38.37	Jaye Fraser, Canning, NS	21.75
Jaye Fraser, Canning, NS	34.32	Harold Wood, Bedford, NS	20.97

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Jill McCormick, Halifax, NS	55.37	Jill McCormick, Halifax, NS	41.66
Fred Muise, Halifax, NS	40.28	Fred Muise, Halifax, NS	24.69

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Elizabeth Crosby, Glace Bay	62.59	Elizabeth Crosby, Glace Bay	59.43
Larry Mock, Dartmouth, NS	45.07	David Chute, Berwick, NS	30.76

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Don Brown, Centreville, NS	79.73	Don Brown, Centreville, NS	64.42
Robert Tumilty, Annapolis Royal	74.08	Pam grey, Wolfville, NS	36.81

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Martin Pink, Yarmouth, NS	78.91	Jane MacDonald, New Waterford	46.94
Joyce Michieli, Halifax, NS	73.34	Martin Pink, Yarmouth, NS	46.85

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Michael Inkpen, Kingston, NS	116.05	Don Aylward, Hants Co, NS	55.52
Don Aylward, Hants Co., NS	87.33	Michael Inkpen, Kingston, NS	50.03

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Balon Buckley, Halifax, NS	131.39	Winnie Nickerson, Halifax, NS	52.72
Jo Ann Lynds, Truro, NS	116.19	Elaine MacKeigan, Bras D'Or	38.67

BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Elizabeth Dale, St. John's, NF	117	Roy Landry, Halifax, NS	77.02
Tom Dale, St. John's, NF	114.37	Dan Landry, Halifax, NS	71.38

SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ron MacDonald, New Waterford	223.66	Elizabeth Legacy, Bras D'Or	101.61
Elizabeth Legacy, Bras D'Or	217.27	Ron Legacy, Bras D'Or, NS	90.59

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Eric Balkam, Halifax, NS	170.44	H.L. Stewart, Halifax, NS	96.72
Myrtle Moulton, Halifax, NS	167.36	Myrtle Mpulton, Halifax, NS	76.94

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Joe Currie, Halifax, NS	268.98	Joe Currie, Halifax, NS	104.93
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ACBL ALERT PROCEDURE (page 9)

Negative doubles that show length in an unbid major (or one for general takeout if there is no unbid major) on the auction **1 of a suit - an overcall in a suit through 4H - Double** do not require an Alert. Any other meaning (penalty or takeout, for example) require an Alert.

EXAMPLES: 1C - 1S - Dbl

If for takeout showing hearts, no Alert

1C (strong, artificial and forcing) - 1S - Dbl

If this shows a positive response, 9+ HCP, an Alert is required.

WHEN ALERTED IN THIS AUCTION, DO NOT ASSUME. ASK!

Type II doubles are those made when partner has made any call other than a PASS or the double is of notrump, a call above 4H or LATE in the auction. Type II doubles if for penalty or penaltyish do not require an Alert, non-penalty REQUIRE an Alert.

EXAMPLES: 1NT - Dbl

If penalty or intended as penalty (partner usually passes with most balanced hands), no Alert is required. If the double is takeout an Alert is required.

1S - Dbl - 2S - Dbl

If this double is not penalty (responsive, for example), an Alert is required.

1C - Pass - 5C - Dbl

If this double is intended as takeout, an Alert is required.

1C - Pass - 1H - Pass

2H - Pass - 3C - Pass

4H - Dbl

If this double is for takeout, an Alert is required.

PART V: NOTRUMP OPENINGS, RESPONSES AND REBIDS

Conventional notrump openings require an Alert.

Systemically unbalanced or conventional 1NT openings or overcalls by an unpassed hand and openings at the two level or higher with an unusual range or conventional meaning require an Alert.

EXAMPLE: 1C - Pass - 1S - 1NT

If this shows the other two suits, an Alert is required.

However, after Pass - 1C - Pass - 1S - 1NT no Alert is required.

Natural 1NT opening bids and overcalls require an Announcement if the range being played is outside of 15 to 18 HCP.

Natural openings or overcalls at the one level with a range outside of 15 to 18 HCP require the partner to state the range when 1NT is bid.

EXAMPLE: 1NT (showing 12 to 14 HCP)

partner says immediately, "twelve to fourteen"

or

EXAMPLE: 1NT (showing 13 to 16)

partner says immediately, "thirteen to sixteen".

ACBL ALERT PROCEDURE (page 10)

RESPONSES TO ONE NOTRUMP OPENINGS

- 1) 2C: If it requires partner to bid a four-card major, it is not Alertable; All other uses must be Alerted.
- 2) 2D: If natural and non-invitational, it is not Alertable. A transfer to hearts is **Announced**. All other uses must be Alerted. (See #2 on page 2.)
- 3) 2H: If natural and non-invitational, it is not Alertable. A transfer to spades is **Announced**. All other meanings must be Alerted. (See #2 on page 2.)
- 4) 2S: If natural and non-invitational, it is not Alertable. All other uses must be Alerted.
- 5) 2NT: If invitational to 3NT, it is not Alertable. All other uses must be Alerted.
- 6) 3C, 3D, 3H, 3S: If natural and forcing, they are not Alertable. All other uses must be Alerted.
- 7) 3D,3H and 4D,4H: If transfers to hearts and spades respectively must be **Announced**. (See #2 on page 2)

PART VI: OPENING SUIT BIDS, RESPONSES AND REBIDS

- 1) 1C,1D: Not Alertable if natural (three or more cards in minor) and non-forcing. Any other use (forcing and/or artificial, for example) must be Alerted.
- 2) 1H,1S: Not Alertable if natural (four or more cards in major) and non-forcing. (Note that canape systems must be pre-Alerted and canape bids must also be Alerted during the auction.) All other uses are Alertable.
- 3) 2C: Not Alertable if strong and forcing whether natural or artificial. All other uses must be Alerted.
- 4) 2D,2H,2S: All natural, non-conventional use (whether weak, intermediate or strong) are not Alertable. All conventional uses are Alertable.

RESPONSES TO SUIT BIDS

1C - Pass - 1D:

Not Alertable if natural, forcing one round, and does not deny a four (or five) card major. All other uses must be Alerted.

1C - Pass - 1H or 1C - Pass - 1S:

Not Alertable if it shows four or more cards in the suit bid and is forcing for one round. Note that the fact that you might bypass a longer diamond suit is NOT Alertable.

1C - Pass - 1NT or 1D - Pass - 1NT:

Not Alertable if it shows a limited (maximum 11 HCP), balanced hand and denies a four-card major.

1D - Pass - 1H or 1D - Pass - 1S:

Not Alertable if it is natural and forcing one round.

1H - Pass - 1S:

Not Alertable if it shows four or more spades and is forcing one round. Alertable if it is conventional.

1H - Pass - 1NT:

Not Alertable if natural and non-forcing. **Announceable** if it is forcing or semi-forcing. Alert if it: 1) promises spades or 2) has some other conventional meaning.

ACBL ALERT PROCEDURE (Page 11)

Semi-forcing in this case means that the opener may pass with a minimum 5-3-3-2 but otherwise will treat it as a forcing notrump. Passed-hand 1NT responses, unless they cannot be passed, do not require an Announcement.

1S - Pass - 1NT:

Not Alertable if natural and non-forcing. **Announceable** if it is forcing or semi-forcing. Other conventional agreements require an Alert.

2C - Pass - 2D OR a 2NT response to a natural, strong two-bid:

Not Alertable if negative or temporizing.

2D, 2H, 2S - Pass - 2NT: (other than natural strong two-bids)

Not Alertable if it asks for further clarification. Natural, non-forcing 2NT responses to opening two-bids must be Alerted.

NOTE: A non-forcing suit response to a weak two-bid requires an Alert. A simple raise (2H - Pass - 3H, for example) of a weak two-bid that is invitational or better requires an Alert.

Strong, natural jump shifts are not Alertable. Other jump shifts (conventional or natural or weak) must be Alerted.

Any non-forcing 2NT response by an unpassed hand to partner's one level opening in a suit is Alertable.

Two-over-one bids are not Alertable if they are natural and forcing for at least one round. **Note that natural 2/1 game forcing bids are not Alertable.**

In general, responses by a passed hand are considered non-forcing and do not require an Alert or Announcement.

OPENER'S REBIDS

You must Alert a 1NT rebid if strong (may have 16 or more HCP) and/or if it may bypass a four-card major. You do NOT have to Alert a strong 2NT rebid that may have an undisclosed major.

You must Alert a rebid in a suit that tends to be longer than the opening bid (canape).

Opener's rebid of two of a minor over partner's forcing or semi-forcing notrump response to a major does not require an Alert if it shows three or more of the suit bid (4-5-2-2 does not require an Alert as long as responder expects three or more cards in the minor).

PART VII: HIGH LEVEL OPENING BIDS

3C,3D,3H,3S:

Natural and preemptive (weak) opening suit bids at the three level are not Alertable. If you commonly pre-empt at this level with very weak (worse than Qxxxxx) or suits of fewer than six cards you must pre-Alert your methods. Intermediate, strong or conventional usages must be Alerted.

ACBL ALERT PROCEDURE (Page 12)

3NT: A 3NT opening that promises a strong, balanced hand is not Alertable. Gambling 3NT openings and all other conventional uses must be Alerted. Natural opening bids at the three level or higher which convey an unusual message regarding HCP range or any other information which might be unexpected to the opponents must be Alerted.

EXAMPLE:

4H openings which are natural but are weaker than might be expected because the partnership has some other method (an example is the convention NAMYATS) for showing a good 4H opening.

EXAMPLE:

A natural 3C opening which is stronger than expected since the partnership has agreed to open 2S (a Mid-Chart agreement) with weak minor-suit preempts.

REMEMBER! Below game, non-forcing natural suit responses to high level preemptive openings require an Alert.

PART VIII: OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE CALLS

A preemptive jump raise over an opponent's takeout double is not Alertable. Limit or forcing jump raises over takeout doubles are Alertable.

PART IX: DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE CALLS

A jump to 2NT to show the minors or the lowest unbid suits is not Alertable. A bid of 3NT as unusual must be Alerted. A bid of 4NT is not Alertable as long as the prior bid was by an opponent. Non-jump unusual notrump bids below 4NT, except those made by a passed hand, must be Alerted.

Natural, preemptive jump overcalls are not Alertable. All other meanings, including intermediate or better, are Alertable.

Unusual overcalls, including the tendency to overcall at the two level *frequently* with a suit of fewer than five cards or *with less than two-over-one values (approximately 10 HCP)*, must be Alerted.

PART X: DELAYED (or POST) ALERTS

ALERTABLE BIDS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF 3NT STARTING WITH OPENER'S REBID

The Alert for a double, redouble, or pass that requires one is **ALWAYS** given immediately. For example: in the auction 1D - Pass - 1H - Pass; 4C - Dbl where the double says do not lead a club, an Alert is given immediately.

ACBL ALERT PROCEDURE (page 13)

Once the auction has progressed to the point that opener has had the opportunity to make a bid, no conventional calls at the four level or higher should be Alerted until the auction is over.

These **DELAYED ALERTS** are **REQUIRED** to be made by the **DECLARING** side before the opening lead is made. The **DEFENDERS** are **REQUIRED** to Alert declarer **AFTER** the **OPENING LEAD** but **BEFORE** declarer makes a play from dummy. Alerting before the dummy is spread is best.

The declaring side must make their delayed Alerts before the opening lead. Defenders wait until they have made the opening lead before they explain calls requiring a delayed Alert. As with natural Alerts, the partner of the person making the Alertable call is the person who makes the delayed Alert and explains the agreement.

EXAMPLES:

1H - Pass - 1S - Pass

4D (splinter)

There is no Alert at the time for the 4D bid.

After the auction, the 1S bidder must Alert and explain as required the meaning of the call.

1C - Pass - 1H - Pass

2H - Pass - 4C, 4D, or 4S

If there was a conventional meaning Attached to any of these calls - ace-asking, splinter or something else - the Alert would take place after the auction.

UNUSUAL CARDING AGREEMENTS

Only those defensive carding and opening lead agreements that cannot be described clearly and accurately on the convention card (usually circled or checked) must be Alerted after the opening lead is faced.

You might, for example, play Rusinow leads in most situations but normal leads against five- or six-level contracts - or you might change your basic carding on some special auctions which include a preempt at the three level or higher by one member of the partnership.

DECLARER IS EXPECTED TO EXAMINE AN OPPONENT'S CONVENTION CARD WITHOUT PROMPTING IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THEIR DEFENSIVE METHODS.

Editor's Note.

This is a rather extensive article and perhaps overwhelming at first reading. However, many of the themes and principles are recurring.

THE MAIN UNDERLYING THEME IS THE PRINCIPLE OF TOTAL EXCLOSURE!

Your opponents are entitled to know what methods you are using.

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

Ask if you don't understand but make sure that by asking a question you are not alerting your partner to a situation or transferring information. ie. You ask about a club bid with a mitt full of clubs and then pass. **You are not entitled to redress automatically if there is a failure to Alert.** If the director ascertains that you are familiar with a pairs' methods you will not receive redress.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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June 1 - 30 JUNE 29 - JULY 4	NAOP Flts A, B & NLM Qualifying Clubs CAN - AT REGIONAL	FREDERICTON, NB
July 1 -31 July 11 -17 July 23 (Fri) JULY 30 - AUGUST 1	NAOP Flt A, B, & NLM Qualifying Clubs CNTC,CWTC,COPC Nat'l Finals Toronto, ON ACBL International Fund Game 3 Clubs ST. JOHN'S SECTIONAL	ST. JOHN'S, NF
August 1 - 30 AUGUST 6 - 8	NAOP Flts A, B,& NLM Qual Clubs SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL	CAMPBELLTON, NB
September 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER 10 - 12 September 15(Wed) SEPTEMBER 24 - 26	NA 49er pairs qualifying Clubs MONCTON SECTIONAL ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game Clubs ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SECT.	MONCTON, NB COLDBROOK,NS
OCTOBER 15 - 17 October 21(Thurs) OCTOBER 23 - 24 October 28(Thurs)	SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL CBF International Fund Game Clubs NAOP FLTS A & C Dist. Final CBF Rookie-Master Game Clubs	CHARLOTTETOWN MONCTON, NB
NOVEMBER 6 - 7 NOVEMBER 12 - 14 November 22(Mon)	NAOP FLT B DISTRICT FINAL HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL ACBL-Wide Charity Game	MONCTON, NB HALIFAX, NS Clubs

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JANUARY 3 - 9 January 29 (Sat Aft)	STAC ACBL Int'l Fund Game #1	CLUBS Clubs
FEBRUARY 4 - 6 FEBRUARY 19 FEBRUARY 20 February 28(Mon Aft)	HALIFAX WINTER SECTIONAL CNTC UNIT FINALS CNTC UNIT FINALS ACBL Seniors Game	HALIFAX, NS Halifax, Moncton Sydney, Newcastle Clubs
March 7(Tues) March 15(Wed) March 24-26	CBF Int'l Fund Game ACBL-Wide Charity Game CAN-AT CALCUTTA	Clubs Clubs HALIFAX, NS