

THE KIBITZER

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION



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Editors: Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

President's Message

I would like to begin by identifying a couple of opportunities for members of our bridge community.

The first is the opportunity to serve at our Sectional tournaments while at the same time providing training, guidance and employment to several young people at those events. Yes, I'm referring to the post of Caddy Master which Bruce Mottle has performed admirably for eleven years and is now passing along to a worthy successor. Please feel free to contact Bruce or anyone on the Board if you are interested or have any questions.

The second involves the upcoming Regional in August (just a short winter away). The man to talk to is Keith Falkenberg, the Regional Chair. The triennial White Hat Regional is the most important event on our bridge calendar. There are a variety of ways to help, most of which will not interfere with your own playing schedule.

Your Board has not changed much since last year. At our AGM in May, Steve Lawrence returned and assumed Terri Bedard's role as Treasurer. Terri took on a new position as Members' Liaison.

It was noted at that meeting that our Unit has been profitable the past two years - perhaps too profitable - and, while some of our good fortune has derived from unforeseeable events such as the appreciation of the Canadian dollar versus the American one, we expect to be able to increase expenditures (reasonably) in the future.

To that end, we are close to finalizing a policy on subsidies for Special Events. Details will be forthcoming, but I urge all members, especially the non life masters, to find out about the times and places of events like the North American Pairs and Grand National Teams, and participate in them. Happy bridging.

Dave Johnson
President

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Deceiving The Opponents

by Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

Playing deceptively as a defender by falsely signalling count or attitude is usually a dangerous practice because partner may err based on your signal. In some situations though, it is 100% safe to play a false card.

Suppose declarer is in 3NT at teams and one of dummy's suits is headed by the AQ. If it is clear that declarer does not have the King (e.g. the King would give him 9 tricks) then it is safe to pretend that you do have it! Partner can never be fooled and declarer may choose the wrong line of play (like trying to throwing you in, hoping to score the AQ on the last 2 tricks).

Thus false cards should be used sparingly on defense unless your partner is very forgiving. On the other hand, as declarer, you can false card the opponents without ever leading partner astray.

One of the most obvious situations for deception occurs at trick one when declarer has a choice of touching honours to play when winning in the closed hand. The "right" card to play depends on the circumstances. In a suit contract, declarer with AKx, might win the trick with the Ace, leaving the defenders unsure who holds the King. The same play in a NT contract is a dead giveaway that declarer also has the King because standard technique is to hold up the Ace rather than winning the first trick.

One situation that comes up frequently and provides scope for misdirection is spot card play. As declarer, if you routinely play the lowest card in a suit you are leading towards the dummy, it is easier for the defenders to figure out the distribution. It is good practice to play an intermediate card as long as there is no danger that this card will be important later. Playing an intermediate card can yield good results in a number of ways. You may leave the defenders uncertain about suit length (declarer's or partner's), induce a defender to waste an honour covering the spot card or even lull the defenders into constructing an entirely wrong picture of the hand.

A judicious false card is often more effective against competent opponents because good players are constantly assessing suit distributions and declarer's likely source of tricks.

In Atlanta, our team drew the number 15 seed on the second day of the Spingold. At the end of 64 boards, the match was tied and an 8-board playoff was needed to decide the winner. Our opponents were two highly-paid professional players, both in the top 35 ACBL masterpoint holders.

Board 6 was a lowly 1NT contract. West led the 2♦ and declarer played low from dummy, dropping the 9♦ when East won the A♦. East switched to the 5♥. LHO won the A♥ and continued the 2♥ to East's 10♥, declarer discarding a club. East now returned the 2♠ to West's 10♠ and dummy's A♠.

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: Neither

		♠ A763
		♥ Q9763
		♦ K5
		♣ KJ
♠ KJ10		♠ Q982
♥ A2		♥ KJ1054
♦ 10642		♦ A3
♣ 10532		♣ A6
		♠ 54
		♥ 8
		♦ QJ987
		♣ Q9874

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT

Declarer cashed the K♦ following with the J♦ from his hand and led the K♣ from dummy. East won and returned a spade to West's Jack. West returned ... the 10♦ ... allowing declarer to score a total of 6 tricks! Accurate defense will hold declarer to 4 tricks. As you might imagine there was a heated exchange in the post mortem.

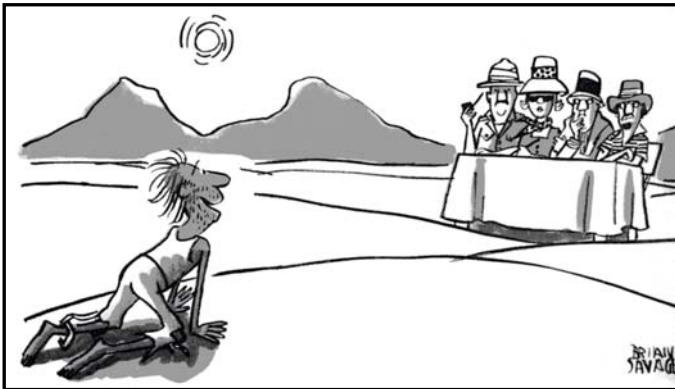
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Deceiving The Opponents ... continued

Declarer had created an illusion for West that his partner held four diamonds. Should West have fallen into the trap? Probably not, but the point of this hand is that good opponents can be induced to make errors.

At the other table the contract was also 1NT and the play to the first trick was the same. Our partners held declarer to five tricks so we won 2 IMPs on this board and eventually won the playoff by 4.

Spectacular deals, like trump coups, make for good bridge columns. However, the techniques that you have an opportunity to use regularly are the ones that truly yield the best results in the long run. As declarer, if you start avoiding the automatic play of the lowest card in your hand you may be surprised by the results.



"Thank God! A panel of bridge experts!"



***Want to help with the
2006 Calgary Regional?***

Contact Keith Falkenberg
Telephone #: 275-8274
Email: keithfalkenberg@shaw.ca

White Hat Contest Leaders

To date, four 'White Hat Contest' events have been held by Unit 390. Leaders in the four masterpoint categories are as follows:

Category A (0 - 50)

Susan Julius	12	pts.
Bev Mason	9	pts.
John Claydon	8	pts.
Jo Ann Horne	8	pts.

Category B (50 - 100)

Charles Campagne	7	pts.
Evelyn Iwasa	6	pts.
Frank Kelton	6	pts.
Mary Lou Tebo	6	pts.

Category C (100 - Non Life Master)

Flo Goldade	11	pts.
Sami Naydani	11	pts.
Dave Armstrong	8	pts.
Wendy Hardman	7	pts.
Eva Nagan	7	pts.

Category D (Life Master)

Anne Primeau	12	pts.
Rae Haaland	9	pts.
Tanja Hurlbert	9	pts.
Penny McQuarrie	9	pts.
Keith Moores	9	pts.

Check the website for all standings.

The winner of each category will receive 'Free Plays' for all events at the Calgary White Hat Regional (August 2006).

White Hat Contest events are held at random. Each player receives 2 points for attending and 1 point for placing. Bonus points are available. No person is out of contention yet! Plan to attend the next event (late October or early November).

The Unit Board would like to thank the 203 members who have participated in one or more of the events to date.

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Common Bridge Infractions And Misunderstandings

As part of our effort to reduce common bridge infractions and misunderstandings, the Board Members have assembled these guidelines to make all players more aware of correct procedures.

1. When there is an irregularity, e.g. bid out of turn, lead from the wrong hand, insufficient bid, and so forth, the ACBL rules require that the director be called. Never attempt to make your own rulings. No player should ever feel frightened or embarrassed by a call for the director.
2. At club games, each partnership should have at least one completed convention card which bears both players' names. If the partnership has two convention cards at the table, they must be identical.
3. You should decide on your bid before reaching for the bidding box. Once you place your hand on one section of the bidding box, you should not change to the other section of the bidding box. For example, after you have placed your hand over the pass card, you should not switch to make a bid in a suit or no trump, as this gives unauthorized information to your partner.
4. Never make remarks, gestures, or facial expressions during the auction that show that you do not understand partner's last bid or that your own bid is based on indecision. Your partner is not entitled to this information. Nor is it legal to mislead the opponents in this manner.
5. When you make an insufficient bid, you cannot simply make it sufficient - this is not your right. Your left-hand opponent has options which will be explained by the director. All players also need to understand that if the insufficient call was conventional, (for example, 2NT-P-2C where 2C was intended as Stayman), making the call sufficient (to 3C in this case) will bar partner for the remainder of the auction.
6. Never pick up your bid cards before the auction has ended. If you pick up your bid cards before your partner's last bid, it appears as though you want your partner to pass.
7. Always make your opening lead face down and allow partner the opportunity to ask questions about the auction. Your partner is not entitled to ask questions until you have selected your lead. This also reduces the possibility of making an opening lead out of turn.
8. If declarer plays a card from the incorrect hand, either defender or the dummy may point this out. A lead from the wrong hand can be accepted by either defender.
9. To prevent a possible revoke, when a defender fails to follow suit, defender's partner may immediately inquire, "No spades?" for example. What you should not do is show surprise nor ask only when you are surprised. That alerts partner that declarer has unexpected length in the suit. Dummy may ask the same question when declarer fails to follow suit.
10. A psyche can be reported to the director at the completion of the hand. A psyche is defined as a bid that grossly misrepresents the strength or distribution of one's own hand. Even a mistake can be a psyche, if it fits the description as a "gross misrepresentation". Remember, there is nothing illegal about a psyche, but you are entitled to inform the director.
11. Be sure to alert all bids that require an alert. When an explanation is requested, describe what the bid shows (or asks). Do not simply state the name of the convention. You may not give an explanation of a bid unless an opponent asks.
12. You may ask for an explanation of a bid only when it is your turn to bid or lead. To ask for an explanation to ensure that your partner understands is unethical.
13. As Declarer or Dummy, if your partner has failed to alert an alertable bid or alerts a bid that was not alertable, it is your obligation to inform the opponents after the auction ends and before the opening lead is made. As a defender, if either of these mistakes has occurred, it is your obligation to inform the opponents after the play of the hand is completed. When any of these situations occur, you should add to your explanation "If you feel you have been damaged, you should call the director."

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Common Bridge Infractions And Misunderstandings ... continued

14. Once a claim is made, play of the hand may not continue. If the claim is invalid or uncertain, call the director. If there are trumps outstanding and declarer makes no mention of pulling trumps, call the director.
15. Hold your cards in such a manner so that they cannot be seen by the opponents. You may not watch from where in his/her hand your partner or an opponent selects a card to be played.
16. You may not attempt to fool an opponent by the manner or speed with which you play your cards. For example, you may not hesitate to make it appear you are deciding which card to play when you have only one card remaining in the suit. Similarly you should not hesitate to make it appear as though you are figuring out which high card to play when you have no high cards in the suit.
17. You may not make facial expressions or comments during the play of a hand that would indicate your approval or disapproval of partner's bid or play.
18. Once the play of a hand is completed, wait a moment until there is agreement on the outcome, before picking up your cards from the table.
19. Bridge is a timed event. Slow players need to pick up their pace. The ACBL has suggested that a board be bid and played in an average of 7 minutes.

NEVER FORGET GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!

Unit Board Creates New Position

When Steve Lawrence, Past President of Unit 390, volunteered to take over the Treasurer's duties, I was left with the job of finding another position for myself! The result? A new Board position was defined - "Members Liaison". I will be acting as the primary contact for any questions, comments or suggestions a member may have.

In case you don't know me, I'm the one in charge of the Fun Fridays/Sundays games held in support of the 2006 Regional. I assist Hash Mohamed (Special Event Coordinator) with hosting the GNT's and other special events. I assist Tom Nault in maintaining the database of phone numbers and email addresses so please let me know if there is a change in your information.

You might recognize me as the one who has made many announcements at our sectionals and I am pretty sure that I have sold a 50/50 ticket to every single member in our Unit by now!

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please feel free to contact me by email at gtbedard@shaw.ca. See you at the bridge table!



Terri Bedard, Members Liaison

Crossfield's "Day In The Country" 16th Annual Bridge Tournament

Event: 2 Session Stratified Pairs
Strat A 500+ Master Points
Strat B 200 - 499 Master Points
Strat C 0 - 199 Master Points

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8.00 per person per session.
\$10.00 buffet available for dinner.

Where: Crossfield Community Center
920 Mountain Avenue
Crossfield, Alberta

Further Information:
Florence Walker - 946-5586
Ed Snyder - 946-5344
Norman Dodd - 946-5291 Bus: 946-4436

Unit Charity Sanction # UC510390A

\$1.20 from each entry will be donated to Star's Air Ambulance

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Club Corner

Aurora Bridge Club & Bridgejoys Duplicate Bridge Club

North Haven Community Association

5006 North Haven Drive N.W.

Lorne & Debbie Hanson 239-2806

Brian & Joy Saville 239-2768

Monday	12:30 pm	Open Pairs Stratified
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Open Pairs Stratified
Thursday	7:30 pm	Open Pairs Stratified
Friday	12:15 pm	Non-Life Master & Life Master 0-500 Stratified

- Please do not wear perfume as some players are allergic
- Zero tolerance will be strictly enforced
- Web site: <http://www.calgarybridge.com>
- Emergency phone number: 1 hour before to ½ hour after game time 860-7079

Bob's Bridge Club

Calgary Jewish Centre

1607 - 90th Avenue S.W.

Bob Van Wart 277-8001 or 560-3344 (cell)

Sunday	1:00 pm	Open Pairs Stratified
Wednesday	6:45 pm	Open Pairs Stratified

Martinique Plans Party!

10th Wedding Anniversary - Can you believe it???

Brenda and Dan will have been married 10 long years
on **Friday, October 14th**.

We're having a party!

Brenda wants jewelry of course...but Dan has put a kibosh on that.

We'll play some bridge, have some eats, and drink a little (or maybe a lot).

So come have some fun and let's toast and roast the happy couple!

News from the Martinique

Changes to Club Games effective immediately:

Monday Evenings - Invitational Swiss Teams 7:00 pm

- 2 separate stratified games
- All players with less than 500 master points are welcome.
- Each team's total masterpoints will determine which game they play in. Teams may choose to play in the higher event.
- Please call Pat Purvis (686-6455) if planning to attend.

Thursday Evenings - 99ers' Game 7:00 pm

- All players with less than 100 masterpoints are welcome.
- Congratulations to all our novices. Keep up the good work.

Friday Afternoons - Open Pairs 12:15 pm

- The Friday afternoon Game is back!

Friday Evenings - Invitational Pairs 7:30 pm

- All players with less than 500 masterpoints are welcome.

Starting Oct 1:

Saturday Afternoons - Mini Lesson 12:30 pm

- Open Pairs 1:00 pm

- Each week Dan Bertrand will share 30 minutes of his bridge knowledge. Any advance suggestions for discussion topics would be appreciated.
- Phone Dan Bertrand at 203-0581 (but not before 11:00 am!) or email brendaanddan@shaw.ca

Next Saturday Luncheon October 22, 2005

Saturday Afternoon - Luncheon 12:00 pm

- Bridge To follow

- Please register in advance.

Lessons for all levels are being planned.

- We need to know if you are interested and what time of day you would prefer.
- Please contact Roxanne Rees at 274-8269 (home) or 220-2381 (work).

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Mini-McKenney

Unit 390 Winners for 2004

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (0 - 5):

1 st	J Patrick Butler	Airdrie AB	30
2 nd	Nicolae Vartosu	Calgary AB	25
3 rd	George Lungu	Calgary AB	22

JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 20):

1 st	Shellan Chaney	Didsbury AB	75
2 nd	Robert Hason	Calgary AB	66
3 rd	Susan Julius	Calgary AB	55

CLUB MASTER (20 - 50):

1 st	Frank Kelton	Calgary AB	62
2 nd	Mary Hudson	Calgary AB	41
3 rd	Marjorie Kushnir	Calgary AB	41

SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 100):

1 st	Donna Marlatte	Calgary AB	108
2 nd	Peter Kroeger	Calgary AB	96
3 rd	Karen Mitchell	Calgary AB	91

REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200):

1 st	Edward Faichuk	Calgary AB	202
2 nd	M Sami Naydani	Calgary AB	194
3 rd	Margaret Cooke	Calgary AB	157

NABC MASTER (200 - 300):

1 st	Helga Baldwinson	Calgary AB	119
2 nd	Wayne Smith	Calgary AB	114
3 rd	Willa Dumka	Calgary AB	92

LIFE MASTER (300 - 500):

1 st	Hash Mohamed	Calgary AB	154
2 nd	Tina Gokturk	Calgary AB	154
3 rd	Ilya Kuzkin	Calgary AB	149

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500 - 1000):

1 st	David Johnson	Calgary AB	150
2 nd	Jim Berglund	Calgary AB	148
3 rd	Pam Peard	Calgary AB	140

SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000 - 2500):

1 st	Martin McDonald	Calgary AB	225
2 nd	Frank Ayer	Calgary AB	208
3 rd	Walter Brock	Calgary AB	167

GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500 - 5000):

1 st	Ian Boyd	Calgary AB	1479
2 nd	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	376
3 rd	Ramji Tewari	Calgary AB	351

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 - 7500):

1 st	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	420
2 nd	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	407

Ace of Clubs

Unit 390 Winners for 2004

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (0 - 5):

1 st	J Patrick Butler	Airdrie AB	23
2 nd	Donald Van Mierlo	Calgary AB	20
3 rd	Philip Oldale	Calgary AB	20

JUNIOR MASTER (5 - 20):

1 st	Susan Julius	Calgary AB	48
2 nd	Robert MacKinven	Calgary AB	36
3 rd	Bev Mason	Calgary AB	36

CLUB MASTER (20 - 50):

1 st	Marion Smith	Calgary AB	34
2 nd	Robert MacKinven	Calgary AB	33
3 rd	Frank Kelton	Calgary AB	32

SECTIONAL MASTER (50 - 100):

1 st	Dave Armstrong	Calgary AB	58
2 nd	Burdettte Storey	Calgary AB	52
3 rd	Reginald C Petch	Calgary AB	49

REGIONAL MASTER (100 - 200):

1 st	M Sami Naydani	Calgary AB	99
2 nd	Margaret Cooke	Calgary AB	76
3 rd	Edward Faichuk	Calgary AB	63

NABC MASTER (200 - 300):

1 st	Edna Olson	Calgary AB	68
2 nd	G Joanne Dennis	Calgary AB	60
3 rd	Wayne Smith	Calgary AB	48

LIFE MASTER (300 - 500):

1 st	Tina Gokturk	Calgary AB	82
2 nd	Wilbert Zinter	Calgary AB	59
3 rd	Barry Pashak	Calgary AB	49

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500 - 1000):

1 st	Devinder Sood	Calgary AB	111
2 nd	Marilyn Wiggins	Calgary AB	81
3 rd	L. Tanja Hurlbert	Calgary AB	75

SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000 - 2500):

1 st	E Elaine Stewart	Calgary AB	115
2 nd	Martin McDonald	Calgary AB	113
3 rd	Lois Solinger	Calgary AB	84

GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500 - 5000):

1 st	Ramji Tewari	Calgary AB	98
2 nd	Gladys Minor	Calgary AB	88
3 rd	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB	63

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 - 7500):

1 st	Nicholas Gartaganis	Calgary AB	10
2 nd	Judith Gartaganis	Calgary AB	7

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK
By Tom Nault

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new milestones:

Jan Biggeman	Mike Blancher	Robert Boissain
Judy Gazso	Margaret Hansen	Dmitry Komin
Adriana Matzeit	Maurice Tadros	

Jean Barron	Carol Lee Bellam	Robert Boissoin
Diane Campbell	Al Charleston	Therese Clay
John Claydon	Rita Cushon	Janet Gent
Ev Rossi	Ken Scott	Paul Scott
Zhongxiang Wang	Marilyn Warne	Ron Wright
Margaret Woloshchuk		

Robin Beddis	Carol Lee Bellam	Bill Brand
Pat Butler	Douglas Collister	Barbara Horn
Arthur Iwasa	Derek Martin	Pat Pangracs
Ken Scott	Karol Szklarz	Joan Thompson
Jean Ward	Donald Wilson	

Shellan Chaney	Barb Crookshank	Edna Gosbee Mary
Hudson	Robert Hason	Joan Shedden
Susan Julius	Gretta Hinton	Sheila Horan
Roy Shaw	Evelyn Iwasa	Marjorie Kushnir
Kathleen Dinneen	Ruth Montgomery	Franca Matheson

Patricia Blochert	John Card	Dovena Elman
Fred Klein	Nancy Klym	Jean Kerr
Peter Kroeger	Reginald Petch	Jane Shouldice
Lore Shymanski	Barry Smolkin	Yvonne Snowdy
Robert Thompson	Olga Wright	

Drina Barton	Lance Cooke	Robert Copley
Sharon Crowle	Marie Driscoll	Merle Hickey
Beth Massie	Sami Naydani	Edna Olson
Robert Padget	Wilda Pashak	Naomi Pencer
Elizabeth Pineo	Lucielle Smith	Frank Solomon
Carol Staneslow	Roger Staneslow	

Drina Barton	Willa Dumka	Doreen Green
Ilya Kuzkin	Edna Olson	Wayne Smith
Diane Thompson		

Jim Berglund	Eileen Brown	Marlene Fuller
Tanya Hurlbert	Torchy McCarthy	Garth Wiggins
Roderick Hilderman		

Robert Boissain	246-2043	Barbara Dick	235-4566
Hank Heerema	617-7541	Don Hannis	243-2951
Victoria Koroleva	245-3213	Wieda Murphy	648-6496
Kenneth Paulson	686-1005	Jon Ryer	640-1657
Katie Scott	678-6285	Jake Stanley	243-0072
Zhongxiang Wang	245-1168		

David Boushy	251-9944	Dorothy Brayford	201-3021
Theo Deeder	697-0629	Bruce Frogley	726-0551
Pauline Huculak	242-6227	Samuel Huculak	242-6227
Beryl Rose	225-6634	Bill Ryan	241-3653
Andrew Seibel	247-1885	Joan Ulley	230-5383
Yvonne Montgomery		760-340-4884	
Chu Phan		416-953-7689	

Wendy Buchan	Jim Clark
Ruth Duplisea	Percy Schacter
Francis Somerville	Gerald Whelpton

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What Conventions Are In Your Toolbox?

By Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis

These days a new convention seems to crop up every time you play. The decision to add a new convention to your system has to be based on a better reason than "everybody is playing it". It has to fit your partnership philosophy and come up often.

How should a serious partnership sort through the alternatives and choose a collection of conventions for their system? Here are the questions that we believe are most important:

- What is the gain? Will it solve a frequently occurring bidding problem? Will it disrupt the opponents' auction?
- What do we lose? What do we use the bid for now? How will we describe those hands if we use that bid for something else?
- Can I remember it? Does it fit with the rest of our system? If I forget what the bid means, will I be able to work it out based on the principles of our other agreements?

At last week's sectional, we asked a few of Calgary's bridge players about their favourite conventions. Here is what they said.

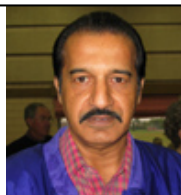


Michael Farebrother

"It's not a convention really but I like Weak No Trump. It lets you get into the auction on a lot of marginal hands ..."

Hash Mohamed

"My favourite convention? My preference is for no conventions at all. I like bridge to be a simple game!"



Bruce Mottle

"For me it is Weak No Trump. It's active and usually you play contracts from a different side of the table than most of the field."

Rae Haaland

"Jacoby 2 No Trump forcing raise. You get your hand off your chest and state your intentions immediately."



Rosella Ellis

"Two Diamonds waiting over a 2 Club opening. It sets up a game force and you always know you'll get to bid again."



Delores Hedley

"Lebensohl when your partner doubles a weak two opening. It comes up all the time!"

Sami Nayani

"Gambling 3NT - that's the convention I used when you doubled me in a cold contract! No seriously, I think transfers really help on no trump hands."



Devinder Sood

"2 over 1 ... the auctions are simple after that!"

Karen Kilworth

"Splinters. They help partner evaluate her hand and make sensible decisions about game or slam."

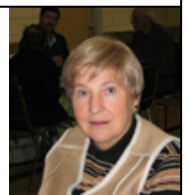


Keith Falkenberg

"Minor Suit Stayman - it's a great convention but it never comes up!"

Fran Tadros

"CAB - control asking bids after a strong 2 Club opening. We review it every time we play and it never comes up. Today, we didn't review it ..."



Roger Staneslow

"Of all the conventions Carol and I have learned lately, 1430 Keycard Blackwood has helped us the most!"

Greg Bedard

"Cappelletti over the opponent's no trump opening. It gives a good description of your hand and it also creates some annoying interference."



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CALGARY SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL
September 9 - 11, 2005

FRIDAY AFTERNOON IMP PAIRS

68 pairs

A	B	C
1		Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB
2		Lucille Maranda - Torchy McCarthy, Calgary AB
	1	Cindy Cossey - Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB
	2	Zhongxiang Wang - Dave Armstrong, Calgary AB
		2
		Edna Gosbee - Margi Molyneux, Calgary AB

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

16 pairs

D	E	F
1	1	Jan Gent - Diane Campbell, Calgary AB
2		Joan Shannon - Franca Matheson, Calgary AB
4	2	Ron Wright - Karen Wright, Calgary AB

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN PAIRS

75 pairs

A	B	C
1		Tanja Hurlbert, Calgary AB; Hart Leppard, Fernie BC
2	1	Rick Dillen, Calgary AB; Ron Toles, Swift Current SK
4	2	Burton Voorhees - Kinga Voorhees, Edmonton AB
	4	1 Doug Biggs - Patricia Biggs, Calgary AB
	2	Rosalyn Martin - Don Rohs, Calgary AB

FRIDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

21 pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Diane Campbell - Jan Gent, Calgary AB
2			Franca Matheson - Joan Shannon, Calgary AB
4	2	2	Helen Dillen, Calgary AB; Carole Toles, Swift Current SK

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

20 pairs

D	E	F
1	1	Janet Sharpe - Karen Chapple, Calgary AB
2		Bev Wardrop - Gretta Hinton, Calgary AB
5	2	Adriana Matzeit - Ria Loogman, Calgary AB
6	3	Ron Wright - Karen Wright, Calgary AB
	2	Dennis Olson - Frank Lane, Calgary AB

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

15 pairs

A	B	C
1		Jean Kittlitz - Margit Davies, Calgary AB
2		Tina Gokturk - Hazel Skelton, Calgary AB
4	1	Dave Armstrong - Kumar Jain, Calgary AB
2		Wilda Pashak - Beth Massie, Calgary AB
4	2	Satwant Lota - Wendy Hardman, Calgary AB

SATURDAY FLIGHT A OPEN PAIRS

42 pairs

A	X	
1		Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB
2	1	Bernie Michaud - Delia Michaud, Mesa AZ
	2	Ron Pritchard - Sheldon Spier, Calgary AB

SATURDAY FLIGHT B/C OPEN PAIRS

27 pairs

B	C	
1		Pat Purvis - Barrie Purvis, Calgary AB
2	1	Fred Klein - Doug Collier, Calgary AB
3	2	Dawna Findlay, Olds AB; Shellan Chaney, Didsbury AB

SATURDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

15 pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Jan Gent - Diane Campbell, Calgary AB
2	2		Janet Sharpe - Karen Chapple, Calgary AB
4/5	4/5	2	Dennis Olson - Frank Lane, Calgary AB

SATURDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

10 pairs

A	B	C
1		Lee Barton - Lucille Barton, Edmonton AB
2		Ray Grace - Helene Grace, Sherwood Park AB
4/5	1	Dave Armstrong - Kumar Jain, Calgary AB
	2	Jenna Dumka - Don Dumka, Calgary AB

SUNDAY STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

52 teams

A	B	C
1		Judith Gartaganis - Gordon Campbell - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB
2		Terri Bedard - Elsie Johnson - Abdul Fakhir - Pam Peard, Calgary AB
6	1	Cameron Fairbairn - Sandy Tapper, Winnipeg MB; Dorothy Smith - Marguerite Perry, Calgary AB
	2/3	Pat Pangracs - Joan Shedden - Merle Hickey - Jim Thompson, Calgary AB
	2/3	Rick Dillen - Helen Dillen, Calgary AB; Ron Toles - Carole Toles, Swift Current SK
	1	Karen Mitchell - Gretta Hinton - Bev Wardrop - Christine Chicoine, Calgary AB
	2	Roxanne Rees - John Card - Roxy Sandmaier - Lou Sandmaier, Calgary AB

SUNDAY MORNING 199ER TEAMS

3 teams

D	E	F
1/3		Robin Beddis - Susan Pattillo - Edna Gosbee, Margi Molyneux, Calgary AB
1/3		Ineke Boudewijn - Barbara Horn - Karen Chapple, Janet Sharpe, Calgary AB
1/3		Jane Hardy - Marjory Allen - Doreen Bray - Anne Day, Calgary AB

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 199ER TEAMS

3 teams

D	E	F
1/3		Jane Hardy - Marjory Allen - Doreen Bray - Anne Day, Calgary AB
1/3		Robin Beddis - Susan Pattillo - Edna Gosbee, Margi Molyneux, Calgary AB
1/3		Ineke Boudewijn - Barbara Horn - Karen Chapple, Janet Sharpe, Calgary AB

The Unit 390 Board members are pleased to acknowledge Gordon Campbell, Judith Gartaganis and Nicholas Gartaganis for reaching the finals of the 2005 Canadian National Team Championship.

Nicely done!

An excellent live telecast of the June event was provided by BridgeBase at www.bridgebase.com

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FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS DESK

By Hash Mohamed

Grand National Teams (GNT)

This event is a team game, organized by each of the ACBL's 25 districts.

- There are four Flights: Super, A, B and C.
- The Winners of each flight receive a subsidy (last year, the amount was \$1,500 US) to represent District 18 in the National final during the Summer NABC.
- Club qualifying games will start in December and the district final will be held next year in either Butte or Helena.

Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC)

This event is a team game for Canadians only organized by the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)

- There are two Flights: A (open) and B (under 1000 MPs)
- The Zone Winners receive CBF travel subsidy to play in the National final.
- The Flight A National winners earn the right to represent Canada in the world championship. The Flight B National winners receive a cash prize.
- The schedule for the 2006 CNTC has been revised by CBF. The National final will be held during Bridge Week, February 11 - 18, 2006 Mississauga, Ont.
- Club qualifying games are being held this month at the Martinique. The Zone final is scheduled for Edmonton on October 29 and 30, 2005.

North American Pairs (NAP)

This event is a pairs game organized by the ACBL.

- There are three Flights: A (open), B (under 2000 MPs) and C (under 500 MPs - Non-Life Masters).
- First, second and third place finishers in district finals receive invitations to play in the National final during the Spring NABC.
- The winners of each flight receive a travel and accommodation subsidy from the ACBL. Second place finishers receive a travel subsidy.
- Club qualifying games for the 2005-6 NAP were held during the months of June, July and August. The District final is scheduled on October 1, 2005 in Saskatoon.

Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)

This event is a pairs game organized by the CBF.

- There is one open flight.
- There is no Zone final. All club qualifiers are eligible to play in the National final which is held during Bridge Week. Club winners throughout the Zone with the highest percentage games receive travel subsidy from CBF to play in the National final.
- The National winners receive a cash prize and may be eligible to play for Canada in the world championship.
- Club qualifying rounds for the 2006 COPC will be held from September 1 to December 31, 2005.

Banff Classic Sectional

November 4 - 6, 2005

Inns of Banff, 600 Banff Avenue, Banff, Alberta telephone number [(403) 762-4581]

Open Events

Friday, 4th November, 2005

1:30 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs

7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs

Saturday, 5th November, 2005

1:00 PM: Stratified Open Pairs
(1st session of playthrough)

7:30 PM: Stratified Open Pairs
(2nd session of playthrough)

Note: Single session pairs are welcome for either session
Sunday, 6th November, 2005

10:00 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1st Session)

TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd Session)
Play to be completed by 6:30PM

Flights for Friday & Sunday Games

A: 750+ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300

Future Masters Events

- Future Masters Events will be held if numbers warrant (minimum 3 tables)
- All Future Master events are single session.

Host Hotel:

Inns of Banff
600 Banff Avenue
Banff, Alberta

Calgary Direct Line: 265-6962

Toll Free Reservation Line: 1-800-661-1272

Notes:

- This event is held 100 km from the host Calgary Unit. Partnership arrangements in Banff cannot be guaranteed.
- Limited time break on Sunday between sessions. Lunch will be available on site.

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Calgary Winter Sectional

January 6 - 8, 2006

Marlborough Park Community Association, 6021 Madigan Dr. NE

Open Events	Future Masters Events
<p>Friday, 6th January, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs</p> <p>Saturday, 7th January, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1st session of playthrough)</p> <p>A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)</p> <p>B: 300 to 500 (Stratified)</p> <p>C: 0 to 300 (Stratified)</p> <p>7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (2nd session of playthrough)</p> <p>Note: Single session Side Games on Saturday</p> <p>Sunday, 8th January, 2006 Victory Points</p> <p>10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1st Session)</p> <p>TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd Session)</p> <p>Flights for Friday & Sunday Games</p> <p>A: 750+ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300</p>	<p>All Future Master events are single session.</p> <p>Friday, 6th January, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>11:30 PM: Reception for Future Masters</p> <p>Saturday, 7th January, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>Sunday, 8th January, 2006</p> <p>10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams</p> <p>TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams</p> <p>Flights for Stratified Future Master Events:</p> <p>A: 100 - 200 B: 50 - 100 C: 0 - 50</p> <p>The President's Trophy will be awarded to the Future Master who wins the most Masterpoints in Future Master events.</p>

Calgary Spring Sectional

March 24 - 26, 2006

Marlborough Park Community Association, 6021 Madigan Dr. NE

Open Events	Future Masters Events
<p>Friday, 24th March, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Stratified IMP Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Stratified Pairs</p> <p>Saturday, 25th March, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1st session of playthrough)</p> <p>A: Unlimited (Stand Alone)</p> <p>B: 300 to 500 (Stratified)</p> <p>C: 0 to 300 (Stratified)</p> <p>7:30 PM: Stratiflighted Open Pairs (2nd session of playthrough)</p> <p>Note: Single session Side Games on Saturday</p> <p>Sunday, 26th March, 2006 Victory Points</p> <p>10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams (1st Session)</p> <p>TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd Session)</p> <p>Flights for Friday & Sunday Games</p> <p>A: 750+ B: 300 - 750 C: 0 - 300</p>	<p>All Future Master events are single session.</p> <p>Friday, 24th March, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>11:30 PM: Reception for Future Masters</p> <p>Saturday, 25th March, 2006</p> <p>1:00 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>7:30 PM: Future Master Stratified Pairs</p> <p>Sunday, 26th March, 2006</p> <p>10:30 AM: Stratified Swiss Teams</p> <p>TBA: Stratified Swiss Teams</p> <p>Flights for Stratified Future Master Events:</p> <p>A: 100 - 200 B: 50 - 100 C: 0 - 50</p> <p>The President's Trophy will be awarded to the Future Master who wins the most Masterpoints in Future Master events.</p>