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DIAMOND LIFE MASTER STUART EASTWOOD

STUART PASSES THE 5000 MASTER POINT MARK

Stuart Eastwood has become Diamond Life number 7 in Unit 194 and Diamond Life Master number 12 in the Atlantic Provinces. His personal bridge history follows verbatim.

"I immigrated to Canada from England in 1971 to attend Dalhousie. I played a little bridge back in the UK but not enough to become indoctrinated to the ACOL system. Two Dalhousie students, who were volunteers for a welcoming committee, met me straight off the plane and the first question they asked me was 'Do you play bridge?' Of course back then virtually everyone played bridge. Like many university students, I played far more social bridge than was good for me and the Chemistry texts took second place to 'Five Weeks to Winning Bridge'. Some of those players from my early days are still playing today: Darryl Pistone, Jane Spindler and Geraldine MacSween are three that come to mind.

I first started playing Duplicate bridge at the Credit Union on Lady Hammond Road in 1972, I think, when Fred Steiner was directing. I played with a few equally inexperienced players at a Regional at the Lord Nelson back then and we actually won a fraction of a red point! Actually, my foremost memory of that tournament was the Director and how imposing he looked – no prizes for guessing who that was!

I gave it about a year but I found duplicate players so unfriendly (they treated us as if we didn't exist at the club) that I went back to social bridge for the next twenty years.

I decided to give it another go in 1992. I had been told that my neighbour just around the corner was a good player so I contacted her (Kathie MacNab) at the bridge club and had a nice conversation with her. She told me about all the new conventions that were being played and what was new and she sounded so friendly that I decided to give it another try and I was glad I did. After a few months I had a regular partner, Greg Homer, and we played for quite a few years.

After that, of course, I played with John Ayer and it was mainly due to him along with lots of silver points with Mary Cotter and Mike Wood playing with us that managed to get to Diamond Life Master.

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The person that I have to thank the most, however, is my wife, Louise. She never gets upset that I play so much bridge and she always cheers me up when I have had a bad tournament. Not only that, but we actually won a 'National Tournament' together. Back in 2004 (I think it was) we had the highest score in the country in the Helen Shields Rookie Master Game".

In addition to the above, Stuart has won no less than ten(10) Mini-McKenney medals (indicating his winning the most master points in a calendar year in his division in Unit 194) and 5 Lagan Trophies. (Awarded annually to the male player in Unit 194 winning the most master points at Atlantic Sectional Tournaments).

Congratulations, Stuart, and best wishes in all your future endeavours. ©©©©©

GERRY LAFLAMME PASSES THE 7500 MARK

GERRY BECOMES THE FIRST UNIT 230 EMERALD LM

Gerry Laflamme, from Grand Bay - Westfield, NB, has become the first Unit 230 Bridge Player to reach the 7500 master point plateau and attain the rank of Emerald Life Master and the second Maritimer to do so. The first to accomplish this feat was the late Joe Currie, a bridge legend.

Gerry was one of five Unit 230 Diamond Life Masters. The other four are Mike Hartop, of Ammon, NB, Sandy Fox, of Sackville, NB, the late Mike Betts, and Garnet DeMerchant, both of Fredericton, NB.

We fully expect Gerry to become the first Maritimer to reach the 10,000 point plateau and the rank of Platinum Life Master.

Congratulations, Gerry, and best of luck with your future endeavours.

BRIDGE LINES - LAST HARD COPY

The Maritime Bridge Line will no longer be printed in hard copy and mailed to clubs. Unit 230 has posted the last two issues on the internet. Unit 194, which posted the last issue of the Maritime Bridge Line on the web, as well as mailing to clubs, decided at the executive meeting in New Minas to follow suit, effective immediately. As a result, the only hard copies of this issue to be mailed out will be to those members who have paid for an individual mailing. That service will end with this mailing.

Future issues will be available in February, May and September on the following websites: www.unit194.org and

WWW.MARITIMEBRIDGE.ORG

2013 TROPHY LEADERS

Unit 194		Unit 230	
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1. Gerardo Malaz	drewicz 9	5.24 1. Mike Wo	od 82.61
2. Denis Murphy	76.27	2. Jon Shute	59.68
3. Brian DeLong	68.31	3. Mark Golding	41.91
4. Terry Shaw	65.90	4. Ed Toczko	39.68
5. Jim Kirby	65.16	5. Robbie Kitchen	37.05
6. Bill Halliday	59.12	6. Leo Mahoney	33.22
7. Stuart Eastwood	55.09	7. Mike Hartop	31.38
8. Bilgin Batman	46.41	8. Peter Coates	29.87
9. Stewart McInnes	45.59	9. Jim Praught	29.75
10. Tim Margolian	42.73	10. Les Barkhouse	29.48
11. Larry Mock	41.79	11. Jason Feng	29.46
12. Steve Anderson	40.55	12. Bob Feng	28.10
13. Jim Mathers	37.61	13 Richard Kenny	25.62
14. Gerry Murphy	35.47	14. Al Mitchell	24.47
15. Leo Weniger	35.44	15. Norm O'Brien	21.51
16. John Ayer	35.22	16. Ron Duplisea	21.44
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1. Trisha Fleet	t 11 7.19	1. Mary Cotter	82.61
2. Brenda Kirby	67.58	2. Ann Posch	60.04
3. Liz Legacy	60.40	3. Anne Mahoney	32.22
4. Kathie MacNab	57.07	4. Ann Hartop	26.55
5. Mary MacKay	44.98	5. Cyndi Wedge	25.62
6. Virginia Giza	36.26	6. Sandra Boddy	20.13
7. Marjorie Wandler	35.45	7. Greta Rawlines	17.25
8. Jill McCormick	33.85	8. Diane Banks	17.00
9. Myrtle Moulton	33.80	9. Donna Girouard	15.27
10. Linda Tuff	32.43	10. Marilyn Dalton	14.52
11. Adele Stewart	32.05	11. Judy Losier	13.34
12. Rosemary Sampson	31.83	12 Sandra Fox	14.19
13. Susan Hubley	31.38	13. Lesley Rogers	13.69
14. Marcia Shaw	30.29	14. Lois Sherwood	12.90
15. Melinda MacLean	29.75	15. Judy Reilly	12.87
16. Marylyn Rudolph	28.78	16. Lynda Sharpe	12.40

ATLANTA SUMMER NABC MEETING DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT August, 2013

Sweet Georgia Bridge in not so Hotlanta

The Atlanta NABC was a great tournament, with beautiful host hotel, lots of playing space, with all events within 2 floors of each other, excellent hospitality and a large food court attached to the hotel. Things were on a peach theme with plenty of the sweetest, juiciest peaches you've ever had and the Peach Pit with almost endless entertainment from early afternoon to evening. The weather was great with the temperature never hitting 90F and reasonable humidity.

The table count was around 12,300 which was larger than Philadelphia last year, but smaller than the last Atlanta NABC. Possible reasons for lower attendance were the 10+3 prime time schedule and the August dates affected teachers and people with children, since many schools in the South and Atlanta start early in August.

I plan to write a report after each ACBL Board Meeting (which are before every NABC). I will report on decisions made at the Board Meetings and also interesting motions passed at the Board of Governors Meeting (advisory to the Board of Directors) which follows the Directors' Meeting. I will also include District news. I will also try to highlight excellent results of District 1 players.

George Retek has created a tradition of including an interesting hand or book review with his reports. I want to continue this, but unfortunately, I am not much of a bridge writer. I would welcome a short article from members that I can include at the end of my report. George has kindly written an article at the end of this report. I will write an article for the Fall report, but I am looking for something for the Spring. If interested, please e-mail me at the address above

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ATLANTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

FINANCIAL:

- 1) YTD Net Income from Operations is \$302,000 which is \$172 better than last year.
- 2) Net income is \$491,000 better than budget.

Management Report:

- 1) Work continues on the following Strategic Priorities: ACBLScore+, TourneyTrax, new online learn to play bridge; Tournament Director training, recruitment and development; and online partnership desk.
- 2) The Longest Day (June 21): ACBL partnered with The Alzheimer's Association to raise funds for Alzheimer's research. 4476 tables participated and as of July 19th, \$523,228 was raised, an amount which includes a \$50,000 grant from the Charity

- Foundation. This generated lots of publicity including 36 printed articles and coverage on 20 news stations.
- 3) A Youth Protection and Abuse prevention Policy is being developed and the ACBL Policy on Alcohol and Drug Screening for employees is being updated.
- 4) The Amnesty Campaign reinstated 1,325 members by June 30th.

BOARD MATTERS

- 1) President Don Mamula resigned effective August 12th for personal reasons. Bill Cook was elected to complete the 1 year term. Bill was also elected to replace the late Joan Gerard's term as an ACBL WBF representative. I wish Bill well and am sure he will do a great job as our Board's leader and as ACBL ambassador.
- Kelley McGuire, ACBL Executive Secretary was elected Director of elections, replacing Jim Miller, who is retiring after many years of excellent service. Mr. Miller will continue as a consultant.
- 3) A bylaw amendment to limit District Directors to 4 full terms was defeated. I voted for the amendment.
- 4) Each District may choose to host the NAP District Final using an ACBL approved online hosting site according to specific conditions of contest also approved by this motion. This is effective immediately. Although no motion was brought forward this will also apply to GNT, if
- 5) ACBL adopted the 20 Point Victory Point Scale(called the NABC+ Victory Point Scales) now used by WBF and CBF for NABC+ Swiss Team events and NABC+ events that have a Swiss component. Effective January 1, 2014.
- 6) The next Grass Roots Fund Month will be in Jan 2014. Mony raised will be used to assist the Grass Roots events: Grand National Teams and/or North American Pairs.
- 7) All seeded entries for an NABC+ event must be purchased not later than 15 minutes prior to the stated starting time. Number 1+2 seeds who don't will not be allowed to play unless needed to balance seeding in a section.
- 8) New NABC 0-10,000 Events (10K events)

approved in Phoenix.

- a) Effective in Las Vegas: 10K Mixed Swiss. Last 2 days of Summer NABC
- b) Effective in Las Vegas: 10K Pairs. 1st Saturday-Sunday of Summer NABC
- c) Effective Jan 1, 10K Swiss on 2nd Sat-Sun of Fall NABC
- d) Effective Jan 1: 10K Vanderbilt starting Monday of Spring NABC. This will be run like the regular Vanderbilt.

- These are in addition to the 10K Swiss on the 1st Fri-Sat in the Spring (1st one was held in St. Louis)
- 9) After 2013 Wagar Women's KO and Machlan Women's Swiss will no longer give qualifications towards Grand Life Master.
- 10) Master Point limit for NAP B changes to 0-2500 (from 0-2000)effective June 2014 11) Master Point limits for GNT are changed to:
 - Flight C: NLM-500; Flight B: 0-2500; Flight A-0-6000; Championship 0-unlimited CNTC flight B was increased to 0-2500.

DISTRICT NEWS:

- 1) Unit 151 had a very successful Teacher's Accreditation Program (TAP) in French. Another one will be held in Montreal in September, and will be lead by Star Teacher Kamel Fergami. For more information please go to the Montreal Bridge League website. Congratulations to Unit 151 for taking this initiative, which will hopefully will result in many new members.
- 2) In the election for Alternate Directors Jean La Traverse and Nick L'Ecuyer were elected First and Second Alternate Directors by acclamation. I look forward to working with them.
- 3) Congratulations to the following District 1 members who will be representing Canada in Bali. Bermuda Bowl: Jeff Smith; Venice Cup: Sylvia Caley, Sondra Blank and Francine Cimon (NPC); Senior Cup: Boris Baran and Jurek Czyzowicz. The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup teams won a playoff with Mexico, in addition to their respective Canadian Championships.
- 4) Did you know that District 1 has a website, which although not always up to date, has a lot of interesting information and links. Please go to www.district1acbl.org

Best wishes, Leo

IN MEMORIAM

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

Jean Beveridge, Wolfville, NS Bill Marshall, Halifax, NS



Better Bridge Teacher's Programs?

WANT TO TEACH BRIDGE?

ACCREDITED BRIDGE INSTRUCTORS RECEIVE ACCESS TO BETTER BRIDGE TEACHER INFORMATION, DISCOUNTS FROM VINCE ODDY SUPPLIES, AND ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE ACBL EDUCATION DIVISION.

- Attend the Teacher Program offered at the Charlottetown SectionalTournament
- Howard Johnson Dutch Inn
- ♣ Thursday October 17th Friday October 18th
- Instructor Kathie Macnab
- Cost of Program \$125.00 (includes manual and a variety of Better Bridge Student Books)
- ♣ Kathie Macnab kmacnab@eastlink.ca
- ♣ Irene Macarthur —<u>Irene.macathur@pei.sympatico.ca</u>

Starting time on Thursday is currently scheduled for 3:00, but may change due to availability at the Hotel, please call to verify.

THE 20th MARITIME STAC Jan 6 – 12, 2014

MONDAY, January 6
1:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs

WEDNESDAY, January 8
1:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs

FRIDAY, January 12
1:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs
7:30 pm Open Pairs

SUNDAY, January 14

One or two session team games times TBA

UNIT 194 Tournament Survey

Minas Sectional 27-29 Sep 2013 Survey Results

1. In favor of a Friday 1:30pm start: Total responses: 140

YES **98** NO 15 No Preference 27

There were only a few written comments. Some of those that were not in favor mentioned they would like it at 2:00 pm to accommodate travel. Others said they loved the starting time.

2. In favor of an early Saturday 10:00 am start: Total responses: 139

YES **109** NO 20 No Preference 10

There were only a few written comments. Of those not in favor, they wished the time to move to 1pm.

3. In favor of a Saturday 2nd session 3:00 pm start: Total responses: 135

YES 103 NO 21 No Preference 11

There were only a few written comments. Most were happy with the current start times. Of those not in favor, they wished the time to move to 7pm.

4. In favor of 2 single Pair sessions on Saturday: Total responses: 139

YES **84** NO 44 No Preference 11.

This was by far the question that had the most comments. Although the minority in the vote, those against preferred a 2 session event as they considered it a more prestigious event while others noted that they could just play in a STAC at the clubs instead of coming to the tournament.

5. In favor of a 1 session Saturday Swiss at 8:00: Total responses: 136

YES **60** NO 26 No Preference 50.

There were only a few written comments. Of those not in favor, they preferred the later start times on Saturday.

6.Do you live in HRM area: Total responses: 138

YES 54 NO **84**

Other comments:

The majority of the comments related to the excellent playing site, how well the tournament was organized and the good snacks as well as expressing thanks.

CAN-AT 2013 RESULTS

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, NB, June 26 – July 1, 2013 R1307036

Wednesday, June 26 STRATIFIED PAIRS 33 tables

STRATIFIED PAIRS 33 tables		
1. Mark Golding, Lutes Mountain, NB – Dale Murray, Elgin, NB	62.20%	
2. Jim Mathers – Scott MacDougall, Halifax, NS	59.94	
3. Mike Wood – Mary Cotter, Fredericton, NB	59.47	
4. Peter Coates, Hanwell, NB – Derek Broughton, Musq. Hbr, NS(1st	B) 59.00	
5 Ron Mak, Manchester, NH – Geoff Phipps, Bluffton, SC	58.90	
6 Bob Feng – Jason Feng, Moncton, NB (2 nd B, 1 st C)	58.63	
MORNING KO TEAMS 9 teams		
1. Ellie Hanlon – Mary Savko – Geoff Phipps – Ron Mak		
2. Ed Zaluski – John Morgan – Bob Zeller – Mark Siegrist		
WED EVENING CHARITY PAIRS 8 tables		
1. Adele Stewart – Mary Mackay, Halifax, NS	66.67%	

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2. David Demers, Quebec, QC – George Mitchell, Dundas, ON(1st B)	62.92
4/5. Andrew Perry - Ray Cantle, Fredericton, NB (1st C)	56.67

Thursday, June 27 THURSDAY SWISS TEAMS - 31 teams

1. Gary Brown – Leo Weniger –Rod MacKenzie – Allan Millman	113
2. Elizabeth Legacy-Jim Mathers-Peter Coates-Norm O'Brien-Xiaolun	Yi 110
3. Ed Zaluski – Bob Zeller – Mark Siegrist – John Morgan	104
4. La McCleod Jerry Helms – Kathie MacNab – Bill Halliday	98
5/6 Bob Feng – Jason Feng – Jon Shute – Anne Posch (1st B)	96
9/10. Tom Davidson – Clare McCain – Brenda Hunter – Roy Layte (1st	C) 89

Thurs Evening Go For Gold Pairs 22 tables Flight A

1. Valerie McClintock – Carol Weir, Bedford, NS	61.71
2. Philip Oliver, Lakeville, NB – Gerry Kennedy, Moncton, NB	61.50
3. Rob Fisher, Fredericton, NB –Florian Blais, Charney, QC	59.22
7. Margaret Crothers, Lwr Millstr., NB - Lucy Creighton, Sussex, NB(1stB,	1stC) 54.06
8. Lloyd May – Marlene May, Saint John, NB (2 nd B, 2 nd C)	53,65

Friday, June 28

FRI-SAT KO TEAMS II – A 6 teams

- 1. Gary Brown Rod MacKenzie Leo Weniger Alan Millman
- 2. Ellie Hanlon Mary Savko Ron Mak Geoff Phipps

FRI-SAT KO TEAMS II – B - 6 teams

- 1. David Morse Larry Mock Jim Mathers Scott MacDougall
- 2. Tony Greene Norma Greene Leslie Buzzell Alfred Letourneau

FRI-SAT KO TEAMS II - C - 6 teams

- 1. Bob Chase Wayne Hsu Mary Mackay Adele Stewart
- 2. Helen MacDonald Carol Airst Eddie Cormier Paul-Andre Dumas

FRIDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS

Bracket AX 8 tables

1. Jim Kirby – Brenda Kirby, Dartmouth, NS	59.17
2. Marcia Shaw – Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS	57.97
6. Grant Godfrey – Jim Anderson, Saint John, NB (1st X)	52.50

CAN-AT 2013 RESULTS (cont)

FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS 21 tables		
1. Diane Banks, Sussex, NB – Charles Beliveau, Quispamsis, NB	57.14	
2. Malcolm Millar – Rosalyn Millar, Summerside, PE (1 st B , 1 st C)	56.70	
3. Richard Kenny – Cyndi Wedge, Charlottetown, PE	56.25	
4. Don Lutz – Frank Miller, Fall River, NS	55.95	
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Saturday, June 29	• •	
SAT- SUN Morning Compact KO Teams 8 team		
1. Carol Power – Julianna Gabor – Norah Dunbar – Linda Small		
2. Scott Rappard – Chris Wilcox – Tim Matthews – Les Barkhouse		
SATURDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS		
FLIGHT AX 12 tables	ND 50 50	
1. Stuart Oulton, Tatamagouche, NS-Gord Chippin, Fredericton,		
2. George Colter – Helen Colter, Fredericton, NB	57.16	
3. David Halliday, Fredericton, NB – Oscar Kollar, Mactaquac, NB (1	X) 56.97	
GO FOR GOLD PAIRS BCD 15 tables	C) 50 30	
1. Mike Tanner, Halifax, NS – Stephen Tynes, Truro, NS (Also 1st		
2. Carol Weir – Valerie McClintock	56.91	
3. Burton Steeves – Winifred Steeves, Saint John, NB (also 2 nd C)	56.34	
6. Marlene May – Lloyd May, Saint John, NB (1 st D)	53.60	
SATURDAY SWISS TEAMS 17 teams	107	
 Gerry Callaghan – Judy Callaghan – Arthur Lilly – Kay Watm David Ingham – Sam Ghosh – Mary Cotter – Mike Wood 	an 107 104	
•		
6. Bob Feng – Jason Feng – Allen Mitchell – Ed Toczko (1 st B)	90	
Sunday, June 30		
SUNDAY STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS		
FLIGHT AX 11 tables		
1. Garnet De Merchant, Fredericton, NB – Bob Melles, Hanwell, I		
2. Bob Simmonds, Fredericton, NB – Oscar Koller (1 st X)	59.45	
3. Mike Harop – Ann Hartop, Ammon, NB	56.95	
SUNDAY GO FOR GOLD PAIRS 13 tables		
1. Louis Tousignant, Brooklyn, NS – Dave Tanner, Halifax, NS	58.90	
2. Mike Whelton, Fredericton, NB – Roy Layte, Hartland, NB(1 st B, 1		
3. Lloyd Snyder – Bernice Snyder, Comox, BC	58.24	
SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS		
Flight AX 17 tables		
1. Ed Zaluski – Bob Zeller – Mark Siegrist – John Morgan	113	
2. Larry Mock – David Morse – Stephen Tynes – Mike Tanner (1 st X)	98	
3. Chris Rawlines – Greta Rawlines – Sandy Fox – John Beasy	97	
Monday, July 1		
STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS		
Flight AX 26 tables		
1. Mary Savko – Ellie Hanlon – Ron Mak – Geoff Phipps	109	
2. Bob Zeller – Mark Siegrist – John Morgan – Ed Zaluski	97	
3. Bob Feng – Jason Feng – Mike Hartop – Ann Hartop	96	
4/5. Jim Anderson – Grant Godfrey – Donnie Cameron – Bob Melles	1/2X) 86	
4/5 Stave Cooper Dave Scammell Charlotte Cooling Carolyn MacD	onold(1/2 V)	

4/5. Steve Cooper-Dave Scammell-Charlotte Cooling -Carolyn MacDonald(1/2 X)

CAN-AT 2013 RESULTS (cont)

Monday, July 1

FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS TEAMS 16 tables

1. Jim Gray – George Dewling – Derek Broughton – Marta Mihoff	97
2. Andrea Debow-Darlene Hayward-Ann Leggett-Pat Watts (1st C,1st D)	90
3. Cyndi Wedge – Richard Kenny – Lois Sherwood – John Sherwood	86

SIDE GAMES

Morning Side Game Series

Thursday, June 27 8 tables

1. Jill Stirgwolt, Harpswell, ME-Sharron Hinckley, East Win	throp,ME 63.33	
2. Carole Ann Patterson – Valerie Brisco, Halifax, NS	57.92	
Friday, July 28 12 tables		
1/2. Melinda MacLean, Truro, NS – Jim Praught, Summersion	de, PE 62.80	
1/2. Ron Duplisea, Long Reach, NB – Charlie Belliveau	62.80	
Saturday, June 29 11.5 tables		
1. Lynn Stanley, Moncton, NB – Lynne Dunn, Rothesay, NB	66.47	
2. Stuart Eastwood – Marcia Shaw	61.67	
Sunday, June 30 8 tables		
1. Ron Duplisea – Charlie Belliveau	58.33	
2. Lesley Ruggles, Antigonish, NS – Doris Schoen, Halifax, NS	58.26	
Morning Side Game series Overall Winners		
½. Ron Duplisea 12	21.13	

½. Ron Duplisea	121.13
1/2. Charlie Belliveau	121.13
³ / ₄ . Marcia Shaw	120.30
3/4. Stuart Eastwood	120.30

Friday Evening Side Pairs, June 28	6.5 tables
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1.	Bill Chan – Molan Chan, Van Buren, ME	58.85
2.	Ed Tuczko – Allen Mitchell, Moncton, NB	57.65

Total Table Count 603 tables.

Congratulations to Sam Ghosh and his hard working committee for a successful and enjoyable tournament.

EDITORIAL

by Karl Hicks

This year is coming to a close with just two tournaments remaining. We've had some good ones too. I've been out of commission for most of the year but got back to direct two tournaments in September. The first was held in Moncton at the downtown Delta Beausejour Hotel. This is the second year for this venue and it is very nice. The committee worked very hard and their work paid off. Tournaments that exceed two hundred tables have to be considered a success.

The second was in New Minas at the new Louis Millett Civic Center. It is a brand new facility and rates to be quite possibly the nicest playing site that I can remember. Of course everything is bright, shiny, and new. The Civic Center is a spacious, well lit room with

modern kitchen facilities, washrooms off the playing area, immediate response from custodial staff with housephones sporting the name and phone number of the person on duty. Brian DeLong, who was making his debut as tournament chairman, and his committee saw to it that there was coffee, tea, sweets and fruit available throughout the sessions. The lighting was excellent.

We stayed at the Slumber Inn about two miles away which advertised a rate of \$105 but guests were pleased to find they were charged the off-season rate of \$80. The rooms had a fridge, microwave, coffee as well as continental breakfast with real dishes and utinsels and I finally stayed in a room where you didn't have to go to the bathroom to read the paper. They had real lights in the rooms. In most hotel rooms, the lights are so dim that going to the bathroom can cause temporary blindness. Players must have sensed the attributes of this new venue as the total table count was 249 tables, a whopping 40% increase over last year.

Next year we have a full slate. We start with the 20th Annual Maritime STAC in January, the second annual Joe Currie Memorial in February and the Don Cox Memorial which is being held the last weekend of March this year. The disputed Lobster capital of Yarmouth will be holding their first tournament since 2008 in Mid-April. The annual Summerside Seabreeze tournament is scheduled for early May with the South Shore tournament in Bridgewater the last weekend. The Can-At is in Halifax starting on July 1 and Saint John, NB hosts it's Loyalist tournament in mid-July. Newfoundland hosts its biannual tournament the first week in August with Moncton and New Minas in September. Charlottetown has October and the Halifax Fall completes the tournament year in November.

And we are not finished yet. The unstoppable Moncton team of Jenny Huntsman and Connie Bartlett are spearheading a tournament for beginners. This Intermediate-Novice (IN) tournament concept is not new to many jurisdictions in North America but is a rarity in Canada. It's a tournament for new players. No player can have more than 300 master points. New players can play in a tournament without the fear of playing against the 'big guns'. Non-ACBL members who have been playing bridge for years and years will also find themselves ineligible just as I won't permit them to play in flights C and D. The majority of non-members are quite forthright about their ability but there's always someone out there. This should be a great tournament and the rumor mill has it that the last weekend in April is being considered. It's hard to find a spot in this busy schedule. So here's your opportunity, all of you newcomers, to test the tournament waters with your peers. The unstoppable duo will guarantee you the time of your life.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous support you have given me over the past ten months. I was overwhelmed by the cards, letters, emails, phone calls, visits, and even nursing care and advice that I've received from all over the country, the US, and Bermuda.

It was and continues to be quite unbelievable to me. I weathered the storm quite well and I attribute that to the many kindnesses and encouragement that you have given me. My doctors, nurses and support staff were also exceptional. I met many people over the past year who were facing the same and often worse challenges than myself and sad to say that a surprising number of them were doing so alone. I felt strangely guilty and somehow wished that I could have shared some of the inspiration and comfort that I was receiving from countless members of my bridge family to those forlorn and resigned patients, some of whom were without even the support of their own family.

Your thoughtfulness and good wishes enabled me to keep a positive attitude throughout and avoid dwelling on my fate. As a result I didn't suffer through many of the nasty side effects that I was assured would befall me. I've always been thankful for my loving family and the many truly nice people that I have met and gotten to know (both players and directors) through the game of bridge. However, I must confess that I underestimated how beautiful you really are. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

MONCTON RESULTS

Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB S1309119 Sept. 6 - 8, 2013

FRIDAY, S	September 6
MONCTO	ON PAIRS
Flight A	28 tables

	Flight A 20 tables	
1/2.	Fred Boddy - Sandra Boddy, Riverview, NB (Won B)	67.05%
1/2.	Adele Stewart – Mary MacKay, Halifax, NS	67.05
3.	Mike Hartop, Ammon, NB – Rob Kitchen, Salisbury, NB	63.64
7.	Trisha Fleet – Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Halifax, NS(Won B)	59.47
	Mike Whelton – Sharon Cupples, Fredericton, NB (Won C)	54.55
	FRI AFT 49er Pairs 5 tables	
1. John Legault – Betsy Legault, Grand Barachois, NB		61.88
	FRIDAY EVENING PAIRS	
	Flight A 29 tables	
1.	Mike Wood – Mary Cotter, Fredericton, NB	67.61
2.	Claude LeBlanc, Dieppe, NB – Norm O'Brien, Saint John, NB	62.69
3	Gil Meredith Riverview NR - Donna Girouard Moncton NRO	Won R&C) 61

- 3. Gil Meredith, Riverview, NB Donna Girouard, Moncton, NB(Won B&C) 61.17
- 4. Scott Rappard, Dartmouth, NS Leslies Ruggles, Antigonish, NS(2nd B) 59.66

FRIDAY EVE 49er Pairs 3 tables

1. Janet Patterson, Riverview, NB – Judy Menard, Moncton, NB 60.63

SATURDAY, September 7 STRATIFLIGHTED PAIRS FLIGHT AX 14.5 tables

1. Terry Shaw, Halifax – Dennis Murphy, Coldbrook, NS	369.55
2. Ken Eisner, Truro, NS – Gerry Murphy, Kentville, NS	362.99
8. Bob Chase, Bridgewater, NS – Wayne Hsu, Up. Tantallon, NS(Won X) 328.52	
FLIGHT B/C/D 21.5 tables	
1. David Hryn, Fredericton, NB – Lesley Rogers, Saint John, NB	260.01
2. Sylvie MacLean, Sussex, NB – Betty Fortunato, Miramichi, NB	257.44
3. Fred Boddy – Sandra Boddy	247.35
4. Clare McCain – Brenda Hunter, Florenceville, NB(Won C & D)	244.65
7. Rosalyn Millar – Malcolm Millar, Summerside, PE (2 nd C)	238.36
11. George Mitchell, Dundas, ON – Cindy Havens, Riverview, NB(2 nd D) 229.25	

SUNDAY, September 8

FLIGHT AX SWISS TEAMS 18 teams 1. Rob Kitchen – Mark Golding – Mike Hartop - Ann Hartop

1.	Rob Kitchen – Mark Golding – Mike Hartop - Ann Hartop	100	
2.	Marjorie Wandler – Barbara Seagram – Bill Chan – Molan Chan	88	
3.	Gerardo Malazdrewicz – Trisha Fleet – Barb MacKay – Peter Coates (Won X)	86 (
4.	Marcia Shaw – Terry Shaw – Jim Kirby – Brenda Kirby	81	
	FLIGHT B 26 teams		
1.	Scott Rappard – Lesley Ruggles – David Hryn – Lesley Rogers	98	
2.	Gerry Kennedy – Marilyn Macdiarmid – David Coates – Philip Oliver	95	
3.	Bob Murray – Marilyn Dalton – Diane Banks – Peter Flann	94	
	FIIGHT C 16 teams		
1.	Bev Young – Edith Young – Margaret House - Marylynn Rudolph	89	
2.	Sheila Baird – Verna MacLead – Michael Ross – Brian Ferguson	81	
Flight D 5 teams			
1.	George Demetre – Yvette Bertin – Denise Janelle – Rosaline Cormier	76	
2.	Judy Carpenter - Carol Craig - Elaine O'Leary - Muriel Flood	66	

223 total tables

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Roger Millett Community Centre, New Minas, NS S1309055 Sept 27 - 29, 2013

Flight A 29 tables		
1. Leo Mahoney – Anne Mahoney, Moncton, NB	70.00%	
2. Elianor Kennie, Kentville, NS - Hugh Shankel, Windsor, NS	68.75	
Flight B/C 18 tables		
1. Bob Chase, Bridgewater-Wayne Hsu, Up. Tantallon, NS	60.23	
2. Lydia Prange, Wolfville, NS – Marjorie Wandler, Italy Cross, NS	58.52	
3. Cliff Boudreau, Scotch Village-Claire Boudreau, Mosherville(Won	C) 56.05	
Friday Evening Pairs	•	
Flight A 26 tables		
1. Trisha Fleet – Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Halifax, NS	65.72	
2. Wilma Simpson, Kentville, NS-Rose Brownless, Windsor, NS(Won		
3. Lydia Prange – Marjorie Wandler (2 nd B)	59.66	
7. Bill Spurr, Windsor, NS – Jim Paterson, Brampton, ON (Won C)	54.36	
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SATURDAY, September 28		
Morning Flight AX PAIRS 19 tables		
1/2. Martin Pink, Yarmouth, NS-Bob Tumilty, Annapolis Royal (W	onX) 62	.50
1/2. Myrtle Moulton, Halifax, NS – Virginia Giza, Timberlea, NS	62.50	
FLIGHT BCD 22 tables		
1. Marylyn Rudolph, Onslow, NS – Margaret House, Truro, NS(Al	so WonC	c) 67.86
2. George Thibault – Patrick McDonald, Yarmouth, NS	66.96	,
7. Grace Paterson – Anne Peltekion, Halifax, NS (Won D)	55.20	
Afternoon Flight AX PAIRS 19 pairs		
1. Jim Kirby – Brenda Kirby, Dartmouth, NS	63.99	
2. Boyd Wells – Jo Ann Lynds, Truro, NS	63.69	
5. Hilary Hayden, Mahone Bay, NS-Rick Sheppard, Mahone Bay(1 st X		
Flight BCD 21.5 tables	1) 50.01	
1/3. Lorne Cock – Shirley Cock, Truro, NS	61.90	
1/3. Wilma Simpson – Rose Brownless	61.90	
1/3. Lloyd Mitchell – Ann e Mitchell, Truro	61.90	
5. Inez Vautour – Ron Vautour, Truro, NS (Won C)	58.33	
7, Cliff Boudreau – Claire Boudreau (Won D)	57.14	
Sauturday Evening SWISS Teams 19 teams	37.14	
½. Stuart Eastwood – Elizabeth Legacy – Mary Cotter – Mike Wo	od	56
1/2. Martin Pink – Bob Tumilty – George Thibault – Patrick McDon		56
	liaiu	30
SUNDAY, September 29 FLIGHT AX SWISS 25 teams		
		101
1. Steve Anderson – Jill McCormick – Jim Mathers – Rosemary Sa		
2. Trisha Fleet – Gerardo Malazdrewicz – Linda Tuff – Susan Hubley	(won A)	
3. Leo Weniger – Rod MacKenzie – Alan Millman – Jim Graham		97
4. Ken Eisner – Gerry Murphy – David Scammell – Dan Landry		92
FLIGHT BC SWISS 22 teams	/===	C) 401
1. Marlene Dexter-Barb Fader-Valerie Brisco-Carol Anne Patters		
2. George Thibeault – Patrick McDonald Inge Hausgaard – Richard Tr		99
3. Art Donahoe – Mary Lynn MacDonald – Doug Hamilton – Carol H	amilton	90
4. Lorne Cock – Shirley Cock – Lloyd Mitchell – Anne Mitchell		85

Spud Island - Sectional

October 18-20, 2013 S1310124

Howard Johnson Dutch Inn,

Playing Site: 100 Trans-Canada Highway

Cornwall, PE

Howard Johnson Dutch Inn

Accommodations: 1-800-915-4656

or 902-566-2211

\$95 + tax Includes breakfast

Richard Kenny Tournament Chairman:

(rkenny@peicudic.com)

902-393-3298

Partnerships: Cindy Wedge 902-393-3298

(clwedge@gov.pe.ca)

Friday

2:00 pm Spud Island Pairs

8:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs

11:45 pm ZIP KO Teams (minimum 6 teams)

Saturday

1:00 pm Strati-Flighted Open Pairs (1st)

7:30 pm Strati-Flighted Open Pairs (2nd)

Sunday

10:00 am Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

2 Sessions with a play through with short break for lunch

- a. Strats for Strati-Flighted Events: C = 0 300; B = 300-1000;
- b. X = 0-1750; A = 2500+
- c. ♦ Strats for Stratified Pairs: C = 0 300; B = 300-1000; A = 1000+

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS DISTRICT 1 FLIGHT A

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013 MONCTON DBC ROOMS

620 Cloverdale Road, Unit #9, Riverview, N
0 – unlimited Master Points Club Qualification required
\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA
Info: Mike Hartop 506-382-7272

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS DISTRICT 1 FLIGHT C SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013 MONCTON DBC ROOMS

620 Cloverdale Road, Unit #9, Riverview, NB

\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA
Non-Life Masters 0 – 500 master Points club qualification required
Info: Mike Hartop 506-384-7272

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS DISTRICT 1 FLIGHT B

SATURDAY, NOV 2, 2013 HALIFAX BRIDGE STUDIO

Mumford Professional Centre, West End Mall, Halifax, NS

\$50.00 per pair two sessions 10:30 am and TBA club qualification required 0 – 2000 master points

Info: Kathie MacNab 902-446-3910

Winning pairs are entitled to represent the Maritimes at the Spring Nationals to be held in Dallas, TX, in March, 2014.

Halifax Fall Sectional

November 8-10, 2013 S1311023

Multi Purpose Room - Rosaria Student Centre Mount St Vincent University, Halifax N.S.

1st or 2nd right off Seaton Road off of 166 Bedford Highway

Host Hotel: The Holiday Inn Express, 133 Kearney Lake Road, Halifax Reservations Toll free call 1-877-519-7666 Direct: 902-445-1100

Tournament Kathie Macnab 902-443-4676 (H)
Co Chairs: Email: KMacnab@Eastlink.ca

Bill Halliday: 902-443-4676 (H) Email: BHalliday@Eastlink.ca

Stratified Limits for pairs: C: 0-500, B: 500-1750, A: 1750+ Stratiflighted Limits: D: 0-100, C: 100-500, B: 500-1000, X: 0-1750, A: 1750+

Swiss Teams determined by Team average.

Friday November 8

1:30 pmCBF Stratified Pairs (one session)

KO teams will be held if 6 teams or more register

- International Fund Game 100% Regionally rated red points

7:30 pm Stratified Pairs (one session

11:00 pmMidnight Zip Knockouts

Light refreshments – pizza

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Saturday November 9

10:00 am Stratiflighted A/X and B/C Pairs (Single Session).

Unit 194 Annual General meeting between sessions

3:00 pm Stratiflighted A/X and B/C Pairs (Single Session).

6:00 pm "Goodwill Reception with light refreshments & Cash bar

8:00 pm.....One Session Stratified Swiss Teams

Join the Unit 194 board, goodwill members and congratulate the 2012 achievers.

Sunday November 10th

10:00 amStratiflighted Swiss Teams A/X and B/C (2 session Play through) Short lunch break at end of rd 3 - Lunch will be served in the cafeteria

JOE CURRIE MEMORIAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

7 - 9 February 2014, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Location: Multi Purpose Room - Rosaria Student Centre

Mount Saint Vincent University

Chairperson: Dan Landry: Phone: 902 486-8840 email: daniel_landry@bellaliant.net

Partnerships: Liz Legacy: Phone: 902 405-1805 email: lizlegacy@hotmail.com

Director: Karl Hicks

Hotel: Future Inns Halifax, Lacewood drive (across from Home Depot)

902 443-4333 Bridge rate \$101.00 single or double.

Schedule

Friday, Feb. 7 1:30 pm One Session Stratified Pairs

7:30 pm One Session Stratified Pairs

11:59 pm Midnight Zip knockout

Saturday Feb. 8 10:00 am One Session Strata-flighted Open Pairs

3:00 pm One Session Strata-flighted Open Pairs

Sunday Feb. 9 10:00 am Two Session Strata-flighted Swiss Teams play through

Short lunch break after the 3rd round. The cafeteria will be open.

Stratified Limits C: 300 B: 1000 A: Unlimited

Stratiflighted Limits D: 50 C: 300 B: 1000 X: 1750 A: Unlimited

Based on team average.

Notes:

-Friday to Sunday: Mount Saint Vincent Cafeteria open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for coffee, tea, etc.

-Send partnership requests to Liz via email indicating the events you wish to play in along with your point level.

Joe Currie Memorial trophies awarded to the top non-life master pair in the Flight C Saturday morning game.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2013

October 2 (Wed Eve) October 3 (Thurs Eve) OCTOBER 18-20 October 24 (Thurs Eve)	ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game Canada-wide Olympiad Fund Game #2 SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game	Clubs Clubs Cornwall, PE Clubs
NOVEMBER 8-10 November 25 (Mon Eve) November 28-December 8	HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL ACBL-wide Charity Game #2 FALL NABC	Halifax, NS Clubs Phoenix, AZ
	2014	
JANUARY 6-12	MARITIME STAC #20	Clubs
FEBRUARY 7 – 9 February 17 – 24	JOE CURRIE MEMORIAL SECTION CBF Canada-wide STAC	AL Halifax, NS Clubs
March 3 (Mon Aft) March 13 (Thurs Aft) March 20 – 30 MARCH 28 – 30	ACBL-Wide Seniors Pairs ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #1 SPRING NABC DON COX MEMORIAL SECTIONAL	Clubs Clubs Dallas, TX Truro, NS
April 8 (Tues Aft) APRIL 11 – 13 APRIL 25 – 27* April 28 (Mon Aft)	ACBL-Wide Charity Pairs #1 YARMOUTH SECTIONAL CE-INTERMEDIATE SECTIONAL (0-30) Helen Shields Rookie-Master Pairs	Clubs Yarmouth, NS 00) Moncton,NB Clubs
MAY 2-4 May 3 – 10 May 14 (Wed Aft) MAY 30 – JUNE 1	CBF BRIDGE WEEK ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #2	ummerside, PE Calgary, AB Clubs Bridgewater, NS
June 6, Friday eve June 7, Saturday Aft June 18 (Wed Eve)	World-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game World-Wide Instant Match Point Game Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game	Clubs Clubs Clubs
JULY 1 – 7 July 11 (Fri Aft) July 17-27 JULY 18-20	CAN-AT REGIONAL ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #3 SUMMER NABC LOYALIST SECTIONAL	Halifax, NS Clubs Las Vegas, NV Saint John, NB
AUGUST 1-3	NEWFOUNDLAND SECTIONAL	St. John's, NL

An asterisk indicates a tentative date and 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.