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JUAN AFFECTS BRIDGE

HURRICANE FORCES CHANGE OF VENUE

Hurricane Juan tore through central Nova Scotia causing the worst damage by a storm in recent memory. Halifax was right in the path of the rampaging Juan. Thousands of trees were uprooted and there was extensive damage to homes and businesses.

As a result of damage to Howard Johnson's, the site of the Halifax Fall Sectional in November, we will be unable to hold our tournament at this location.

Kathie MacNab and her committee are hard at work finding an alternate location as we go to print. This is no easy feat on such short notice.

To get up to date information on the venue for the Halifax Fall Sectional, contact Kathie at 902-860-4676 or check the following website:

www.bridgestudio.org

We ask for your patience and cooperation as we try to cope with the unexpected and look forward to seeing you in November. ☺

WIN A TRIP TO RENO

Two years ago, District 1 decided that the Western half (Eastern Ontario and Quebec) and the Maritimes would alternate years to have their North American Open Pairs (NAOP) winners receive both travel and hotel accommodations at the North American finals held annually at the Spring Nationals.

That year we won the coin toss and this year it's our turn again.

This means that the Maritime winners of the Flight A, B and C NAOP Finals will receive economy airfare and each player will receive three nights host hotel accommodations at the Spring Nationals to be held in Reno, Nevada, March 18 - 28, 2004.

In order to compete in the NAOP Finals, players must have qualified at a club qualification game during the months of June, July or August of 2003.

The NAOP Flight A and Flight C (non-Life Masters with less than 500 master points) will be played in Halifax, NS this year at The Bridge Studio at the West End Mall, Upper Level, Suite 26A on

Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26. (See the ad in this issue).

The NAOP Flight B (under 2000 mps) will be held at the Lion's Club Hall in Moncton, NB on Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2. (See ad in this issue).

These Finals will be four session events that will determine which pair will represent District 1 in Reno, NV next March. The National Finals consist of the top qualifiers from each of the ACBL's twenty-five Districts. Having had the good fortune to have competed in a previous Flight A Final in Dallas and a Flight B Final in Cincinnati, OH, I highly recommend the event as the level of competition is high and the experience is memorable.

In the event the top place pair is unable to compete in the National Final, the second place pair becomes eligible, etc.

So check with your club manager to see if you have qualified. The Maritime Finals are a great two days of bridge against your peers. ☺

NEW LIFE MASTERS

No less than ten Maritime bridge players have attained the elusive rank of Life Master. The majority of these players received their new rank as a result of successes at the Can-At Regional held in Fredericton, NB in July.

Our new Life Masters are:

Fred Boddy	Riverview, NB
Anne D'Entremont	Yarmouth, NS
Judy D'Entremont	Yarmouth, NS
Kathleen DiProffio	Berwick, NS
Stuart Eastwood	Halifax, NS
Anne Mahoney	Moncton, NB
Leo Mahoney	Moncton, NB
Jim Mathers	Stillwater Lake, NS
Harold Wood	Bedford, NS
Lynn Stanley	Riverview, NB

Congratulations to all for your commitment, perseverance, and fine play.

We wish you success in attaining your next goal of bronze life master. ☺

The Tournament Trail

by Karl Hicks

A Great lady

This year is the last of a three year term for Mary Moulton, CBF Zone 1 Director. Mary accepted this position in 2000 and has worked tirelessly on our behalf and on behalf of Canadian Bridge ever since.

Besides her boundless energy, engaging personality, superior intellect and disarming smile, Mary is very organized and has a tremendous work ethic. She also possesses the rare ability to go directly to the root of a problem in a totally non-partisan manner and dissect it while the average person is distracted by a morass of symptoms and extraneous issues which impedes their ability to see the real cause(s) of the problem thus restricting their ability to focus on a positive solution. And if that isn't enough, she can then express her analyses in a non-condescending manner which actually makes her peers feel that they were part of the original solution themselves. I not only admire these qualities but am green with envy. Needless to say, these qualities did not go unnoticed by the the rest of the CBF board and Mary became Vice-President. When asked to consider the position of CBF president, Mary declined as she felt her personal workload did not permit her the time that she felt the position required.

Few people outside the CBF board have any idea of the time and energy that the directors put into their three year term.

We are extremely fortunate to have talented people like Mary represent us in a National forum like the Canadian Bridge Federation. On behalf of all maritime bridge players, Mary, please accept our heartfelt thanks and our best wishes in all of your future endeavours. ☺☺☺☺

A Look Ahead

Our sectional attendance continues to improve. The **SUGARLOAF SECTIONAL** in Campbellton was up 10 tables from two years ago, the **MONCTON SECTIONAL** was up 45 tables from last year and the **ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SECTIONAL** was up 33.5 tables. This has been a consistent trend since over a year now and reflects positively on the efforts of our many bridge teachers out there who are bringing new players to our favorite game. New players are coming to our tournaments, enjoying the new level of competition and coming back. 49er games, zero tolerance, stratiflighted games, a relaxed atmosphere and lots of hospitality are other contributors to this comeback.

2004 has all the earmarks of another banner year for maritime bridge. Besides our regular schedule of excellent tournaments we have some special treats in store.

The incredibly successful **LOBSTER CLASSIC SECTIONAL** will be held again this year in **Yarmouth, NS**, March 26 - 28. If you missed last year, you don't want to miss this one.

Miramichi, NB is the location of the **MIRAMICHI SPLIT REGIONAL** which will be held from Tuesday, May 18 through Monday, May 24, 2004. This tournament is held every four years and offers plenty of opportunity for those players seeking gold. Besides plenty of bridge you will be treated to incredible Miramichi hospitality from beginning to end.

This year we are being invited to **Summerside, PEI** for the first time since the opening of the Confederation Bridge to play in the **SEABREEZE SECTIONAL** to be held June 11 - 13. Jim Praught and Winston Yeo are co-chairing this tournament and with the help of their capable committee it will be a good one.

For those pursuing the elusive Gold Points, George Holland and his hard working Committee are once again providing us with a spectacular **CAN-AT REGIONAL** to be held in Halifax June 25 through July 1. The Lord Nelson Hotel will be the venue for this seven day extravaganza.

Another first this year is the **SUSSEX SECTIONAL** in **Sussex, NB** to be held July 9 - 11 under the capable leadership of Edward Hynes. It will also be a memorable tournament.

Add to this our fine schedule of regular sectional tournaments and 2004 will provide everything that our players could wish for.

Outside our bridge borders, we have North American Bridge Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana from November 20 - 30, 2003. The Spring Nationals will be held in Reno, Nevada, March 18 - 28, 2004. There will be at least three pairs attending as winners of the District 1 NAOP. Have a great bridge year! ☺☺☺☺

2003 TROPHY LEADERS

Unit 194

LAGAN

1. John Beasy	114.99
2. Boyd Wells	99.88
3. Joe Currie	90.65
4. Jo Ann Lynds	89.45
5. Kathie MacNab	87.30
6. Bill Halliday	87.16
7. Bryan Rapson	65.48
8. Bram Schwartz	46.74
9. Bilgin Batman	46.35
10. Stuart Eastwood	44.03
11. Martin Pink	43.14
12. Ian Crowe	41.06
13. Gerry Murphy	38.74
14. Hugh Shankel	36.53
15. Scott MacDougall	35.60
16. Gerry Callaghan	34.28

Unit 230

SPRINGHILL

1. Gerry Laflamme	111.98
2. Mike Hartop	89.27
3. Jim Praught	62.27
4. Ron Duplisea	56.19
5. Chris Rawlines	55.12
6. Peter Samson	53.21
7. Jon Shute	52.59
8. Mike Rafuse	52.28
9. Frank Bodley	44.56
10. Leo Mahoney	43.96
11. George Stanley	37.69
12. Bob Losier	31.74
13. Mike Moses	30.27
14. Fred Boddy	25.52
15. Bob Brown	25.27
16. Ed Hynes	25.14

McLEOD

1. Jo Ann Lynds	89.45
2. Kathie MacNab	87.30
3. Myrtle Moulton	39.64
4. Suzanne Edwards	32.94
5. Virginia Giza	32.66
6. Myrtle Moulton	23.75
7. Elaine MacKeigan	28.05
8. Judy Callaghan	24.72
9. Jill McCormick	24.56
10. Betsy Eisner	23.35
11. Kerry Hicks	23.03
12. Joy Cavazzi	22.95
13. Mary Moulton	22.52
14. Rosemary Sampson	21.91
15. Louise Fisher	20.62
16. Carol Thompson	20.15

CALLAGHAN

1. Sandra Fox	116.02
2. Linda Cobham	108.41
3. Ann Hartop	60.17
4. Greta Rawlines	56.23
5. Ann Posch	52.57
6. Mary Cotter	49.14
7. Anne Mahoney	45.82
8. Marilyn Macdiarmid	32.11
9. Lynn Stanley	26.77
10. Sue Burns	26.22
11. Aline Doucet	19.53
12. Lynn Stanley	18.82
13. Carol Mann	21.59
14. Aline Doucet	19.53
15. Irene Shankel	17.86
16. Louise Van Thielen	16.48

SOUTH SHORE

Wandlyn Inn, Bridgewater, NS

May 30 - June 1, 2003 S0305096

ROSS MEMORIAL PAIRS

Flight A 26 tables

1. **Hugh Shankel, Windsor, NS - Joy Cavazzi, Kentville, NS** 170.00 6439%
2. **Edgar Blinn, Lunenburg, NS - Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater, NS** 168.36

Flight B 18 tables

1. **Verne Miller, Kentville, NS - Richard Treleaven, Digby, NS (Won C)** 161.00
2. **Tom Sheppard, Bridgewater, NS - Gary Bardon, Mahone Bay, NS** 146.50

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 28 tables

1. **Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines, Riverview, NB** 172.00 65.15%
- 2/4. **Ian Crowe - Balon Buckley, Halifax, NS** 165.50
- 2/4. **Bob Bruce - David Joel, Chester, NS (tied for 1st in B)** 165.50
- 2/4. **Scott Greenough - Glendon Dominoe, Bridgewater (tied 1st in B)** 165.50

Flight C 9 tables

1. **Loren Perry - Bob West, Truro, NS** 154.00

KNOCKOUT TEAMS 6 teams

1. **Gerry Laflamme - Linda Cobham - Sandra Fox - John Beasy**
2. **Virginia Giza - Bryan Rapson - Joe Currie - Larry Mock**

Friday Zip KO 6 teams

1. **Karl Hicks - Mike Hartop - Boyd Wells - Jo Ann Lynds**

FLIGHT A PAIRS 17 tables

1. **Bilgin Batman - Michael Inkpen, Kingston, NS** 365.04
2. **Jon Shute - Anne Posch, Sackville, NB** 348.13
3. **Mike Hartop, Moncton, NB - Arthur Lilly, Londonderry, NH** 345.84

FLIGHT B/C Pairs 20 tables

1. **Ann D'Entremont - Judy D'Entremont, Pubnico, NS** 237.79
2. **Malcolm Demont - Betty Demont, Bridgewater, NS (Won C)** 236.57
3. **Marilyn Macdiarmid, Moncton - Gilles St. Hilaire, Shediac, NB** 234.83

49ers Pairs 5 tables

1. **Glenda Reader - Patricia Roy, Halifax, NS** 44.14

FLIGHT A SWISS 16 teams

- 1/2. **Balon Buckley - Ian Crowe - Rosemary Sampson - Jim Mathers** 101
- 1/2. **Gerry Laflamme-Linda Cobham-Judy Callaghan-Gerry Callaghan** 101
3. **Dan Landry - Myrtle Moulton - Leo Weniger - Scott MacDougall** 88

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 23 teams

1. **Ron Duplisea - Bill Springer - Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney** 101
2. **Martin Pink - Phyllis Boudreau - Anne D'Entremont - Judy D'Entremont** 96
3. **Mike Connolly - Cyril Connolly - Jon Surette - Charlotte Cooling** 94

Flight C 14 tables

1. **Bruce Renner - Norah Francomb - Barbara Morris - John Misick** 92
2. **Doug Hamilton - Carol Hamilton - Mike Rafuse - Suzanne Edwards** 90

CAN-AT RESULTS

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB

June 27 - July 2, 2003 R0306003

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

STRATIFIED PAIRS PAIRS

Flight A 40 tables

1. John Saxe - Jim Gordon 323.50
2. Evelyn Richards - Bob Melles 322.64
3. Sharon Tyler - Paul Pierce 322.58

Flight B 22 tables

1. Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines 308.00
2. Jim Maters - Rosemary Sampson 302.50

Flight C 11 tables

1. Anne D'Entremont - Judy D'Entremont 289.58

CHARITY PAIRS

Flight A 11 tables

1. Pierrette Collin - Rosalie Van Wort (Also won B and C) 142.40
2. Fred Struve - Ron Levy 135.03
3. Louise Paradis - Auguste Servant(2nd in B & C) 132.36

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

Bracket I 8 teams

1. Mike Hartop - Karl Hicks - Peter Clark - John Gillespie
2. Frank Ayer - John Ayer - Kathie MacNab - Joyce MacNab

Bracket II 8 teams

1. Jean Stevens - Louise Blanchet-Smit - Mary Moulton - Liz MacDonald
2. Bea Brown - Deanne Dennison - Lorna Stock - Larry Mock

Bracket III 8 teams

1. Auguste Servant - Louise Paradis - Louise Daigle - Jacqueline Gauvin
2. Tom Sheppard - Gary Bardon - Hilary Hayden - Phil Decker

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

FLIGHT A 25 tables

1. Peter Clark - John Gillespie - Leo Weniger - Rod MacKenzie 112
2. Ed Spear - Mike Betts - John Saxe - Jim Gordon 108

FLIGHT B/C SWISS TEAMS

Flight B 22 teams

1. Gilles St Hillaire - Oskar Koller - Louise and Werner Van Thielen (Also won C) 117
2. Eddie Cormier - Paul Dumas - Mary Moulton - Liz MacDonald 109

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

SENIORS KO TEAM 10 Teams

1. Ron Duplisea - Frank Bodley - Peter Samson - Peter Hare
2. Mike Hartop - Ann Hartop - Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney

CAN-AT RESULTS (Continued)

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB

June 27 - July 2, 2003 R0306003

STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

Flight A 16 tables

1. Leo Weniger - Rod MacKenzie 391.69
2. Brian Hannon - Claude LeBlanc 347.26

FLIGHT B/C 23 tables

1. Russell Cook - Jim Dee 275.50
2. Jim Mathers - Rosemary Sampson 260.50

Flight C 13 tables

1. Anne D'Entremont - Judy D'Entremont 255.00
2. Margo Beveridge - Duncan Beveridge 252.50

MONDAY, JUNE 30

STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 28 tables

1. Peter Clark - John Gillespie 389.50
2. Mike Cappelletti - George Colter 375.00

Flight B 11 tables

1. Russell Cook - Jim Dee 370.37
2. Tim Andrew - Bob Fisher 348.48

Flight C 4 tables

1. Wilma Simpson - Kerry Hicks 344.00

FLIGHT B/C SWISS TEAMS 10 teams

1. Valerie Best - David Chute - Kathleen DiProfio - Carl Casselman 82
2. Lynn Stanley - George Stanley - Sandra Boddy - Fred Boddy 81

Flight C 3 teams

1. Mike Rafuse - Greg Lee - Suzanne Edwards - Beryl Higgs 80

TUESDAY, JULY 1

STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 33 tables

1. Don Cameron - Sam Ghosh 414.00
2. George Colter - Gudrun Wallace 387.00

Flight B 19 tables

1. Sally Bean - David McGee 365.00
2. Lynn Stanley - George Stanley 335.54

Flight C 8 tables

1. Hilary Hayden - Phil Decker 322.50

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A 24 teams

1. Larry Mock - Ray MacDonald - Kay Watman - Arthur Lilly 98
2. Sam Ghosh - Oskar Koller - Barb MacKay - Bob Simmonds 87
3. Richard Burns - Mary Cotter - Ed Hynes - Noreen Valenta 79

CAN-AT RESULTS (Continued)

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB

June 27 - July 2, 2003 R0306003

Flight B 11 teams

1. Dan Foster - Ed Toczko - Caroline Dempsey - Dolores Daley 69
2. Stuart Eastwood - Tom Cheng - Linda Harrison - Edele Cormier 67

Flight C 4 tables

1. Irene Shankel - Joe MacPhee - Beth Alexander - Maria Verret 53

MIDNIGHT ZIP KO Games

- Saturday (8) 1. Noreen Valenta - Mary Drummie - Dave Burgess - Barb MacKay
Sunday (7) 1. Kay Watman - Arthur Lilly - Dave Burgess - Sid McGowan
Monday (13) 1. Kay Watman - Arthur Lilly - Frances Sear - Mike Hartop
Tuesday (6) 1. Peter Samson - Peter Hare - Kevin Hare - Carol Bell

EVEN THE RUEFUL RABBIT COULDN'T HAVE DEFENDED BETTER by Jim Gordon

It was the next-to-last round of the last-day Swiss at this year's Can-At, and one of the tourney's heartier partiers ran into the following defensive problem:

QJ9643 K A87 T52

White vs. White in 1st chair, he opened 2S and heard P-P-2NT-P-P-P. He led the Spade queen and saw the dummy:

8752 643 964 KQ4

His partner contributed the ten and declarer won the trick with the ace. Declarer led the Club 7 to dummy's queen and partner's six. The Diamond 9 drew partner's queen and declarer's king. Since it looked right to duck this, our hero produced the Diamond 7. Declarer now wasn't sure what was going on in the Diamond suit, so he led the Club 8 toward dummy. As our hero extracted the 5 from his hand, the Heart king decided to come along for the ride and hit the table, face up, before the club. This turn of events produced scowls and smiles, but not from the expected directions! The Director was called and verified the ruling. When declarer played a second round of Diamonds and partner contributed the 3 and declarer the ten, our hero won the ace and was forced to play the Heart king. Down 2 to win 6 IMPS!!

The other hands were:

T AQJ975 Q3 J963 for partner and AK T82 KJT52 A87 for declarer. At the other table, the defender couldn't quite bring herself to put the Heart king on the table after winning the Diamond ace, so declarer took 9 tricks.

EDMUNDSTON

Edmundston Convention Center, Edmundston, NB

July 11 - 13, 2003

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A		8 tables		
1.	Lucien Beaulieu - Gerald Beaulieu		107.00	63.69%
2.	Jim Praught - Mike Rafuse		105.00	
Flight B		7 tables		
1.	Claudette Mavor - Mona Vender		100.00	
Flight C		3 tables		
1.	Jeannie Daigle - Yvette Bouchard		98.00	

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A		12 tables		
1.	Linda Cobham - Gerry Laflamme		155.25	71.88%
2.	Roy Landry - Joe Currie		131.75	
Flight B		8 tables		
1.	James Coster - Ella Martin		124.00	
2.	Claudette Mavor - Mona Vender		120.00	
Flight C		3 tables		
1.	Jeannie Daigle - Yvette Bouchard		108.25	

KNOCKOUT TEAMS

1. Mike Hartop - Karl Hicks - Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells
2. Ed Hynes - Mary Cotter - Sandra Fox - John Beasy

OPEN PAIRS

Flight A		20 tables		
1.	Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells		265.92	63.21%
2.	Lucien Beaulieu - Gerald Beaulieu		260.78	
Flight B		10 tables		
1.	Willis Renouf - Kevin Hare		257.44	
2.	Auguste Servant - Louise Paradis		236.98	
Flight C		3 tables		
1.	Jeanne Michaud - Alvey Dubois		212.00	

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

Flight A		8 teams		
1/2.	Elizabeth Harris - Dave Lutes - Simone Sullivan - James Jalbert		86	
1/2.	Peter Samson - Peter Hare - Willis Renouf - Kevin Hare		86	
3.	Michael St. John - Dorothy Kelleher - Sandra Fox - John Beasy		84	
Flight B/C		10 teams		
1/2.	Ron Duplisea - Bill Springer - Liette Dufour - Gerry Malette		89	
1/2.	Colette Corbin - Pierrette Collin - Rosalie Van Wart - Yvette Cloutier		89	
3.	Auguste Servant - Louise Paradis - Jacqueline Gauvin - Louise Daigle		83	
Flight C		5 teams		
1.	James Coster - Ella Martin - Rinette Pelletier - Jeanne Chartier		81	

MONCTON RESULTS

Lion's Club, Moncton, NB September 5-7, 2003 S0009032

MONCTON PAIRS

Flight A 23 tables

1. Gilles Menard - Paco Collins, Moncton, NB 115.50 68.75%
2. Ann Hartop - Mike Hartop, Moncton, NB 115.00

Flight B 16 tables

1. Menard - Collins (Also won C)
2. Joyce McIver - Melvin Affleck, Summerside, PE 108.50

FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 26 tables

1. Louise Fisher - Ralph Fisher, New Glasgow, NS 188.00 71.21%
2. Barry Budge - David Robertson, Rothesay, NB 176.50

Flight B 16 tables

1. Arthur Jonah - Bruce Perry, Moncton, NB 154.00
2. Mardi Cockburn - Maureen O'Sullivan, Fredericton, NB (won C) 152.50

Friday Zip KO Teams 8 teams

1. Curtis Wright - Michael Inkpen - Beryl Higgs - Suzanne Edwards

KNOCKOUT TEAMS OF FOUR 6 teams

1. Kay Watman - Arthur Lilly - Les Barkhouse - Stuart Eastwood

FLIGHT A PAIRS 16 tables

1. Les Barkhouse - Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS 390.29
2. Arthur Lilly - Kay Watman, Londonderry, NH 365.38
3. Edward Hynes, Penobsquis, NB - Ed Toczko, Moncton, NB 349.88

FLIGHT B/C PAIRS 20 tables

1. Gilles St Hilaire, Shediac, NB - Mike Rafuse, Charlottetown 266.66
2. Anne Mahoney - Leo Mahoney, Moncton, NB 251.66
3. Marilyn Macdiarmid, Moncton, NB - Kerry Hicks, Dominion, NS 250.64

Flight C 12 tables

1. St Hilaire - Rafuse 266.66
2. Eva Pistone - Bill McNichol, Moncton, NB 240.14

FLIGHT A SWISS 16 teams

1. Mike Moses - Bob Brown - Greta Rawlines - Chris Rawlines 90
2. Balon Buckley - Ian Crowe - Dale Murray - Joe Hortie 88
3. Virginia Giza - Bryan Rapson - Myrtle Moulton - Joe Currie 87
4. Bill Halliday - Kathie MacNab - Judy Callaghan - Gerry Callaghan 85

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 16 teams

1. Louise Van Thielen - Werner Van Thielen - Oscar Kollar - David Halliday 112
2. Bernie Poirier - Floyd Kelly - Marilyn Macdiarmid - Kerry Hicks 106
3. Eva Pistone - Bill McNichol - Carol Laszchuk - Mike Laszchuk 78
4. Gerry MacLean - Jeff MacLean - Rejene Pinot - Rita Theriault 76

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Wandlyn Inn, Coldbrook, NS September 19 - 21, 2003

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ANNAPOLIS VALLEY PAIRS

Flight A 23 tables

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| 1. Edgar Blinn - Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater, NS | 114.73 | 68.29% |
| 2/3. Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells, Truro, NS | 105.50 | |
| 2/3. Kathie MacNab - Bill Halliday, Halifax, NS | 105.50 | |

Flight B 12 tables

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| 1. Jean Beveridge, Canning, NS - David Wandler, Port Williams | 101.28 | |
| 2. Sandra Wood - Harold Wood, Bedford, NS | 94.86 | |

Flight C 7 tables

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| 1. Bruce Renner, Bridgewater - Philip Decker, Brooklyn, NS | 90.00 | |
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FRIDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

Flight A 24 tables

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| 1. Martin Pink, Yarmouth, NS - Hugh Shankel, Windsor, NS | 139.50 | 64.58% |
| 2. Jim Sotvedt, Kingston, NS - Victor Cavanaugh, Kentville, NS | 137.41 | |

Flight B 13 tables

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| 1. Sotvedt - Cavanaugh (Also won C) | 137.41 | |
| 2. Lynn Stanley - George Stanley, Riverview, NB | 129.50 | |

Friday Zip KO Teams

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| 1. Karl Hicks - Gerry Laflamme - Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells | | |
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FLIGHT A PAIRS 15 tables

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| 1. Joe Hortie, Kingston, NS - Jim Praught, Grand River, PE | 380.99 | |
| 2. Linda Cobham - Gerry Laflamme, Grand Bay, NB | 379.93 | |
| 3. Mary Moulton - Eric Balkam, Halifax, NS | 371.62 | |

FLIGHT B PAIRS 16 tables

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| 1. Jean Beveridge - Henry Hicks, Centreville, NS | 355.58 | |
| 2. Carol Hamilton - Doug Hamilton, Halifax, NS | 351.41 | |

Flight C pairs 9 tables

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| 1. Gundi Husain, Halifax, NS - Irene Christie, Kentville, NS | 330.92 | |
| 2. Shirley Johns - Lionel Johns, Dartmouth, NS | 328.95 | |

FLIGHT A SWISS 15 teams

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| 1. Rod MacKenzie - Leo Weniger - Sandra Fox - John Beasy | 98 | |
| 2. Jo Ann Lynds - Boyd Wells - Myrtle Moulton - Dan Landry | 97 | |
| 3. Ken Eisner - Gerry Murphy - Betsy Eisner - Jon Surette | 89 | |
| 3. Brian Hansen - Glenda Hansen - Alice Manzer - Michael Inkpen | 87 | |

FLIGHT B/C SWISS 20 teams

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| 1. Martin Pink - Phyllis Boudreau - Jill McCormick - Steve Anderson | 110 | |
| 2. Jessie Sanford - Mike Rafuse - Lorna Stock - Don Brown | 92 | |
| 3. Doug Hamilton - Carol Hamilton - Margo Beveridge - Barbara Landry | 88 | |

Flight C 9 tables

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| 1. Don Gray - Brock Short - Betty Demont - Malcolm Demont | 80 | |
| 2. Calvin Fraser - Jaye Fraser - Kerry Hicks - Wilma Simpson | 79 | |

SPUD ISLAND

October 17 - 19, 2003

Rodd Travelodge Inn, Charlottetown S0310055

Friday, October 17

2:00 pm SPUD ISLAND PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 1
8:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams
KNOCKOUT TMS 3

Saturday, October 18

1:00 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN 1
7:30 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN 2
11:30 pm ZIP KO Teams

Sunday, October 19

10:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
short lunch break at 1 pm.

Tournament Chair and Partnerships

Arlene Mamye 902-892-6377

Accommodations:

Rodd Travelodge Inn 902-894-8566

Plan to play in the Maritimes' largest Sectional Tournament and the island hospitality is legendary.

HALIFAX FALL

November 14 - 16, 2003

To Be Announced

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Friday, November 14

2:00 pm METRO PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 1
8:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TMS 2
11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, November 15

9:00 am KNOCKOUT TMS 3
11:00 am UNIT 194 Annual Meeting
1:00 pm 49ers Game - reception follows
1:00 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN
7:30 pm STRATIFLIGHTED OPEN

Sunday, November 16

10:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
short break for lunch at 1 pm

Tournament Chair

Kathie MacNab 902-443-4676
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NAOP FLIGHTS A & C

District 1 Finals

Saturday, October 25 & Sunday, October 26

MC&G BRIDGE STUDIO, WEST END MALL

Suite 26A (upper Level), 6960 Mumford Road, Halifax, NS

Saturday, October 25

1:00 pm Session one

7:30 pm Session two

Sunday, October 26

10:00 am Session three

3:00 pm Session four

Flight A = unlimited Flight C = 0-500 non-life masters

Winners of these two events get transportation and accommodations paid to the National Championships to be held at the Spring NABC in March 2004 in Reno, NV. Club qualification is required. Entry fee - \$40.00 per player.

MARITIME STAC

January 5 - 11, 2004

ST0401***

Monday, January 5

1:30 Stratified Pairs

7:30 Stratified Pairs

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 Stratified Pairs

Wednesday, January 7

1:30 Stratified Pairs

7:30 Stratified Pairs

Thursday, January 8

1:30 Stratified Pairs

7:30 Stratified Pairs

Friday, January 9

7:30 Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 10

Afternoon

1:30 Stratified Pairs

Evening

7:30 Stratified Pairs or Swiss Teams

Sunday, January 11

Two Session Swiss Team Game

or

One Session Swiss Team Game

Strats: A = 300+, B = 100 - 300, C = 0 - 100

Clubs may hold as many of the above games as they wish. Almost every Maritime club holds STAC games so check with your local club manager to find out which games are available in your area. Points count toward trophy races.

HALIFAX WINTER

February 6 - 8, 2004

Howard Johnson's S0402***

20 St Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax, NS

Friday, February 6

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 7

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 8

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

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NAOP FLIGHT B DISTRICT 1 FINALS

Lion's Club, St George Street, Moncton, NB

SATURDAY, NOV 1 & SUNDAY, NOV 2

Saturday, November 1

1:00 pm Session one

7:30 pm Session two

Sunday, November 2

10:00 am Session three

3:00 pm Session four

Entry fee \$40.00 per player

Flight B requires club qualification and is restricted to players with less than 2000 master points. Winners get transportation paid to the National Finals in Philadelphia.

YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC

March 26 - 28, 2004

S0403***

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

Friday, March 26

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 27

1:00 pm PUBNICO Stratiflighted OPEN 1
7:30 pm PUBNICO Stratiflighted OPEN 2

Sunday, March 28

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

Tournament Chairman

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

Partnerships

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DON COX MEMORIAL

APRIL 23 - 25, 2004

Howard Johnson's Inn, Truro, NS S0404***

Friday, April 23

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 24

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

Sunday, April 25

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

Tournament CoChair

Jo Ann Lynds (902) 843-6022
Boyd Wells (902) 899-5316

Partnerships:

Pat Scammell (902) 893-7571

Accommodations:

Howard Johnson Motor Inn (902) 895-1651
**NOTE: These dates are significantly different
than previous years!**

CNTC ZONE 1 FINALS

April 3 - 4, 2004

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, 2003 and January 15, 2004. See your local club manager to confirm qualification dates at your club. Teams that qualify must register by March 12. Flights A and B will be separate events providing there are enough teams entered, otherwise, a stratified Final will be held.

PROPOSED MIRAMICHI SPLIT-REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 18

- 1:00 pm Bracketed Knockout Teams I - 1
Stratified Open Pairs - 1st
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 2
Stratified Open Pairs - 2nd

Wednesday, May 19

- 9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO Teams 1
Morning Side Game Series 1-1
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 3
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
Seniors Pairs 1st
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 4
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
Seniors Pairs 2nd
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Thursday, May 20

- 9:00 am Morning KO Teams - 2
Morning Side Game Series 1-2
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 1
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
Seniors Pairs 1st
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 2
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
Seniors Pairs 2nd
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Friday, May 21

- 9:00 am Morning KO Teams - 3
Morning Side Game Series 1-3
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 3
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
Seniors Pairs 1st
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 4
Seniors Pairs 2nd
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
- 12:00 Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Saturday, May 22

- 9:00 am Morning KO Teams - 4
Compact KO Teams 1-2
Morning Side Game Series 1-4
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams III - 1
Seniors Pairs 1st
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams III - 2
Seniors Pairs 2nd
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

MIRAMICHI SPLIT REGIONAL SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Sunday, May 23

- 9:00 am Compact KO Teams 3-4
Bracketed KO Teams III - 3
Morning Side Game Series 1-5
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams III - 4
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 1st
- 7:30 pm Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 2nd
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Monday, May 24

- 10:00 am Stratified two-session Swiss Teams playthrough
(Seven rounds of seven boards)

Tournament Chairperson: **June Hare 506-778-2320**

Additional information will appear in the next issue of the Maritime Bridge Line which will go to press in early March 2004.

SOUTH SHORE

MAY 28 - 30, 2004

Wandlyn Inn, 50 North St, Bridgewater, NS
S0405***

Friday, May 28

- 2:00 pm ROSS MEMORIAL PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 1
- 8:00 pm STRATIFIED PAIRS
KNOCKOUT TEAMS 11
- 11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams

Saturday, May 29

- 9:00 am KNOCKOUT TEAMS 3
- 1:00 pm STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS 1
49er PAIRS one session
- 7:30 pm STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS 2

Sunday, May 30

- 10:00 am STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS
two-session playthrough.
short break for lunch at 1:00 pm

Chairman Bill Batman

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SEABREEZE

JUNE 11 - 13, 2004

Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club
110 Water Street, Summerside, PE
S0406***

Friday, June 11

- 2:00 pm Summerside Pairs
Knockout Teams 1
- 8:00 pm Kensington Pairs
Knockout teams 2
- 11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams
Knockout Teams 3

Saturday, June 12

- 2:00 pm Blair Gamble Open Prs 1
- 8:00 pm Blair Gamble Open Prs 2

Sunday, June 13

- 10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
two-session playthrough.
short lunch break at 1:00 pm

Tournament Chairmen

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Winston Yeo (902) 436-7086

Partnerships

Kay Hayes (902) 436-2769

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Linkletter Inn & Convention Center
tel: 902-436-2157

Bridge rate \$72.00 double room

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tel: 902-436-3607

CAN-AT 2004 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 25

- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 1
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1st
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 2
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2nd
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 11:45pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Saturday, June 26

- 9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO Teams - 1
Continuous Pairs Series 2
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 3
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1st
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams I - 4
Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2nd
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8)

Sunday, June 27

- 9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO Teams -2
Continuous Pairs Series 2
- 1:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Team 1st
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 7:30 pm Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 2nd
Continuous Pairs Series 1
- 11:45 pkm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8)

Monday, June 28

- 9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO Teams - 3
Compact KO Teams 1 - 2
Continuous Pairs Series 2
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 1
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
Continuous Pairs Series 3
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 2
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
Continuous Pairs Series 3
- 11:45 pm Zip KO Teams (minimum 8)

Tuesday, June 29

- 9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO Teams - 4
Compact KO Teams 3 - 4
Continuous Pairs Series 2
- 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 3
Stratified Open Pairs 1st
Continuous Pairs Series 3
- 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams II - 4
Stratified Open Pairs 2nd
Continuous Pairs Series 3
- 11:45 pm Bracketed KO Teams III-1
Zip KO Teams (minimum 8)

Wednesday, June 30

9:00 am Bracketed KO Teams III - 2
 1:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams III - 3
 Stratified Open Pairs 1
 Open Pairs Side game one session
 7:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams III - 4
 Stratified Open Pairs 2
 Open Pairs Side game one session
 11:45 pm Midnight Zip KO Teams (minimum 8 teams)

Thursday, July 1

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss teams - two-session playthrough

Can-At 2004 will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. Tel 902-423-6331 fax: 902-423-7148
 Complete Can-At information will be printed in the March 2004 issue of the Maritime Bridge Line
 Meanwhile, visit <http://www.novacomputer.net/can-at> for up to date information

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IN MEMORIAM

**Frederick Edward Charles Patrick Stiner
(1912 - 2003)**

Fred was a veteran of World War 11 and served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1929 to 1957 when he retired as Chief Petty Officer, Gunnery Instructor. He was a welterweight and middleweight champion boxer while he served in the RCN. He was captain of the Stadacona water polo team who were Atlantic Command champions. In the days that the RCN competed against local universities, Fred was a 90-yard gold medalist. In 1953, Fred was awarded the Admiral Jones Shield for conduct, sportsmanship and character in HMCS Stadacona. His retirement from the navy did not keep him from athletics. In 1985 at the age of 72, Fred competed in the Canada Wide Masters Swim Championships. In his age group, Fred won gold in the 800 and 200 metre freestyle, 50 metre backstroke and silver in the 50 and 100 metre freestyle.

Fred was a loving husband and devoted father of 16 children.

Fred had a lifelong love of the game of duplicate bridge. He was an ACBL Life Master and a master bridge teacher. He opened the first contract bridge club in Halifax and for a time hosted weekly bridge lessons on CFDR. Throughout his retirement he taught bridge lessons at community and church centres and ran his own bridge club for many years.

Fred was a pioneer of duplicate bridge in the Maritimes. He served as director, club owner, teacher and ambassador of bridge for the majority of his lifetime and has left an indelible mark on the history of maritime bridge.

IN MEMORIAM

LYNFIELD LEIGHTON

Lyn lived for bridge and was a mainstay at the Amherst Bridge Club. He attended every club game he possibly could and was usually the first to break out a deck of cards before the game started to get a few practice deals in.

Lyn played the game well and was a real competitor. He loved nothing better than to see someone go down in a contract and when you heard his chuckle in the background, you knew that someone at this table had gone down about 4 or 5 tricks and that it could have been Lyn himself!

Lyn was a true war hero in WW11 flying many, many missions as a bomber tailgunner, a duty noted for its lack of longevity.

Lyn's love of life, love of the game, and his unrelenting cheerfulness inspired the admiration and respect of us all. We will miss him.

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FAILURE TO FOLLOW DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN A REVOKE

by Jon Surrette

I have often heard a player say "All I want is a partner that can follow suit!". Well, I'm afraid that my partner doesn't even have that. This hand arose at the club last May. I was west on lead against a contract in which the opponents did not bid enough diamonds.

	North	
	S A K Q J	
	H J 6 3	
West(me)	D K 10 8 5	East
S 10 8 7 6	C 5 2	S 5 4 3
H 9 8 5 2		H A 10
D -	South	D J 7 6 3
C K Q 10 9	S 9 2	C J 8 6 4
	H K Q 7 4	
	D A Q 9 4 2	
	C A 7	

I led the club K taken by declarer's ace. After seeing dummy my spades seemed useless so when declarer played four rounds of diamonds picking up partner's Jack, I discarded four spades. Declarer then played four rounds of spades on which I discarded four hearts. Declarer then conceded a heart trick and claimed making six. We put away the cards and it was only later that I realized that after my opening lead, I had failed to follow suit to a single trick. I had played thirteen cards (leading the first) and never followed suit nor did I revoke. I was quite excited as I hadn't heard of this happening before and it certainly hadn't happened to me.

I showed the hand to my friends and they advised me to write it up for the Maritime Bridge Line.

And now for the rest of the story:

Two weeks later, I sit down at the club and am playing North. The second round, first board, I pull out my hand and count the cards as usual. I have a habit of counting 3, 3 3 and then four cards. I then pick up the first four cards off the pile and then three, etc and I always sort red, black, red, black but not by rank.

The first four cards that I pick up are the A, K, Q, and J of Spades. As I pick up the rest, I see that they are my only four spades. I think, hmmm, suspicious! I look down and the board number is 31. Again I think hmmm. My partner sitting south opens 1 diamond. It goes pass to me and I call DIRECTOR!!! hehehe

The director comes over and I speak to him away from the table and tell him that I am sure that this is a hand that I never followed suit in two weeks before! We go back to the table and I turned to east and said you hold 5, 4, 3 of spades and so on. You should have seen east's eyes. He couldn't believe that I could tell him his hand right down to the spots!

Needless to say, we had to shuffle and the people who played it at the first table took averages.

If I had had more time (and was prone to doing such things), I would have let the auction go 1 diamond, pass, 6 diamonds !!! When the lead was made and I put the dummy down if they still didn't clue in that the "fix" was in, I would have said, "Watch out for the 4 - 0 diamond break, partner, be sure to hook east for the jack, and by the way, he has the ace of hearts as well! Ahhh, but I am not prone to doing such things. However it could have definitely enhanced my reputation as a magician!!! hehehe

Because of the high board number I guess that board 31 had not been played on the nights in between games and they previous table had forgotten to shuffle.

It was so ironic that it happened in the first place, the four spades guiding my play so that I ended up never following suit and that the same four cards tipped me off two weeks later. ☺

The Grapes of Wrath

by Jon Shute

“wrath” – violent anger or fury

“wreak” – to inflict punishment upon another person

“writhe” – to suffer greatly with pain

The above three definitions are courtesy of Webster’s Dictionary. To these we must add a new word, “WRITH” – to incur the violent anger of the bridge gods, resulting in the desire of said gods to inflict punishment upon another person such that said person suffers greatly with pain, all as a result of something said person has WRITTEN.

“Writh” is copyright 2003, J K Shute (said person). For those mathematically inclined:

writh = write + wrath + wreak + writhe

Yes, the ink was not yet dry on the previous copy of Maritime Bridge Line when the bridge gods took umbrage (look it up yourself) at my most recent article. For those of you who’ve forgotten (bless your hearts), I’d written the “amusing” story of going for minus 1700 by balancing in the only suit not bid by the opponents. On that hand I held AKJx of Clubs and balanced with 3 Clubs, only to catch Left Hand Opponent with a massive Club suit and no charitable feeling towards his fellow man.

So, the very day that that issue of the MBL (copyright 1878, Karl Hicks) was handed out at the Moncton club, a similar situation came up on the second hand of the day!!!!

To set the stage, I was playing for the first time with an unnamed top player who happened to be available because his foxy lady was touring Europe. Little did I know that this gentleman was able to read. A usual prerequisite for my partners is that they NOT be literate. Note: Anne is the exception to this rule, as she had had the pleasure of being “amused” from the dummy side of the table as I went for the 1700.

Anyway, to make a long story longer, on the second hand of the day the opponents bid three suits and threatened to buy the contract for 1 Spade. Sitting in passout (balancing) seat, I felt my 11 HCP and 6 Clubs headed by the 9 were worth a balancing bid of 2 Clubs (the unbid suit). LHO continued with 2 Spades, whereupon my partner burst out with, “**I’ve read Maritime Bridge Line!**”, as he slapped down his Pass card.

I wasn’t totally sure what he meant by that remark, but I felt that I’d already done what I could on this moth eaten hand (and suit headed by the 9), and also Rule #3, be actively ethical, says I shouldn’t make a bid here unless it is clear cut. So I Passed.

So we pushed cards on defense, unable to beat 2 Spades. As the play developed, I realized that partner had 11 HCP, and a club suit of AKJx !!!! Quick analysis at the table (a method that’s guaranteed to be right at least 30% of the time), showed that we were cold for 5 Clubs. I guess this proves that the pen is mightier than outstanding four card trump support!

As a postscript, the director (after kibitzing this debacle) decided that the hand was worth following for a while. On the second round the guy holding my partner’s hand opened 1 Club (!), my hand raised to 2 Clubs (!!), LHO competed, partner’s hand bid **2 Clubs (!!!)**, accepted by RHO, and eventually they worked their way up to 5 Clubs, making. Note that Clubs had been bid, supported, and rebid, all by the 2 Club level—an example of the utmost bidding efficiency. No wonder they got to game.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2003

October 1 - Jan 31	CNTC CLUB QUALIFYING	Clubs
October 16 (Thurs)	Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game #2	Clubs
OCTOBER 17 - 19	SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL	Charlottetown
October 25 -26	NAOP Flights A & C District 1 Finals	Halifax, NS
October 28 (Tues)	Erin Berry Rookie-Master game	Clubs
October 29 (Wed)	District 1 Wide Charity Pairs	Clubs
November 1 - 2	NAOP Flight B Finals	Moncton, NB
NOVEMBER 14-16	HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS
November 20 -30	FALL NATIONALS	New Orleans, LA
November 24 (Mon)	ACBL-Wide Charity Game	Clubs

2004

Jan 1 - Jan 31	CNCT CLUB QUALIFYING	Clubs
JANUARY 5 - 11	STAC	Clubs
January 24 (Sat)	ACBL International Fund Game #1	Clubs
FEBRUARY 6 - 8	HALIFAX WINTER*	Halifax, NS
February 16 - 22	2004 CBF STAC	Clubs
February 23 (Mon Aft)	ACBL SENIORS GAME	Clubs
March 18 - 28	SPRING NATIONALS	Reno, NV
March 24 (Wed)	ACBL-Wide CHARITY Game	Clubs
MARCH 26 - 28	YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC	Yarmouth, NS
April 3 - 4	CNTC Zone 1 Team FINALS	Truro, NS
APRIL 23 - 25	DON COX MEMORIAL	Truro, NS
May 13 (Thurs)	ACBL International Fund Game #2	Clubs
MAY 18- 24	MIRAMICHI SPLIT-REGIONAL	Miramichi, NB
MAY 28 - 30	SOUTH SHORE SECTIONAL	Bridgewater, NS
JUNE 11 - 13	SEABREEZE SECTIONAL	Summerside, PEI
June 19 - 26	CBF BRIDGE WEEK	St Catherines, ON
JUNE 25 - JULY 1	CAN-AT REGIONAL	Halifax, NS
JULY 9 - 11	SUSSEX SECTIONAL	Sussex, NB
SEPTEMBER 10-12	MONCTON SECTIONAL	Moncton, NB
SEPTEMBER 24-26	ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SECTIONAL*	Coldbrook, NS

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