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TEAM GOSLING MORE THAN OK IN THE KO

Yesterday afternoon, Team Gosling floored the opposition to win the prestigious and gruelling Championship KO Teams Competition.

The popular team of (L to R) Robert Todd, Rachael Gosling, Perla Sultan and Alejandro Bianchedi fought the good fight against challenging opponents and were worthy victors at the end.

WELCOME AND HIGH FIVE TO THE GROUPS OF '25

Gail Greenberg and Jeff Hand have been bringing a group of bridge players to Bermuda since 2018 and they have become so woven into our Regional fabric now that our Tournament would be unrecognizable without them.
Gail and Jeff also contribute to our educational programme throughout the week,
with Jeff's Hand's On class on Tuesday and Gail's guest appearance on the Panel Show yesterday.

We love to see them every year and thank them all for coming.

The Bermuda Regional has welcomed groups of players from Massachusetts for as long as anybody can remember and were led for many years by the wonderful Margie Sullivan, who recently passed
(See Bulletin 2)

They have historically had a long-standing relationship with a local small hotel so they stay there but attend our Bridge sessions every day and we are thrilled to see them back here again in 2025.

Quite simply, our Regional would not be the same without these Cape Codders, so we welcome them back warmly and thank them for all their support over the years.

WINNERS, WINNERS, EVERYWHERE

GOLDEN GIRLS

When Lynne D'Arville (L) and Maria Wilson from the Bahamas went prospecting for gold on Tuesday night, they found a potful of it at the end of their playing rainbow, winning the Gosling's Gold Rush Pairs with ease.

"All that glitters is not gold," we are told by the Bard but these two are the real thing and we congratulate them on a fine victory.

When locals Julia Tadman and Joshimar Hussey came to collect their prizes and section tops on Tuesday night, their bags were so full that they might just as well have been labelled "Swag"!

This was the pair's first tournament ever and we say hip, hip hooray to them for such an impressive premiére performance.

I think we can safely say this won't be the last time we see their names in lights.

Susan Berry and Jeff Hand scored a magnificent victory in the Mon/Tues afternoon A/X Pairs. Susan said that she didn't like having her photo taken because she's so short – well, she's certainly not short on Bridge ability and we say very well played to both her and Jeff.

THE A.C.B.L. EDUCATION FUND

Robert (President), Allison (R-Finance Chair), and Danielle are all members of board of the directors of the ACBL Educational Foundation. The Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides grants and runs programs that supports the long term good of bridge. The Foundation has a heavy focus on helping teachers create new bridge players and support youth and young adult bridge. Some of the Foundations programs focused on youth are Bridgewhiz and Jump Start Bridge which is a new initiative that last year, through the hard work of Patty Tucker and others, signed up over 13,000 kids to learn bridge.

Find out more and help support the foundation at www.acblef.org.

REVELATIONS: YESTERDAY'S PANEL SHOW

The Prophet's Panel this year consisted of the Prophet Himself, the Legend that is Gail Greenberg and everybody's most popular Cruiser, Robert Todd. There was a variety of feedback from the panellists, and sometimes the esteemed company's opinions divided into what the Prophet called the Dinosaurs' (he and Gail) and the Young Pretender's (Hot Toddy).

Discussion grew lively over weak 2 bids, 11- point openers, and the pros and cons of the Precision System. Three pieces of advice from this Panel particularly stood out. One was that when a pair who is definitely better than you and your partner sit down against you, don't shrink, get adventurous and you just might throw them off their well-practised game! The second was to be patient in defence – it's a Rookie error to go crashing and cashing at the very beginning of the hand. And, finally, all agreed that it's absolutely the best of all plays to be kind to Partner.

On this last piece of advice, and as an example of how NOT to treat your Partner, the Prophet dug out and dusted off one of his ancient and hoary wheezes:

Years ago, an unfortunate, whom we will name Hapless Harry to spare his blushes, had so managed to butcher every hand he played that his shrew of a wife was driven to bark, "Harry, as each day goes by, your play gets worse and worse, but you just played that hand as if it were the day after tomorrow!"

Thanks to the T'riffic Trinity for the usual interesting, fun and informative forum,
and to the Doubleton of Tournament Sponsors below for their generous support of our Tournament.

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BERMUDA BRIEFS: EYE SPY

The connection between Bermuda and the world of espionage in the Second World War is well documented. During that time, this very hotel was transformed into a major counter-intelligence headquarters for the British, while American security bases were rapidly built elsewhere on the island to protect what Roosevelt called "the Western Hemisphere".

The name's Fleming – Ian Fleming

As a British Naval Intelligence Officer, the author Ian Fleming spent time in Bermuda during the war, while liaising with his colleague and friend, the Canadian William Stephenson (That Man Called "Intrepid"), who eventually retired and died here. (There is a picture of William Stephenson in Bulletin 1)

Fleming's creation, James Bond, was said to have been modelled on Stephenson whom the author called "the real thing" in the world of spies, while, in another nod to all things OO7, a giant fish-tank, prominently featured in "Dr No", was. once located in the hotel lobby here.

Fleming was also involved in the planning of one of the most intriguing Allied intelligence operations of the Second World War – Operation Mincemeat – conceived and executed by Churchill's war-time "Dirty Tricks" department. Mincemeat was a successful ruse which threw the German High Command into a spin by convincing them that the Allies planned to invade one part of Europe instead of another.

The deception was accomplished by persuading the enemy that they had, by lucky accident, intercepted "top secret" documents giving details of invasion war plans. These "invasion plans" were attached to a corpse, the mother of all dummies, deliberately left to wash up on a beach where even the Germans could find him. The incredible story was later the basis of the 1953 book (and later film) "The Man Who Never Was", a later book by Ben McIntyre entitled -er- "Operation Mincemeat" and a new musical running in the West End.

"It's Operation Mincemeat all over again! Our convention card says we should be in one place and we've ended up somewhere else! When I get hold of my partner, he's sure gonna wish he WAS the man who never was!"

NEXT YEAR'S BERMUDA REGIONAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st
to
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

BANQUET BAIT

From past Regional Banquets, and from generally around our Regional this week, you may recognise (and, indeed, may still be recovering from) the sight of a rather heroic, sometimes uniformed, figure doling out prizes and section tops with military precision and this year bustling around briskly executing duties as Co-Chair of the Committee.

That splendid vision is ex local law enforcement officer Steve (Cosh-'Em Dead) Cosham, and we are delighted to report to admirers everywhere that the Beefcake in Blue will be back fully dressed up on Friday night manning his post – well – manfully.

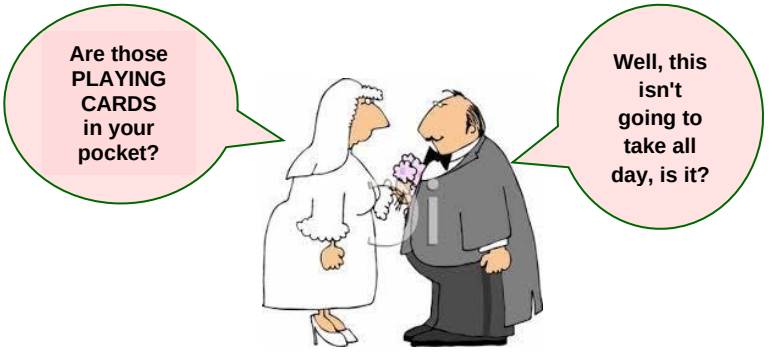
And he's become rather an A-Lister of late, having been awarded in 2018 a Royal Certificate and Badge of Honour from the Queen for his security work during the America's Cup in 2018.

So, if you wish to get a proper eye-full of this vision in blue, it may not be too late to sign up for the Friday night's Gala Dinner and Dance. You might be able to persuade Steve to do the Military Two-Step!

PlayBridgeDealer4

This is the machine that has dealt all your cards this week (good or bad – don't blame the machine!) and the owner of the Company, Terry Collier, which produces the machine is here operating it (don't blame him for your cards, either!). Terry is happy to meet with anyone who has questions about this marvellous machine (in particular, how to keep it in tip-top condition) and will be in the Churchill Room (off the Tea Room) at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Just pop by.

This is Terry not his machine!



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

FRIDAY'S MENU

Tomato Bisque OR
Leek and Potato Soup

Egg Salad Sandwich OR
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Gluten-free options are available – just indicate at sign-up.

THE QUEEN OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Mae Sakr (R) is in some circles known as the Queen of International Bridge on account of the many European Championships she has won, not to mention that she is a multiple NABC winner.

So, we are honoured that she is here with us this week and hope she is as successful in Bermuda as she is elsewhere.

She is pictured here with Allison Freeland who is Finance Chair of the ACBL Educational Fund
(See also Page 2)

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
BY ROBERT TODD

Nice Play Partner – Patience

Dealer: North
Vul: E/W Vul

	♠ KJ4 ♥ 987 ♦ JT732 ♣ 43	
♠ A75 ♥ AT32 ♦ 864 ♣ 962		♠ Q832 ♥ J5 ♦ K5 ♣ AKT87
	♠ T96 ♥ KQ64 ♦ AQ9 ♣ QJ5	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Defense is about good decision making. But it can also be about a lot of other important concepts -- patience and deception. Patience is particularly important when defending 1NT.

As Declarer we are often faced with a decision, run our long suit early or try to setup other tricks first. We often have the same decision on Defense.

Here I led the ♦3 and partner captured the ♦K with the ♦A.
What is the best defense from there?!?

Partner then cashed the ♦Q. They knew that I had the Jack, as we do not lead low from the Ten – we lead second best. So, partner started the think. Instead of returning a third round of ♦, they decided to shift. The question is what to shift to?

Partner made a nice shift to the ♥K – I'm sure they were hoping that I had the ♥T. Declarer won and played a ♣ to the Ace. Partner now made another nice play, dropping the ♣Q. This gave Declarer even more losing options. It would have been best for Declarer to give up a ♥ now. But instead, they played a ♠ to the ♠A and lead the ♣9, to take the finesse.

Partner won the ♣J and now we took 1♣, 1♠, 1♥, 5♦ for down 2 -- +200 and an excellent score.

Very nice defence, partner!

THE BACKHANDER - YESTERDAY'S BEST
BY ROBERT TODD

Play Hard, Play Well!

Dealer: West
Vul: All Vul

	♠ Q7 ♥ AT2 ♦ AJ7642 ♣ 87	
♠ AKJT985 ♥ K53 ♦ -- ♣ T43		♠ 632 ♥ 6 ♦ QT853 ♣ A952
	♠ 4 ♥ QJ9874 ♦ K9 ♣ KQJ6	

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

This hand is from the finals of the Championship KO, Bracket 1. There is an interesting line of play when you get the normal defence of ♠A followed by ♠K.

See if you can make this hand?!?

Ruff the 2nd round of ♠ and finesse the ♥K – playing three rounds of trump ending in the dummy. Noticing that LHO discarded a ♠ and a ♦.

Now lead a ♣ from the dummy down towards your honors. RHO must duck, if they win their ♣A then you have six ♥, three ♣, and two ♦ tricks – for 11 tricks.

So, let's assume that East ducks and we win our ♣K. Now lead the ♣Q. If RHO wins that and returns a ♣, they have set themselves up for the squeeze (rectified the count). When you run all of your trump East will not be able to guard the ♦ and the ♣ and you will make your contract.

If West ducks the ♣Q, the best play… You still have work to do. Now run all of the trump. That will leave you will 4 cards -- ♦K9 and ♣J6. If West keeps two ♦ you can just run dummy's ♦. Instead, East will probably keep the ♣A and ♦Qxx. So, you can endplay him.

But remember to cash (unblock) the ♦K first. Then exit with a ♣. East will win the Ace and have to lead into the ♦AJ.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AM A/X PAIRS, LEADERS
7.5 Tables

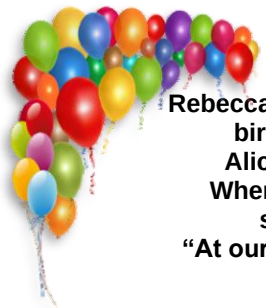
A	X		
1		Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL	60.42%
2	1	Peter Giannandrea, Port Hope ON; Claude King, Mississauga ON	58.73%
3		Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent	58.68%
4		J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON; Dave Willis, Orleans ON	57.15%
5		Dee Lindon - Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England	55.16%
6		Stephanie Flinn, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL	52.78%
7		Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH	52.08%
8		Raluca Nistor - Radu Nistor, Aventura FL	51.99%
	2	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda	47.92%
	3	Michael Kieli, Naples FL; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda	46.03%
	4	Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Diana Diel, Smith Bermuda	45.83%

WED-THU AM B/C PAIRS, LEADERS
11.0 Tables

B	C		
1		Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI	68.88%
2		Maureen McCann, Arnprior ON; Marg Willis, Nepean ON	67.85%
3		Donald Duncan - Melody Purdy, Ottawa ON	66.18%
4		Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	61.91%
5	1	Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda; Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda	59.41%
6		Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY	57.13%
7		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	57.07%
8	2	Barbara Ganin - William Witt, Gainesville FL	55.38%
9		Margot Loren - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	55.04%
10		Suzanne Maurice, Gloucester ON; Kathryn Jensen, Toronto ON	54.65%
11	3	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	52.21%
	4	Georgia Pope - Nancy Marion, Bonita Springs FL	47.87%
	5	Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON	47.63%

WED-THU AM GR PAIRS, LEADERS
12.5 Tables

A	B		
1		Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Coleman Driver, Dedham ME	61.85%
2		Grace Paterson - Jose Marshall, Halifax NS	61.72%
3		Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	61.26%
4	1	Kimberly Bassett - Janet Nelson, Charlotte NC	59.65%
5		Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda; Judy King, Warwick Bermuda	57.98%
6		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	54.42%
7		Georganne Mackaronis, Winston Salem NC; Regina Doorn, Los Alamos NM	54.06%
8		Linda Kee Hawfield - Ben Hawfield, Charlotte NC	53.88%
9	2	Sandy Walker, Nassau Bahamas; Jane Iredale, Gt Barrington MA	53.22%
10	3	Justine Hawley - Susan Schaller, Fairfield CT	52.49%
11	4	Diana Downs, Warwick Wk04 Bermuda; Gloria Rego, Warwick Bermuda	52.00%
12	5	Victor Huang - Alexandra Eadie, Toronto ON	51.78%
13		Barbara Binis, Bala Cynwyd PA; Pamela Yih, Penn Valley PA	51.05%



Rebecca Pick from North Virginia celebrated a birthday yesterday and her partner, Alicia Clelland, wanted us to know it. When asked whether the birthday was a significant one, Alicia quipped, "At our age, EVERY birthday is significant!" We hear that! Happy birthday, Rebecca! Looking good, whatever the birthday!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED AM SIDE PAIRS
11.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.17	1	1		Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA; Kenneth Wong, Newton MA	64.79%
3.13	2			Michael Geisinger - Irene Geisinger, Westbury NY	62.29%
2.35	3			Judith Euler - John Euler, Mooresville NC	61.25%
1.76	4			Jeff Hand, New York NY; Susan Berry, Bay Head NJ	59.37%
1.80	5			Mary Lou Flach, Sewickley PA; Carol Bolen, Allison Park PA	58.54%
1.29	6			Roberta Meadow - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	55.24%
2.10		2		Anne Ferguson - Amelia Grosberg, New York NY	54.76%
1.58		3		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	52.86%
1.18		4		Judith Gaines - Martha Harrington, Charlotte NC	51.19%

MON-THU AFT KO-1
7 Tables

23.00	1	Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL; Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina
16.10	2	Bill Souster, Newport Gwent ; Alan Godes, Needham MA; Dee Lindon - Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England
8.05	3	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

6.33	3/4	Carolyn Overland - Margot Loren - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY
6.33	3/4	Amy Mackoul - Andrea Luckey, Kinnelon NJ; Barbara Fingerhut, Clifton NJ; Marlene Case, Stony Point NY

WED AFT 199ER PAIRS
4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.74	1			Dorothy Evans, Atlanta GA; Wallace Evans, Sandy Springs GA	65.08%
1.31	2			Elaine Stevens, Pembroke Bermuda; Lisa Rhind, Smiths Parish Bermuda	62.70%
0.98	3			Peter Albert - Elaine Albert, Boynton Beach FL	56.35%

Ellen Deutsch (L) from Connecticut and Judy Stein (from New Mexico) met on BBO and decided to come to the Regional together, never having met in person.
They've obviously become fast friends instantly and have found exactly the right spirit (hic!) to enjoy our tournament.

Welcome ladies! May you be Best Bridge Friends Forever!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AM A/X PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION	EAST-WEST			
A	X			A	X		
1		Alejandro Bianchedi, Buenos Aires Argentina; Perla Sultan, Aventura FL	60.42%	1		Peter Giannandrea, Port Hope ON; Claude King, Mississauga ON	58.73%
2		Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent	58.68%	2		J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON; Dave Willis, Orleans ON	57.15%
3		Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH	52.08%	3		Dee Lindon - Peter Lindon, Buckinghamshire England	55.16%
	1	Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda	47.92%		2	Michael Kieli, Naples FL; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda	46.03%

WED-THU AM B/C PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION	EAST-WEST			
B	C			B	C		
1		Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI	68.88%	1		Maureen McCann, Arnprior ON; Marg Willis, Nepean ON	67.85%
2		Donald Duncan - Melody Purdy, Ottawa ON	66.18%	2	1	Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda; Rachael Gosling, Paget Bermuda	59.41%
3		Deborah Crisfield, Philadelphia PA; Cyndi Sauvage, Englewood CO	61.91%	3		Missie Cleek, Fripp Island SC; Marshall Williams, Beaufort SC	57.07%
4		Nirmala Shevde - Ketan Shevde, Great Neck NY	57.13%	4		Margot Loren - Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	55.04%
	1	Barbara Ganin - William Witt, Gainesville FL	55.38%		2	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	52.21%
	2	Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	44.30%				

WED-THU AM GR PAIRS 1ST OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION	EAST-WEST			
A	B			A	B		
1		Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY; Coleman Driver, Dedham ME	61.85%	1		Martha Ferguson, Hamilton Bermuda; Judy King, Warwick Bermuda	57.98%
2		Grace Paterson - Jose Marshall, Halifax NS	61.72%	2		Claude Guay - Sharon Shanahan, Hamilton Bermuda	54.42%
3		Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	61.26%	3		Georganne Mackaronis, Winston Salem NC; Regina Doorn, Los Alamos NM	54.06%
4	1	Kimberly Bassett - Janet Nelson, Charlotte NC	59.65%	4	1	Sandy Walker, Nassau Bahamas; Jane Iredale, Gt Barrington MA	53.22%
5		Linda Kee Hawfield - Ben Hawfield, Charlotte NC	53.88%	5	2	Justine Hawley - Susan Schaller, Fairfield CT	52.49%
	2	Victor Huang - Alexandra Eadie, Toronto ON	51.78%				

WED AM SIDE PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION	EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C	
1			Michael Geisinger - Irene Geisinger, Westbury NY	62.29%	1	1		Lawrence Schell, Weymouth MA; Kenneth Wong, Newton MA 64.79%
2			Mary Lou Flach, Sewickley PA; Carol Bolen, Allison Park PA	58.54%	2			Judith Euler - John Euler, Mooresville NC 61.25%
3			Roberta Meadow - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	55.24%	3			Jeff Hand, New York NY; Susan Berry, Bay Head NJ 59.38%
4	1		Anne Ferguson - Amelia Grosberg, New York NY	54.76%	4			Steven Ackerman, Essex Junction VT; Susan Collinson, South Hero VT 55.21%
5	2		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	52.86%	5			Lannetta Schmidt - Katherine Hawker, Baltimore MD 51.46%
	3		Judith Gaines - Martha Harrington, Charlotte NC	51.19%		2		Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda; Heather Woolf, Paget Bermuda 51.04%
							1	Joyce Pearson, Southampton Bermuda; Betty Morrison, 42.50%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

WED-THU AFT A/X PAIRS FIRST SESSION

		NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	G	EAST-WEST	
A	X			A	X	
1	1	Dave Willis, Orleans ON; Marg Willis, Nepean ON	62.92%	1	Stephanie Flinn, Hobe Sound FL; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Bch Gdns FL	55.42%
2	2	Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	56.96%	2	Margot Hennings, Annandale VA; Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda	54.83%
3		Mustafa Cem Tokay, New York NY; David McCreery, East Hampton NY	53.92%	3	1 Hope Furth, White Plains NY; Susan Sekulow, Rye NY	54.67%
					2 J Mark Siegrist, Gloucester ON; Maureen McCann, Arnprior ON	52.75%

WED-THU AFT B/C PAIRS FIRST SESSION

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	H	EAST-WEST		
B	C	D			B	C	D	
1			Michael Bird - Donna Bird, Wyoming MI	56.97%	1	1	1 Dawne Griffiths - Caryl Marcellus, Toronto ON	58.21%
2	1		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	55.18%	2	2	2 Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON	57.02%
3	2	1	Linda Kee Hawfield - Ben Hawfield, Charlotte NC	51.86%	3/4		Coleman Driver, Dedham ME; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	55.53%
	3	2	Cheryl Diane Patrick, Kansas City MO; Patricia Pacheco,	50.42%	3/4		Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda; Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	55.53%

WED AFT 199ER PAIRS

SECTION F

A	B	C		
1			Dorothy Evans, Atlanta GA; Wallace Evans, Sandy Springs GA	65.08%
2	1		Elaine Stevens, Pembroke Bermuda; Lisa Rhind, Smiths Parish Bermuda	62.70%
3			Peter Albert - Elaine Albert, Boynton Beach FL	56.35%
	2		Shirley Higgins, Hamilton Bermuda; Felicity Lunn, Smiths Parish Bermuda	53.17%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JUDY

Judy Stein from New Mexico reaches a significant birthday today, according to her partner, Ellen Deutsch, from Connecticut. It isn't Judy's 21st but we daren't tell you which one it is because you simply wouldn't believe us!

But take it from us, Judy wears the years lightly and we wish her many more of them.

Happy Birthday, Judy Stein!

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ANOTHER RIGHT HAND OF THE PROPHET

Although the Prophet has already communicated with you through the medium of his panel show, the Chosen One is keen to reveal Himself further, not in a burning bush in these eco-friendly days, but in this equally red-hot hand from ages past.
And He wants to impart wisdom about ....

DECLARER PLAY - Planning the Right Hand

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

Although, of course, I could have gone back a couple of millennia for the Right Hand of the Prophet, I have chosen one from relatively recent times, which is somewhere on the top of my tablet of memorable hands and was played against the Editor's long-suffering (Ed - surely some mistake?) husband, Bill Souster, a lowly sinner, who was partnering John Burville, against whom the wrath of the Prophet has often been visited. My partner on the day was Tony Saunders, always worthy and saintly, so this was a game of power and glory. And, although I am, amongst other wonders, the North Star, I was, in fact, sitting South.

♠ AQJ ♥ Q62 ♦ AQ63 ♣ K32	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT(12-14)	Dbl	Pass	3♠
	Pass	4♠		

♠ 1098632
♥ J98
♦ 5
♣ AJ9

The contract was a righteous one: with John opening the bidding, 10 tricks look assured so I needed to seek the overtrick. John led the Ace of hearts on which Bill played the 3 - time for the Prophet to rumble from on high! These were my thoughts at this stage …

It looked like John had the Ace King of hearts ... he probably had the King of Spades, but if he didn't, he had to have the King of Diamonds and Queen of Clubs to make up his 12-14 points. If he DID have the King of spades then he couldn't have both the Club Queen and the Diamond King, as that would give him 15 points, so Bill must have one of them.

Bill's shape was almost certainly 2-3-4-4! His three of hearts signalled an odd number and the fact that he didn't try and bale out after the double suggested no five-card minor … combine that with the fact that John had to have at least two spades and it didn't take much prophesying to establish there was no other shape he could have.

So, back to the play of the hand …. John continued with the King of hearts on which I cast dummy's Queen to create an entry to my hand and I duly won the third heart. It was now tempting in the New Testament way of temptation to take the diamond finesse and then fling my club on the Ace if it worked, but I decided, instead, to become a seeker after the hand of milk and honey …. and here is the lie of that hand:

	♠ AQJ ♥ Q62 ♦ AQ63 ♣ K32	
♠ K7 ♥ AK75 ♦ J1097 ♣ Q65		♠ 54 ♥ 1043 ♦ K842 ♣ 10874
	♠ 1098632 ♥ J98 ♦ 5 ♣ AJ9	

Kowing that the club Queen had to be with John on my left, my only hope for the overtrick was that Bill had the ten on my right, so I led the club Jack … if John covered, I could then finesse the ten, which in this case works. John, in fact, played smoothly low in case I had AJ10 and a tw0- way choice.

So, I had no choice but to run it……11 tricks and a welcome top of the mountain. And it was good.

Here endeth the lesson.

Amen!

At trick three I took the spade finesse which held … the hand was now taking shape. If John had the diamond King, the Queen of clubs had to be with Bill, so I now cashed the diamond Ace and ruffed a diamond and led another spade, the King coming up from John, and Bill following suit. Now another diamond ruff, spade to Jack, on which John threw a heart, and another diamond and the King of Kings turned up on my right!!

	♠ None ♥ None ♦ None ♣ K32	
♠ None ♥ None ♦ None ♣ Q65		♠ None ♥ None ♦ None ♣ 10874
	♠ None ♥ None ♦ None ♣ AJ9	

FRIENDLY ADVICE FROM THE TWICE AS NICE

TODAY'S PROGRAMME FOR
THURSDAY, January 30th

9:30 a.m.
The Championship Stratflighted Pairs AX/BC
(Session 2 of 2)
The Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs 2 **(**0-750 points)
(Session2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Paget Series (Session 2 of 3)
(finishes tomorrow morning)
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m.
Hot Toddy
Expert Lecture with Robert Todd

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

Senior Trophy Events in Bold

5:00 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME - PLAN AHEAD FOR
FRIDAY, January 31st

9:30 a.m.
The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
(Session 1 of 2 – *continues this afternoon)*
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Session 3 of 4)
199er Game (0-199 points)

1:30 p.m.
The IGI Championship Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
(Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series
199er Game (0-199 points)

Senior Trophy Events in Bold

6:30 p.m.
Prizegiving and Gala Dinner Dance
in the
PRINCESS ROOMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SWISS TEAMS EVENT TOMORROW STARTS AT 1:30, EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED, TO GIVE EVERYONE PLENTY OF TIME TO GUSSY UP FOR THE GALA DO IN THE EVENING.

REVISED JUNIOR TROPHY RACE

Owing to a misunderstanding about the criteria for the two junior individual trophies, the lists for these have been revised below. Please note that the senior lists are unaffected

THE LONGTAIL TROPHY
Awarded to the VISITING player who begins the tournament with fewer than 50 masterpoints and gains the most during the week

1	6.98	Jane Iredale, Gt Barrington MA
2	6.82	Barbara Ryon, Fort Worth TX
3	2.84	Victor Huang, Toronto ON
4	2.45	Shawn McLaughlin, Ambler PA
5	2.13	Alice George, Warminster PA
6	1.92	James Mulderig, Saint Simons GA
7	1.53	Patricia Walsh, Blue Bell PA
8	0.92	Deb Evans, Warrington PA

Total Masterpoints reported: 25.59
Players selected: 8 out of 272

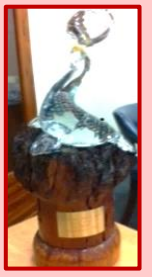
THE KARL HICKS TROPHY
Awarded to the LOCAL player who begins the tournament with fewer than 20 masterpoints and gains the most during the week

1	5.87	Joshimar Hussey, Hamilton
2	5.87	Julia Tadman, Hamilton
3	3.39	Edward Ferrari-Willis, Smiths
4	3.39	Jaime Ferrari-Mccomb, Smiths
5	2.94	Tracey Pitt, Paget
6	1.61	Jamie Sapsford, St George
7	1.53	James Fielding, Paget
8	1.31	Michael Moriarty, Hamilton
9	1.14	Dorea Grant, St George

Total Masterpoints reported: 27.05
Players selected: 9 out of 272

The Championship Stratiflighted Pairs and the Bermuda Gold Rush Pairs both finish today and below is some of the sensational silverware that will be won:

Awarded to the winners of the Championship Stratiflighted Pairs A



Awarded to the wi
the Bermuda Gold R
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Bermuda Gold
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Awarded to the winners of the Championship Stratiflighted Pairs B