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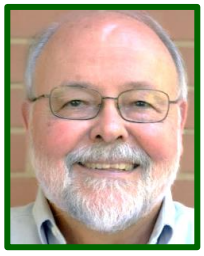
BERMUDA REGIONAL BURSTING WITH BRIDGELAND BIGSHOTS

What with one thing and another, it has been quite a while since a sitting ACBL President has been able to attend the Bermuda Regional, but what good fortune for us this year that Margot Hennings has taken time out of her busy schedule to change all that.

This is the third time that Margot has come to our Tournament and she still harbours fond memories of "the wonderful hospitality and the delicious afternoon teas", so we will do our utmost while she is here with us this week to live up to those recollections and to enhance Margot's Bermuda experience even further. We are deeply honoured by the presence of one of Bridgeland's Biggest Bigshots, welcome her warmly, and thank her for coming.

THERE WILL BE A MEET AND GREET SESSION WITH MARGOT AT AFTERNOON TEA TODAY IN TRUDEAU

When Hall of Famer, six-time World Champion, and author of several bridge classics, Gail Greenberg, visited our Regional for the first-time in 2018, she vowed to return, describing our tournament as "the best kept secret in Bridgeland". She has been true to her word every January since (when possible), bringing with her various Bridge Sprees group and her partner and winning Hand, Jeff. In all these years, both Gail and Jeff have become significant contributors to our Bridge educational programme and an integral part of our Tournament in general. (This very day, Jeff is delivering a class on No-Trump bidding at 12:45 p.m. in Trudeau). We are delighted to welcome them back once again, knowing that Bermuda Bridge is all the richer for their continued support.



A Grand Life Master, a distinguished bridge book author, and a top trainer for ACBL teachers, Jerry Helms has also co-invented a convention called "HELLO", and we are thrilled that he has decided to say "Hello" to us on this, his very first visit to our Regional. He has already plunged right in to the Bermuda Regional scene, delivering an expert lecture yesterday lunchtime. Jerry's by-line for his articles is "Ask Jerry", so we did just that, wondering what his impressions of our Tournament were so far. "We're very pleased to be here; we like it very much. My partner is keen to return!" So, we say "Hello (and welcome)" right back at him and thank such an illustrious Bridgeland Bigshot for upping the wattage of our already dazzling V.I.P. contingent this year.

(See page 3 for a report on Jerry's Lecture yesterday and pages 4 and 5 for his notes).

We are also delighted to welcome to our Tournament one of the U.S.A's finest players, Grand Life Master, Kevin Bathurst, also here for the first time. Kevin's roll of Bridge honours is much too extensive for the space here - be warned, you'll need to be sitting comfortably if you're researching him on the Internet. He should be enjoying our Tournament as he, along with his team-mates, won the first major Teams' Event on Sunday. Welcome, Kevin, and thanks for coming.

It hopefully goes without saying that we in Bermuda value ALL our players as Bigshots, so welcome and thanks to everyone, local and visitor alike, for supporting us in our efforts to build back the Bermuda Regional to pre-Covid levels.

Bill Clinton ISN'T here this year but he and Hillary have visited Bermuda at least twice; on the first of these trips, daughter Chelsea was purportedly conceived!

"Listen to me. I'm going to say this again. I most certainly DID have a good time in Bermuda with that woman, Mrs Clinton."

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MOVIE MAYHEM - IT'S QUIZ TIME! AND IT'S ALL IN THE STARS

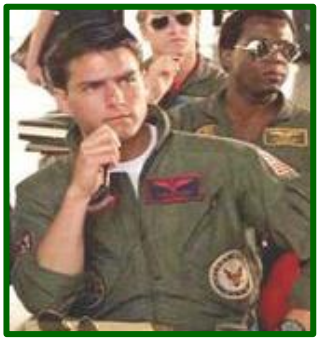
Last night, as you were playing cards, you missed Quiz Night in the Crown and Anchor Bar, so we thought you might enjoy pitting your wits against one of our own. So, look to the stars and identify the following films in which these classic cinematic quotes appear. They are adjusted as if all these Hollywood Hotshots had been busy bridge players at the Bermuda Regional! (Answers opposite)

1 "As God is my witness, after Saturday night's Swizzle and Stormy soireé, I'll never touch another drop again."

2. "As you go to the mattresses – er, scusi - tables, I'll give you some advice you can't ignore – keep your partner close, but your cards closer".

3. "Well played, partner. This could be the be the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

4. "If you want this contract, pal, you're gonna need a bigger bid!"



5. "For Pete's sake, partner, make a lead! I feel the need, the need for a lead!"

6. "Honey, I have always believed in the kindness of opponents".

7. Go ahead and call the Director. Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn!"

8. "That's your hand? Good grief, partner! Here's another nice mess you've gotten me into!"

9. The Friday night gala? Fasten your seatbelts, everyone, it's going to be a bumpy night.

10."The Bermuda Regional? I'll be back!"

ASK JERRY
YESTERDAY'S EXPERT LECTURE

Describing himself as an Ernest Hemingway look-alike who has become the Dear Abby of the Bridge World, Jerry delivered in mellifluous tones one abiding lesson – if you wish to win at this game, you must loosen up and be prepared to colour outside the lines because a rigid approach (in this case to bidding) will inevitably lead to mediocrity.

The theme of the lecture was what Jerry called one of his Jerryisms: "Always plan a second bid before you make the first" or "Think before bidding not bid before thinking" Such an approach might often lead to, for example, opening INT with a singleton and/or a 5-card major because you have anticipated your partner's response to your opener and will know where you shoud or should not be when it comes back to you for a second bid. And sometimes, the best available bid might just be the least awful option.

While there weren't audible gasps of shock from the audience, we were certainly being encouraged to throw off some shackles and sometimes break free from some long - established bridge rules (which Jerry called guidelines). And if this approach should land you, anyway, in a pickle, Jerry pointed out that you could always plead to your partner a case of poor eyesight in arranging the cards or an over-active imagination in bidding them!

Provocative and interesting from a man who, according to his wife, not only has never coloured inside the lines himself but has never seen the lines in the first place!

MIGHTY BLIGHTY

This is not the first time at a Bermuda Regional for Britons Peter and Dee Lindon for they were here many years ago for a Regional.

They had a marvellous tournament then winning the prestigious Flight A Swiss and beating a legendary team of Edith and George Rosenkranz, Mike Passell and Eddie Wold on the way to a sensational victory.

If you google these two, you'll see that they're always holding some trophy or another so thy continue to do well on the Home Front.

We welcome them back here from across the Pond, thank them for coming, and wish them well this week.

BERMUDA BRIEFS
HIGH ON THE HOGGE

If you receive the meaningful Directorial tap on the shoulder this week because you've been derelict in paying your ACBL dues, and if you cough up in local coinage, you may well be handing over some Bermudian "pennies", on the reverse side of which is the image of a rather endearing hog.

This may seem a somewhat odd image for national coinage until you learn that, at one time, the Islands of Bermuda were known as the Hogge Islands because when the Sea Venture landed in 1609, eerie, unearthly sounds emanated from the depths of the Island. This cacophony was firstly attributed to spirits (thus, Shakespeare's "Enchanted Isle"), later ascribed to roaming wild hogs, and most recently to carousing bridge players enjoying themselves at the Saturday night's Welcoming Swizzle and Stormy Soireé.

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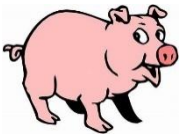
More detailed research on this porcine subject may be accomplished at The Hog Penny Restaurant and Pub on Burnaby Hill in Hamilton, said to be the inspiration for the pub in "Cheers", and Bermuda's oldest licensed establishment. Here you may see the history of Hogge Money fully explained on the menu cover. To get to the pub, turn right at the hotel entrance and walk along Pitts Bay Road until you come to the Bird Cage. Continue past this unmissable landmark along Front Street and take the first turning on the left into Burnaby Hill – the Hog Penny is half-way up this road.

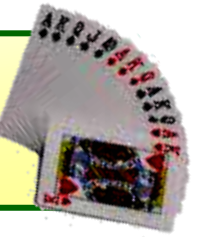


The Editor can assure you that taking the trouble to make such historical research is well worth the effort (hic!) but counsels against imbibing too many local tipples while doing so in case you end up resembling, in true Orwellian fashion, the very creatures you have gone there to study!

MOVIE MAYHEM ANSWERS

1. **"Gone with the Wind"**
2. **"The Godfather, Part 2"**
3. **"Casablanca"**
4. **"Jaws"**
5. **"Top Gun"**
6. **"A Streetcar Named Desire"**
7. **"Gone with the Wind"**
8. **An Oliver Hardy/ Stan Laurel catchphrase so all over their films**
9. **"All About Eve"**
10. **"The Terminator"**

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
by Robert Todd



Powerful Preempts & I Want to Bid Doubles!!
Dealer: South
Vul:E/W Vul

	♠ x ♥ AKJxxx ♦ ATxx ♣ Qx	
♠ Jx ♥ Xx ♦ Xx ♣ AKJTxxx		♠ xxxx ♥ QT9xx ♦ Q ♣ xxx
	♠ AKQxxx ♥ -- ♦ Jxxxxx ♣ x	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		4♠	5♣
X	All Pass		

This is an interesting hand from Perla Sultan and Argentinian star Alejandro Bianchedi, with lots of interesting tactical and technical options.

Alejandro picked up this incredibly strong hand in the first seat at favorable vulnerability. He opened 4♠! I love this bid… Preempts are normally very limited in values, with the danger of missing a game if you preempt with too many HCP. But you cannot miss a game if you preempt and bid game. So you can preempt with a slightly stronger hand when that preempt is game (the only danger is that you miss a slam).

On this hand LHO got carried away and the bid 5♣, which partner happily doubled and the N/S pair collected +1100.

But what if you held the monster South 6-6 hand, opened 4♠ and heard Pass, Pass, and 5♣…. What should you do now…. The common bid is to go ahead and bid 5♦. But a better treatment is the "I want to bid double!". After you have preempted you cannot make a penalty double. So, a good use of double is to tell your partner that you want to bid. Partner can then leave it in if they have defense. Discuss this treatment with your regular partners!

Results like these are a great way to keep winning team games – and they have one the first two swiss team events!

PAST HANDS – THE BACKHANDER
by Robert Todd

Tales from the Bermuda Bridge Club

Dealer: East
Vul: All Vul

	♠ 98xxxx ♥ X ♦ JTxxxx ♣ --	
♠ KQxx ♥ AQx ♦ K ♣ Xxxxx		♠ Axx ♥ KTxx ♦ Q ♣ AQxxx
	♠ -- ♥ JTxxx ♦ A9xxx ♣ KJ3	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	1♥	X
P	1♠	2♦	2♠
P	4♠	P	P
5♦	6♣	P	P
6♦	X	All Pass	

Recently there was some excitement at the local bridge club. Actually, from my experience, there usually is a lot of excitement at the local club. Next year when you come to the regional, come a day or two early and play at the local club --- great bridge, great people, and a fun time!

On a ♠ lead, Declarer ruffs and plays gives draws trump (good news as trump are 1-1). Then giving up a Heart allows us to continue to ruff our losers. 11 trump, (down to 9 when we draw trump… so that is 9 on cross ruff and the one from drawing trump). That makes 10 total trump tricks.

We ruff the Heart return, 2nd trump in the dummy, ruff a 2nd ♠, ruff a 3rd trump in the dummy, ruff a 3rd ♠, ruff with a 4th trump in the dummy, ruff a 4th ♠, ruff a Heart or Club with dummy's 5th trump, as another entry. This is enough entries to establish the Spades and get back to cash two more tricks.

We still get another entry – yes, we have 5 entries with the ruffing of Hearts or Clubs. The ♠98 will setup and produce 2 additional tricks – that is 12 tricks contract making. A cold slam with only 10 combined HCP.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON AM PEMBROKE SIDE PAIRS
13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Judy Hyde, Memphis TN	67.53%
3.41	2			Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda; Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda	65.28%
2.56	3			Jerry Helms, Charlotte NC; Betty Sue El Gammal, Hoover AL	58.93%
3.33	4	1	1	David Niver - Judy Niver, Danville CA	56.42%
1.44	5			Michael Bird - Donna Bird, Wyoming MI	56.35%
1.08	6			Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	54.56%
2.50		2		Michelle Stafford, Naples FL; Dianne Hastings, Orillia ON	52.43%
1.87		3		Judith Gaines - Martha Harrington, Charlotte NC	50.99%
1.40		4		Susan Salek, Chicago IL; Ann Johnson, Morristown NJ	50.87%
1.64		5	2	Barbara Burian - Justine Hawley, Fairfield CT	50.35%
1.23			3	Duncan Silver, Smiths Hs01 Bermuda; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	48.96%
0.92			4	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA; Betty Morrison, Warminster PA	47.40%

SUN/MON AM SWISS
13 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.05	1			Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, New York NY; Stephanie Flinn, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL	111.00
6.04	2			Michael Geisinger - Irene Geisinger, Westbury NY; Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; David McCreery, East Hampton NY	84.00
5.51	3	1		Isabelle Chaplet, Escazu - 1260 Costa Rica; John Atlee Macgregor, Halifax NS; Glen Dexter - Margie Knickle, Lunenburg NS	74.00
4.13	4	2	1	Sue Palmer - Ann O'Kelley - Barbara Ryon - Pamela Gladysz, Fort Worth TX	68.00
3.10	5	3		Amy Mackoul - Andrea Luckey, Kinnelon NJ; Barbara Fingerhut, Clifton NJ; Marlene Case, Stony Point NY	67.00
2.99		4	2	Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda; Judy King, Warwick Bermuda; John Luebkemann, Aubrey TX; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda	61.00
2.24			3	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON; Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON	57.00
1.51			4/5	Anne Ferguson - Manuela Kanners - Amelia Grosberg - Roberta Meadow, New York NY	52.00
1.51			4/5	Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA; Indrani De Silva, Toronto ON; Susan Hinderaker, Arden NC	52.00

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON AFT 199ER PAIRS
4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.53	1/2	1		Betty Morrison, Warminster PA; Patricia Walsh, Blue Bell PA	62.70%
1.53	1/2			Duncan Silver, Smiths Hs01 Bermuda; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	62.70%
0.98	3			Susan Adhemar - Peter Adhemar, Flatts Fl Bx Bermuda	59.52%
1.14		2		Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda; Carol Eastham, Southampton Bermuda	49.21%

MON AFT 199ER PAIRS

SECTION F

A	B	C		
1/2	1		Betty Morrison, Warminster PA; Patricia Walsh, Blue Bell PA	62.70%
1/2			Duncan Silver, Smiths Hs01 Bermuda; Marion Silver, Smiths Bermuda	62.70%
3			Susan Adhemar - Peter Adhemar, Flatts Fl Bx Bermuda	59.52%
	2		Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda; Carol Eastham, Southampton Bermuda	49.21%
		1	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA; Alice George, Warminster PA	40.48%

MON-TUE AFT A/X PAIRS FIRST SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION G			EAST-WEST	
A	X			A	X		
1	1	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Magda Farag, Smiths Parish Bermuda	59.82%	1		Stephanie Flinn, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL	57.44%
2/3		Gail Greenberg - Roberta Meadow, New York NY	55.06%	2	1	Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; John F. W. Glynn, Paget Bermuda	55.36%
2/3	2	June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	55.06%	3	2	Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	54.76%

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

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION H				EAST-WEST	
B	C	D			B	C	D		
1			Michael Bird - Donna Bird, Wyoming MI	60.53%	1	1	1	Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda; Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda	62.35%
2	1	1	Linda Kee Hawfield - Ben Hawfield, Charlotte NC	58.61%	2	2		Lorna Anderson, Saint George Bermuda; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda	57.66%
3	2	2	Sandy Walker, Nassau Bahamas; Jane Iredale, Gt Barrington MA	57.66%	3	3	2	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	56.45%
4	3	3	Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Coleman Driver, Dedham ME	54.47%	4	4	3	Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON	56.24%
5	4	4	Katie Rust, Fairfield CT; Anne Cole, Topsham ME	53.33%					
6	5		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	52.21%	5	5	4	Suzanne Nussbaum, Boca Raton FL; Elisabeth Fishbach, Old Westbury NY	56.05%
	6		Anne Ferguson - Amelia Grosberg, New York NY	51.98%	6	6		Justine Hawley - Susan Schaller, Fairfield CT	55.99%

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so much more

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-THU AFT KO-1
7 Tables

Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI; Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Tony Saunders, Paget Bermuda

vs

Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina

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Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; Alan Godes, Needham MA; Dee Lindon - Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England

vs

Allison Freeland, Coral Gables FL; May Sakr, Miami FL; Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY

MON-THU AFT KO-2
9 Tables

Lynanne Bolton - Peter Donnellan, Warwick Bermuda; Allan Chernov, Irving TX; John Luebkemann, Aubrey TX

vs

Isabelle Chaplet, Escazu - 1260 Costa Rica; John Atlee Macgregor, Halifax NS; Margie Knickle - Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS

vs

Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA; Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC

Carolyn Overland - Margot Loren - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY

vs

Amy Mackoul - Andrea Luckey, Kinnelon NJ; Barbara Fingerhut, Clifton NJ; Marlene Case, Stony Point NY

vs

Alan Gellert, Jensen Beach FL; Charlotte Bailey, Needham MA; Indrani De Silva, Toronto ON; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda

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EVERLASTING LOVE

Celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary today are Elaine and Peter Albert from Florida.
Unbelievably, after all those years, they are still playing bridge together and WINNING,
taking top honours in Sunday morning's 0-199 Pairs.

When asked how they achieve all this when so many other married couples quarrel all the time at the bridge table, Peter said," We never go to bed cross with each other", while Elaine added impishly, "And if I don't want to talk to him, the bidding boxes come in very handy!

Raise a glass today to this marvellous couple.
Many congratulations, Love Birds!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON EVE SIDE PAIRS
8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.41	1			Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS; John Atlee Macgregor, Halifax NS	63.05%
2.56	2			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	59.18%
2.10	3			Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON; Ann Weinstein, Yonkers NY	59.10%
2.80	4	1		Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	56.59%
2.10	5	2		Martha Harrington - Judith Gaines, Charlotte NC	53.91%
1.58		3		Georgia Pope - Nancy Marion, Bonita Springs FL	52.17%
2.04		4	1	Joshimar Hussey - Julia Tadman, Hamilton Bermuda	51.32%
1.53			2	Jaime Ferrari-Mccomb - Edward Ferrari-Willis, Smiths Bermuda	47.45%
1.15			3	Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; Desiree Woods, Southampton Bermuda	44.39%

MON EVE SIDE PAIRS 1 OF 4 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION I	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1			Nancy Strachan, Mississauga ON; Ann Weinstein, Yonkers NY	59.10%	1			Glen Dexter, Lunenburg NS; John Atlee Macgregor, Halifax NS	63.05%
2	1		Belinda Metzger - James Metzger, Darien CT	56.59%	2			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths	59.18%
3	2		Martha Harrington - Judith Gaines, Charlotte NC	53.91%	3	1		Georgia Pope - Nancy Marion, Bonita Springs FL	52.17%
		1	Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; Desiree Woods, Southampton Bermuda	44.39%		2	1	Joshimar Hussey - Julia Tadman, Hamilton Bermuda	51.32%
							2	Jaime Ferrari-Mccomb - Edward Ferrari-Willis, Smiths Bermuda	47.45%

MON-TUE EVE A/X PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G	EAST-WEST			
A	X			A	X		
1		Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL	67.46%	1	1	Peter Clay - Kathleen Clay, Wellesley MA	55.21%
2		Dave Willis, Orleans ON; J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON	57.94%	2		Radu Nistor, Aventura FL; Barbara McLendon, New York NY	54.51%
3	1	Raluca Nistor, Aventura FL; Sarmiza Dobrescu, Woodside NY	55.56%	3		Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Judy Hyde, Memphis TN	50.00%
					2	Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda	49.31%

"I'm not driving anyone anywhere. I'm trying to get a bridge game together."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE EVE B/C PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION			EAST-WEST	
B	C			B	C		
1		Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda	60.71%	1/2	1	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	58.33%
2		Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	60.42%	1/2		Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; Jane Smith, Southampton. Bermuda	58.33%
3		John F. W. Glynn - Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda	51.49%	3		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	54.46%
	1	Mary Joseph, Columbia SC; Hansa Patel, West Columbia SC	44.94%				

MON-TUE EVE GR PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION			EAST-WEST	
7	3			7	3		
1		Susan Hinderaker, Arden NC; Victor Huang, Toronto ON	62.27%	1		Jose Marshall - Grace Paterson, Halifax NS	59.26%
2		Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON	52.78%	2		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	57.41%
3		Susan Salek, Chicago IL; Ann Johnson, Morristown NJ	51.62%	3		Linda Kee Hawfield - Ben Hawfield, Charlotte NC	55.79%
4		Judy King, Warwick Bermuda; Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda	50.93%	4		Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Delton Outerbridge, Paget Bermuda	53.94%
	1	Sandy Walker, Nassau Bahamas; Jane Iredale, Gt Barrington MA	49.77%		1	Barbara Binis, Bala Cynwyd PA; Pamela Yih, Penn Valley PA	50.46%
	2	Peter Adhemar - Susan Adhemar, Flatts Fl Bx Bermuda	46.76%				

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A RIGHT HAND OF THE PROPHET

This hand is a quiz for you and you can be sure that at the table 95% of advanced players will get it wrong and probably 75% of the 'better' players will join them!

Well, you' not at the table now, so take your time and come up with your answer before looking at all four hands,

You open a strong 2 Clubs with the North hand, partner bids 2 Hearts to show a bust and you jump to 4 Spades. The defence starts by cashing 3 hearts and then switches to a diamond- over to you.

♠ AKQJ10
♥ 852
♦ A
♣ AKQ2

You don't have many choices, so you should get there! Trumps break kindly.

At the table many will win the diamond and run five spades hoping for someone to throw a club, and then eventually play the clubs – and go one down ☺

♠ 432
♥ 743
♦ J985
♣ 654

Now see if you can find the play looking at all four hands:

♠ AKQJ10
♥ 852
♦ A
♣ AKQ2

♠ 65
♥ QJ96
♦ K10432
♣ 93

♠ 987
♥ AK10
♦ Q76
♣ J1087

♠ 432
♥ 743
♦ J985
♣ 654

Do you see it now? The success of the hand revolves around the club suit – if they are 3-3 all is well, but what if they are 4-2 or 5-1? You have to be brave on this – the defender with the long clubs may be the one with the three trumps so win the diamond, draw only 2 rounds of trumps and now play the Ace-King-Queen of clubs. When West can't ruff the third one you ruff your fourth club in dummy and claim 10 tricks. If the third club gets ruffed you were going to go down anyway if you had drawn trumps, so it is pay me now, or pay me later.

So you now see the play – the next challenge is to have the guts to make the play at the table.

Here endeth the lesson. Amen

FRIENDLY ADVICE FROM THE TWICE AS NICE

TODAY'S PROGRAMME -
TUESDAY, January 28th

9:30 a.m.
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 1 of 3)
(continues this afternoon))
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m
Hand's On with Jeff Hand.
Expert Lecture in the Trudeau Room

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

5:00 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau
Meet and Greet the President of the A.C.B.L., Margot Hennings

8:15 p.m.
The Championship Stratflighted Pairs AX/BC
(Session 2 of 2)
The Gosling's Gold Pairs 1 (0-750 points)
(Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Session 2 of 4)
199er Game (0-199 points)
Senior Trophy Events in Bold

F.Y.I.

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME- PLAN AHEAD FOR
WEDNESDAY, January 30th

9:30 a.m.
The Stratflighted Pairs AX/BC
(Session 1 of 2 – *continues tomorrow morning*)
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs 2 **(**0-750 points)
(Session1 of 2)
(continues tomorrow morning)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 2 of 3)
(continues tomorrow morning)
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m.
Revelations
The Prophet's Panel Show in the Trudeau Room
with Gail Greenberg and Robert Todd

2:00 p.m.
The Championship Bracketed KO Teams
(Session 3 of 4 – *continues tomorrow afternoon)*
Swiss Teams 3 *(Session 1 of 2)*
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
Stratiflighted Pairs 2 AXB/CD *(Session 1 of 2)*
(continues tomorrow afternoon
199er Game (0-199 points)

Senior Trophy Events in Bold

5:00 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

F.Y.I.

GALA PRIZE GIVING AND DINNER DANCE

YOU ARE STILL INVITED TO
"a wonderful, fun time"
(according to one of our survey respondents)
on Friday 31st
in the stunning Princess Rooms

You MUST sign up for this event at the Hospitality Desk BY TOMORROW.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED OUT A FORM AND NOT SIMPLY TOLD SOMEONE.

Tickets cost $125.89 (incl grats), which includes two complimentary cocktails, and the Gala Raffle (see opposite) and may be purchased from the Banquet Desk later in the week either with cash or as a charge to your room.
Please make any special dietary requirements known at time of booking/paying.
This event is an opportunity to dress up, so, make a splash and come looking glamorous! (See Bulletin 1 for guidance on dress code)

F.Y.I.

THE HASTY TASTY WEDNESDAY'S MENU

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.

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

WEDNESDAY'S MENU
Tomato Bisque OR
Roasted Pumpkin Soup

Egg Salad Sandwich OR
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Gluten-free options are available –just indicate at sign-up.
Pick-up at top of ramp from playing room.

"Get a move on, John Hancock, We need that quill to sign up for the Gala Dinner!"