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# The Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament, 2024 Sunday, January 28th

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## SWEET CHARITY WIN FOR PEERLESS PAIR OF GREENBERG AND HAND

**There was no parity in the Charity last night for Gail Greenberg and Jeff Hand,
two all-too familiar faces in the winners' circle here,
who, once again, became the Toast of the Tournament trumping all others,
in our Regional's signature inaugural event.**

**This is the magnificent trophy which X and Y won last night. Perhaps they should try filling THIS with fizz?**

**"We didn't give anything away, charity event or not!" quipped Gail.
"What a perfect première performance!" exclaimed Jeff jubilantly. "Watch out for our encores!"
A sweet show-stopping performance, indeed – countless compliments to this consummate couple!**

## Today's Programme

### Sunday, January 28th

**9:30 A.M.**
Swiss Teams 1 (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow morning*)
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series – (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues this afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 Masterpoints)

**1:00 P.M.**
**Hand's On – Expert Lecture with Jeff Hand**
**Play These No-Trump Contracts**
In the Trudeau Room

**2:00 P.M.**
**Championship Bracketed Round Robin Teams**
**(Session 1 of 2)**
***(continues this evening)***
Open Side Game - Pembroke Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes this evening)*
99er Game (0-99 Masterpoints)

**5:00 P.M.**
**Tea in Trudeau**

**8:15 P.M.**
**Championship Bracketed Round Robin Teams**
**(Final Session)**
Open Side Game - Pembroke Series (Session 3 of 3)
99er Game (0-99 Masterpoints)

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# MORE TWOS MAKING NEWS ON OPENING NIGHT

Flying the local flag proudly were
Tournament Chair, Rachael Gosling
and Elizabeth McGee
who topped their section.

Aso doing well in their section were
Charles Hall and Molly Taussig

And both pairs looking drop dead
Bermuda Glam!

Way to go, Bermuda! Congratulations.

## INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES TO TRY FOR THIS WEEK

The Norman Bach

The Maude Lines

The Karl Stanley Hicks

The Longtail

Yesterday's winners and anybody else who played well last night have made an excellent start in pursuit of the Bermuda Regional's spectacular individual trophies, to be awarded at the end of the week. Take a look at these and start reviewing your systems!

The Norman Bach Trophy is named for a legendary bridge player in the local community, who was instrumental in building Bermuda's Bridge Clubhouse, and is awarded to the local player who gains the most points during the week IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

The Maude Lines Trophy is also named for an illustrious local bridge player and is awarded to the visiting player who gains the most points during the week IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

The Karl Stanley Hicks Trophy is named for a Canadian Director who was a great friend to Bermuda's Bridge community and is awarded to the junior local player who gains the most points during the week

The Longtail Cup, named for one of Bermuda's most beautiful birds, is awarded to the junior visiting player who gains the most points throughout the week.
Good Luck, Everyone!

## TEDDYS' STEADY AND READY TO HELP

Tournament Chair Rachael Gosling is keen to acknowledge and thank TEDDY GOSLING for his multi-faceted contribution to the successful resurgence of the Bermuda Regional. This not only gives credit where credit's due but ensures a boost in the levels of domestic bliss on the Gosling home-front.

Meanwhile, on the subject of the Regional's trophies (see above), take a look at the Bermuda Gold Trophies (left and right), which Talented Teddy designed and crafted himself.

# REALLY REALLY EARLY BIRDS

Arriving on THURSDAY and nabbed by the Bulletin Ed before they could even check in, were Margie Knickle and Glen Dexter from Halifax NS. This is not their first visit to Bermuda nor to the Bermuda Regional – as Margie says, "We don't need much of an excute to come here – what with the sailing, the yoga and the Bridge!"
When told that he would have another photo taken if he won anything this week, Glen quipped, "Well, that will be at least TEN pictures then!"
We like his confidence and welcome them both back to Bermuda!
Arriving on FRIDAY were this super seven, here in a group of 11 from Michigan and Wisconsin.
This is their first Bermuda Regional and they look like they'll fit right in here!
Welcome, Early Birds!

# MAKING AN ENTRANCE – ARRIVING YESTERDAY

Miyoko Boswell, a first-timer from New Jersey,
Certainly knows a quality read when she finds one
as she fairly devoured the bulletin,
completely ignoring her delicious lunch.
She is accompanied here by a man she describes as
"My bodyguard"!
Kevin Costner, take a back seat!

A former Queen of the Regional returns in the person of Kathy Keane, here with partner Katrina Van Pelt, another former Regional Queen.
Don't miss Kathy's Regional Poem 2024
on page 14 of this very bulletin.
Welcome back, Your Majesties!

Spotted at the Crown and Anchor Bar yesterday,
was first-timer to our Regional Mustafa Cem Tokay,
a pro Bridge player from New York.
My goodness, those pros certainly know
how to enter into the spirit of things (geddit?)!

Happily posing in front of the Hotel's "Love" art installation, were Heather Burling (L) and Margaret Farmer, both great supporters of our tournament.
"We wanted to pose right here, "said Heather,
"because we simply LOVE being here!"
And we simply LOVE having them back!

This cheery group from Canada looked ready for anything at the Hotel Reception Desk yesterday.
They are a mix of old friends and new (L to R)
Pattie Aitchison, Carolyn Overland, Susie Kerr
Debbie McLean and Martha Stigler, with Susie and Debbie as Bermuda Regional's first-timers.
Welcome, Ladies.

And a very hearty welcome to everyone
else who arrived in the last few days but
who cleverly managed to avoid
the candid camera.

# THE COMEBACK COMMITTEE CONNECTION

**Organising a project such as the Resurrection Regional involves help and advice from many people, all of whom will be recognised either in this bulletin or in others later in the week. Meanwhile, you met Stephanie Kyme (helping out with Section Tops and Prizes for the Committee) in Bulletin 1, for example, while the Prophet Ezekiel, who has been pivotal in getting the Regional party re-started and in securing sponsorship, appears in clouds of glory and is worshipped in this and almost every other bulletin in one manifestation or another.**

**Moreover, if you attended the swinging swizzle and stormy soireé after the game last night, and you can remember anything at all today, you'll know that EVERY member of ACBL Unit 198 will do whatever it reasonably takes to ensure that your visit to our new-look tournament is unforgettable.**

**Rachael's Comeback Core Committee, however, with its many years of collective organisational experience, is particularly equipped to make good things happen for you this week and each member is -er- committed to the core to ensure that your Bermuda Regional is the very best contract you'll ever make in Bridge Tournaments anywhere. Who could ask for more in 2024?**

## Judy Bussell – Still Match Perfect

Judy Bussell's magical and matchless matchmaking efforts on the Partnerships Desk have dazzled over many years as she returns to leave no stone unturned in her attempts to unite people of like mind and masterpoints, finding the perfect combination for countless players, as proved by the number of prizes and titles won by them.

"We are always thrilled when our clients score with each other," Judy quietly confides. "They come to us as singletons or doubletons, often vulnerable, and we try to place them with players who are as fond of a good squeeze as they are – a system which seems to lead to a match made in heaven time after time."

Talking of perfect combinations, Judy and her Job are still the perfect pairing par excellence, luckily for the Bermuda Regional's Renaissance.

## John Glynn

John Glynn is an experienced Regional Committee member who is Judy Bussell's tried and trusted sidekick, mixing and matching marvellously at the Partnerships Desk. He has long worked with Bermuda's flora and fauna and is currently employed at Bermuda's zoo so he should have little trouble dealing with the the assorted bridge wildlife he's likely to encounter in the course of his Comeback Committee duties.

**"I know I told Judy and John that I wanted a partner who didn't take the game too seriously but did they see you looking like that?!"**

## Shrewd Sharon Shanahan

When you're looking for someone to act as Treasurer for your organisation, you want to find somebody who a) can count – er – be counted on and b) can hold on tight – to the purse strings, that is. For the Bermuda Regional, however, you also want someone who can be counted on to let go a bit in order to support and enhance the style and ambiance that characterises our Regional. Such a paragon of the pennies is the shrewd and savvy Sharon Shanahan. "Of course we want to push the boat out for this flagship event," she declares, glancing up for a brief moment from the Tournament's spreadsheet, " but we don't want to go under. So, although I can splice the mainbrace with the best of them," this cautious comptroller adds, " I'm confident that the Regional finances will all be shipshape and Bristol fashion at the end of the week!"

## Lorna Anderson Caddies On

Lorna Anderson comes back this year as Captain of Caddies and Trustee of Trophies. As Caddy Captain, she commands the – er – caddies, and as Silverware Sentinel, she keeps a keen eye on the sparkle and openly lusts after the lustre, candidly vowing to win one or two pieces herself. "I've had my eyes on the prize for a long time," she says, laying her cards on the table, "and hopefully have a couple of aces up my sleeve this year in my bid for bridge glory."

Whether co-ordinating the caddies or tracking the trophies, this Come Backer always comes up trumps and is definitely a key card in this year's Regional Re-Deal.

**KEEP CALM AND CADDY ON**

# THE COMEBACK COMMITTEE CONNECTION CONTINUED

## Deputy Des Does His Doggone Darndest

As established Committee Member, Nurse Tracey Nash is unavoidably engaged elsewhere during our Regional, husband Des Nash has been dragooned to deputise for her the best he can. Never fear, however, for he has learned a few of his wife's well-practised medical techniques of persuasion and has picked up a thing or two in rugby play to help him perform any task which comes his way without resorting to scrum tactics

Yes," growls Deputy Des, clearly relishing the prospect of a fresh gladiatorial challenge, "if difficult situations come along, I am not, unlike my wife, licenced to draw blood, but I have learned a few points on the rugby field to tackle most problems and keep people onside. After all, until the whistle blows, all I can do is try!."

**Deputy Des may not have that licence but I certainly have ways of making you squawk.**

# THE PRINCESS PARTY PACK - A.K.A. THE TRIO WITH THE BRIO

The Islands of Bermuda are famed far and wide for their hospitality, friendliness and plain old sense of fun, qualities which you will experience everywhere this week, but the ladies listed below are particularly skilled at making things go with a swagger and a swing.

## Go-Go Gertie Barker

If the Bermuda Regional, with its reputation as Bridge Party Central, is to live up to itself this week, at some point you will be called upon to take to the dance floor for a rendition of the Electric Slide. At such a moment, even if you are jostling with other hoofers, you will need to shuffle yourself as close as you can to The Regional's It Girl, Go-Go Gertie Barker, who will be somewhere nearby turning on the electric and sliding to beat the band. Follow her lead and you may emerge from the experience with some dignity and perhaps, if you don't collide with anyone and you step in time, even a little kudos.

**Look sharp! If you want to cut a dash with the Party Pack on the dance floor!**

## Just for Fun Judy King

Judy King at the Princess must be Queen of something and, sure enough, she is the monarch of mirth justifying her inclusion in the Princess Party Pack as a simple and straightforward selection. The credentials of this good-time girl at large have been well established over the years at one knees-up after another and no gathering would be half as much fun if she weren't there. In any Committee job she's given, she'll be sprinkling merry dust all over the event this week.

## Shake a Leg Lisa Rhind

Lisa Rhind has always been good at organising a bash so it seemed a no-brainer to put her in charge of the Hospitality Desk where she will do everything in her considerable power to make your week fabulously festive. Yes," she enthuses, "when the bridge playing stops, the real fun can begin! There will be lots of opportunities to sparkle this week so remember, when the revels call, be a trouper not a pooper!"

And, lest you should think that these three fiends of frolic and fun have nothing more to offer than – er – fiendish frolic and fun, you should know that Go-Go Gertie broke many glass ceilings in her stellar rise to become Bermuda's first female police superintendent; Just for Fun Judy, as an actuary, was a Senior Vice President in Bermuda's insurance industry; and Shake a Leg Lisa was a distinguished and much-loved educator here for many years.

**And all that brain power and energy this week are solely dedicated to giving you the best bridge break you've ever had!**


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**The Bermuda Bridge Community heartily thanks**

**The Bermuda Department of Tourism**

**for its long-time and fabulous support of the Bermuda Bridge Regional over many, many years.**

# BERMUDA IS ANOTHER WORLD – NATURALLY!
# OR
# THE BIRDS, THE TREES, AND OTHER NATURAL WONDERS

## HIGH FLIERS

Bermuda's national bird and its avian megastar is the Cahow or Petrel, the Island's only endemic bird. Believed extinct for 330 years until, in a dramatic development early in the 20th century, 18 pairs of Cahows were unexpectedly discovered surviving on isolated islands in Castle Harbour at Bermuda's east end. Now protected by the Bermuda Government, this "Lazarus Species" has significantly increased in number and flourishes in peace on Nonsuch Island

Unlike the Cahow, the Bermuda Longtail is not endemic to Bermuda but has certainly become the Island's superstar scene-stealing show-stopper and is the widely-anticipated harbinger of Spring.

These annual visitors arrive after spending the winter at sea on the open ocean and nest with mates with whom they are paired for life. They raise a single chick during the summer months and then the family leaves again in the fall. Abundant on the Southern shore of the island in summer, they are certainly among the most graceful and elegant of Bermuda's natural attractions and are instantly recognisable because they have - er - long tails.

## IN THE PINK

Amongst Bermuda's many stunning natural wonders, the vibrant colour of her sands does its best to dazzle.

The famous pink sand is delicious beneath the toes and delightful to the eye, and is, rightly, one of the Island's most sensational attractions. It is, however, caused, rather unappetizingly, when millions of tiny red sea creatures are crushed by the Atlantic Ocean and washed up on the shore.

So, if you're taking a beach stroll one fine morning and are astonished by this startling hue, don't think that the late nights and liquid pick-me-ups are having their way with you because your eyes will not be lying in this particular case. On the other hand, if you should spot a pink elephant lounging on that pink sand, seek help immediately and don't tell your partner!

**Hic!**
**I'll never ever forget those rum swizzles**

## EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD WOOD

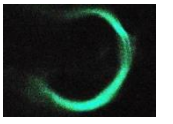
At one time, the mighty Bermuda cedar tree was the dominant endemic tree of these islands and formed woodland that covered much of the terrain; however, scale insects, accidentally introduced from the US mainland during World War II, devastated the forests, killing over 99% of the Bermuda cedar. Since then, the salt-tolerant Casuarina has been planted as a replacement species, although a small number of Bermuda cedars still survive having developed resistance to the insects which destroyed the others.

The cost of Bermuda cedar reflects both its scarcity and its worth and the smell of it is divine, giving a whole new meaning to scoring a high – scoring a Bermuda High, that is.

## BRIGHT NIGHT DELIGHT

You will have to return to Bermuda in the summer months to witness the mating ritual of the Bermuda Fire-worm or "glow worm", the stuff of Bermudian legends. Reproduction takes place two to five days after the full moon when, in the early night, female worms leave their tubes and rise to the surface. The timing of their ascent is very precise, taking place exactly 55 minutes after sunset.

The female worms swim up from the bottom of muddy bays to make circles at the sea surface, giving off an intense green glow as they do so, like little marine fireflies. All this glowing, while a magical spectacle for human observers, is designed to attract the attention of the sluggish male fire-worms lurking lazily at the bottom of the water. Careful observers will see the small male worm, suddenly aroused from its torpor, shoot up to the surface to join this game of lights while they mate in a sight so spectacular that it's often called "Nature's Fireworks Show".



## BERMUDIANA BEAUTIFUL AND BRAVE

In 1730, Sarah Bassett, or more commonly Sally Bassett, a slave, was burned at the stake in Bermuda for allegedly poisoning her "owner" and his wife. The affair is said to have started slave rebellions throughout the West Indies, and the execution certainly secured Sally's legendary status in Bermuda's folk history.

As she sauntered to the stake, the indomitable Sally was reputed to have said to the crowds scurrying to the spectacle: "No use you hurrying, folks, there'll be no fun 'til I get there!" Before her death, she had declared that there would be a sign that she was innocent, and when the gruesome scene of her execution was finally cleared, legend has it that a purple flower, the Bermudiana, which blooms in Bermuda to this day, was found in her ashes.

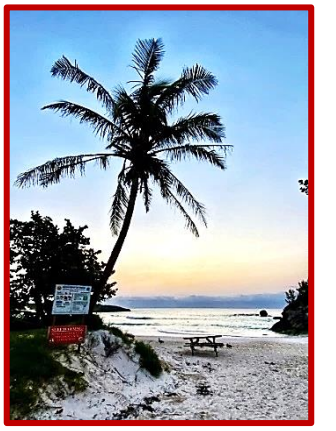
She is also remembered because, as the day of her execution was very hot, a scorcher is still sometimes referred to in Bermuda as a "real Sally Bassett day".

In 2008 a ten feet tall statue of Sally Bassett was erected in the Cabinet Office grounds in Hamilton, the first time a slave had ever been memorialized in Bermuda.

# MORE B VIBE REVIVE

**NOT DAVID BAILEY BUT**
**BETSY BAILLIE**
**Local Betsy Baillie seemed to have spent most of our 2021 online tournament photographing her beloved Bermuda for the B Vibe and we thanked her then and we thank her now for all her efforts to capture the moment.**

**This magnificent shot represents the first view you will have had of these lovely islands as you flew in this year, and you won't be disappointed when you're earthbound, either, for you may well stumble on Idyllic spots such as Horseshoe Bay (right) if you decide to explore beyond Hamilton.**



**Bermudian Betsy Baillie - Finally Named, Framed and Famed.**

**WATCH THE BIRDIE!**
**While playing online with us in 2021 and reflecting on their times in what they called "Balmy Bermuda", Sarah and John Weinberg from Seattle recalled this charming Greater Kiskadee visiting their hotel balcony. We hope to see Sarah and John back on a Bermuda balcony again soon now that we've given that awful virus the – er - bird!**

**THE GRANITE CLUB ROCKED ON WITH THE BERMUDA 8**

**All the people in the Zoom shot above are members of the Granite Club of Toronto and, during the lockdown there, they met, via a Zoom meeting, every single night at 5:30 pm Eastern time from March 17, 2020.**

**They call themselves the Bermuda 8 because they first got together at the Bermuda Regional in 2019 and because – er – there are eight of them.**
**They all played virtually in 2021, enjoyed the difficult bridge hands, and especially relished the post-game Dark and Stormies!**
**Top Row: Donnadale Smith, David Ellis, Lalie Harcourt-Park**
**Middle Row: Craig Ellis, Elizabeth Donavan, Elaine Wallace**
**Bottom Row: Jocelyn MacDonald, Dawne Griffiths**

**We are thrilled to welcome back this year David, Craig, Lalie, Dawne and Jocelyn and thank them for their support.**

**BIRDS OF A DIFFERENT FEATHER**
**THE RAINBOW GIRLS**

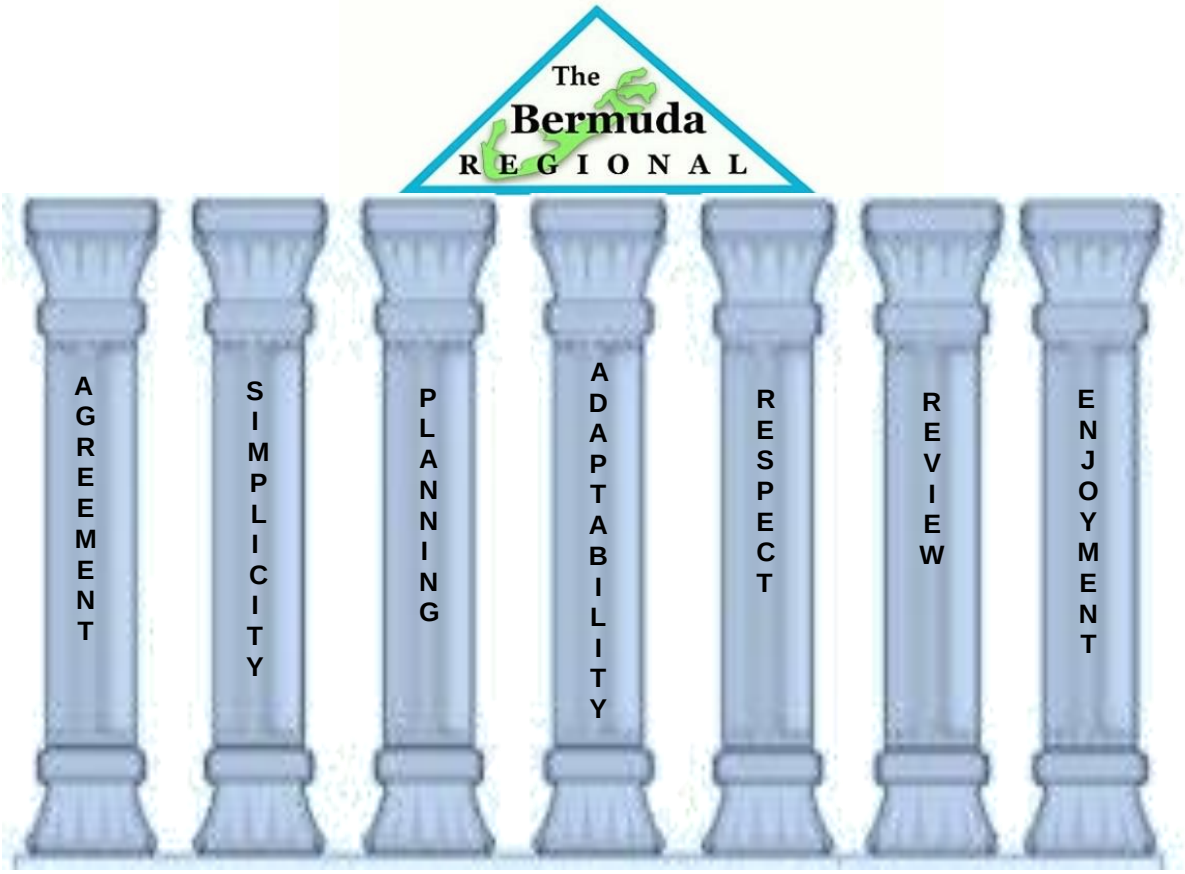
**Donnadale Smith, Elizabeth Donovan, Sandra German, and Elaine Wallace, also from the Granite Club, wanted us to remember in Lockdown that life had once been colourful and would be so again as they posed in Bermudian hues during a pre-Pandemic Bermuda Tournament. Unfortunately, none of these lovely ladies is with us this year and we shall miss them terribly but hope to see them back here again for future Regionals.**

**Other members of the Granite Club have rocked up again this year, though, surrendering to the lure of those Delicious Dark and Stormies!**

**Bermuda welcomes them back and thanks them for their continued and fantastic support.**

# FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP:
# THE PROPHET'S SEVEN PILLARS OF PERFECT PLAY

**In the beginning of the tournament is the word of the Prophet Ezekiel who revealeth this right hand of principal pillars to prop up perfect play.**




1. **Be sure that you have a sound system AGREEMENT with your partner and that your convention cards COMPLEMENT each other or the Directors will mark both your cards up, down and sideways.**

2. **Keep that system SIMPLE! Don't overcomplicate your game with unnecessary bells and whistles or you will look like a prize dummy when it all falls apart.**

3. **If you're Declarer, PLAN your play at trick one but try not to take forever and ever amen, or slow play could become no play if you're prohibited from playing that board.**

4. **Even though you've planned your play, the opponents will throw their spanners in the work because they have paid their not inconsiderable entry fee to – er – throw their spanners in the works, so be prepared to ADAPT to their scuppering attempts as you proceed through the hand.**

5. **RESPECT your partner, your opponents and the directors – courtesy costs nothing and is critical, especially at this tournament. Boors are bores, so manner up!**

6. **Be sure to REVIEW your game thoroughly with your partner so that you can learn from any bloopers which have occurred. If your scores are not particularly hot, however, this review might be best done when your tempers are cool.**

7. **And don't forget to ENJOY your games, and live up to that old saying, "Bridge is the most fun you can have with your clothes on!"**

# EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY LIKE KINGS AND QUEENS AT THE PRINCESS

Dinner reservations as soon as you can make them are **STRONGLY ADVISED AT ALL TIMES for most food outlets, and ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** for the Intrepid.
**Only 25% of all reservations are blocked off for hotel guests so the sooner you make them, the better.**
This does not require a master plan – simply call 6628 (7803 for in-room dining) on the hotel phone.
. If you are intending to play in the evening game, notify the maître d' and/or his staff that you must be finished by 8:00 p.m. to make the 8:15 p.m. game on time or the Famous Five will eat **YOU** alive!!
**Fortunately for all, this week is one of the Bermuda Restaurant Weeks when you can request a special (but limited) menu from the Crown and Anchor (2 course lunch-$25 + grats; 3 course dinner-$59 + grats).**

**Please note also Seven Eleven below and, if you decide to step out of the hotel to the Great Metrop, be sure to ask your restaurants of choice about their Restaurant Weeks options.**

**Reservations? Well, we don't think much of your décor, but we'd like to stay for dinner anyway.**

## FROM INTREPID WITH LOVE

**Open Monday – Saturday**
**6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**
**Cocktails 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
**Fine Dining Option – Dress: Resort Smart**

**RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL.**

## THE DUCHESS CAFÉ AND GELATERIA

**LOITER IN THE LOBBY,**
**GAZE AT SOME GREATS OF THE ART WORLD**
**AND VISIT**
**the Hamilton P's Hot Coffee Shop**
**Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## MEET, GREET AND EAT IN THE CROWN AND ANCHOR

**This is the quintessential cocktail corner and the perfect place for discussing those cards at almost any time of the day**
**Full buffet, à la carte, or continental breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10;30 a.m. daily.**
**Lunch/Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily**
**Enjoy the Legendary Bermuda Brunch**
**ONLY ON SUNDAYS**
**from 11;30 a.m.to 4:00 p.m.**
**RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED.**

**THE HASTY TASTY, our EXPRESS LUNCH SPECIAL (Sunday to Friday) BEGINS TODAY**
**See back page for tomorrow's menu and pick-up info.**

## SEVEN ELEVEN - OTHER NEARBY EATERIES

**If, at some time this week, you fancy a stroll out of the hotel into Hamilton for a change of gastronomic scene, here are SEVEN more great restaurants within an ELEVEN-minute walk of the Princess in order of distance. (Some may be closed on Sundays)**

**Huckleberry – sea and farm to table - 2951640 – www.huckleberryBDA.com – situated opposite the hotel entrance**

**Ascots – Fine Dining – 295-9644 – www.ascots.bm – situated in the Royal Palms Hotel – turn right outside the hotel, walk until you reach Pitts Bay Road on your left**

**Harry's at the Waterfront – fine dining – 292-5533 – www.harrys.bm – turn right outside the hotel, walk until you reach Waterloo Lane on your right- the restaurant is situated at the bottom of the slope**

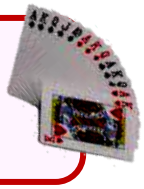
**Porto Fino – Italian comfort food – 292-2375 – www.portofino.bm — turn right outside the hotel, walk until you reach Bermudiana Road on your left – the restaurant is situated halfway up this road.**

**Little Venice – Bermuda's first Italian restaurant – 295-3503 – www.littlevenice.bm - see directions for Porto Fino above – Little Venice is situated further up this road. L'Oriental – 296-4477- located above Little Venice, boasts a menu laden with Asian classics.**



**The Lobster Pot – renowned for seafood – 292-6898 – www.lobsterpot.bm – see directions for Porto Fino and Little Venice above – the Lobster Pot is located near the top of the road.**

# PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
# BY ROBERT TODD



## Winners Keep It Safe

**Dealer: North**
**Vul: None**

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| | ♠ K2<br>♥ K953<br>♦ AQ96<br>♣ QJ4 | |
| ♠ A8<br>♥ AJ73<br>♦ KJT<br>♣ AT72 | | ♠ QJ4<br>♥ T8<br>♦ 83<br>♣ K98653 |
| | ♠ T97653<br>♥ Q74<br>♦ 7542<br>♣ -- | |

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Gail Greenberg opens a normal 1NT with the West hand. Jeff Hand, with the East cards, made a good decision to pass 1NT, instead of transferring to clubs. He had some decent values so he believed that partner would have a chance to make 1NT. These kinds of decisions help you win a matchpoint event because 1NT is a much better contract than 3-minor.

North chooses an extremely aggressive ♦6 opening lead. This lead gave West a ♦ trick. But this also creates a dangerous ♦ position – if South gains the lead, then a ♦ lead will be a disaster.

Declarer then played the ♣A and got the bad news. But at least it is the safe hand that has the ♣ winner. Gail then let North have their ♣ trick. North then was in a tough position and choose to shift to a ♥. This put South under some pressure, and they failed to play their ♥Q – allowing the ♥8 to win the trick.

But this allowed Gail to now take the ♠ finesse into the safe hand. And even though the ♠ finesse failed; declarer still had two ♠ winners. Notice that Gail did not immediately cash all of her ♣ winners, because that gave her transportation to the dummy later in the hand.

Gail now had 5♣, 1♦, 2♥, and 2♠. And if North does not cash the ♦A then they may even make some wrong discards and declarer could end up with even more tricks. But these 10 tricks are a nice result by recognizing danger and playing safely. Well done!

# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

## CHARITY PAIRS
### 35.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13.13 | 1 | | | Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY | 67.71% |
| 9.85 | 2 | | | Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England | 63.72% |
| 8.75 | 3 | 1 | | Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda | 60.23% |
| 6.56 | 4 | 2 | 1 | Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda | 60.14% |
| 4.92 | 5 | 3 | 2 | Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS | 60.06% |
| 3.69 | 6 | 4 | 3 | Erika Jones, Pembroke Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda | 58.82% |
| 2.77 | 7 | 5 | 4 | Heather O'Connor - Jane Stephenson, Toronto ON | 58.42% |
| 1.75 | 8 | | | Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY | 58.41% |
| 3.94 | 9 | 6 | 5 | Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda | 57.83% |
| 1.56 | 10 | 7 | 6 | Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY | 57.50% |
| 2.76 | 11 | 8 | 7 | Maria Wilson - Lynne D'Arville, Nassau Bahamas | 57.02% |
| 2.76 | 12 | | | Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA | 56.58% |
| 1.01 | 13 | | | Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas | 56.50% |

## SAT EVE 99ER PAIRS
### 4.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.63 | 1 | | | Shirley Higgins - Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda | 71.43% |
| 1.43 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Susan Kerr - Debbie McLean, Paris ON | 61.11% |
| 1.07 | 3 | 2 | | James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA; Robert Mulderig, Saint Simons Is GA | 52.38% |
| 0.91 | | 3 | 2 | Amanda Ingham, Warwick Bermuda; Heidi Dyson, Smiths Bermuda | 49.21% |


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**PICKING UP YOUR DAILY BULLETIN**

Those who want a quality read with their morning coffee may pick up the latest bulletin from the Hospitality Desk in the main playing room.
It was thought that laying them out in the hotel lobby would detract from the hotel's works of art.
Hmm, some people might say that the Daily Bulletin IS a work of art!

# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

## SAT EVE CHARITY PAIRS SINGLE SESSION

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTION B | EAST-WEST | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | | | A | B | C | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda | 57.83% | 1 | | | Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY 67.71% |
| 2 | 2 | | Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA | 56.58% | 2 | 1 | 1 | Maria Wilson - Lynne D'Arville, Nassau Bahamas 57.02% |
| 3 | | | Sheena Rayner, Wk 09 Bermuda; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent | 55.36% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC 55.77% |
| 4 | | | Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA | 54.11% | 4 | 3 | 3 | Richard Keane - Kathleen Keane, Warwick Bermuda 53.63% |
| 5 | 3 | | Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI; Graham Fenton, Gtr Manchester | 53.79% | 5 | 4 | | Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS 53.56% |
| 6 | 4 | | Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Karen Haines, Summit NJ | 53.78% | 6 | 5 | | Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON; Heather Burling, Newmarket ON 53.31% |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | Holly Economos, Elmwood Park IL; Jorie Malelo, Boca Raton FL | 53.39% | 7 | 6 | 4 | John Luebkemann, Addison TX; Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda 53.12% |
| | 6 | 3 | Sue Howe - Marjory McDonald, Toronto ON | 50.07% | | | | |
| | | 4 | Craig Ellis - David Ellis, Toronto ON | 49.66% | | | | |

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTION C | EAST-WEST | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | | | A | B | C | |
| 1 | 1 | | Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda | 60.23% | 1 | | | Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England 63.72% |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Heather Woolf - Aida Bostelmann, Paget Bermuda | 55.50% | 2 | 1 | 1 | Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS 60.06% |
| 3 | | | Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda | 52.51% | 3 | 2 | 2 | Heather O'Connor - Jane Stephenson, Toronto ON 58.42% |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | Jocelyn Macdonald - Lalie Harcourt-Park, Toronto ON | 50.78% | 4 | 3 | 3 | Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY 57.50% |

| NORTH-SOUTH | | | | SECTION D | EAST-WEST | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | | | A | B | C | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda | 60.14% | 1 | 1 | | Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda 54.58% |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Erika Jones, Pembroke Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda | 58.82% | 2 | 2 | 1 | Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ; Allison McGeough, Saint Augustine FL 53.64% |
| 3 | | | Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY | 58.41% | 3 | 3 | 2 | Sally Kneser - Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO 49.80% |
| 4 | 3 | | Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas | 56.50% | 4 | | | J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj England; Nicola Adamson, Kent CTS 3NU 48.30% |

## SAT EVE 99ER PAIRS 1 OF 1 SESSION

SECTION L

| A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | Shirley Higgins - Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda | 71.43% |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Susan Kerr - Debbie McLean, Paris ON | 61.11% |
| 3 | 2 | | James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA; Robert Mulderig, Saint Simons Is GA | 52.38% |
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## SPECIALLY PRICED REGIONAL DRINKS

**A bar will be set up in the Trudeau Room every evening where specially priced Regional drinks ($11:00 for alcohol and $5:00 for sodas), may be purchased. either with cash or as a charge to your room. These prices do not apply at other outlets in the hotel.**

**"He's gone mad with those specially priced Regional drinks! I hope Mrs Van Winkle isn't expecting him home any time soon!"**



## TOP GUAY

**Once again, the Bermuda Bridge Community extends huge thanks to all at**

**Tops Ltd.**

**but particularly to**

**President Claude Guay**

**for his continued generosity and helpfulness with respect to bulletin production. Without his support, the Bulletin, as we know it, would not be possible, and he was very keen that you should all see his little frog on the new Tops Logo. He realises that it's a very tiny frog but assures us that size doesn't matter.**

# A Knavish Quiz
# by Jack Rhind

## How To Play Suit Combinations

**This is a quiz from the Encyclopedia of Bridge on how you would play the following suit combinations. Assume there are unlimited entries to both hands and no information from opponents. Take the quiz and see how you do.**

| | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dummy | A x x | A x x | A x x | A 10 x | A Q x | A Q 10 x |
| Declarer | Q x | Q 10 x | Q 10 9 | Q x x | J x x | J x x |

| | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A 10 x x | A x x x | A x x x | A J x x | A Q x x | Q x x x |
| | Q J x x | Q J x x | Q J x | 10 x x | J x | K x |

## ANSWERS

1. **Lead a low card from dummy toward the Q.**

2. **Cash the A and lead toward the Q 10. If no honor appears, guess whether to play Q or 10.**

3. **Lead the 9 and finesse if W plays a low card. If E wins the J, return to hand and lead 10 and finesse through W for the K; a "double finesse."**

4. **Lead low from dummy toward the Q. If W wins the K, lead from your hand and finesse the 10. You will win 2 tricks unless W has the K and E has the J.**

5. **Lead low to the Q. If the finesse succeeds, cash the A and hope W has a doubleton K.**

6. **Lead low to the 10. If the finesse wins, lead low to the Q. This line is better than leading the J. It gains a trick if W has a singleton or doubleton K.**

7. **Lead low to the 10. If the finesse wins, return to your hand and run the Q. This wins 4 tricks when W has the singleton K.**

8. **Lead low toward the Q J. Leading the Q or J is wrong; limiting you to 2 tricks unless the suit divides three-two.**

9. **Lead low toward the Q J. If the Q wins, return to dummy and lead toward the J. You win 3 tricks if the suit divides 3-3, or if E has the K. Leading the Q or J is poor play; the only chance for 3 tricks is if the suit divides three-three.**

10. **Lead low toward the J. If E wins the trick, cash the A when you regain the lead. Three tricks are won only if W holds K Q x.; you will win two tricks against any other 3-3 distribution, or if W has a singleton or doubleton K or Q.**

11. **Lead low from dummy to the J. If this wins, lead low and duck in dummy (or play the A and then lead low). You will win 3 tricks only when E has the K and at most 3 cards in the suit.**

12. **Lead low from dummy to the K. If this wins, lead low and duck in dummy. When you regain the lead, play low from dummy again. You will win a 2nd trick with the Q if E has 3 or fewer cards including the A.**

# THE REGIONAL POEM RETURNS

**One of the defining features of Kathleen Keane's time as Tournament Chair was the annual poem she wrote for our entertainment and edification. So popular did these verses become, that we asked the Bermuda Regional's very own Poet Laureate to write another to mark our Tournament's return. She kindly dug out her quill and ink and went to work.**

**'Twas the first day of January and I woke with a start.**
**What excitement was causing my fast-beating heart?**
**Was it thoughts of a new year and all that might bring?**
**Or the chance I might finally improve my golf swing?**
**Whatever it was, it must be so special**
**Cause I couldn't lie down and my heart wouldn't settle.**

**And then I remembered, as I lay in my bed,**
**The Regional's back and just weeks ahead!!!**
**And all the excitement came racing right back**
**As I thought of the old friends we'd soon welcome back!**
**And all of those things that make our tournament so fine.**
**And the chance to make new friends here for the first time**

**And the best news of all – I've surrendered my crown.**
**And Rachael is leading the charge in her gown.**
**Her team is efficient and helpful and some**
**And they'll do all in their powers to ensure you have fun.**

**So come Debbie and Robert, come Gail and come Jeff.**
**The Directors and Janet and all of the rest.**
**We'll meet at the tables; we'll meet at the bar.**
**We'll celebrate bridge friends from near and from far.**

**We've got a new venue and it's a real winner.**
**And just down the road, lots of options for dinner.**
**And more good news and I think you'll agree,**
**No such thing as dry January at the Hamilton P.**
**There'll be some lessons and talks and bridge games galore.**
**There'll be swizzle and fishcakes and swizzle some more!**

**So welcome to all of you, old friends and new.**
**We can't wait to share our Regional with you!**
**We wish you success, some slams and top games.**
**But don't worry if sometimes you go down in flames.**
**For bridge is a game, and regardless the score,**
**Being polite, fair and kind is worth oh so much more.**
**So good luck and have fun. We are so glad you're here.**
**And we hope that you love it and come back next year!**

**"Uh-oh, she's back!**
**Keats and Shelley aren't going to like this one little bit!"**

## FIVE GO ON ABOUT MULTI 2 AGAIN

**The Directors would like to remind you that, in line with the ACBL's own directives …**

**Multi is only permitted in the top bracket of the Championship KO,**

**THE TOP BRACKET OF THE ROUND ROBIN TEAMS,**

**and the A/X Flight of the Stratiflighted Swiss Teams.**
**Any pair playing Multi (either only weak or weak/strong meanings) must provide their opponents with two copies of the defences to Multi, printed from the defence list on the ACBL website.**

## TOP TALKS FROM TODAY
### all in the Trudeau Room

**Sunday 28th – 1:00 p.m.**
**Hand's On with Jeff Hand**
**Monday 29th – 1:00 p.m.**
**"Revelations" – The Prophet's Panel Show**
**Tuesday 30th – 1:00 p.m.**
**Expert Lecture with Robert Todd**
**Wednesday 31st - 1:00 p.m.**
**"The Second Coming" - The Prophet's Panel Show 2**
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**Feel free to bring your lunch, but please don't rustle your brown bags noisily, and definitely don't ask questions with your mouth full!**

## BANQUET AND PRIZE GIVING

**You are invited to the Regional's glamorous Banquet and Prize Giving Ceremony on Friday 2nd.**
**This fabulous event will begin with the Prize-Giving at 6:30 p.m.**
**In the Harbourfront Ballroom followed by a leisurely dinner and wild-ish dancing.**

**You MUST sign up for this event at the Hospitality Desk a.s.a.p.**
**Organize a table of 8-10 fellow revellers yourselves or pin your hopes on a trusty Excel spread sheet.**

**Tickets for everyone cost $119.90 (incl. grats) and may be purchased from the Banquet Desk later in the week either with cash or as a charge to your room.**

**If you have any special dietary requirements, please make these known when signing up.**

**Special recognition is given here to ROSIE SMITH and ELIZABETH MCKEE for all their help in organizing this splendid event.**

**"It's the best Bridge party anywhere, bar none!" according to Jay Whipple 111, ACBL President, 2017.**

## THE BERMUDA REGIONAL'S VERY OWN BOY BLUE.

**Setting hearts a-flutter all over the playing room last night was Steve Cosham, Committee Member Without Portfolio.**
**You will see more of Steve on the night of the Prizegiving and Banquet when he'll be rattling his medals in spectacular fashion as he helps dole out the prizes.**
**Meanwhile, the Comeback Committee thanks him for all his help and support thus far.**

## NO REPRIESE FOR UNPAID FEES

**Those who haven't renewed their ACBL Memberships will have to do so at the table before playing in any Regional event. and may have to pay a renewal fee**

**If you have never had an ACBL Membership number see one of the Five who will help sort you out.**

**The meaningful Directorial shake of the head is unmistakeable and, if it happens to be you at the end of said shaking noggin, it's always the best play not to shuffle, appeal, or trump up an excuse, but to lay your cards on the table, count the cost with as much finesse as you can muster, and agree not to be such a dummy again.**
**Only Bermudian checks are acceptable, but there is a cash machine in the lobby opposite the Hotel Reception Desk**

## EARLY BIRD BREWS NEWS

**Morning coffee and tea may of course be purchased from the Duchess Gelateria in the hotel lobby but early risers might want to expand their beverage options by patronising one of these outlets, less than a 10-minute walk from the hotel.**

**In all cases, turn right at the hotel entrance into Pitts Bay Road and keep walking until you find your hot spot.**

**Miles Coffee Shop – first right off Pitts Bay Road into Waterfront complex- left into Chesney House – down steps on right**

**Buzz – on the left of Pitts Bay Road in the Belvedere Building**

**L'Artisan Boulangerie – further along Pitts Bay Road on the right just past the distinctive green Bluck's Building**

**Milan Milan – on the opposite side of the street from L'Artisan**

## TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME - PLAN AHEAD FOR MONDAY, January 29th

**9:30 a.m.**
Swiss Teams 1 (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 1 of 3)
*(continues this afternoon)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**1:00 p.m.**
**"Revelations" – The Prophet's Panel Show**
**With Gail Greenberg and Jeff Hand**

**2:00 p.m.**
**The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams**
**(Session 1 of 4)**
**(*continues to Thursday afternoon*)**
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BCD (Session 1 of 2*)*
(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 2 of 3)
*(finishes this evening)*
99er Game (0-99 points)

**8:15 p.m.**
**The Alan Douglas Championship Stratiflighted Pairs**
**AX/BCD (Session 1 of 2*)***
**(*continues tomorrow evening*)**
The Gosling's Gold Pairs - 0-750 points
(Session 1 of 2 - *continues tomorrow evening*)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 3 of 3*)*
99er Game (0-99 points)
**Senior Trophy Events in Bold**

## PHOTO CALL FOR EVENT WINNERS!

**We would like photographs of all event winners, including Flights B and C winners; unfortunately, however, we may not have room for Section winners but it's always worth asking. To have your photo taken for the bulletin, not to mention for posterity, DO NOT LEAVE THE PLAYING AREA, as your friendly photographer will be waiting there for you.**

**She will attempt to take photos which will highlight all of your best qualities, although, even though it's a Holy Day for some, she respectfully reminds you that she cannot perform miracles in this regard but will nevertheless pull out the stops if you're prompt.**

**If you miss this opportunity on the night, because you haven't read this notice or because you've lingered too long showboating, you can EITHER send a selfie to**

**janetev50@hotmail.co.uk**

**OR catch the Ed the following day lounging elegantly (well, lounging, anyway) in some lobby near you.**

## GOODY BAGS

**If you haven't already done so, or if you arrive today, please register a.s.a.p. at the Hospitality Desk and collect your Goody Bag from the Goody Comeback Committee. The Hospitality Desk is open before every game session.**

**Please note that some of the products in the goody bags contain nuts and other allergenics so please check carefully.**

**Once again, Bermuda Bridge extends thanks to the following generous contributors to the Good Good Goody Bags:**

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## THE HASTY TASTY EXPRESS LUNCH SPECIAL (Sunday to Friday)

**For maximum speed between games, pre-order a soup and sandwich special combo.**
**MUST BE ORDERED A DAY IN ADVANCE**
**Pick up order form from the Hospitality Desk; paid for as a charge to your room.**
**Non-residents may pay with cash or card.**
**All prices inclusive of grats**

| | |
|---|---|
| Soup Only | $13 |
| Sandwich Only | $15 |
| Soup and Half Sandwich Combo | $18 |
| Soup and Full Sandwich Combo | $23 |

**TOMORROW'S MENU**
**Cream of Mushroom Soup OR Pumpkin Soup**

**Ham and Cheese Sandwich OR Chicken Salad Sandwich**

**Gluten-free options are available – just indicate at sign-up.**
**Pick-up at top of ramp from playing room.**

## NEXT YEAR'S BERMUDA REGIONAL

**Hardly have you had time yet to dip your toes in our warm waters or to run your fingers through our pink sands when we are reminding you of**

**The Bermuda Regional 2025**

**which will take place**

**January 25th – January 31st**

**Mark your diaries NOW!**
**We'd love to see you back here.**