

MARITIME BRIDGE LINE

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MIKE HARTOP HONORED

ACBL DISTRICT AWARDS RETEK TROPHY TO MIKE HARTOP

For the purpose of ACBL administration, North America is divided into 25 ACBL Districts. District 1 is comprised of the four Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Eastern Ontario from the Quebec border to Kingston.

The George Retek Trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has provided exceptional volunteer service to the District. Mike Hartop is the third person to receive this prestigious award. It was presented by District 1 ACBL Board member Leo Weniger at the Moncton Sectional on September 11th.

There can be no more deserving recipient of this award than Mike Hartop. When Mike and Ann first moved to Moncton, what had been a flourishing club when I was at Mount Allison in the 60's, had deteriorated to a 2 or 3 table game of senior players and no effort was being made to bring in new players.

Mike practically single-handedly brought the club from the brink of disaster to the thriving club which continues today. This was no easy feat. Countless hours of teaching and promoting were involved. In addition he offered his expertise and service to Acadian Unit 230 and regularly attended Annual District meetings in Quebec and Ontario to represent the Maritimes' interests.

There is not enough room on one page to list his individual accomplishments and involvement in bridge governance. To mention a few, he has served as club director, Unit President, held numerous District positions, and served as Zone 1 Director (Atlantic Provinces) of the Canadian Bridge Federation, where he was elected President. I cannot sing Mike's praises long enough or loud enough. He has been a great friend, a great bridge partner and a great inspiration to me since I first met him and his devoted wife, Ann. Congratulations, Michael, you are truly worthy of a movie titled 'Marvellous Mike'. ☺☺☺☺☺

A more complete tribute to Mike Hartop written by Jon Shute appears beginning on Page 4

TROPHY LEADERS 2016

Unit 194

LAGAN

1/2. Bill Halliday-Mark Spear 56.51

3. Gerry Callaghan	54.25
4. Jim Kirby	51.77
5. Rod MacKenzie	41.78
6. Stuart Eastwood	40.56
7. Terry Shaw	39.93
8. John Ayer	39.04
9. Victor Goldberg	36.58
10. Alan Doane	29.83
11. Boyd Wells	29.05
12. Dan Landry	27.83
13. Charlie Fortune	27.59
14. Mike Tanner	31.53
15. Bilgin Batman	27.07
16/17. Ted Withers	25.82
16/17. David Morse	25.82

Unit 230

SPRINGHILL

1. Mike Wood 83.37

2. Jon Shute	80.85
3. Gerardo Malazdrewicz	78.97
4. Mark Golding	59.73
5/6. Peter Coates	59.56
5/6. Xiaolun Yi	59.56
7. Ron Duplisea	31.45
8. Edward Hynes	30.12
9. Mike Hartop	28.74
10. Robbie Kitchen	23.84.
11. Connor Havens	21.77
12. Jim Praught	21.58
13. Leo Mahoney	21.50
14. George Mitchell	19.97
15. Mike Whelton	19.40
16. Brian Mciver	19.31

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1/2. Liz Legacy-Kathie MacNab 52.55

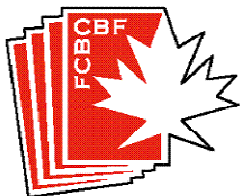
3. Brenda Kirby	51.77
4. Jo Ann Lynds	29.05
5. Marylyn Rudolph	21.99
6. Lesley Ruggles	18.80
7. Margaret Dodson	15.26
8. Maureen Donovan	15.06
9. Laura Watson	14.66
10. Beverley Snow	14.42
11. Judy Callaghan	14.34
12. Kerry Hicks	13.85
13. Audrey MacGillivray	12.06
14. Pat Scammell	10.97
15. Gaye MacDonald	10.27
16. Jill McCormick	10.21
17. Inez Vautour	9.66

CALLAGHAN

1. Mary Cotter 83.37

2. Anne Posch	80.85
3. Trisha Malazdrewicz	63.79
4. Ann Hartop	26.16
5. Donna Girouard	24.45
6. Anne Mahony	22.90
7. Cindy Havens	21.77
8. Lynne Dunn	15.37
9. Helen MacDonald	15.30
10. Sandra Fox	14.26
11. Donna Steeves	12.91
12. Diane Banks	12.46
13. Bette Doherty	12.29
14. Greta Rawlines	11.37
15. Cindy Wedge	10.42
16/17. Ellen Ayer	10.02
16/17. Darlene Fraser	10.02

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Support Canadian Bridge**



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bridge for all Canadian Players.**

- PERKOPOLIS – join now, this perks program is for Canadians, available through CBF.CA - members only
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- COMING SOON – enjoy Sunday coffee and bridge with Audrey Grant in a weekly online article.
- Take part in the Canadian Championships – 2017 in Winnipeg and in 2018 in HALIFAX, NS

***Canadian Bridge Federation - Charity
Foundation***

Each year clubs across Canada participate in Charity events and in the early fall of each year some of the funds are given to worthwhile charities in each Zone. This year Zone 1 (NS, NB, PEI, & NL) have discretionary funds of \$2,000.00. If you are involved in a charity and would like to apply for a CBF donation, please send a letter of request to:

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MIKE HARTOP presented with George Retek Trophy

By Jon Shute

At the 2016 Moncton Sectional, Moncton's Mike Hartop was recognized for his decades of contributions to the Canadian, District, Unit, and Local duplicate bridge world. Mike was presented with the George Retek Trophy.

George Retek, of Montreal, has been one of the top bridge administrators in the world. George served on the ACBL Board of Directors for over 30 years, and on the World Bridge Federation Board for 24 years, among many other accomplishments. To receive a trophy named for George is a great honor.

The annual George Retek Trophy is presented to a member of District 1 (Atlantic Provinces and Quebec) who has excelled in volunteer activities resulting in the betterment of our bridge community.

Rather than a recitation of Mike's administrative achievements, I'd like to paint a somewhat broader picture of the man. His life, and indeed, his contributions to bridge, doesn't fall into neat little buckets.

Mike was born in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, likely sometime in the 20th Century (the exact year would seem to have been lost in the mists of time).

Michael grew up in a card playing family, and developed a love of cards from his grandparents. He had other hobbies as a youngster, among them Racing Bikes, and Music.

Mike wasn't just into racing bikes, he actually built his own! And he wasn't just into music; he had his own jazz band, and also played the trombone in the National Youth Orchestra of England. ... It should be obvious that we're not dealing with a normal human being here—when Michael goes into something, he goes full throttle. (Another indication of this is his ability at oil painting. All the paintings in his house were done by him. Talk about a Renaissance Man!)

When it came time to go to university, Mike had to make a career choice—either stick with music, or make use of his academic intellect and mathematical aptitude. He chose a career in engineering, and subsequently earned a degree in Civil Engineering.

While in university, Michael also learned a fascinating pastime called "bridge". His card playing background helped him to quickly achieve relative success in this new endeavor. His winnings from bridge, combined with profits gleaned from betting on horse races, helped pay for a significant portion of his studies.

Horse racing? Where the heck did he learn about that? ... Well, what Mike really did was bet on people! He would keep a close eye on the other bettors, decide which ones knew what they were doing, and then place his own bets accordingly. Bridge tip: remember this at the bridge table—Mike is keeping an eye on you and figuring out which horse you're betting on to win your hand!

Not only did Mike win in academia, win at bridge, and win at betting horses, but he won big time when he found his life partner, Ann. Having watched Mike and Ann interact at the bridge table, running tournaments, and at administration meetings for 22 years, I can attest to the effectiveness of their partnership. Further evidence of their compatibility is that they have 2 grown children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. It's no surprise that they have been married for 53 years.

In 1966, Mike had an opportunity to come to Canada for a couple of years—the Saskatchewan provincial government needed a Civil Engineer for a highway project. Mike and Ann thought it would be an adventure to come to the wilds of Canada for two or three years, so they grabbed the chance. Of course, their Canadian adventure continues, 50 years later!

After a few stays in other provinces, Mike and Ann came to New Brunswick in 1983.

In the meantime, Michael's bridge career was trundling along very nicely. He became a game director in 1968, and a Life Master circa 1986.

From early on, Mike established himself as a strong player, and a true student of the game. Back in the day, there were relatively few classic bridge books—Mike can still quote from them!

Playing with Ann, and sometimes with other top players, Mike has won many Regional titles, and countless Sectional titles—their most recent one being the Swiss Teams in Moncton this month. Michael has competed in various other bridge contests, including the final level of the Canadian National Team Championship. He remains a major threat to win any event he enters.

You can't judge how good a player is from just his or her Master Point totals, but it is a rough indication. Michael's career total is 6500 MPs, an impressive number. A poll of top players in the Maritimes would likely show that most consider him better than that number.

Mike has his eye on the next level of achievement, Emerald Life Master (7500 MPs). He realizes that this will be hard to reach, as health issues have significantly cut back his competing in tournaments.

Michael has made a huge impact on Maritime bridge beyond his prowess as a top player. He has been a game director, Club Manager of the Moncton Club for more than 20 years, and run tournaments based in Moncton.

Mike has also been an administrative office holder of note. His positions have included: Unit 230 President, Zone 1 Director of the CBF, District Tournament Coordinator (all Regionals and Sectionals in the District), District Special Events Coordinator (NAP, GNT, etc.) and Canadian Bridge Federation President (2006-2007). These positions just slip off the tongue (or keyboard, as it were), but anyone who has even dabbled in administrative duties knows the kind of time commitment, including travel, that these entail. These are not honorary positions, they are working positions!

Michael has also done a lot to develop bridge interest and talent in New Brunswick. He has taught many courses: school bridge, beginners, and advanced players. In addition, Mike has mentored a number of players, some of whom are now listed among the top players in the Maritimes.

He has also been generous with advice and tips to all players. Michael will respond to any question on bridge from anyone. One example:

I was playing in a team game (IMPs) against Mike in the early '90s. My partner and I used a very good auction to reach a 7 Spade contract. But before the auction concluded, Mike Doubled it! I, being the genius that I am, decided that he must have a deep Spade trick to make this double, and that 7 NT might make, even if the Spade suit didn't run. So I pulled the bid to 7 NT (not Doubled).

When Dummy came down, I realized that 7 Spades had been about a 90% contract and 7 NT was about a 30% contract! Fortunately, both contracts were coming in. After the hand I asked Mike (who held nothing!) why he had doubled 7 Spades.

“I felt that our teammates were unlikely to be in 7, so there was virtually no cost in IMPs for the Double,” he said. “ But the Double might throw you off in the play of the hand, and cause you to go down. Also, you might pull a good contract into a weaker one. (!!!)”

Right on virtually all counts—in fact his teammates played in 4 Spades!

Mike, Congratulations! on your well deserved award, and Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! for all you have done for bridge in the Maritimes and Canada.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Club Qualification – begin September 1, 2016

**District Finals: Flights A & C at the Bridge Studio, Halifax, NS
– May 6, 2017**

Flights Open & B in Montreal – May 6, 2017

Flight C = 0-500 NLM; Flight B = 0-2500; Flight A – 0-6000; Open flight - All

Club games will award TRIPLE black points. All players who participate at the club level will receive a **discount** at the Maritime District finals.

District Finals will award GOLD points:

Flight A = 97% regional with GOLD points for all overall placings.

Flight C = 25% GOLD for the overall placings.

The ACBL NATIONAL Finals will be held at the SUMMER NABC in Toronto, Ont.

YOU could win the privilege to represent District 1 in the finals

Encourage your local club to hold GNT qualifying games.

Maritime final information to follow.

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Summer 2016 **Washington: A Capital Tournament**

The Summer NABC was held at a beautiful hotel, with many good eating places nearby. Play was all in one building, which was great since it was hot outside most of the time. Finding playing locations in the hotel was difficult, at times, but people eventually got used to it, with the help of the Ask Me Girls. The tournament was well run, with excellent hospitality, including the sold out free Capital Steps (political, musical humour) show. Attendance was down, perhaps due to hotel costs, airfare and the exchange rate. Table count was over 12,812 tables, less than expected and the 14,115 in 2009 (-9.2% in 7 years).

The meetings were highlighted by the consideration of the ACBL Strategic Plan, a serious look at Board of Directors restructuring to include a smaller number on the Board of Directors, further reaction to the multiple cheating scandals (including the ACBL's expulsion of 2 of the pairs involved). \$2,000,000 over 4 years will be received from BBO, in exchange for exclusive rights (OkBridge and Swan are grandfathered) to ACBL Masterpoint games.

At the end of this report, I am listing major results by District 1 players at the NABC. I have also included a bridge article which I have written.

I am looking for other bridge article contributors. All I ask is that it be approximately one page long and that it be done in Word. Next one would be needed for my report after the Orlando NABC which is in Nov/Dec.

Highlights of the Washington Board of Directors Meetings

- **Ethics and Cheating** Bridge Integrity Task Force has been meeting. Two Pairs have been expelled by the ACBL.
- **Peter Rank** has retired as League (Legal) Counsel. **Linda Dunn** has been appointed In-House Counsel.
- **Membership** after 6 months is 168,742, up from 168,403 in February (0.2%).
- **Regional table count** is down 9.2 % because of 5 fewer tournaments to date compared to last year. Average table count was down 1.9%.

- **Sectional attendance** was down 1.9% (4 fewer tournaments to date) and average table count was down 1%.
- **STACs table count** was up 4% and average table count was down 1% (2 more STACs to date).
- **Total tournament tables** decreased 3.5% with 7 fewer tournaments held.
- **Table count:** Table count to May was 1,357,569 tables of which 437,296 are from on-line games (32.21%). Face-to-face club table count is up 1.23% compared to May 2015.
- **Finance:** Through May 31st, the change in net assets from Operations is a gain of \$162,342, \$217,015 more than budgeted loss of \$54,672 and \$154,454 better than last year's \$7,888 gain for the same period. Total revenue through May was \$110,156 lower than budget due primarily to fewer tournaments (there should be more in the second half) and smaller average tournament size. The revenue shortfall has been more than offset by the \$327,171 lower than expected operating and general & admin expenses. Also in 2016 ACBL will realize \$250,000 for the final 6 months from the agreement with BBO.
- **World Wide Bridge Contest:** 217 clubs registered, and even though files and materials were provided electronically, this did not affect the number of participating clubs (there were 203 last year for + 6.9%).
- **Longest Day:** 190 clubs in Canada and US participated. As of June 29th \$301,708 has been donated online and Trump Alzheimer's in Canada has raised \$7,510 online. Total funds are expected to reach \$500,000+.
- **Pianola:** All units and districts have been invited to use Marketing Solutions. To date 98 user accounts have been created and 123 e-mail campaigns initiated.

Actions and Motions approved at the Washington Board of Directors Meetings:

- A notrump opening or overcall is natural, if by agreement it contains no void, at most 1 singleton which must be A, K or Q and no more than 2 doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton it may have no doubleton.
- The Board denied a motion to consider ways of providing financial alleviation to Canadian Organization to minimize the impact of exchange rates.
- Motion to keep votes by Unit in District-wide elections confidential, was defeated (I voted for this).
- The Capital budget was increased by \$172,500 to \$521,815.
- It was confirmed that non-member entry fees will be collected and remitted to ACBL in \$Can.
- The Recorder system is being improved.
- Two Year terms for ACBL Presidents was defeated.
- The Summer 2021 NABC will be held in Providence, RI.
- The membership fee for Juniors (under 26) will be \$5, but they will not receive a hard copy of The Bulletin.

- The 0-1500 and 0-5000 NABC Pairs and Mini-Spangolds will now be 0-2500 and 0-6000 respectively.

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- **Trump Alzheimer's Contre:** This was the Canadian version of "The Longest Day", with all proceeds going to The Canadian Alzheimer's Societies. Results aren't in yet, but between the events in Canada and the US, it's anticipated that \$500,000+ was raised.
- **Cukoff-Latraverse-Wiser (CLW) Award:** Named after outstanding deceased National Tournament Directors from District 1, this award recognizes excellent life time service to directors and promoters of ethics in bridge. The District Board will announce a recipient for 2016 at the District meeting in August.
- **George Retek Award:** Presented to an individual who has given a great deal of excellent volunteer service to our District and Units, this award winner will be announced at the District meeting in August.
- **Regional Tournaments:** Please come to our District's tournaments. Montreal will host the Can-Am in August. The National Capital Regional will be in Ottawa in Oct, The May Regional returns to Quebec City, and for the first time in many years, the CanAt will be in Moncton.
- **Upcoming NABCs:** Orlando (Nov/Dec 2016), Kansas City (Mar 17) Toronto (July 2017), San Diego (Nov/Dec 2017), Montreal (Summer 2020).
- **GNT National Finals:** We express our thanks to the teams that represented District 1. Our Open team made it to the semi-finals, and our Flight A team qualified for the KO round. All the teams were great representatives of our District. Good luck next time!
- **NAP Split District Finals:** Please look at your unit website or www.district1acbl.org for details of the District finals which are to be held in Oct/Nov. The National Finals will be held at the Spring NABC in Kansas City.
- **District Charity Game:** Please participate in the John MacAdam Charity in Nov. The date will be announced at the District Annual Meeting, and information will be on the District and Unit websites.
- **District Meetings:** The District 1 Annual Meeting will be held at the CanAm on Saturday. 3 conference calls were also held during the year.

Golden (and Platinum) Performances in Washington The following is a listing of excellent achievements by District 1 players. I am listing the top 25 placings in NABC events (2+ days) and 1st or 2nd in Regional (2 session +) events. As I am doing this manually, I apologize in advance if I missed someone. If you e-mail me, I will correct this in my next report.

1. Kamel Fergani and Frédéric Pollack: 1st Werner Open Pairs
2. Jeff Smith, John Zaluski, Kamel Fergani and Frédéric Pollack: 3rd/4th GNT Open Flight
3. P. Drew Cannell: 1st Ed. Foundation KO1, 1st Thurs Flight A Swiss
4. Nicolas L'Écuyer: 5th /8th Spingold Teams, 2nd Sat Daylight Swiss A
5. Maxime Nault and Paulin Nault: 1st AM Compact KO 1, 2nd Fri-Sat AM Compact KO1
6. Peter Clark and Leo Weniger: 1st Mon Daylight Swiss Flight A
7. Robert Lyrette: 2nd Sat Daylight KO1
8. Scott Rappard: 2nd Thurs Daylight Bracketed KO2, 2nd Fri Daylight Swiss 3
9. Marie Duval and Geneviève Leideling: 2nd Flight X 1st Sun Swiss
10. Michael Ross and Sandra Macpherson: 1st Tues Daylight RR Teams 3
11. Suzanne Viau and Thérèse Huot: 2nd Fri-Sat AM Compact KO1,
12. Denis Piton, Roger David, Christian Fortin, Jean Mutchmore: 2nd Thurs Daylight KO Bracket 5

UPDATE SINCE THE SUMMER MEETINGS

1. Jean Latraverse was elected President of District 1.
He succeeds Doug Hamilton, of Halifax. Thank you, Doug, for your many years of faithful service.
2. Richard Kenney, President of Acadian Unit 230, was elected District 1 Vice-President.
3. Yves Chartrand, of Hebron, NS is the new Webmaster of District 1.
4. There will be an extra Regional Tournament to be held in Kingston, Ontario in May 2017 in honour of Canada's 150th Birthday.

Please see my article on the next page.

See you in Orlando, FL

Leo

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of the following bridge players

**Rejane Piner, Bathurst, NB
Elizabeth J Frye, Bedford, NS
Valerie Best, Cambridge Station, NS
Bernie Boyle, Moncton, NB
Jim Anderson, Saint John, NB
Ellen Millman, Pictou, NS**

DECEPTION

By Leo Weniger

We all hear of deceptive defensive plays on defence. Some work and some don't. Here are 3 examples from hands that I played at the Washington NABC. 2 were opening leads and 1 was a false card by one of the opponents.

The first was an opening lead. LHO, in a 4♥ contract, held ♠AQJ10 after dummy had opened 1♠. LHO lead the ♠Q, thinking that declarer, with 2 small would duck twice, and the ♠A would fall for a pitch. Unfortunately, declarer had a singleton, and went up with the ♠K, making 6 off 2 Aces.

In the second hand dummy held:

♠ Qx ♥ AQxx ♦ AQJxx ♣ Kx

The auction unfolded:

West	North	East	South
			P
P	1 ♦		1 ♠
P	2 ♥	P	2 ♠
P	3 ♠	P	4 ♠
	---- All Pass ----		

We are taught not to underlead an A as Opening lead in Suit contracts. Here, a low Club was lead. Declarer, thinking that East had the ♣A, played low, to protect the ♥ and ♦ tenaces, and having ♥xx, ♦xx and ♣9xx, would pull trump and take a ♦ finesse and even if it lost would pitch the losing ♥ on a ♦ winner. Unfortunately East played the ♣Q, a ♣ back to the A and a ♥ shift, and when the ♦ and ♥ finesses lost it was down 1. At the other table the ♣A was lead, making 5, when there was no ♥ shift. This was in a Flight A Swiss, but a well reasoned lead, in that the strength was in dummy.

On the 3rd hand, in a 4♠ contract dummy had:

♠ J97 ♥ ? ♦ xx ♣ ?

Declarer had ♠ AKxxxx ♥ ? ♦ Qxx ♣ ?

And the rest of the hand was immaterial, other than that there was another cashing A. West who had opened a weak 2♦, lead A and K of ♦, with East showing a doubleton. West lead a 3rd♦ and declarer trumped with the ♠J, and there was no overruff. Declarer played a ♠ to the A and East played a small ♠ and West dropped the Q, so declarer thought that East had ♠ 10 8 left. Declare started playing winners (after giving up the loser to the A) and was surprised when West ruffed with the ♠8. In retrospect declarer admitted that it could not cost anything to cash the ♠K (and drop the 10 and 8), but West gave him a chance to go wrong. Our hero in this hand was the same one as from the 1st hand.

Die by the sword, live by the sword

Audrey Grant visits the Maritimes

The Canadian Bridge Federation and Better Bridge have teamed up to help your club have more bridge. Audrey Grant will be touring the Maritimes offering teacher training, a Beginner Basics workshop and a Multi-level workshop. Audrey and your CBF Zone director would then like to discuss with club officials ideas on how to improve your bridge player base.

- **November 3rd & 4th – Charlottetown PEI** *Park Royal United Church, 11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown, PEI*
- **November 6th & 7th – Halifax, NS** *The Bridge Studio, The Mumford Professional Centre, 6960 Mumford Rd., Suite 160, Halifax, NS*
- **November 9th & 10th – Moncton, NB** *The Moncton Duplicate Bridge Club, 720 Coverdale Rd., Riverview, NB*

Multi-level workshop – “Entries” – from Audrey Grant’s newest Bookmark series. The first deal is straightforward yet complete with the basic ideas on how to handle entries. Audrey will proceed through the process up to and including complex situations and how the experts handled them. All done in such a manner that you will be confident in your ability to handle these situations. **Day 1 1:00 – 4:00 pm \$50.00** *Includes: Hands on lesson with Audrey Grant, student textbook, 1 year membership with the CBF which entitles students to biweekly access to Audrey Grant’s Daily Bridge Column, Bridge Canada magazine, and a Sunday morning coffee article from the Better Bridge magazine.*

Beginner Bridge – A workshop to introduce new card players to the world of bridge. From this course your club will spawn new students and grow your games. **Day 2: 9:30 – 12:30 pm. \$40.00** *Includes: Bridge Basics 1 text, Bridge Basics 1 software, 1 year membership with the CBF with will give students a biweekly access to Audrey Grant’s Daily Bridge Column and access to Bridge Canada magazine.*

Teacher Training will begin on DAY 1 of each tour at 9:00 am and continue through to Noon. The cost of the Teacher Training is \$125.00 for NON-CBF members and FREE to CBF members. The training course is NINE hours, which means that participants MUST attend the two workshops offered.

Club owners, managers, directors & teachers reception – DAY 2 from 1:00 – 2:00. Meet the Better Bridge team and your CBF official as we discuss some exciting opportunities for your bridge club to offer more and improve your player base.

A GRAND SLAM BRIDGE ADVENTURE!
Join Jo Ann Lynds and Kathie Macnab for an All Inclusive Cruise
Aboard the Luxurious Silversea Silver Wind
February 24 to March 7, 2017
San Juan to San Juan, Puerto Rico

The 11 Night Cruise Onboard the Silver Wind Includes:

- Daily Bridge Lectures with Jo Ann and Kathie.
- Daily ACBL Sanctioned duplicate bridge games.
- Private Cocktail Parties.
- All beverages in-suite and throughout the ship including champagne, wine & spirits.
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Spacious suites with Butler service.
- Onboard gratuities.
- All port and departure related taxes.

Ports of Call:

- Gustavia, St. Barthelemy, Guadeloupe
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- Roseau, Dominica
- Bequia, St. Vincent and Grenadines
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- Road Town, Tortola

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OPENING 1NT WITH A SINGLETON

Effective August 1, 2016, ACBL Board Policy states, "A notrump opening is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be an A, K, or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, then it can have at most one doubleton."

This opens the door to agreements that a hand with a singleton A, K, or Q in an otherwise balanced hand is okay. Doing so without agreement is okay as well.

4-4-4-1, 5-4-3-1, and 6-3-3-1 distributions as long as the singleton is an A, K, or Q is okay.

No more than two doubletons preclude opening 1NT with 7-2-2-2 distribution. By corollary, a bid asking if the hand does contain a singleton is also okay.

An agreement that the hand must contain a singleton is prohibited since it is a convention and not a natural notrump.

This does not prohibit an out and out psych, but as before, frequency of psyching or (fudging) creates an implicit agreement which is not permitted.

SOUTH SHORE

Best Western Plus, Bridgewater, NS S1605098 May 27-29, 2016

FRIDAY, May 27

ROSS MEMORIAL PAIRS 22 tables

1. **Trisha Malazdrewicz-Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Amherst, NS** 73.21%
2. Kathie MacNab – Elizabeth Legacy, Halifax, NS 69.05
3. Mike Wood – Mary Cotter, Fredericton, NB 64.29
4. Ron O'Brien – Charlie Fortune, New Glasgow, NS (Won B & C) 62.50

FRIDAY EVENING IMP PAIRS 16.5 tables

1. **Kathie MacNab – Elizabeth Legacy** 91.27
2. Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater NS – Terry Shaw, Halifax, NS 55.91
3. Bob Chase, Bridgewater, NS-Wayne Hsu, Upper Tantallon, NS 51.35
7. Ron O'Brien – Charlie Fortune (Won B & C) 16.55.

SATURDAY, May 28

Saturday AX PAIRS 2 sessions 14 tables

1. **Bill Halliday, Halifax, NS – Mark Spear, Port Hawkesbury, NS** 300.50
2. Boyd Wells – Jo Ann Lynds, Truro, NS 299.00
3. Dan Landry, Hubble, NS – Jim Praught, Summerside, PE 297.50
7. Susan Hubble, Halifax, NS – Sharron Josey, Chester, NS (Won X) 272.00

SATURDAY MORNING FLIGHT B/C/D 16 tables

1. **Ron O'Brien Charlie Fortune (Also won C)** 67.99
2. Richard Barclay, Mahone Bay-Susan Barclay, Burlington, ON (2nd C, 1st B) 64.39
3. Eric Marshall – Judi Marshall, Kingston, NS 60.42

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FLIGHT BCD 15 tables

1. **Rob Williams – Annie Williams, Halifax, NS** 67.99
2. Eric Marshall – Judi Marshall 63.60
3. Michael Hogan – Peter Mullally, Halifax, NS (Won C & D) 62.36

SUNDAY, May 29

FLIGHT A/X SWISS TEAMS 16 teams

1. **Boyd Wells – Jo Ann Lynds – Dan Landry – Jim Praught** 97
2. Bill Halliday – Mark Spear – Kathie MacNab – Elizabeth Legacy 91
3. Linda Tuff – Mike Covey – Laura Wason – Maureen Donovan (Won X) 90
4. Alan Doane - Rod MacKenzie – Gary Brown – Leo Weniger 81

FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS TEAMS 18 teams

1. **Eric Marshall – Judi Marshall – Jane Walker – Bruce Walker** 99
2. Rob O'Brien – Charlie Fortune – Doug Walters – Doug Roberts (Won C) 92
3. Peter Rans – Gerald Late – Valerie McClintock- Robert Colavecchia 85
8. Leslie Ruggles - Linda Meldrum – Bill Watters – Linda Russell (3rd C, 1st D) 64

165.5 tables

SAINT JOHN RESULTS

Saint John Convention Center, Saint John, NB S1607089 July 22 - 24, 2016

FRIDAY, July 22

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A 21.5 tables

1. **Trisha and Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Amherst, NS** 70.21%
2. Anne Posch – Jon Shute, Sackville, NB 65.18
3. Lois Sherwood –John Sherwood, Norton, NB (1st B) 64.29
4. J David Robertson-W Barry Budge, Rothesay, NB 62.20
8. George Mitchell, Douglas, NB - David Halliday, Fredericton (2nd B) 55.26
9. Darlene Fraser – David Fraser, Quispamsis, NB (1st C) 56.25

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A 20 tables

1. **Irene MacPherson –Rick Wu, Charlottetown, PE (Also 1st B)** 64.56%
2. Molan Chan – Bill Chan, Van Buren, ME 62.20
- ¾ . Cindy Havens – Connor Havens (Also 1st C) 60.42
- ¾ . George Mitchell – David Halliday 60.42
5. Mary Cotter – Mike Wood, Fredericton, NB 59.52

SATURDAY, July 23

STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

FLIGHT AX 8 tables

1. **Molan Chan – Bill Chan** 60.86%
2. Marilyn MacDonald-Bill MacDonald, Corpus Christie, TX 57.17
3. Peter Coates, Hamwell, NB – Xiaolun Yi, Lincoln, NB (1st X) 55.04
4. Edward Hynes, Penobsquis, NB – Tery Shaw, Halifax, NS 53.37

FLIGHT BCD 15 tables

1. **Cindy Havens – Connor Havens (Also 1st C)** 66.67
2. Mike Reinhart – Bette Doherty, Quispamsis, NB 61.17
3. Lois Sherwood – John Sherwood 58.24
4. Darlene Fraser – David Fraser (1st D) 56.25

SUNDAY, July 24

FLIGHT AX SWISS TEAMS 11 teams

1. **Xiaolun Yi – Peter Coates – Ann Hartop- Mike Hartop** 96
2. Trisha Malazdrewicz – Gerardo Maladrewicz – Anne Posch – Jon Shute 92
3. Edward Hynes – Terry Shaw –Mary Cotter – Mike Wood 90
4. J David Robertson – W Barry Budge – Kerry Hicks Archie Scott (Won X) 82

FLIGHT B 12 teams

1. **Bruce Perry – Olive Cochrane – Mary Cox – Pat Watts** 96
2. Yves Chartrand – Marie-Germaine Chartrand – Jill Tobin –Carol Airst 89
3. Roseline Anderson- Carol McLennan-Marie Burchill-Carol Lee O'Brien (1st C) 82
4. Sylvia Logan – Darlene Hayward -Winifred Steeves - Burt Steeves 79
5. Davis Fraser – Darlene Fraser – Marilyn Dalton – Reid Parker 74
6. John Davidson - Mike Whelton - Michael Birks – Shirley Doherty (1st D) 72

total tables 133.5

MONCTON RESULTS

Four Points Sheraton, Moncton, NB S1609119 Sept. 9-11, 2016

FRIDAY, September 9

MONCTON PAIRS

Flight A 33 tables

1. Donna Girouard, St Paul, NB – Mark Golding, Salisbury, NB(1st B) 70.64%
2. Mike Wood – Mary Cotter, Fredericton, NB 69.13
3. Ron Duplisea, Long Reach, NB – Lyne Dunn, Rothesay, NB 64.02
6. Brian McIver, Moncton, NB – David Rubin, Boundary Cr (2nd B) 62.88
7. Huguette Poirier – Guy Poirier, Shediac River, NB (3rd B, 1st C) 62.50

FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A 27 tables

1. Trisha & Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Amherst, NS 69.01
2. Anne Posch – Jon Shute, Sackville, NB 65.49
3. John Ayer, Dartmouth, NS - Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS 64.88
4. Norm O'Brien, Saint John, NB – Bruce Perry, Riverview, NB 64.50
5. Ron O'Brien, New Glasgow, NS – Charie Fortune, Stellarton (Won B & C) 61.65

SATURDAY, September 10

STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

FLIGHT AX 15 tables

1. Peter Coates, Hanwell, NB – Xiaolun Yi, Lincoln, NB (Also 1st X) 62.49
2. Mike Wood – Mary Cotter 56.38
3. Kathie MacNab – Elizabeth Legacy, Halifax, NS 56.25

FLIGHT BCD 22 tables

1. Leslie Ruggles, Antigonish, NS – Audrey MacGillivray, Stellarton, NS (1st C) 62.82
2. Mardi Cockburn, Fredericton, NB – Gilbert Meredith, Riverview, NB 61.41
3. Ellen Ayer, Moncton, NB – Clare Morris, Moncton, NB 60.88
5. Sally McNulty – Margaret Olsen, Halifax, NS (2nd C) 58.22
7. Margaret Dodson – Irene Szabla, Pictou, NS (3rd C, 1st D) 56.55

SUNDAY, September 11

FLIGHT AX SWISS TEAMS 19 teams

1. Robbie Kitchen – Mark Golding – Ann Hartop- Mike Hartop 105
2. Stuart Eastwood – John Ayer – Brenda Kirby – Jim Kirby 88
- 3-4. Xiaolun Yi – Peter Coates – Trisha & Gerardo Malazdrewicz 86
- 3-4. Ed Tozko – Allen Mitchell – Grant Godfrey – Norm O'Brien 86
- 6-7. George Mitchell- David Halliday – Carol Airst – Andrew Perry (1st X) 79

FLIGHT B 23 teams

1. Connor Havens –Cindy Havens – Bette Doherty – Mike Reinhart 100
2. Bill McNichol – Allan Peters – Ellen Ayer – Mardi Cockburn 92
3. Norman Cormier-Yvon Gautreau-Eugene Leblanc-Gisele Leblanc(1st C,1st D) 89
4. Marylyn Rudolph – Pam Dean – Ann Duncan – Bernadette Lancaster(2nd C) 88
5. Ron O'Brien – Charlie Fortune – Doug Roberts – Doug Walters(3rd C) 84
6. Sally McNulty – Margaret Oulton – DeeDee Dyer – Shirley McInnes(4th C) 83

total tables 215.5

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

September 23-25 , 2016 S1609082

Louis Millet Community Complex, 9489 Commercial St. New Minas, NS, B4R 0A2

Highway 1 opposite Ken Wo Golf Course GPS: N 45 04' 28.5" W 64 24' 56.0

FRIDAY, September 23, 2016

1:30 pm - Stratified Pairs (one session)

7:30 pm - Stratified Pairs – International Fund Game (one session)

SATURDAY September 24, 2015

10:00 am - BCD Pairs (one session)

AX Pairs (2 sessions)

3:00 pm - BCD Pairs (one session)

8:00 pm - Stratified Swiss Teams (one session)

SUNDAY – September 25, 2015

10:00 am - Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

2 Sessions play through with a short lunch break – Sandwich and drink tickets **\$6.00**

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ACCOMMODATIONS:

Slumber Inn 5534 Prospect Rd, New Minas (1-800-914-5005) **BRIDGE RATE**

\$89.00/per room/plus tax includes continental breakfast – 1 Queen or 2 Twin
– **MAXIMUM = 3 per room** due to fire regulations. **BOOK BY August 31, 2016.** Rate unavailable if booked online. 48 hour cancellation rate applies.

Carwarden B&B, Kentville, NS (\$85.00 DBL) includes full breakfast (902-678-7827)

Blomidon Inn, Wolfville, NS – (902-542-2991) - \$139-179 plus tax/per night, cold continental breakfast buffet included – 10% discount if two nights booked – **BOOK by August 1, 2016. Mention the Bridge Tournament.**

Greensboro Inn, New Minas (902-681-3201),

Sun Valley Motel, (902-843-7368),

Allens Motel 382 Park Street Kentville, NS (902-678-2683)

STRATS: **Stratified** C: 0 - 300, B: 300 - 1250, A: 1250+

StratiFlighted D: 0-100, C: 100 - 500, B: 500 – 1000 X: 0 – 1750 A= unlimited

Pairs and teams averaged by master points. Any player with 1000+ must play AX

Spud Island Sectional

October 14 – 16, 2016 S1610153

Playing Site: Courtyard at Rodd Royalty
Accommodations: Rodd Royalty Hotel
14 Capital Drive
Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E7
Phone (902) 894-8566

\$105.00 + tax per night, includes breakfast

Tournament Chair: Richard Kenny (rakenny53@gmail.com)
(902) 316-2073 or (902) 892-5145

Partnerships: Cindy Wedge (clwedge@gov.pe.ca)
(902) 892-5145

Schedule

Friday, October 14

2:00 pm Spud Island Pairs (stratified)
8:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
11:45 pm Zip KO teams (minimum 6 teams)

Saturday, October 15

1:00 pm Strati-Flighted Open Pairs (1st session)
7:30 pm Strati-Flighted Open Pairs (2nd session)

Sunday, October 16

10:00 am Strait-Flighted Swiss Teams (playthrough)

Stratifications:

Stratified A = 1000+ B = 300-1000 C = 0-300

Stratiflighted A = unlimited X = 0 – 1750
 B = 300 – 1000 C = 100 – 300 D = 0 – 100

Pairs and teams averaged by master points. A player with 1000+ must play AX.

**NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS DISTRICT 1
FLIGHT A**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

HALIFAX BRIDGE WORLD

Suite 312 – 7071 Bayers Road, Halifax, NS

\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA

Club qualification required 0 – unlimited mps

Info 902-454-4098 or email info@halifaxbridgeworld.com

**NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS DISTRICT 1
FLIGHT B**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

MONCTON DBC ROOMS

620 Cloverdale Road, Unit 9, Riverview, NB

\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA

club qualification required 0 – 2500 master pts.

Info: Mike Hartop 506-384-7272 or mikehartop@rogers.com

**NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS
DISTRICT 1**

FLIGHT C

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

MCG BRIDGE STUDIO

Suite 160, 6960 Mumford Road, Halifax, NS

\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA

Non life master 0 – 500 pts club qualification required

Info: Kathie MacNab 902-446-3910 or kmacnab@eastlink.ca

Winning pairs are entitled to represent the Maritimes at the Spring Nationals to be held in Kansas City in March, 2017.

Move-up provisions exist if winners elect not to go.

Halifax Fall Sectional – November 11-13, 2016

Rosaria Student Centre Mount St Vincent University
166 Bedford Highway, Halifax NS B3M 2J6

1st or 2nd right off Seaton Road off of The Bedford Highway



Tournament Chair: Kathie Macnab Email: kmacnab@eastlink.ca
Partnerships: Rob Williams Email: rob.williams@ns.sympatico.ca

FRIDAY, November 11

1:30 pm Stratified Pairs - single session
7:30 pm Stratified Pairs - single session - Pizza following evening session

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 am Strati-flighted B/C/D Pairs - single session
10:00 am Strati-flighted A/X Pairs - first of two sessions
3:00 pm Strati-flighted B/C/D Pairs - single session
3:00 pm Strati-flighted A/X Pairs - second of two sessions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:00 am Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (two session play through)
After your lunch break, enjoy a piece of 'celebration cake' in honour of our NEW Life Masters and others that have reached bridge Milestones this year.

Stratifications for all events will be done by PAIR / TEAM AVERAGE

Stratified events Friday and Saturday Evening: A 1000+; B 300-1000; C 0-300
Strati-flighted Sat & Sun: B 300-1000; C 100-300; D 0-100; A 1750+; X 0-1750

Coffee: Coffee and other refreshments available in the cafeteria.

Lunch: Saturday and Sunday - buffet lunch provided in the cafeteria - price \$10.00

Accommodations: Chateau Bedford aka Holiday Inn, 133 Kearney Lake Road, Halifax B3M 4N9. Phone: (902) 445-1100 or email Reservations@chateaubedford.ca and ask for the "Bridge Tournament" rate of \$109.00 + taxes for 2 Queen size beds (includes hot continental breakfast) and Free Wi-Fi.

Future Inns Halifax 3 Fairfax Drive, Halifax B3S 1P1 Phone: 902 443-4333 or 866-835-2352 (across from Home Depot) and ask for the "Bridge Tournament" rate of \$103.00 + taxes for 2 Queen size beds.

Chebucto Inn - 6151 Lady Hammond Rd, Halifax, NS B3K 2R9 Phone: (902) 453-4330 ask for the "Bridge " rate of \$79.00 + tx single \$ 89.00 + tx 2 double beds.

Parking: FREE Parking on weekends (incl. Fri. aft) at all metered and non-metered spots. No parking in reserved spots, or lanes, or roadways. For locations of parking lots see this map: [< Click here for Map >](#)

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2016

SEPTEMBER 23-25	NEW MINAS SECTIONAL	New Minas, NS
October 3 (Mon Eve)	CBF- Canada Wide Olympiad Fund Game	Clubs
October 14 (Fri Aft)	ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game	Clubs
OCTOBER 14-16	SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL	Charlottetown, PE
October 18 (Tues)	Erin-Berry Rookie-Master Game	Clubs
October 29 (Sat)	North American Pairs District 1 Final B	Moncton
November 4 (Fri)	John McAdam District 1 Charity prs	Clubs
November 5 (Sat)	North American Pairs District 1 Finals A	HBW
November 5 (Sat)	North American Pairs District 1 Finals C	MC&G
NOVEMBER 11-13	HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS
November 22 (Tues Eve)	ACBL-Wide Charity Game	Clubs
November 24 – Dec 4	FALL NATIONALS	Orlando, FL
December 21 (Wed Eve)	ACBL International Fund Game #3	Clubs

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JANUARY	MARITIME STAC	Clubs
February 4 (Sat Aft)	ACBL International Fund Game#1	Clubs
March 9 – 19	SPRING NATIONALS	Kansas City, MO
March 27 (Mon Aft)	ACBL Seniors Game	Clubs
April 17 (Mon)	Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game	Clubs
April 27 (Thurs Morn)	ACBL Charity Game	Clubs
APRIL 28 – 30	DON COX MEMORIAL	Truro, NS
May 6 (Sat)	GNT Distict Finals A & C	MC&G
June 2 (Fri Eve)	World-wide Bridge Contest	Clubs
June 3 (Sat Aft)	World-wide Bridge Contest	Clubs
June 14 (Wed Aft)	CBF Olympiad Fund Game	Clubs
JULY 20 – 30	SUMMER NATIONALS	Toronto, ON
November 23 – Dec 3	FALLNATIONALS	San Diego, CA

An asterisk indicates an unconfirmed date and/or site. While every effort is made to keep this list accurate and up-to-date, some dates are tentative and players are encouraged to check with the contact person for each event to confirm dates