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KYME AND HALL ARE THE PAIR WITH FLAIR IN THE ALAN DOUGLAS MEMORIAL STRATIFLIGHTED CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

The Bermuda Commercial Bank Trophy

Last night, in yet another local coup, Stephanie Kyme and Charles Hall proved the perfect partnership, scoring a magnificent victory in this Blue Riband Event.
It seems fitting that the first Alan Douglas Championship Pairs should be won by this couple who've been long-time supporters of the Club which Alan loved.

Applause, applause, you two! Give yourselves another winning hand.

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MORE TWOS THAT CAN'T LOSE

With her partner, John Glynn, Gertie Barker made a triumphant return to the Regional last night as they took top honours in yesterday evening's side game.
Nice going, Bermuda!

Margaret Farmer and Heather Burling played a blinder yesterday evening and took a very nice section top in the pairs game.
Oh, Canada; Go, Canada!

GOLD STARS

Two locals went prospecting for Bermuda Gold last night and found a crock of it!
Congratulation to
David Petty and Delton Outerbridge,
who made Bermuda very proud yesterday.
The Gold Standard is definitely on the up at the Bermuda Regional!
Bravo, Both!

It was sunny side up for the doubleton of Claude Guay and Sharon Shanahan of Bermuda who won their section in last night's Gosling's Gold Pairs.

Way to go, you two!

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BERMUDAFULLY YOURS, TRADITIONALLY
or
Kites, Cricket, and Crown and Anchor

Traditionally, Bermuda is a predominantly Christian society so Easter Sunday is an important day in the Festival calendar. On this day, Bermudians all over the island fly colourful kites because the kite, when ascending in flight, is symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ..

In local Bridge-speak, however, the expression “flying high as kites” can assume a distinctly un-holy connotation, especially in the context of swilling Swizzles or downing Dark n Stormies!

Of all Bermuda’s national holidays, Cup Match is one of the most exuberant. Held on the Thursday and Friday before the first Monday in August, this fiesta show-cases a two-day cricket match between Somerset and St. George’s, staged at one end of the Island or the other against a backdrop of uninhibited partying.

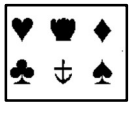
And lest our North American Bridge playing friends think that they have little in common with this most enigmatic of pastimes (cricket, that is, not uninhibited partying!), they should check out the following comments from a selection of international cricket commentators to know that, on so many levels, there’s really not that much difference between the two games after all.

This game is physically and mentally soul-destroying!
You almost run out of expletives for this man’s playing!
Once again, our consistency has proved to be inconsistent!
I suspect she has the I.Q. of an empty swimming pool!
Other than mistakes, they haven’t put a foot wrong!
That’s another nail in what looked like being a very good score!
And it’s time for a glass of something chilled!

During this annual Cup Match holiday, if you happen upon a group of people huddled noisily in a corner, cricket furthest from their minds, then more likely than not they will be indulging in another of Bermuda’s traditional pastimes - the game of Crown and Anchor, a simple dice game, originating in the 18th century and legalized by the Bermuda Government only for this holiday. Three special dice are used, equal in size and shape to standard dice, but instead of one through six pips, they are marked with six symbols: crown, anchor, diamond, spade, club and heart (you might be familiar with these last four!)

The game is played between a player and a banker on a mat such as the one pictured at the bottom of the page. The player places bets on one or more symbols. He then throws the three dice. If there is a bet on any symbol which comes up on one or more of the dice, the banker pays the player the amount of his stake for each die showing that symbol: even money if one, 2:1 if two, and 3:1 if three. If the symbol doesn't come up, the player loses his bet. For those of you interested in the odds - on average, the player will win 92.1% of the amount he bets; that is, over time he will lose 7.9% of whatever he bets. Thus, the banker has a substantial edge. In a game at a festival or in a casino, the house will be banker; in a game among friends, each person might serve as banker in turn.

Take the excitement generated by a game of Crown and Anchor, turn up the volume of leather on willow, add a heaping of hot summer sun, drizzle liberally with dark ‘n’ stormies, and top with Bermudian friendship and fun. Then Cup Match truly runneth over for all.



BARBARA STORY’S STORY

Barbara Story (pictured left) from Pennsylvania earned her very first Master Point while playing here in our Regional Revival, having learned to play Bridge only last September, and we congratulate her on this milestone.

If you have encountered Barbara this week, you’ll know she’s a bundle of energy and a breath of fresh air who is very much looking forward to, in her own words, “all those lovely backwash squeezes”!

On the other hand, Susan Kahn from Illinois has earned her first RED points while here at our Tournament, so understandably she gushes that the Bermuda Regional, her first such tournament, is “divine” and “fab”. We are thrilled that Susan achieved such a milestone with us in 2024 and say a hearty well done for her success.

HOME RUN AT ONE FOR HOT TODDY

The sun came out yesterday just as Hot Toddy himself began to sizzle. It was another home run at one yesterday for Robert Todd, a long-time favourite of the Bermuda Regional, as he scored massively with his much-anticipated expert lecture.

Charismatic, humorous and extremely knowledgeable, he delivered so many useful tips that even if you arrived late or left early or both, you could not have avoided learning something of value and interest.

Yes, Robert definitely ruled at lunchtime yesterday!

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Over the years, this year included, the Bulletin's Regional readership has been extremely kind and encouraging when commenting on the Rag but, at the risk of disillusioning the fanbase, it must be said that this publication has sometimes been guilty of the most horrendous howlers, some of which are outlined below for your amusement.

One year, when Robert Dollard and Roy Bungay woke up on the Sunday morning after the Charity Game, they discovered that, not only had they assumed each other's identity, but the bulletin had, with the click of a key, moved them from Newfoundland to Halifax!

"I know they say to walk a mile in someone else's shoes," said Robert, "but I've always prided myself on – well – being myself!"

"We enjoyed the trip to Halifax", added Roy, "but we really missed home. And I even wore my Newfie hat for the photo just to make our geographical position clear."

Roy's Hat

After such a heartfelt expression of self-confidence and homesickness, the Editor was happy to give them back their real identities and relocate them at no cost – except to journalistic pride.

This year, s similar case of mis-allocated identity and location occurred in Bulletin 2 – More Vibe Revive "Watch the Birdie"- where Marjorie Michelin and Ellis Feigenbaum from California mysteriously morphed into Sarah and John Weinberg from Seattle! As far as the Ed can ascertain, the only correct reporting in that article was of the Kiskadee, who is, in fact, a Kiskadee, and of the hotel balcony which was, in fact, exactly as pictured!

In another year, Marlene Brand (L) and Marilyn Mackenzie had a jolting early morning shock when they read in the bulletin that they had become mysteriously related overnight. Under the catchy heading "Sister Act", they had mistakenly been described as – er - sisters, whereas they hardly knew each other at all and had actually been introduced by our Partnerships Desk.

The real sisters were standing up in another photo, doing it for themselves, and pictured above right and are Rosemary Smith from Bermuda (L) and her real sister Maryann Perry from the UK.

"We'd heard that the Bermuda Regional folks are like one big happy family," giggled Rosie, " but this took public relations a bit too far! Wait until I tell my other sisters!"

Perhaps the most gruesome gaffe of all however, occurred in the year when the Bulletin blithely ran the previous year's results for a current event. Swingers on the golf courses of Florida, cruisers on the high seas of the Caribbean and, most spooky of all, bridge players who had joined the Great Game in the Sky found themselves capable of being in two places at once or, in the case of the latter group, able to cheat the Grim

"Sorry, sport, I know you've settled in nicely but I'm afraid you'll have to go back. That Bermuda Regional Rag has inexplicably resurrected you!"

The Ed remains apologetic to all whose identity, home, or final resting place she has stolen; however, to borrow a closing line from one of Hollywood's finest films, "Well, nobody's perfect!"

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
by ROBERT TODD
Natural Can Work!!

Vul: N/S
Dealer: East

	♠ T9 ♥ 97 ♦ AKQ54 ♣ AQ52	
♠ 542 ♥ AKQ62 ♦ 83 ♣ 943		♠ 873 ♥ JT543 ♦ J7 ♣ J76
	♠ AKQJ6 ♥ 8 ♦ T962 ♣ KT8	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		1♠	2♥
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦!	All Pass

My partner, Rachael Gosling, was South and did an excellent job of bidding her cards (and mine) on this hand.

She opened the bidding 1♠ and heard West Overcall 2♥ -- a bit of a stretch, but a nice suit. I bid 3♦ and partner decided not to get fancy (decided not to splinter into 4♥) and simply raised to 4♦. I really like this bid; it is stronger than jumping to 5♦ and leaves open the idea of playing in 4♠ if I offer to play there.

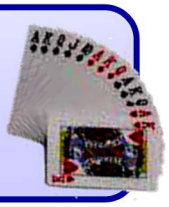
I hated that I did not have a fitting ♠ honor or a heart control, but I decided that my hand was simply too good to bid 5♦. I make a control showing bid in ♠ by bidding 5♣.

Partner then stopped to think for a while. She has bad trump, but a nice fitting ♣ control, a ♥ control, and a solid ♠ suit. But she made a good inference that if I had bad trump, I might have used 4NT Keycard, so I probably have good trump and the ♣A.

So, she bid 6♦!

Even though we might have made 6♠ you don't always have to be in the best slam, 6♦ was worth 90% of the matchpoints. Nice decision partner.

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
by ROBERT TODD
Don't Give Up!



Dealer: West
Vul: N/S Vul

	♠ JT542 ♥ -- ♦ JT542 ♣ K32	
♠ K8 ♥ A7653 ♦ 9 ♣ Q8764		♠ A7 ♥ KJ42 ♦ AQ83 ♣ AT5
	♠ Q963 ♥ QT98 ♦ K76 ♣ J9	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
			Pass
2♠	X	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

The winners of the inaugural Alan Douglas Championship Pairs are great local players Stephanie Kyme and Charles Hall. In their final session, they both played great on the boards against us. This is another hand where they both bid well and played carefully.

After a "frisky" preempt from North, a takeout double from East, and an extension of the preempt from South, West competes to game.

When North leads the ♠J, West sees a 5-4 trump fit. Normally with a 9-card fit you "play for the drop of the Queen", but with the preempt in ♠, it seems like they are likely 6-3. Thus, South is more likely to had ♥ length.

Declarer carefully cashed the ♥K and got the bad news. This means that they likely have two ♥ losers as well as having to deal with the ♣ suit.

Declarer decided to now cash the ♠K, stripping away the ♠ and played the ♣A and a low ♣ towards the ♣Q. When the ♣J popped up, then North won and gave South a ♣ ruff. This effectively ended the hand as South ruffed and now either had to give a ruff and a sluff in ♠ or lead a ♦ into dummy's ♦AQ.

Nice bidding and careful play by our new Alan Douglas Pairs Champions. He would be proud…
Thank you for everything Alan!!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

TUE MORNING SIDE GAME 1 OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH					SECTION J	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C				A	B	C		
1			Angela Huang - Caryl Marcellus, Toronto ON	63.05%		1			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England	68.28%
2			Saunie Canuso, Osterville MA; Greg Winkler, Centerville MA	55.12%		2			Karen Reese - Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	60.77%
3	1	1	Allison Ryan, Easthampton MA; Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT	54.40%		3	1		Martha Stigler, Toronto ON; Patricia Aitchison, Mississauga ON	56.97%
4	2		Sally Duff - Rhonda Patterson, Raleigh NC	53.94%		4			Jo Watford - Audree Newman, Niceville FL	55.49%
5	3		Scott Taylor - Joseph Anton, Boston MA	52.99%		5	2	1	Ronald Allard - Louise Allard, Bedford NH	55.11%
	4	2	Mike Dawson, Aylmer ON; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	50.59%			3		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	54.44%
							4		Debbie Thomas, Tampa FL; Linda Russell, Boynton Beach FL	53.89%
								2	Richard Keane - Gloria Rego, Warwick Bermuda	46.74%

TUE MORNING SIDE GAME
26.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.83	1			Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England	68.28%
5.12	2	1		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	64.86%
3.84	3			Angela Huang - Caryl Marcellus, Toronto ON	63.05%
2.88	4			Karen Reese - Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	60.77%
2.68	5			Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung, Toronto ON	60.30%
1.88	6			Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA; Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA	59.96%
1.88	7			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Jeannie Exum, Kinston NC	58.88%
3.68		2		Martha Stigler, Toronto ON; Patricia Aitchison, Mississauga ON	56.97%
2.77		3	1	Ronald Allard - Louise Allard, Bedford NH	55.11%
2.07		4		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON	54.44%
2.08		5	2	Allison Ryan, Easthampton MA; Barbara Burian, Fairfield CT	54.40%
1.23		6		Rita Lee, New Providence NJ; Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ	53.95%
1.56			3	Mike Dawson, Aylmer ON; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	50.59%
1.17			4	Jenny Schad, Cornish NH; Susan Rohrer, Sunapee NH	49.70%
0.95			5	Donna Brookins, Naples FL; Julie Lilie, Evanston IL	48.72%

TUE MORNING 99ER PAIRS
3.0 Tables

	A	B		
1.52	1		Lillian Lawrence - Clara Wellons, Smithfield NC	57.50%
1.14	2		Linda Manders, Warwick Bermuda; Sally Irvine, Devonshire Bermuda	53.75%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE AFT B/C/D PAIRS SECOND SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION H				EAST-WEST	
B	C	D			B	C	D		
1			Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	67.20%	1	1		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	71.91%
2	1		Allan Chernov, Irving TX; John Luebkemann, Addison TX	63.67%	2	2		Jocelyn Macdonald - Lalie Harcourt-Park, Toronto ON	60.05%
3			John Rayner, Hamilton Bermuda; Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda	59.50%	3	3		Lorna Anderson, Saint George Bermuda; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	58.77%
4	2	1	Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	54.45%	4	4		Katharine Link - Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA	54.28%
5	3	2	Howard Berman, New York NY; Carole Berman, Boca Raton FL	51.88%	5			Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung, Toronto ON	54.12%
6	4		Karen Reese - Carol Cappuccio, Marquette MI	50.76%	6	5		Robert Young - Shiaomay Young, Northfield IL	48.92%
		3	Steven Trumper - Sandra Curtis, Toronto ON	49.81%			1	Ronald Allard - Louise Allard, Bedford NH	45.30%
							2	Carolyn Homer - Claire	

BRACKETED KO TEAMS - 01
9 Tables

Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, W5 3ex England;
Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA

vs

Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda;
Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ

Barbara McLendon - Iulian Rotaru, New York NY; Radu Nistor - Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL

vs

Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach MA; Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA;
Michael Klein, Falls Church VA; Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis MA

BRACKETED KO TEAMS - 02
8 Tables

James Thomas, Burlington NC; Lucia Enica, Washington DC; Nancy Marshall, Greensboro NC; Terry Jones, Falls Church VA

vs

Cyndi Sauvage - Sally Kneser, Englewood CO; Karen Haines, Summit NJ;
Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE AFT B/C/D PAIRS
14.0 Tables

	B	C	D		
7.88	1	1		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	66.00%
5.91	2	2		Allan Chernov, Irving TX; John Luebkemann, Addison TX	62.76%
4.47	3			Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	62.36%
3.50	4	3	1	Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	55.27%
2.44	5/6			Joanne Grandy - Rosemary Cheung, Toronto ON	55.18%
2.44	5/6	4		Lorna Anderson, Saint George Bermuda; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	55.18%
1.97	7			John Rayner, Hamilton Bermuda; Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda	54.67%
1.93		5		Katharine Link - Barbara Daly, Flourtown PA	53.34%
1.65		6		Robert Young - Shiaomay Young, Northfield IL	52.34%
2.63			2	John Sharp - Madeline Sharp, Carrying Place ON	49.38%
1.97			3	Steven Trumper - Sandra Curtis, Toronto ON	47.82%
1.48			4	Ronald Allard - Louise Allard, Bedford NH	45.89%

TUE SIDE PAIRS SERIES
47.25 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

13.65	1	John F. W. Glynn, Paget	129.81%
8.96	2/3	David McCreery, East Hampton NY	121.50%
8.96	2/3	Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY	121.50%
7.00	4/5	Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	121.20%
7.00	4/5	Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS	121.20%
5.39	6/7	Angela Huang, Toronto ON	120.75%
5.39	6/7	Caryl Marcellus, Toronto ON	120.75%
4.49	8	Steven Binnick, Blue Bell PA	118.05%
3.96	9/10	Linda Russell, Boynton Beach FL	112.58%
3.96	9/10	Debbie Thomas, Tampa FL	112.58%
2.88	11/12	Cerona Stevens, Marquette MI	111.93%
2.88	11/12	Karen Reese, Marquette MI	111.93%
3.11	13/14	Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA	111.82%
3.11	13/14	Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA	111.82%
4.48	15	Molly Taussig, Warwick	109.68%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

TUE AFT SIDE GAME 2ND OF 3 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION J	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1	1		Louise Rodger, Paget Bermuda; Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	62.36%	1	1	1	Wenda Krupp, Devonshire Bermuda; Jane Gregory, Crawl Bermuda 54.34%
2			William Shaffer - Jean Shaffer, Milton MA	62.01%	2	2		Judi Zucker, Boston MA; Connie Lampert, Wayland MA 53.79%
3	2		Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	54.50%	3			Elizabeth Paige, Duxbury MA; Jenny Koenecke, Kingston MA 51.86%
4	3		Heather O'Connor - Jane Stephenson, Toronto ON	53.55%	4	3	2	James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA; Robert Mulderig, Saint Simons 51.08%
		1	Patrick Cerra - Barbara Cerra, Southampton Bermuda	50.91%				
		2	Debbie McLean - Susan Kerr, Paris ON	50.63%				

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION K	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1			Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; David McCreery, East Hampton NY	71.84%	1			John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent 59.90%
2	1	1	Katherine Fiske, Pinehurst NC; Johanna Edgar, Southern Pines NC	57.04%	2	1		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS 56.34%
3			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Magda Farag, Smiths	55.03%	3	2		June Van Iderstine, Burlington ON; Gail Titus, Oakville ON 54.89%
4	2		Sarah Hargrove - Paulette Clayton, Pinehurst NC	52.99%	4	3	1	Sue Howe - Marjory McDonald, Toronto ON 54.30%
5	3		Peggy Hall, Chatham NJ; Steven Binnick, Blue Bell PA	52.96%	5	4		Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA 52.67%
	4		Jane Grewcock, Summit NJ; Rita Lee, New Providence NJ	46.24%			2	Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda 50.63%
		2	Sheila Pechinski, Scarborough ME; Karen Day, Portland ME	44.35%				

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION L	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1	1	1	Susan Salek, Chicago IL; Ann Johnson, Morristown NJ	65.45%	1	1		Debbie Thomas, Tampa FL; Linda Russell, Boynton Beach FL 58.69%
2			Angela Huang - Caryl Marcellus, Toronto ON	57.70%	2	2	1	Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda 56.05%
3	2	2	Kathleen Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Deborah Tormey, New York NY	55.43%	3	3		Virginia Disch, Summit NJ; Wilhelmina Moyer, Oldwick NJ 52.17%
4			Craig Ellis - David Ellis, Toronto ON	51.74%	4		2	Karen Gallagher,9.5

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE EVE A/X PAIRS SECOND SESSION

SECTION D

A	X		
1		Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	59.17%
2		Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY	58.75%
3		David Cordon, Warwick Bermuda; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent	56.67%
4	1	J. Malcolm Lewis, Kent Me13 8pj England; Nicola Adamson, Kent CTS 3NU	53.75%
5/7		Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ; Donna Johnson, Lawrence KS	52.92%
5/7	2/3	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda	52.92%
5/7	2/3	Dale Remmers - Valarie Remmers, Plano TX	52.92%

MON-TUE EVE B/C PAIRS SECOND SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	E		EAST-WEST	
B	C			B	C		
1		Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON	67.33%	1		Will Sutherland, North York ON; Kathleen Hart, Toronto ON	60.58%
2		Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Lucia Enica, Washington DC	55.22%	2		John Burville, Pembroke Bermuda; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda	57.25%
3	1	Elizabeth Carlson, Summit NJ; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	53.33%	3	1	Holly Economos, Elmwood Park IL; Jorie Malelo, Boca Raton FL	51.74%
					2	Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON	48.33%

MON-TUE EVE GOLD RUSH SECOND SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	G		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1	1		Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda; Carol Jones, Paget Bermuda	59.37%	1	1	Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	57.14%
2			Lynn Goldberg, Morristown NJ; Myung Bondy, Summit NJ	58.41%	2	2	Kathleen Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Donna Leitch, Smiths Parish Bermuda	56.98%
3	2		David Petty - Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda	58.37%	3/4	3/4	Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON	56.30%
4			Nick Kempe, Valencia 46003 Spain; Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda	56.79%	3/4	3/4	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	56.30%
5			Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	55.52%	5		Sue Howe - Marjory McDonald, Toronto ON	55.38%
6			Martha Stigler, Toronto ON; Patricia Aitchison, Mississauga ON	54.88%	6	1	Inger Mesna, Hamilton Bermuda; Stuart Clare, Pembroke Bermuda	51.21%
		1	John Sharp - Madeline Sharp, Carrying Place ON	47.39%				

TUE EVE SIDE GAME 3RD OF 3 SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	J		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1			Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda	69.91%	1	1	Sally Kneser, Englewood CO; Steven Binnick, Blue Bell PA	64.35%
2			Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	57.64%	2	2 1	Richard Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Erika Jones, Pembroke Bermuda	59.26%
3			Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON; Ann Weinstein, Yonkers NY	54.86%	3	3 2	Annabelle Curran, Bala Cynwyd PA; Linda Johnson, Brookline MA	55.56%
4	1		Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	53.47%	4	4	James Metzger - Belinda Metzger, Darien CT	54.63%
	2		Craig Ellis - David Ellis, Toronto ON	52.55%				
		1	Malcolm Moseley, Devonshire Bermuda; Mark Stevens, Warwick	40.05%				

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE EVE A/X PAIRS
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10.58	2	1	Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON	54.79%
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5.95	4		Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Margaret Farmer, Mississauga ON	54.50%
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14.0 Tables

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4.13	2	2		Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON	59.23%
3.10	3			Sandy Walker - Sonia Cartwright, Nassau Bahamas	57.19%
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2.50	5	3		Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda; Carol Jones, Paget Bermuda	56.61%
2.15	6	4		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	55.66%
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3.15	2	1		Sally Kneser, Englewood CO; Steven Binnick, Blue Bell PA	64.35%
2.36	3	2	1	Richard Keane, Warwick Bermuda; Erika Jones, Pembroke Bermuda	59.26%
1.63	4			Maureen Bitler, Atlanta GA; Laura Gastelum, Lomita CA	57.64%
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MASTERPOINT RACE UPDATE
The Top Twenty on the Trail of the Trophies

Please note that these tables represent master points earned **IN TROPHY EVENTS ONLY**.
For a more comprehensive list of master points earned, please consult the Regional website on www.bermudaregional.

Visitors' Scores in Trophy Events, as of Tuesday Evening
The Maude Lines Trophy

1	17.73	Radu Nistor, Aventura FL
2	17.73	Barbara McLendon, New York NY
3	15.98	Iulian Rotaru, New York NY
4	15.98	Raluca Dobrescu, Aventura FL
5	13.38	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL
6	13.13	Gail Greenberg, New York NY
7	13.13	Jeff Hand, New York NY
8	11.01	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON
9	9.85	Brian Senior, Nottingham
10	9.85	Nigel Bird, W5 3ex
11	8.99	Miyoko Boswell, Ramsey NJ
12	8.03	Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY
13	7.59	John Luebkemann, Addison TX
14	6.95	Allan Chernov, Irving TX
15	5.21	Patricia Aitchison, Mississauga ON
16	5.21	Martha Stigler, Toronto ON
17	4.95	Nick Kempe, Valencia 46003
18	4.92	Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS
19	4.92	Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS
20	3.94	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent

Total Masterpoints reported: 198.48
Players selected: 20 out of 323

Visiting Juniors' Scores as of Tuesday Evening
The Longtail Trophy

1	5.90	Susan Kerr, Paris ON
2	5.90	Debbie McLean, Paris ON
3	5.34	James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA
4	5.34	Robert Mulderig, Saint Simons Is GA
5	4.63	Katie Smith, Smithfield NC
6	4.63	Alyce Wellons, Smithfield NC
7	3.79	Gertrude Barker, Warwick
8	3.64	Clara Wellons, Smithfield NC
9	3.64	Lillian Lawrence, Smithfield NC
10	2.09	Cynthia Belcher, Blue Bell PA
11	1.77	Annabelle Curran, Bala Cynwyd PA
12	1.77	Stephanie Craft, Montgomery AL
13	1.77	Linda Johnson, Brookline MA
14	1.77	Rhonda Hodgson, Eclectic AL
15	1.75	Cathy Boone, Eclectic AL
16	1.69	Elizabeth Lawrence, Birmingham AL
17	1.69	Suefan Johnson, Smithfield NC
18	1.38	Sandra Winborne, Smithfield NC
19	1.17	Tess Ferree, Morristown NJ
20	1.17	Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON

Total Masterpoints reported: 60.83
Players selected: 20 out of 328

Bermudians' Scores in Trophy Events, as of Tuesday Evening
The Norman Bach Trophy

1	20.74	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire
2	20.74	Rachael Gosling, Paget
3	15.82	Peter Donnellan, Warwick
4	15.82	Lynanne Bolton, Warwick
5	12.52	Charles Hall, Smiths Parish
6	11.99	John Burville, Pembroke
7	11.76	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke
8	11.76	Margaret Way, Paget
9	9.26	Richard Gray, Southampton
10	9.26	Wendy Gray, Southampton
11	6.95	Harry Kast, Hamilton
12	4.95	Desmond Nash, Sn 02
13	4.95	Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton
14	4.95	Claude Guay, Hamilton
15	4.09	Erika Jones, Pembroke
16	3.94	John F. W. Glynn, Paget
17	3.91	John Rayner, Hamilton
18	3.91	Inger Mesna, Hamilton
19	3.69	Delton Outerbridge, Paget
20	3.53	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke

Total Masterpoints reported: 184.54
Players selected: 20 out of 323

Bermudian Juniors' Scores in as of Tuesday Evening
The Karl Stanley Hicks Trophy

1	6.45	Erika Jones, Pembroke
2	1.43	Catherine Kennedy, Paget
3	1.21	Jamie Sapsford, St George
4	0.91	Amanda Ingham, Warwick
5	0.74	Maria Wakely, Hamilton
6	0.65	A Diana Rayner, Devonshire
7	0.62	Keri McKittrick, Hamilton Parish

Total Masterpoints reported: 12.01
Players selected: 7 out of 328

PROFIT FROM THE PROPHET

Directly from his very own mountaintop, the Prophet Ezekiel, revered throughout the land for his column, offers these words of wisdom to the Bridge Faithful:

ON BIDDING

Bidding is by far the most important part of the game especially at the top level where pretty much everyone is a good declarer player and defender. In the early stages of your development you may gain a lot of points from good, even normal, declarer play and defence, but these will dry up over time ... so work on that bidding!

Keep it simple ... resist the temptation to invent a bid to cater for every situation ... it just clogs the already burdened brain and leads to bidding misunderstandings and even tiffs with partners.

Discuss every hand after a game especially the ones where you lost points … the old cliché holds true that if you don't learn from your mistakes you are destined to repeat them! You don't have to have the discussion straight after the game and especially not if Rum Swizzles await … take the hand records to your room and set some time aside over a restorative coffee before your next game.

Agree on your preempting style … two -level pre-empts, three level pre-empts, how do they differ depending on vulnerability, how do they change when partner is a passed hand?

When you and partner have an obvious misfit, escape sharpish from the bidding, as early as you can.

Try and bid your hand based on its strength … there are many instances where you simply cannot bid your shape, as your hand is too weak … so don't!!

Get your Blackwood structure sorted … learn Roman Key Card Blackwood ... try and avoid using Blackwood when you have a void. When you ask for Kings, don't forget that it confirms that you and your partner have all four Aces.

Don't bid Grand Slams unless you can count 13 tricks based on the bidding … just don't !! (oooo!)

Lastly, and I know those who have followed me over the years would be disappointed if I left this out, take a look at playing forcing and non-forcing Stayman over your no-trump openings, instead of transfers ! I strongly believe it is a superior structure on a number of levels … come to the Panel shows to find out why !!

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE COMEBACK

TODAY'S PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY, January 31st

9:30 a.m.
The Joe Wakefield Memorial Stratflighted Pairs AX/BCD
(Session 1 of 2 – *continues tomorrow morning)*
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs (0-750 points)
(Session1 of 2)
(continues tomorrow morning)
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session 1 of 3)
(continues tomorrow morning)
99er Game (0-99 points)

1:00 p.m.
The Prophet Ezekiel's Expert Panel Show -
The Second Coming in the Trudeau Room
with Joe Grue and Robert Todd

2:00 p.m.
The Gorham's Championship Bracketed KO Teams
(Session 3 of 4 – *continues tomorrow afternoon)*
Swiss Teams 2 (Session 1 of 2)
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BC
(Session 1 of 2)
(continues tomorrow afternoon
Open Side Game – Hamilton Series (Session 1 of 3)
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
99er Game (0-99 points)
Senior Trophy events in bold

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TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME- PLAN AHEAD FOR
THURSDAY, February 1st

9:30 a.m.
The Joe Wakefield Memorial Stratflighted Pairs AX/BCD
(Session 2 of 2)
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs 2 (0-750 points)
(Session2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Devonshire Series (Session 2 of 3)
(finishes tomorrow morning)
99er Game (0-99 points)

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Open Side Game – Hamilton Series *(Session 2 of 3)*
(finishes tomorrow afternoon)
99er Game (0-99 points)

Senior Trophy events in bold

5:00 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

ANCHORS AWEIGH! H.M.S. BANQUET ABOUT TO SAIL

If you wish to attend the Regional Bash on Friday in the Harbourview Ballroom: you MUST sign up THIS MORNING!

Please make any special dietary requirements known now!

"I'm late! I'm late!
I'll miss that Banquet date!

The Comeback Committee will willingly throw you a life line if you take the plunge NOW, but you must sign the passenger manifest IMMEDIATELY and then be prepared to get into the swim of things on Friday night, if not go completely overboard on that dance floor.

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
Leek and Potato Soup OR
Pumpkin Soup

Tuna Salad Sandwich OR
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Gluten-free options are available – just indicate at sign-up.
Pick-up at top of ramp from playing room.
Dining tables set up in Harbourview for your convenience.