THE Fairmont HAMILTON PRINCESS BERMUDA

The Bermuda Regional Bridge Tournament, 2025

Sunday, January 26th

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OPENING NIGHT OVATION FOR PEERLESS PAIR OF BUSSELL AND TODD

The popular pair of local Judy Bussell and tournament favourite Robert Todd played perfectly last night and, trumping all others, became the Toast of the Tournament, claiming the coveted Ernie Owen Memorial trophy with a whopping 70%+ game.

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

"We laid our cards on the table" quipped Judy, "and played them just right!"
"What a première performance!" exclaimed Robert jubilantly, in a rave review of their game.
"We've played together in this event five times and finally we've won it!"
A spectacular curtain-raiser, indeed, deserving of a standing O for these oh so stand-out showstoppers!

Today's Programme

Sunday, January 26th

9:30 A.M.
Swiss Teams 1 (Session 1 of 2)
(*continues tomorrow morning*)
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series – (Session 1 of 4)
(continues this afternoon)
199er Game (0-199 Masterpoints)

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)
(continues this evening)
199er Game (0-199 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 4)
(finishes tomorrow morning)
199er Game (0-199 Masterpoints)

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT IN BOLD

Take a Gander Inside for …

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The Bermuda REGIONAL

MORE TWOS MAKING NEWS LAST NIGHT

Flying the local flag proudly were
Jaime Ferrari-Willis and
Edward Ferrari-Willis
who were overall winners in the 0-199 event
after playing only five games together at the local club!
Bravo, Bermuda!

Dawne Griffiths (L) and Caryl Marcellus
from Toronto
were winners in Section B of the Open Event.
That glass of wine earlier in the day (see next page)
must have worked its magic.
Oh, Canada, Go, Canada!

Congratulations to both these perfect pairs.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES TO TRY FOR THIS WEEK

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 tweaking your systems!

The Norman Bach

The Norman Bach Trophy is named for a legendary bridge player in the local community, who was instrumental in setting up the Bermuda Bowl Competition, and is awarded to the LOCAL player who gains the most points during the week IN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

The Maude Lines

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

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

The Longtail Cup, named for one of Bermuda's most beautiful birds, is awarded to the JUNIOR VISITING player who gains the most points during the week.

A++ FOR SCHOOL STARS

Local school students from Mount St. Agnes worked hard on the Regional's behalf yesterday packing those lovely goody bags which you collect when you register.

From L to R, our fantastic helpers are:
Jiana Wilkinson. Josephine Cosham, Jade Simons,
Azaria Tucker, Solomon Turner and Connor Miskiewicz.

We thank them all for their hard work –
those bags weren't the only goodies in that room yesterday!

EARLY BIRDS WATCH THE BIRDIE

Arriving on THURSDAY and snapped up by the Bulletin Ed as they were on their way to the Bridge Club was this year's Bridge Sprees Group from New York, led by Gail Greenberg and Jeff Hand. This annual bite of the Big Apple has become a regular feature of our Tournament and we are thrilled to see them again this year.

Arriving on FRIDAY, and adding no end of glamour to our Tournament was Indrani de Silva from Toronto. This is Indrani's first visit here and she had her nails specially painted gold for the occasion. "Gold Nails for Gold Points," quipped Committee Member Lorna Anderson as she passed by and was captured by the glitz. Fingers (gold painted or otherwise) crossed! Welcome, Early Birds!

MAKING AN ENTRANCE – ARRIVING YESTERDAY

Dawne Griffiths (L) and Caryl Marcellus from Toronto were snapped shortly after arrival yesterday indulging in two Bermuda Regional time-honoured traditions – a swifty at the Crown and Anchor Bar and a shifty at the first Bulletin of 2025. Regular visitors to our Regional, Dawne enthused, "We are so glad to be back!" and Caryl agreed, "It's the best tournament of all!"

This is not Argentinian Alejandro Bianchedi's first encounter with Bermuda Bridge as he was here in 2000 for the 50th anniversary of the Bermuda Bowl Competition. This time, he's back with his partner, Perla Sultan from Venezuela, making them the international couple most likely to be reckoned with this week!

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

REMEMBERING MARGIE SULLIVAN

Bermuda's bridge players were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Margie Sullivan, a long-time and loyal friend of our Tournament. Margie brought a large group of players from Cape Cod for as far back as anybody can remember and her support of our community was recognised in 2012 when, one year, she received the Bermuda Tourism Award for her long years of service to Bermuda Tourism.

Added to this, Margie was a fine bridge player, winning many of our Regional Championship Events in the years she came here.

We, in Bermuda, will miss her terribly and send heartfelt condolences to all others who loved her.

NEVER A CROSS WORD, JUST A CROSSWORD FROM THE TWICE AS NICERS

If you survived the swizzle and stormy soireé last night, and you a) are still standing and b) can remember anything at all, you will already know that every member of ACBL Unit 198 will do whatever it reasonably takes to ensure that your visit to our tournament is a memorable one.
Featured below, however, is the Twice as Nice Team, this year's Committee, with their special areas of responsibility.
You won't find a cross word amongst them but you will find them in the crossword below for you to identify.
Give your brain a pre-game train by matching the Twice as Nicers with their jobs and putting them in their place.

Tracy Nash

Sharon Shanahan

Rosie Smith

Gertie Barker

Lorna Anderson

Judy King

John Glynn

Lisa Rhind

Judy Bussell

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ACROSS

1 Hospitality Head Honcho – has spent most of the past year perfecting her already impressive Electric Slide while husband Jack remains a hoofer on the dance floor but does his best to keep up!

4. Mixes a marvellous Margarita, and never cooks the Regional's books.

6. Fun- Loving Banquet Boss whose name reflects her optimisic nature even though her glass is more often half-empty than half-full, if you catch the festive drift!

7. No pair too problematic, no team too troublesome for this Matchmaking Madam's magic - will bustle like billy-oh on your behalf until until you're well and truly hooked up.

DOWN

1. Caddy Cool - Captain of Caddies, recruits and superivises the board movers, so you'd better treat them right or it'll be K.O. not Caddy - O for you!

2. Able Assistant of 2 down - adds the macho to the matchmaking and the muscle to the bustle.

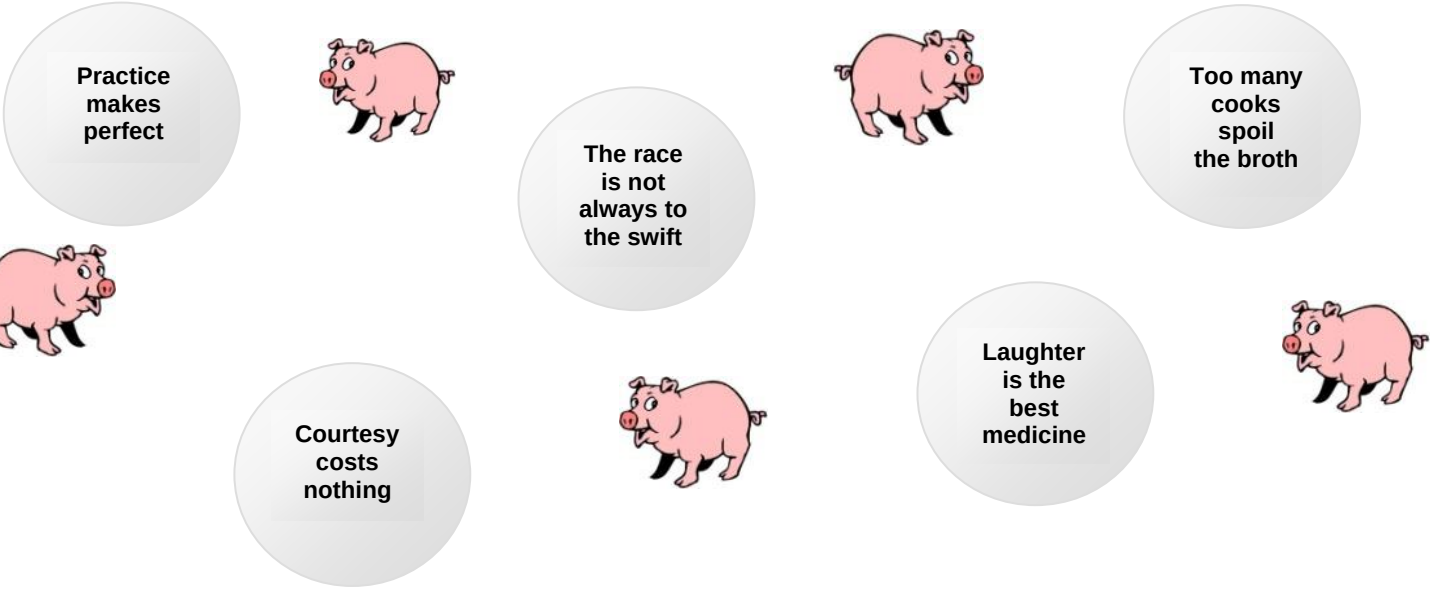
3. The Bermuda Regional's It Girl – will lead you a merry dance on Friday night sliding electrically until all the room sizzles and sparks.

5. Has a great deal of medical knowledge but cannot fix your partner's poor eyesight, bad hearing, or brain freeze.

7. Her surname firmly placing her amongst the Princess's Royal Circle, she's the Regional's undisputed Cyber Queen.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP: PROPHECY TO PROVERBS

In the beginning of the tournament was the word of the Prophet Ezekiel who, moving in mysterious ways, hath descended from the metaphorical mountaintop into the - er - proverbial to cast these pearls of wisdom before all those who hath ears to hear.



1. **Practice makes perfect - spend time sitting with your partner and going over the convention card in detail, running through the various bidding sequences until you've both got them right.**

2. **Too many cooks spoil the broth - simplify your system! Clogging your brain with esoteric conventions that occur once in a blue moon is a losing approach. Bridge is a game of simply getting to the most reasonable contract as often as possible.**

3. **The race is not always to the swift - when you are declarer, don't go rushing headlong into the play - spend time planning your strategy at trick one because this could make the difference between a winning run and an also ran.**

4. **Laughter is the best medicine - if you get a bad result or your partner makes a mistake, make light of it and move on. It is done.**

5. **Courtesy costs nothing - be nice, especially at this tournament.**

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 2026

which will take place from

January 31st – February 6th

Mark your diaries NOW!

We'd love to see you back here to support us as we continue to re- build.

BERMUDA BRIEFS:
SHAKESPEARE AND NORWOOD, THE PLAYWRIGHT AND THE PLANNER - TWO GENTLEMEN OF BERMUDA

When considering Bermuda's rich and vibrant history, two figures loom large in the tapestry – the playwright (er – that's Shakey) and the Planner (that would be Richard Norwood).

In 1609 (hence the name of one of the hotel's restaurants), the new flagship of the Virginia Company, groaning with provisions and settlers heading for the new English colony of Jamestown in Virginia, was wrecked on these shores. Who then could have guessed that such a time and such a place would become immortalised, not only on Bermuda's coat of arms (see opposite), but also in the literary canon of the world's greatest playwright?

Yet so it has become, for the Bard knew a winning story when it came his way and it is widely believed that his final play, "The Tempest", written in 1610-1611, was thus inspired. Many local place names reflect this connection – Prospero's Cave and Ariel Sands, to name but two. And the refrain of Bermuda's national song, "Hail to Bermuda", is "This island's mine", words originally spoken by the monstrous Calban himself.

So, not to make too much ado about nothing, it is from a rocky start such as that shipwreck that all's well and has ended well on Shakespeare's "enchanted isle", a title deriving from the belief held by early settlers that the islands were haunted as they listened in fright to the noise generated by the hogs which earlier Spanish settlers had previously brought here (see Bulletin 4 for more info on this subject).

You might be forgiven for believing that William Shakespeare was an impossible act to follow, but this would be a mistake as, in the very year that he died, 1616, an English mathematician named Richard Norwood was commissioned by the Somers Isle Company to survey these islands, then known as the Somers Isles. He was instructed to lay out the land into nine tribes (hence the term "tribe road") or parishes, all named for prominent shareholders in the company, except St. George's, Bermuda's first capital, which was named for England's patron saint.

Norwood drew two maps, the latter to correct mistakes he had made in the first, but both were deemed to be so accurate that his work was noted by none other than Isaac Newton in his Principia Mathematica and his maps were used until the 1960's to settle land disputes

One blooper remained, however, as Norwood's map showed a surplus piece of land between Southampton and Sandys which became known as the Overplus, the notion of which survives to this day in the naming of Overplus Lane.

Hailed as "Bermuda's Outstanding Genius of the seventeenth century", Norwood lived here until he died in 1675. Unfortunately, no known portrait of him survives and his grave cannot be found, a pitiful irony for a man who knew every square inch of Bermuda and whose marvellous map helped so many others find their way hereabouts.

"Oh, brave new world that has such people in it,"
marvels Miranda in "The Tempest".
Mindful of the legacy left by both of these men,
we definitely catch her drift.

BERMUDA BRIEFS:
BASSETT AND PRINCE, FROM DESPERATION TO INSPIRATION- TWO WOMEN OF BERMUDA

As a companion piece to "Two Gentlemen of Bermuda" opposite, we introduce you to two remarkable women from the pages of Bermuda's past, Sarah Bassett and Mary Prince.

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 legendary status in Bermuda's folk history.

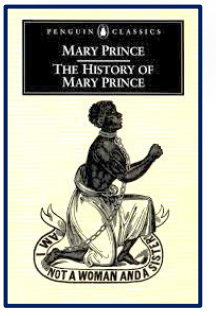
As she ambled defiantly to the stake, the indomitable Sally was reputed to have said to the crowds scurrying to the spectacle: "No use you hurrying, folks, there'll be no fun 'til I get there!"

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, folklore has it that a purple flower, the Bermudiana, which blooms in Bermuda to this day, was found in her ashes.

She is also immortalised in local lore 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 and a fitting monument to all that dignity and courage under duress.

Some fifty years or so after Sally's execution, Mary Prince was born to an enslaved family in Bermuda. After a life of brutality and abuse, including being beaten for marrying, she was taken to England by her "owners" where she ran away and found freedom.



Barred from travel and thus from returning to her husband, Mary instead campaigned passionately against slavery, adopting the then prevalent "Am I not a woman and a sister?" philosophy to its fullest, becoming the first woman to present an anti-slavery petition to Parliament and the first black woman to write and publish in 1831 an autobiography, ***"The History of Mary Prince: A West Indian Slave".*** This became a key book for the anti-slavery movement in Britain, making people aware that, although the Slave Trade had been made illegal in 1807, the horrors of life on the plantations continued for many people.

Mary Prince was formally recognised as a National Hero in Bermuda in 2012.

Two figures from Bermuda's past who converted
lives of the darkest desperation into
stories of the brightest inspiration.

Or, in the words of Maya Angelou,
"Phenomenal Women, that's them."

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.
Being a hotel guest does not automatically qualify you for a reservation.
This does not require a master plan – simply press the In-Room dining button on the hotel phone or press 0. . 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 us all, this week is one of the Bermuda Restaurant Weeks when you can request a special 2- course) LUNCH menu from the Crown and Anchor ($35 + 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 own Restaurant Weeks options.

**Croak! I forgot to make reservations!
What am I gonna tell Miss Piggy?
It sure isn't easy being green.**

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, Hot, 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 11:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m.
ALSO, ONLY ON SUNDAYS FROM 5 P.M.
The Crown and Anchor Roast Dinner (2-course: $52; 3-course: $64
RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED.
Dress: Yes!**

IN ROOM DINING

**This option is available
from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Scan the QR code in your room
for menus and press the -er-
In Room Dining button or 0
on your hotel phone
to order.**

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

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.

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

The Cloud – eclectic mix of cuisines – 299-0620 – www.waterfrontcloud.bm – turn right outside the hotel entrance - walk until you reach the first turning right (opposite the Bacardi Building) - walk to the top of the slope and find the Wellesley Building at 2 o'clock – the Cloud is on the 3rd floor

Harry's at the Waterfront – fine dining – 292-5533 – www.harrys.bm – turn right outside the hotel entrance, 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 entrance, 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 Bermudiana road.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SAT EVE CHARITY PAIRS
29.5 Tables

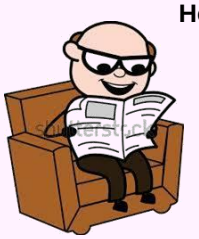
	A	B	C		
11.67	1			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda	70.41%
8.75	2			Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	64.39%
6.56	3			Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL	64.03%
7.44	4	1		Isabelle Chaplet, Escazu - 1260 Costa Rica; John Atlee Macgregor, Halifax NS	62.95%
5.58	5	2		Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA	60.83%
4.73	6	3	1	Allan Chernov, Irving TX; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	60.60%
3.55	7	4	2	Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	60.02%
2.77	8	5	3	Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda	59.55%
1.94	9			Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY	58.73%
1.61	10			Dave Willis, Orleans ON; J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON	58.67%
2.00	11	6	4	Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	57.41%
1.50		7	5	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	57.08%
1.94			6	Judy King, Warwick Bermuda; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda	56.21%

SAT EVE 199ER PAIRS
5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.86	1	1	1	Jaime Ferrari-Mccomb - Edward Ferrari-Willis, Smiths Bermuda	63.81%
1.40	2			Susan Adhemar - Peter Adhemar, Flatts Fl Bx Bermuda	60.16%
1.22	3	2	2	Joshimar Hussey - Julia Tadman, Hamilton Bermuda	57.98%
0.92	4	3	3	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA; Deb Evans, Warrington PA	54.60%

PICKING UP YOUR DAILY BULLETIN

Last year, it was thought by the Princess Management that displaying the bulletins in the main hotel lobby would detract from the hotel's works of art.
However, in a dramatic reversal of that decision, the Rag has now been elevated to its rightful place alongside the Picassos and the Warhols and can be picked up on the way to breakfast from right outside the Crown and Anchor



Or you can pick up a copy on the way to the game from inside the Harbourview Ballroom.

Finally, the bulletins are available online at www.bermudaregional.com

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SAT EVE CHARITY PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH — SECTION A — EAST-WEST

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C	EAST-WEST	
1	1		Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA	60.83%	1			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda	70.41%
2			Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY	58.73%	2	1		Isabelle Chaplet, Escazu - 1260 Costa Rica; John Atlee	62.95%
3	2		Richard Gray - Wendy Gray, Southampton Bermuda	53.15%	3	2	1	Allan Chernov, Irving TX; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	60.60%
4	3	1	Barbara Fingerhut, Clifton NJ; Amy Mackoul, Kinnelon NJ	50.50%	4	3		Maureen McCann, Arnprior ON; Marg Willis, Nepean ON	50.64%
		2	Roberta Meadow - Amelia Grosberg, New York NY	47.51%			2	Ellen Deutsch, Bloomfield CT; Judy Stein, Placitas NM	39.46%

NORTH-SOUTH — SECTION B — EAST-WEST

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C	EAST-WEST	
1	1	1	Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	60.02%	1	1	1	Peter Donnellan - Lynanne Bolton, Warwick Bermuda	59.55%
2	2	2	Judy King, Warwick Bermuda; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda	56.21%	2	2	2	Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	57.41%
3			Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH	54.64%	3	3	3	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	57.08%
4			Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; Magda Farag, Smiths Parish Bermuda	48.76%	4			David McCreery, East Hampton NY; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY	56.11%
	3		Indrani De Silva, Toronto ON; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda	47.56%					

NORTH-SOUTH — SECTION C — EAST-WEST

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C	EAST-WEST	
1			Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	64.39%	1	1		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	56.43%
2			Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL	64.03%	2	2		Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda	55.94%
3			Dave Willis, Orleans ON; J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON	58.67%	3	3		Melody Purdy - Donald Duncan, Ottawa ON	55.52%
4	1		Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda	55.25%	4			Stephanie Flinn, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL	54.30%
5	2	1	Dragan Basta, Toronto ON; Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON	54.66%	5	4	1	Pamela Gladysz - Ann O'Kelley, Fort Worth TX	49.05%
	3	2	Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Coleman Driver, Dedham ME	51.94%			2	Barbara Ganin - William Witt, Gainesville FL	46.83%

SAT EVE 199ER PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH — SECTION F — EAST-WEST

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C	EAST-WEST	
1	1	1	Joshimar Hussey - Julia Tadman, Hamilton Bermuda	57.98%	1	1	1	Jaime Ferrari-Mccomb - Edward Ferrari-Willis, Smiths Bermuda	63.81%
2	2	2	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA; Deb Evans, Warrington PA	54.60%	2			Susan Adhemar - Peter Adhemar, Flatts Fl Bx Bermuda	60.16%

"Oh, dear! I've had one too many Bermuda Drinks Specials and now I haven't a clue what I've done with those sheep!

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
BY ROBERT TODD

Defensive Problems?!?

Dealer: East
Vul: All Vul

Robert S. Todd

	♠ Q832 ♥ K54 ♦ 65 ♣ AQ76	
♠ A64 ♥ 82 ♦ AT ♣ T95432		♠ K75 ♥ AJ92 ♦ KQJ82 ♣ J
	♠ JT9 ♥ QT76 ♦ 9743 ♣ K8	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♦	P	1NT
P	2♥	P	3NT
All Pass			

In the Sunday Swiss we would have won the event in the old way of scoring – we won all of our matches, even against the winners, but several of them we did not win by enough. ☹

On this hand against the eventual winners of the event, you are faced with an interesting defensive decision. RHO opens the bidding and makes a reversed, a bit light on HCP, but it's team scoring (where you are supposed to push for vulnerable games) and her partner had been playing the hands fabulously all day.

My partner then led the very aggressive ♣6 at trick 1. How would you defend?

I won the ♣K at trick 1 and tried to decide what to do…. If you believe declarer, their 1NT response said they do not have a 4-card ♠ suit, then partner has a 4-card ♠ suit. So, if partner probably has either the ♠Q or the ♠A then we are likely to be able setup our ♠ tricks.

Declarer ducked one ♠ and one the second one. He had only 8 tricks, so he tried to lead the ♥8. I won the ♥10 and continued a ♠. Now declarers only hold was that I had a singleton ♣ and all the ♥ so he could endplay me. He cashed some tricks and threw me in and was extremely disappointed when I now produced a 2nd ♣ to allow partner to cash their ♣ and ♠ tricks.

If you continue a ♣, partner will likely continue ♣ and setup declarer's ♣ suit --- Giving Declarer many, many tricks!

FRIENDLY ADVICE FROM THE TWICE AS NICE

TOP TALKS FROM TODAY
all in the Trudeau Room

Monday 27th – 12:30 p.m.
Ask Jerry with Jerry Helms
"Planning the Second Bid Before You Make the First"
Tuesday 28th – 12:30 p.m.
Hand's On with Jeff Hand
"Play These No-Trump Hands"
Wednesday 29st – 12:30 p.m.
The Prophet's Panel Show
Revelations
Thursday 30th – 12:30 p.m.
Hot Topics with Hot Toddy
Feel free to bring your lunch, but please don't rustle your brown bags noisily, and definitely don't Ask Jerry (or anyone else) questions with your mouth full!

HOT TODDY RECIPE REVEALED

It was suggested last year that some of our North American friends might not know what the original Hot Toddy was, so read on and imbibe ……

A Hot Toddy is a warm, tasty and spicey potion typically taken to restore calm and equilibrium by reviving the senses.

Which perfectly describes the effect that our very own Hot Toddy has every day on his adoring public.

You may drink him in on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
See notice opposite.

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.

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 Pack 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.

PRIZE GIVING AND GALA DINNER DANCE

You are invited to the Regional's glamorous Prize Giving and Dinner Dance Prize on Friday 31st.
This fabulous event will begin with the Prize-Giving at 6:30 p.m.
In the stunning Princess Rooms
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 $125.89
(incl. grats, the Gala Raffle (see more info overleaf) and two complimentary cocktails),
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.

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

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 to Chesney House – down steps on right
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

HOT DESKING UPDATE

All Committee desks are located
inside the playing area and are open
before each playing session every day.

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME - PLAN AHEAD FOR MONDAY, January 27th

9:30 a.m.
Swiss Teams 1 (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Pembroke Series (Session 4 of 4)
(continues this afternoon)
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m.
Ask Jerry – Expert Lecture
Planning the Second Bid Before You Make the First

2:00 p.m.
The Championship Bracketed KO Teams
(Session 1 of 4)
(*continues to Thursday afternoon*)
Stratiflighted Pairs AXB/CD (Session 1 of 2*)*
(*continues tomorrow afternoon*)
199er Game (0-199 points)

5:00 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

8:15 p.m.
The Championship Stratiflighted Pairs
AX/BC (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 – Warwick Series (Session1 of 4*)*
(continues tomorrow evening)
199er Game (0-199 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, go to the Bermuda Tourism banners at the entrance to the room where your friendly photographer will be waiting to pounce.

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 and apply the filters 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 before midnight to

janetev50@hotmail.co.uk

OR catch the Ed the following day lounging lazily – er - working frantically 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 Exceedingly Good Goody Bags from the Twice as Nicers.
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 thanks the following generous contributors to those Exceedingly Good Goody Bags and to other aspects of our Tournament:

Goslings Since 1806 · BGA Wholesale Distributor · Lindo's Group of Companies · Butterfield & Vallis

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 an order form from the Hospitality Desk;
The order will be paid for as a charge to your room.
Non-residents may pay with cash or card.
All prices inclusive of grats

Soup Only	**$12**
Sandwich Only	**$13**
Soup and Half Sandwich Combo	**$16**
Soup and Full Sandwich Combo	**$20**

MONDAY'S MENU
Cream of Mushroom Soup OR
Roasted Pumpkin Soup

Turkey, Swiss Cheese and Lettuce Sandwich OR
Egg Salad Sandwich

Gluten-free options are available – just indicate at sign-up.
Pick-up outside the playing room.

THE GALA RAFFLE

If fabulous food, complimentary cocktails and lively dancing aren't enough to make an event spectacular, the Twice as Nicers have also added the brand-new feature of the Gala Raffle for your enjoyment, a chance for you to win a complimentary night at the HP for next year's Regional or a complimentary round trip ticket from BermudAir.

Just when you thought the night couldn't get any better!