

MARITIME BRIDGE LINE

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Maritime Players Attain Elite Master Point Status

Six players reach Emerald and Diamond Status

Congratulations are in order to six Maritimers who have reached the lofty heights of Emerald and Diamond Life Master.

Master point totals included in this article are from the ACBL update on May 6, 2015.

The rank of Emerald Life Master has been awarded to two Maritime Players who have won over 7500 master points. Players are listed in the order in which they were published in the ABCL Bridge Bulletin.

PATRICIA HARRIS, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia. Pat has won a total of 7903.31 master points.

GARNET DE MERCHANT, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Garnet has won a total of 7939.67 master points.

The rank of Diamond Life Master has been awarded to four Maritime players who have won over 5000 master points.

RALPH FISHER, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, has won a total of 5096.39 master pts.

Ralph has served as Unit 194 President and plays tournaments occasionally.

JIM PRAUGHT, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, has won 5183.68 master pts.

Jim has served as Unit 230 Vice-President, has run the Summerside Sectional for a number of years and regularly attends local tournaments.

JIM KIRBY, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, has won a total of 5044.71 master points.

Jim has been active in Unit affairs and is a regular at tournaments.

BILL HALLIDAY, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has a total of 5026.19 master points.

Bill has been a hard worker for Unit 194, in a number of capacities, for many years. He is a regular at Maritime tournaments and his contribution to Maritime Bridge is unrivaled. Congratulations to you all! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

IMP STRATEGY

This Strategy applies to Swiss Teams, Knock-out Teams and IMP pairs. This article is condensed from an article by Steve Gaynor which was printed in the March 15, 2015 New Orleans Daily Bulletin.

1. **Make your contract.** Do not worry about over or undertricks.
2. **Trust your bidding system.** Even at pairs, you're a winner if you are in the right contract and the right level.
3. **Stretch to bid a game.** Bid a game vulnerable even if it's 40% and 50% if it is not vulnerable. If you have to think about it, bid it.
4. **Do not double their part-score.** You better have them down two in your own hand before you double a bid below game.
5. **Do not go for numbers.** Don't make a wild preemptive bid because you have 6, 7, or more of a suit. It's just not worth it.
6. **Upgrade your overcalls.** Upgrade your overcalls by a queen. If you normally overcall with 8 points, upgrade this to 10 points.
7. **Play your safest contract.** If you find a better fit in a minor, play it there especially in a part score. You want to make whatever you bid.
This also applies to games and slams.
8. **Do not stretch to bid slams.** Only bid slams when they have a 75% chance of making.
9. **Make the call that shows your strength.** Do not make a confusing bid that may be passed if forcing or shows values that you don't have.
10. **On defense, strive at all costs to defeat their contract even if it means giving them an overtrick.** This is not matchpoints.
11. Remember, if it's hard for you, it's hard for them. The other player(s) in your seat hold the same cards as you. If there is a deal where each side holds hands with lots of distribution, it's usually right to bid one more – unless you are sure that they are going down and you cannot make your bid.

TROPHY LEADERS 2015

Unit 194

LAGAN

1. Bilgin Batman	46.58
2. Bill Camp	40.26
3. Jim Mathers	31.86
4. Gerardo Malazdrewicz	31.64
5. Jim Kirby	30.28
6. Brian De Long	29.04
7. Rod MacKenzie	27.23
8. Terry Shaw	21.17
9. Mike Tanner	20.22
10. Stephen Tynes	19.92
11. David Scammell	18.29
12. Gerry Callaghan	14.94
13. Scott MacDougall	14.40
14/15. Denis Murphy	14.30
14/15. Elwin Brown	14.30
16. Boyd Wells	14.24

Unit 230

SPRINGHILL

1. Mark Golding	42.87
2. Robbie Kitchen	35.18
3. Mike Wood	31.91
4. Jon Shute	28.28
5. Jim Anderson	22.71
6. Chris Rawlines	16.71
7. Norm O'Brien	11.50
8. Jim Praught	10.92
9. John Beasy	10.54
10. Leo Mahoney	10.25
11. Richard Kenny	8.74
12. Ron Duplisea	8.29
13. Allen Mitchell	8.28
14. Ed Toczko	7.53
15. Mike Whelton	6.10
16. Michael Birks	5.92

McLEOD

1. Trisha Malazdrewicz	31.94
2. Brenda Kirby	30.28
3. Fran De Long	19.65
4. Elizabeth Legacy	14.54
5. Jo Ann Lynds	14.24
6. Kathie MacNab	12.24
7. Melinda MacLean	10.92
8. Adele Stewart	10.05
9/10. Hind Blick	9.81
9/10. Janet Corkum	9.81
11. Margie Knickle	8.79
12/13. Gaye MacDonald	7.11
12/13. Beverley Snow	7.11
14/15. Sheila Leard	7.06
14/15. Debbie Garson	7.06
16. Susan Hubley	6.91

CALLAGHAN

1. Mary Cotter	31.91
2. Anne Posch	27.03
3. Greta Rawlines	16.71
4. Sylvia Logan	11.75
5. Anne Mahoney	11.67
6. Lois Sherwood	10.85
7. Sandy Fox	10.54
8. Catherine Macneill	9.16
9. Cyndi Wedge	9.05
10. Iona Youdin	7.73
11. Donna Girouard	7.70
12. Florence Griffin	6.25
13. Susan Steeves	6.16
14. Lucille Griffin	4.95
15. Lynn Stanley	4.84
16. Frances Sear	3.96



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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Spring 2015

Jazz....And All That Bridge

The Spring NABC was held at the New Orleans Marriott at the French Quarter in New Orleans. This was an excellent playing site across the street from the other main hotel, the Sheraton New Orleans, with many good restaurants, bars and tourist attractions in walking distance or nearby. The tournament was well run, with excellent hospitality. Attendance was excellent with 11,402 tables, 10% more than expected.

The opening party on Friday night again did not disappoint with lots of nice food and an excellent band.

A moving event was the celebration of the life of Jeff Johnston, who for many years was in charge of producing our NABCs and lately head of ACBL Operations. He was a hard worker, who worked tirelessly for ACBL especially during the recent flood and NABCs, always putting in long hours. Jeff passed away—in December and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

This has been a difficult year for the ACBL, with a large financial loss due to ACBLScore+, the flood, changes in Pension Plan etc. There were mistakes made along the way, both by the Board and by staff. It is my hope that we can get past and learn from what happened in the past and do things better in the future.

At the end of this report, I have included a bridge article by Rod MacKenzie, my favorite and long time bridge partner who is acknowledged as one of the finest players produced in the Atlantic Provinces. Thank you, Rod.

I am looking for other contributors. All I ask is that it be at most 1 page long and that it be done in Word. Next one would be needed for my report after the Chicago NABC which is in August.

I am also listing major results by District 1 players at the NABC. The list is at the end of this report.

Highlights of the New Orleans Board of Directors Meeting

- **Membership** is virtually the same as the beginning of last year, and stands at 167,392.
- **Regional attendance for last year** was slightly up, but average table count was down 2% (there were 4 more regionals).
- **Sectional attendance** was down 4% and average table count was down 6%.
- **STACs** table count was up 2% and average table count was down 6% (6 more STACs).
- **Finance:** the decrease in net assets from Operations for 2014 is \$335,000, \$73K more than the \$262K decrease forecasted. The total decrease in Net Assets was \$4,085,658. There was an ACBLscore+ write-off of \$1.9M, Pension termination cost of \$1.7M, pension balance sheet adjustment of \$600K, and TD travel back pay of \$281K among other significant items that were not anticipated.
- **Insurance:** Our broker has changed for Property & Casualty and Health and Welfare policies. As a result we will realize an annual saving of \$59,000.
- **IT:** A number of member-friendly updates have been implemented on acbl.org including The Partnership Desk which was launched in January and already 900 members have created profiles. We are looking at enhancing options for future credit card transactions and changing credit card processors.
- **Table count:** 2014 table count for club games was 3,153,000 of which 1,007,000 was from on-line games.
- **ACBLscore** training for Club Department employees is scheduled so the department will be better able to help club managers and directors.
- **Longest Day:** Planning for 2015 is underway for the dates of Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day) and Mon, June 22nd. 100% of money raised in Canada will go to Canadian Research projects.

Strategic Planning:

- **Tournament Director:** Tournament Director University (TDU) is approaching its first graduation. 3 of the 5 students are scheduled to run small sectionals soon. The pilot program was an excellent learning experience for students, teachers and ACBL.
- **ACBL Resource Center:** was launched on Nov 7th. This is an easy to use tool to order or download anything needed by Clubs, Teachers, Units and Districts to help them grow the game. As of Feb 23rd the Center has received 1,700 site visits. The Center has a blog called Tricks of the Trade (which is distributed by e-mail blasts) which offers marketing guidance and information on new releases. Customer Service workshops continue and after New Orleans, 40% of our TDs will have completed this Course. 2 new Field Managers have been announced, one of whom is former Montrealer Sol Weinstein. Sylvia Hardin is now head of all field operations.
- **Pianola:** Negotiations are underway with Pianola to replace our current tournament e-mail marketing program, to allow tournament chairs to better control the e-mail marketing process. Rollout is planned for Summer 2015.
- **Privacy Policy:** was overhauled in 2014 to meet North American privacy laws and to safeguard our members personal contact information. ACBL has updated the privacy policy.

Actions and Motions approved at New Orleans Board of Directors Meetings:

- Ken Monzingo (San Diego area) was elected as ACBL Treasurer for a 1 year term starting May 1, 2015.
- For the first 2 days for Flights A, B, and C of the GNT National Final, the entry fee is waived as an award for winning the district portion of GNT.
- At non-NABC events, players on KO teams with more than 4 players, for every half match that is won and the player sits out, the overall award will be reduced by 5%.
- A new unit was created for the metro Atlanta area.
- Requirements for League Counsel now include knowledge of duplicate bridge.
- 3rd and 4th place finisher in NAP Flights B and C will be allowed to participate in the National Finals, but will not receive any prize money.
- Fall 6 Session NABC Swiss will be called the Keohane NA Swiss (150 MPs for 1st) and the Summer NABC Swiss (changed from 4 to 6 session) will be called the Roth NA Swiss (170 MPs).
- Clubs can no longer bar players from ACBL wide games.
- Side games that are not part of a side-game series will see their M factor go from 65% to 80% (needs 2nd reading).
- A change is being made to the distribution of Grass Roots Fund money, where smaller districts that raise a larger amount per member will be rewarded. We are one of these districts.
- Operating budget shows a \$9500 excess of revenue over expenses. Capital budget will be \$270,000.
- Future NABCs were approved for Columbus and Toronto.

District News

George Retek: was named the first recipient of the CBF Lifetime Achievement Award. He will be presented with the award during the Hall of Fame ceremony during the Canadian Bridge Championships in May in Montreal. Congratulations George, for this well deserved honour!

- **District Meeting:** District 1 Annual Meeting will held in Montreal on Saturday, August 22nd. Minutes of the 2014 meeting are on the District website www.district1acbl.org. District Executive members and the Unit Presidents are having quarterly conference call, two being held in November and February and the next one being in May.
- **Tournaments:** Please come to our District's tournaments. Montreal will host the Canadian Bridge Championships in May and the Can-Am in August. There will be a Regional in Quebec City in May, the CanAt in Fredericton in June/July and the National Capital Regional in Ottawa in Oct. Kingston will also be the site of the CBF Regional in July/August.
- **Upcoming NABCs:** Chicago (August) and Denver (Dec), Reno(Mar, 2016)
- **Good luck:** to our players who will be representing District 1 in the GNT National final in Chicago.
- **Grand National Teams:** There have been changes in how our District chooses our GNT representative. Flight Open and B will be played in the Swiss on Sunday, May 17th of the Quebec City Regional, and Flights A and C will be played in Halifax on May 9th.

Golden (and Platinum) Performances in New Orleans

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. Nicolas L'Ecuyer: 18th Lebhar IMP Pairs, 9/16 Vanderbilt Teams, 4th Jacoby NA Swiss Teams
2. Marc-André Fourcaudot: 25th Jacoby NA Swiss, 1st Wed Compact KO 4
3. Andre Chartrand and Charles Martineau: 15th 10K Swiss 16th Silver Ribbon Pairs
4. Trisha and Gerardo Malazdrewicz: 7th NAP B, 2nd Onstatt KO 2
5. Stephane and Eric Reiher: 19th NAP B
6. Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky: 1st Daylight Open Pairs, 1st Sat Daylight Open Pairs
7. Ethan MacAulay: 1st Fri-Sat KO 4, 1st Sun-Mon KO 3
8. Bob Zeller and Mark Siegrist: 8th 10K Swiss
9. Ken Eisner, Karl Hicks and Elwin Brown: 2nd Onstatt KO 2
10. Roger David, Lise Bedard, Denis Piton, Suzanne Brisebois: 1st Daylight KO 4
11. Pierrette Desmarais and Michel Trudel: 2nd Wed Gold Rush B
12. Margie Knickle and Glen Dexter: 1st Compact KO 10

Please see Rod Mackenzie's article on the next page.

See you in Chicago,

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IN MEMORIAM

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

**Ron L Muise, Yarmouth, NS
Phil Decker, Brooklyn, NS
Bryan Rapson, Halifax, NS
Arthur Lilly, Londonderry, NH**

The Short Club

By Rod Mackenzie

Short suit minor suit slams are often overlooked in pairs games. The lure of no trump usually prevents players from investigating too vigorously beyond the 3 level. Playing IMP Pairs presents a different challenge. The opportunity to pick up a sizeable gain should be considered.

As North, you hold: ♠ A10xxx ♥ xx ♦ 10xx ♣ KJx

The auction proceeds:	W	N	E	S
	P	P	P	2C
	P	2D	P	2NT
	P	3H	P	3S
	P	?		

2♦ is positive, 2NT is unlimited, 3♥ is a transfer.

A move is called for. 4 NT is quantitative but vague. I chose 4♣ to check partner's temperature. His 6♣ bid ended the auction.

His hand was: ♠ Kx ♥ AKJx ♦ AKx ♣ AQ10x Opening lead: ♣ 9

After an almost indiscernible eyebrow arch, partner won the ♣ K, cashed the 3 outside AKs and led a ♥ towards dummy. Both opponents followed and the high cross ruff yielded 12 tricks. The full hand:

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	♥ x x					
	♦ 10xx					
	♣ KJx					
♠ Jxxx	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q x	
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♣ 98x		♣ xx				
	♠ Kx					
	♥ AKJx					
	♦ AKx					
	♣ AQ10x					

The 4-2 Spade split dooms 6NT and partner forgave my Club debt, and that's the short and long of it.

JOE CURRIE MEMORIAL

Rosario Student Center, MSV, Halifax, NS S1502087 February 13 -15, 2015

FRIDAY, February 7

Friday Afternoon Pairs 33 tables

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|--|--------|
| 1. Terry Shaw – Rod MacKenzie, Halifax, NS | 65.97% |
| 2. Hind Blick, Bedford, NS – Janet Corkum, Halifax (1 st B) | 64.12 |
| 3. Jim Mathers, Williamswood, NS-Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater | 63.98 |
| 9. Carol Hamilton –Doug Hamilton, Halifax, NS (2 nd B) | 58.94 |
| 10. Philip Knoll, Halifax, NS – Bill Knoll, Jr, New Glasgow, NS | 58.19 |
| 13. Glen Dexter – Margie Knickle, Halifax, NS (1 st C) | 55.09 |

Friday Evening Pairs

Flight A 22.5 tables

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| 1. Bill Camp, Chester, NS – Rod MacKenzie | 69.22% |
| 2. Jim Mathers –Bilgin Batman | 64.14 |
| 3. John Ayer, Dartmouth – Stuart Eastwood, Halifax, NS | 64.12 |
| 4. Stephen Tynes, Truro, NS – Mike Tanner, Halifax (1 st B) | 62.74 |
| 9. Allen Mitchell – Ed Toczko, Moncton, NB (2 nd B) | 56.18 |
| 10. Glen Dexter – Margie Knickle (1 st C) | 54.17 |

SATURDAY, February 14

FLIGHT AX PAIRS 21 tables (2 sessions)

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| 1. Trisha Malazdrewiec – Gerardo Malazdrewiec, Halifax, NS | 65.33 |
| 2. Bill Camp, Chester, NS – Gerry Callaghan, Hammonds Plains | 64.88 |
| 3. Bilgin Batman – Terry Shaw | 60.71 |
| 10. Adele Stewart – Susan Hubley, Halifax, NS (1 st X) | 53.13 |
| 11. Stephen Tynes – Mike Tanner (2 nd X) | 52.98 |

JOE CURRIE MEMORIAL BC PAIRS 20 tables

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|---|-------|
| 1. Roy Grant, Wolfville, NS – Ron MacKnight, Kentville, NS | 72.62 |
| 2. Margie Ovens, Brisdgewater, NS – Louis Tousignant, Brooklyn, NS | 63.69 |
| 3. Dave Tanner – Peter Rans, Halifax, NS | 63.10 |
| 4. Dan Regimbal – Joan Regimbal, Bridgewater, NS | 60.42 |
| 5. Leona Telfer, Halifax, NS – Ken MacLean, Truro, NS (1 st B) | 59.82 |
| 6. . (2 nd C) Winners of 2 nd Annual Joe Currie Memorial Trophy | |
| Beverly Snow – Gaye MacDonald, Truro, NS | 53.27 |

Saturday Afternoon Pairs Flight BCD 20 tables

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| ½. Rose Baker, Halifax, NS – Bob Edmundston, Beaverbank(1 st C) | 63.10 |
| ½. Dave Tanner – Peter Rans | 63.10 |
| 3. Leona Telfer – Ken MacLean (2 nd C) | 61.90 |
| 4. Anne Mitchell – Shirley Cock Truro, NS | 60.12 |
| 9. Debbie Scott – Eleanor Luckhurst, Dartmouth, NS (1 st D) | 51.79 |

Weather forced cancellation of Sunday's Swiss Team event.

146.5 Tables

DON COX MEMORIAL

Glengarry Best Western, Truro, NS S1504104 April 24-26, 2015

FRIDAY, April 24

Friday Afternoon Pairs

Flight A 29 tables

1. Andrew Endendijk – Stephen Tynes, Truro, NS (Also Won B)	67.13
2. Jim Mathers, Williamswood, NS – Bilgin Batman, Bridgewater, NS	62.96
¾. Bill Halliday, Halifax, NS – Mark Spear, Port Hawkesbury, NS	61.57
¾. Chris Rawlines – Greta Rawlines, Moncton, NB	61.57
8. Inez Vautour – Ron Vautour, Truro, NS (2 nd B)	58.10
10. Dodi Walsh, Dartmouth, NS – Brian Ferguson, Halifax NS (1 st C)	54.40

Friday Evening IMP Pairs

Flight A 26 tables

1. Bill Camp, Chester, NS – Jim Anderson, Saint John, NB	47.32
2. Brian De Long – Fran De Long – Kingston, NS	46.04
7. Mike Tanner – Dave Tanner, Halifax, NS (1 st B)	27.04.
8. Derek Broughton, Musquodoboit Hb-Scott Rappard, Dart.(2 nd B)	26.52
9. David Etter, Bedford, NS – Derick Fury, Halifax, NS (1 st C)	21.31

SATURDAY, April 25

Saturday AX Stratiflighted Pairs 2 sessions 16 tables

1. Brenda Kirby – Jim Kirby, Dartmouth, NS	328.77
2. Brian De Long – Fran De Long	316.79
11. Gerardo Malazdrewicz, Halifax, Mike Tanner (1 st X)	290.12.

Saturday Morning BCD Pairs 19 tables

1. Derick Fury – David Etter (Also won C & D)	111.50
2. Carol Weir, Bedford, NS – Richard Dill, Dartmouth, NS	106.00
7. Glen Dexter – Margie Knickle, Halifax, NS (2 nd C)	94.50
8. Gay MacDonasld – Beverley Snow, Truro, NS (3 rd C)	91.00

Saturday Afternoon BCD Pairs 20 t

1. Lucille Griffin – Edward Griffin, New Maryland, NB (Won C & D)	136.5
2. Richard Kenny – Cyndria Wedge, Charlottetown, PE	133.69
3. Gaye MacDonald – Beverley Snow	130.00
4. Lois Lilly – Tom Scammell, Truro, NS (2 nd D)	128.81

SUNDAY, April 26

FLIGHT AX SWISS TEAMS 21 teams

1. Denis Murphy – Elwin Brown – David Scammell – Bilgin Batman	95
2/3. Brian De Long – Del Knox – Scott MacDougall – Dou Miller	92.
2/3. Chris Rawlines – Greta Rawlines – Sandy Fox – John Beasy	92
4. Robbie Kitchen – Mark Golding – Mary Cotter – Mike Wood	84
8. Maureen Donovan – Trish Morrison – Sheila Laird – Debbie Garson (1 st X)	61

FLIGHT BCD SWISS TEAMS 21 teams

1. Dan Regimbal - Joan Regimbal – Frank Harlow – Gina Harlow	100
2. Mike Whelton – Michael Birks – Marylynn Rudolph – Jamie Muir (1 st C)	91
¾. Glen Dexter – Margie Knickle – Linda Walker – Marilyn Bernardo (2 nd C)	89
¾. Margo Beveridge – Duncan Beveridge – Goldie Trager – Morris Trager	89
6.. Cel Dicks – Ann Dicks – Bill Dodson – Margaret Dodson (1 st D)	78

209.5 tables

CODIAC 299er Results

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Moncton, NB S1505141 May 2-3, 2015

SATURDAY

May 2

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS

Flight A 22 tables

1. **Connor Havens – Cindy Havens, Riverview, NB (Also 1st B)** 63.19%
2. Margaret Dodson – Bill Dodson, Pictou, NS (Also 2nd C) 62.04
3. Ray Malone, Charlottetown, PE – Kenny Mallard, Souris, PE 61.57
4. Shane Savage – Allan Peters, Moncton, NB 60.19
5. Leslie Ruggles, Antigonish, NS – Sharon Cupples, Fredericton, NB 58.10
6. Denis Laflamme, Campbellton, NB – Patricia Duffield, Tide Head, NB(3rd B) 56.71
7. Patrick Kiely – Reid Parker, Rothesay, NB(4th B, 1st C) 56.25

SATURDAY EVENING PAIRS

Flight A 17 tables

1. **Muriel Flood, Saint John, NB – Norman Cormier, Dieppe, NB (1st B, 1st C) 60.10**
2. Raymond Long – Shirley Long, Riverview, NB 59.62
3. Margaret Crothers, Lwr Millstream, NB – Lucy Creighton, Sussex, NB 57.59
4. Connor Havens – Cindy Havens (Also 2nd B) 57.53
5. Shane Savage – Allan Peters 55.93
6. Leslie Ruggles – Sharon Cupples 55.13
7. Barbara Horechuk – Margaret Karrel, Sydney, NS (3rd B, 2nd C) 54.65

SUNDAY

May 2

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS 17 teams

1. **Ray Malone – Kenny Mallard – David Fraser – Darlene Fraser (1st B) 91**
2. Patricia Duffield – Wilhelmina Smith, Denise Laflamme – Sheila Walter(2nd B, 1st C) 89
3. Mike Whelton – Michael Birks – Leslie Ruggles – Sharon Cupples 88
4. Andrea DeBow – Darlene Hayward – Lucy Creighton – Margaret Crothers (3rd B) 87
5. Cel Dicks – Ann Dicks – Margaret Dodson – Bill Dodson (4th B, 2nd C) 84
6. Yvette Bertin – Yvon Gautreau – Norman Cormier = Rosaline Cormier (3rdC) 74

74.5 tables

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

The Grand National Teams is an ACBL sponsored event in which each of the 25 Districts that comprise the ACBL (ours, District 1, is made up of Eastern Ontario, Quebec and the four Atlantic Provinces) produces a team in each of four Categories to compete against the other Districts at the Summer Nationals. The event in our District has had a varied history of success. It has always been attached to a Regional (in Ontario or Quebec) and it's organization has varied from good to terrible depending on who organized it. The fact that there has been little or no financial support to winners has played a part in lack of interest in participation (particularly for Maritimers who always ha to travel in order to qualify)

This year, a serious effort has been made to improve the image of this event and to increase participation. The District has decided to hold two District Finals, one in the Maritimes and one in Upper Canada. One Final would be for the Championship Flight (unlimited) and Flight B (0-2500 mps) and the Second Final would be Flight A (0 – 6000 mps) and C (non-life Masters with 0 – 500).

Thanks to Kathie MacNab, this year's Final was held at the Bridge Studio on Saturday, May 9. Eight teams compete in Flight A and eleven teams competed in Flight C. Here are the results:

FLIGHT A

1. **Stuart Eastwood- Alan Doane – Rod MacKenzie- Terry Shaw** 87
2. **Stephen Tynes- Ethan MacAulay-Trisha and Gerardo Malazdrewicz** 74
3. **Denis Murphy – Gerald Murphy – Karl Hicks – Jim Kirby** 72
4. **Jim Mathers- Rosemary Sampson- Steve Anderson- Jill McCormick** 68
5. **Jon Shute – Anne Posch – Norm O'Brien – Bob Brown** 67

FLIGHT C

1. **John R Nancekivell – Eleanor Luckhurst – Cel and Ann Dicks** 83
2. **Daniel Labrie- Rosanne Reeve-Newson- Linda Walker-Marilyn Bernardo** 81
3. **Bruce Walker – Jane Walker – Lynda Rice – Muffy Baltzer** 76
4. **Verna McLeod – Elaine Black – Janet Moulton – Maureen Zinn** 69
5. **David Etter – Janet Ritcey – Michael Ritcey –Robert Hubley** 66

SOUTH SHORE SECTIONAL

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MAY 29 - 31, 2015

FRIDAY, MAY 29

1:30 pm ROSS MEMORIAL Pairs
7:30 pm Stratified Pairs
11:15 pm Zip KO Teams

SATURDAY, May 30

10:00 am Stratiflighted AX Pairs (two sessions)
10:00 am Stratified BCD Pairs (Single session)
3:00 pm Stratiflighted BCD Pairs (single Session)
8:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

SUNDAY, May 31

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Two session play-through with a short
lunch break after round 3.

Tournament Chairman: Dan Regimbal 902-527-1532
and Partnerships Email: dan.regimbal@premiermortgage.ca

Preferred Accommodations: Best Western
902-530-0101 or 1-877-665-0101
Please book early, ask for the "bridge rate"

Each day there will be prizes, snacks, sandwiches, muffins
on Sunday and much more.

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

Stratiflighted events: A= unlimited X = 0 -2000
B= 0-1000 C= 0-300 D= 0-100

All events are based on pair or team average keeping in mind
that any player with 1000+ master points must play in AX

CAN-AT 2015

Fredericton Inn, Regent Street, Fredericton, NB R1507038

Friday, June 26

1:00 pm	Newcomer Pairs (1 session)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs
7:30 pm	Newcomer Pairs (1 session)
7:30 pm	CBF Charity Pairs

Saturday, June 27

9:00 am	Morning Bracketed KO (1 st)
9:00 am	Morning Side Game Series (1/4)
1:00 pm	Open Pairs (one session)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Stratified Swiss Teams
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Go For Gold Pairs
7:30 pm	Elm City Open Pairs (1/2)

Sunday, June 28

9:00 am	Morning Bracketed KO (2 nd)
9:00 am	Morning Side Game Series (2/4)
1:00 pm	Open Pairs (1 session)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Bracketed KO Teams II (1 st & 2 nd sess)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Go For Gold Pairs
7:30 pm	Elm City Open Pairs (2/2)

Monday, June 29

9:00 am	Morning Bracketed KO (3 rd)
9:00 am	Morning Side Game Series (3/4)
9:00 am	Morning Compact KO Teams (1 & 2)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Bracketed KO Teams II (3 rd & 4 th)
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs
1:00 & 7:30 pm	Go For Gold Pairs
7:30 pm	Swiss Teams (1 session)

CAN-AT 2015 (continued)

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 am Morning Bracketed KO (Final)
9:00 am Morning Side Game series (4/4)
9:00 am Morning Compact KO teams (3 & 4)

1:00 & 7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
1:00 & 7:30 pm Go For Gold Pairs
7:30 pm Swiss Teams (1 session)

Wednesday, July 1

10:00am Stratified Swiss Teams
7 round play-through

Stratiflighted events	A=unlimited, X = 1750	B = 1000, C=300, D = 100
Stratified events	A=Unlimited B= 1000	C= 300
Go For Gold Pairs	A= 750 B = 300	C = 100
Newcomers	0 - 100	

All events are stratified by masterpoint average

Playing Fees \$15 CDN per person per session, \$19 CDN for non-ACBL members

Tournament Chair Sam Ghosh 506-472-4115
samghosh@unb.ca

Partnerships: Barb MacKay 506-454-5961

Website: www.fdbc.ca/canat2015

Accommodations: Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB
506-455-1430 frederictoninn.nb.ca

Special rate \$124/ 1 double bed \$134/2 double beds

Reserve by June 15, 2015 ask for Can-At rate

Free parking, free fiber-op and HD TV

Indoor pool, hot tub, and exercise facilities

Legendary Maritime Hospitality

Nightly Toonie Bar

Teacher Training Seminar on site

June 27 & 28 9:30 – 12:15 am, June 29, 10 – noon

To register contact: Kathie MacNab 903-443-4676 kmacnab@eastlink.ca

Fee: \$125 CDN includes sample lesson plans,

3 Better Bridge Textbooks, playing cards, and other Better Bridge products

LOYALIST SECTIONAL

Saint John Trade and Convention Center, Saint John, NB S1507076

July 24 - 26, 2015

Friday, July 24

2:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
8:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
11:45 pm Midnight Zip KO Teams

Saturday, July 25

1:00 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs (1st session)
7:30pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs (2nd session)

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
2 session play-through with a
short break after 3rd round
for lunch

**Tournament Chair
and Partnerships**

**Bill Springer (506) 696-7336
email springer@nbnet.nb.ca**

Accommodations

Hilton Saint John 1-800-445-8667

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

Stratiflighted: A = unlimited, X = 0 – 1750

B = 300-1000, C = 100 – 300, D = 0 – 100

**strats determined by average of pair or team. In stratiflighted events,
a player with 1000+ must play in AX.**

SOUTH WEST NOVA LOBSTER CLASSIC

**Mariners Convention Centre,
45 Jody Shelley Dr, Yarmouth, NS S1508094
August 28 - 30, 2015**

Friday, August 28

**2:00 pm Par-en-haut Stratified Pairs
8:00 pm Par-en-bas Stratified Pairs**

Saturday, August 29

**10:00 am Silver Claws Stratiflighted Pairs (1 of 2)
2:00 pm Silver Claws Stratiflighted Pairs (2 of 2)**

**6:00 pm Lobster Dinner on-site
1.5 lb lobster dinner \$35 chicken cordon bleu \$30
You can reserve your dinner ahead of time and save \$10.
Tickets on sale at tournament at full price.**

**8:00 pm Leo Mooney Looney Open Individual
Winner gets a Royal Canadian Mint Silver Dollar**

Sunday, August 30

**10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
2 session Play-through with a short
break for lunch after round 3 (about 1 pm).
Soup and sandwich combo \$10.00**

**Tournament Chairman : Yves Chartrand 902-742-3306
And Partnerships email bonvoyageboating@mac.com**

**Accommodations: Comfort Inn , 96 Starrs Road. \$119.00 902-742-1119
Grand Rodd Hotel, 417 Main St \$109.00 902-742-2446**

**Stratified limits: A = 1000+, B = 300 – 1000, C = 0 – 300
Stratiflighted Limits A = unlimited X = 0 – 1750
B = 300 – 1000, C = 50 – 300, D = 0 – 50**

All flights determined by pair and team average.

MONCTON SECTIONAL

September 11 - 13 , 2015

The Crowne Plaza Moncton, 1005 Main Street, Moncton NB
1- 877-424-4188 - *** Please mention Bridge Tournament *** \$119.00/night

Friday , September 11

2:00 pm Moncton Pairs
Stratified A/B/C
49er Pairs

8:00 pm Stratified pairs A/B/C
49er Pairs

11:00 pm Gourmet Sandwiches

11:45 pm Zip KO Teams

Saturday , September 12

1:00 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs 1st
A/X and B/C/D

7:30 pm Stratiflighted Open Pairs 2nd

Sunday , September 13

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss
Short break after Round3
A/X and B/C/D

AGM Unit 230 11:00 am Saturday, September 12

Barbara Seagram Bridge Seminar Thursday September 10
Morning and Afternoon Sessions plus Open Game Thursday
Evening. Book Early and Save.

Connie Bartlett 506-386-3615 cobartle@gmail.com

Chairman Mark Golding 506-852-3921 markd@nbnet.nb.ca

Partnerships Anne Mahoney 506-860-6227

**Stratiflighted events A= unlimited, X= 1250, B= 750, C=300,
D=50**

Stratified Pairs A = unlimited, B= 1000, C=300

All events are stratified by player average master point holding

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

September 25- 27, 2015

**Louis Millet Community Complex, 9489 Commercial St., New Minas S1509023
Hwy 1 opposite Ken-Wo Golf Course GPS: N 45 04' 28.5" W 64 24' 56.0"**

Friday, September 25

1:30 pm Valley Pairs
7:30 pm Stratified Pairs

Saturday, September 26

10:00am AX Pairs (1st of 2 sessions)
BCD Pairs (1 session)

3:00 pm AX Pairs (2nd of 2 sessions)
BCD Pairs (1 session)

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Two session play through with a
short break for lunch after round 3

Chairperson: Brian DeLong 902-765-4182 goose231@eastlink.ca

Partnerships: Joy Cavazzi 902-678-6738 jcavazzi@hotmail.com
Fran DeLong 902-765-4182 fgarry@hotmail.com

Accommodations: Book early and mention "bridge"
Slumber Inn 5534 Prospect Road, New Minas 902-681-5000

Allen's Motel 382 Park St, Kentville 902-678-2683
\$72.00 Dbl less 10% for seniors

Sun Valley Motel, 843 Park St., Coldbrook 902-678-7368
\$78.00 Dbl less 10% for seniors

Greensboro Inn, New Minas 902-681-3201 \$85.00 Dbl

Carwarden B&B, Kentville, 902-678-7827 \$80.00 Dbl incl. full breakfast

**Stratified- A=unlimited, B=1000, C=300 Stratiflighted- A=unlimited, X 1750, B=1000,
C=300,D=100**

Pairs and teams averaged by master points however players with 1000+ must play in AX

SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL

OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2015

**Jack Blanchard Family Center, 7 Pond Street
Charlottetown, PEI**

Friday, October 16

**2:00 pm Spud Island Stratified Pairs
8:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
11:45 pm Midnight Zip KO Teams (min. 6 teams)**

Saturday, October 17

**1:00 pm Stratiflighted Pairs (1st Session)
7:30 pm Stratiflighted Pairs (2nd Session)**

Sunday, October 21

**10:00 am Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Playthrough with short lunch break**

Strats: A = unlimited X = 0-1750 B = 0-1000 C = 0-300 D = 0-100
Stratification based on pair or team average. Players with 1000+ points must play in AX.

Tournament Chair: Richard Kenny 902-393-3298
rkenny@peicudic.com

Partnerships: Cindy Wedge 902-393-3298
clwedge@gov.pe.ca

Accommodations:

**Rodd Charlottetown
75 Kent St, Charlottetown
1-(800)-565-7633**

**Holiday Inn Express
200 Capital Drive, Ch'town
1-866-977-7466**

\$95.00 + tax per night \$109.00 + tax includes breakfast

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

2015

May 23 - 30 MAY 29 – 31	CBF Canadian Bridge Championships SOUTH SHORE SECTIONAL	Montreal, QC Bridgewater, NS
June 5 (Fri Eve) June 6 (Sat Aft) June 23 (Tues Eve) JUNE 26 - JULY 1	Worldwide Instant Matchpoint Game Worldwide Instant Matchpoint Game Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game CAN-AT REGIONAL	Clubs Clubs Clubs Fredericton, NB
July 15 (Wed Aft) JULY 24 – 26 July 28 – August 3	ACBL-wide International Fund Game #2 LOYALIST SECTIONAL CBF Int’l Fund Regional(CWTC Finals)	Clubs Saint John, NB Kingston, ON
August 6 - 16 AUGUST 28-30	SUMMER NATIONALS YARMOUTH LOBSTER CLASSIC	Chicago, IL Yarmouth, NS
SEPTEMBER 11 - 13 SEPTEMBER 26 – 27	MONCTON SECTIONAL ANNAPOLIS VALLEY	Moncton, NB New Minas, NS
October 5 (Mon Eve) October 16 (Fri Morn) OCTOBER 16 – 18	Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund Game ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game SPUD ISLAND SECTIONAL	Clubs Clubs Cornwall, PE
October 22 (Thurs Eve)	Erin Berry Rookie-Master Pairs	Clubs
NOVEMBER 13 – 15 November 26 – December 4 November 30 (Mon Eve) December 21 (Mon Morn)	HALIFAX FALL SECTIONAL FALL NATIONALS ACBL-Wide Charity Game ACBL International Fund Game #3	Halifax, NS Denver, CO Clubs Clubs

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