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GAIL AND JEFF HANDED A RARE HONOUR BY BERMUDA BRIDGE

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 (barring the Plague Years), bringing with her various Bridge Sprees groups and her partner, her winning hand, Jeff Hand. So successful has their bridge been at this tournament that many of our most significant trophies have winged their way back to the Big Apple – not literally, of course, because you can't take the silverware with you, but their names are engraved on many of our cups.

More than even this, however, both Gail and Jeff have become significant contributors to our Bridge educational programme and an integral part of our Tournament in general. So much so, that the Bermuda Bridge Community felt it was only right to award them both this year Honorary Lifetime Memberships of the Bermuda Bridge Club, an honour afforded to but a few.

Gail and Jeff clutching the Maude Lines Trophy, one of many prizes won here by them.

Gail and Jeff receiving their Lifetime Memberships of the Bermuda Bridge Club from Tracy Nash, local ACBL President.

We are delighted to welcome Gail and Jeff back again this year and thank them for their continued friendship and support.

P.S. Jeff is also responsible for providing many of the bridge cartoons featured in this year's bulletins, and I'm sure we're all very grateful for all that extra cheese.

We also welcome back American professional bridge player and Grand Life Master, Radu Nistor, who is here once again with his regular partner, Barbara McClendon, both from New York.

Radu has become a regular attendee at our Tournament and, with his team, has already made a sizzling start to the week with a magnificent win in Sunday's Round Robin teams and we thank him and his team for their continued support.

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

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SWEET SUCCESS IN THE SUNDAY/MONDAY MORNING SWISS

Victorious in Bracket 1 of the Sunday and Morning Swiss were four players from four different parts of North America.

They are (L to R) Maureen Pechacek (NV), Susan Jones (FL) Heather Burling (ON) and Jeannie Exum (NC).

What an awesome foursome to win so brilliantly, never having played together before.

We heartily congratulate these winning women.

In contrast to the team above, the winners of Bracket 2 in the same event were all from North Carolina (there must be something in the water there!). They are (L to R) Jerry Woodward, Joe Exum, Sallie Cozart and Thomas Cozart.

Nice Job, North Carolina!

Making Bermuda proud by taking top honours in Bracket 3 of the Swiss Event was the local team of (L to R) Rosie Smith, Elaine Stevens, Donna Leitch and Lisa Rhind.

Three cheers for them.

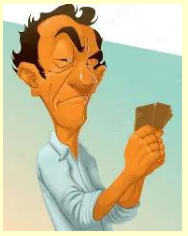
Three cheers also for Lisa Rhind who gained her first Gold Point by winning yesterday.

Let's hear it for the girls!

CEREBRAL CELEBRITIES

Over the years, the Great, the Good and Beyond have had a lot to say about the game of Bridge and Bridge Players themselves. Here is a selection of some of these gems to pep up your mid-week read.

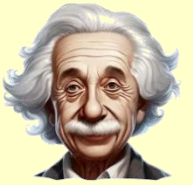
Bridge is essentially a social game but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of anti-social people."
Alan Truscott



Alan Truscott's Bridge Player

The Bermuda Regional's Bridge Players

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits."
Ely Culbertson



"Only two things are infinite – human stupidity and the universe, and I'm not sure about the universe"

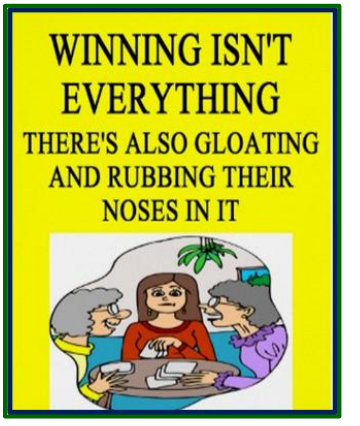
Albert Einstein

"A dame that knows the ropes ain't likely to get tied up"
Mae West

"To play well, you must know the ropes – including the kind you give an opponent so that he can hang himself".
Alfred Sheinewold

"Years ago, there were only two acceptable reasons for not leading the suit your partner had opened – having no cards in the suit and sudden death!"
Alfred Sheinewold

The last thing I remember is sitting at a bridge table about to make an opening lead.



"Whoever said it's not whether you win or lose that counts probably lost!"
Martina Navratolova

It's not whether you win or lose that counts – it's whether I win or lose!
Anon

It is well known that in third seat you must have 13 cards to open the bidding.

Edgar Kaplan

I favour light opening bids. When you're my age, you're never sure they're going to get back to you in time.

Oswald Jacoby at 77

"Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day."

Warren Buffett

Playing bridge with the guys all these long years has taught me a whole new meaning of the word "stiff"

There's more to life than Bridge – but not much!
Anon

I gave up Bridge once – the worst two minutes of my life.
Anon

"When all else fails – sport, love, ambition – bridge remains a solace and an entertainment."

Somerset Maugham

We hope this sentiment has held true for you this week.

HOT TODDY
YESTERDAY'S EXPERT LECTURE

Hot Toddy is always besieged by eager students.

Robert Todd delivered his usual afternoon delight yesterday on the subject of pre-empts, a lesson bursting with useful tips and lots of laughter.

His lesson notes will be available on a table in the playing room for those who could not attend and will of course have all the details on what he said, but here are some of the provocative pieces of advice he gave to whet your appetites:

Learn to be a jerk at the table – through the bidding box, by making pre-emptive bids that make life difficult and miserable for the opponents.

Learn partner's style of bidding, especially when it comes to pre-empts because crazy opposite crazy almost always equals minus 1100!

When playing very good opponents at the table and you're the underdog, don't cower or crouch – attack with bold pre-empts!

So, these give you a flavour of the lecture, the delivery of which crackled and sizzled as always. After all, he's not called Hot Toddy for nothing!

CONNED BY BOND
FOR ALL EYES ONLY

In view of the H.P.'s connection with Ian Fleming and James Bond (see Bulletin 1), it's only right that we include in our bulletins this week arguably the most entertaining hand in all of bridge lore. Known popularly as the Duke of Cumberland Hand, first dealt to the son of King George III and resulting in a lost wager of huge proportions, Bond fans will instantly recognise it as a famous feature in the OO7 film "Moonraker" where it outfoxed the dastardly villain Drax.

007
♠
♥
♦ Q8765432
♣ AQ1084

Drax
♠ AKQJ
♥ AKQJ
♦ AK
♣ KJ9

Meyer
♠ 65432
♥ 109872
♦ J109
♣

M
♠10987
♥ 6543
♦
♣76532

THE BIDDING

Bond (N)	Meyer (E)	M (S)	Drax (W)
7♣ (!!)	Pass	Pass	Double
Redouble!!!	Pass	Pass	Pass

THE PLAY

Although 007 has only 8 points in his hand, there was no give and get by about his approach to the play. By neutralizing Drax's trumps with a double finesse and promoting his diamonds, which he somehow knew were forever, he established a legendary 13 tricks, fully justifying his licence to thrill.

"Umm, that hand has certainly shaken and stirred the living daylights out of me!"

PAST HANDS - YESTERDAY'S BEST
by Robert Todd
The Winning Pessimist

Dealer: North
Vul: None

	♠ 4 ♥ AQT5 ♦ QJ6 ♣ KJ852	
♠ JT962 ♥ 2 ♦ 7542 ♣ A94		♠ KQ75 ♥ J976 ♦ T93 ♣ Q7
	♠ A83 ♥ K843 ♦ AK8 ♣ T63	

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦*	P	1♥	P
2♥	P	4♥	All Pass

Partner opened 1♦, our only "convenient minor" since we play Precision (where 1♣ is a strong artificial bid). I responded 1♥ and partner raised to 2♥ (she wishes she could have bid 2.5♥). I went ahead and bid game and we played it there.

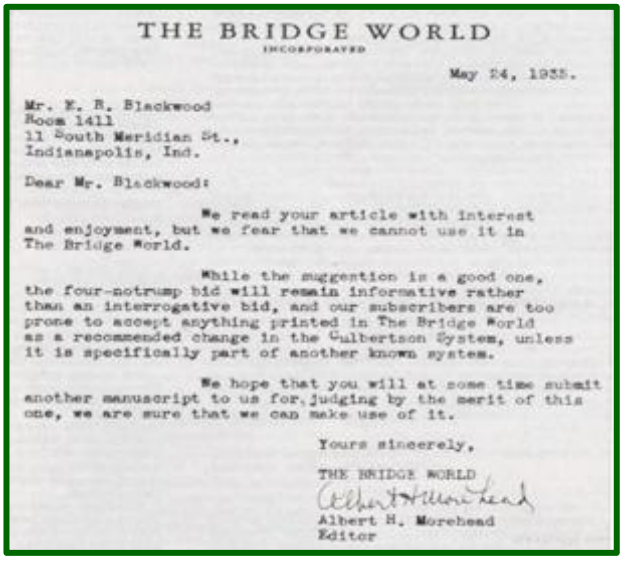
LHO lead the ♠J. How do you play?

The key is to think about what could go wrong. In the ♣Q is offside then we have at least two Club losers. If we draw trump, if the trump are 4/1, then the opponents can force us to ruff in the dummy then we might lose two one Spade, one trump, and two Club tricks.

If we play the trump suit the "normal way", the Ace and then low to the King (allowing us to pickup LHO having Jack-Fourth of Hearts then we might still go down. They can force us to ruff the ♥T and then ruff with ♥Q. This will leave us with two Heart losers as well as our two Clubs losers.

The key is to play one round of trump from the dummy (the ♥A and then tackle the ♣). Even if we lose two Club tricks, we can still ruff two Spades with dummy's little trump. And even if we lose three Club tricks (Club, club, club ruff) then we will still make our contract by discarding our Spade losers on the Clubs.

The way you find this play is to think ahead about what could go wrong!!



THE BRIDGE WORLD
INCORPORATED

May 24, 1935.

Mr. E. R. Blackwood
Room 1411
11 South Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

We read your article with interest and enjoyment, but we fear that we cannot use it in The Bridge World.

While the suggestion is a good one, the four-notrump bid will remain informative rather than an interrogative bid, and our subscribers are too prone to accept anything printed in The Bridge World as a recommended change in the Culbertson System, unless it is specifically part of another known system.

We hope that you will at some time submit another manuscript to us for, judging by the merit of this one, we are sure that we can make use of it.

Yours sincerely,

THE BRIDGE WORLD
Albert H. Morehead
Editor

THEY JUST SAID NO

**If at this stage of the Tournament,
you are beginning to lose faith in your system,
don't despair!
Instead, take a look at the rejection letter opposite from Albert H. Morehead,
a distinguished player and author in his own right, sent to EASLEY BLACKWOOD
when Blackwood first submitted his now famous convention to the Bridge Bigwigs of the day in 1935.**

**If Blackwood had given up then,
we wouldn't be achieving many of our slams now,
so don't blame your conventions for your poor results
– blame Partner instead!**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON MORN SIDE PAIRS
13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	74.83%
3.41	2			Frank Starzomski, Sydney NS; Jane MacDonald, New Waterford NS	64.39%
2.56	3			June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	59.09%
3.50	4	1	1	Cindy Wilson - Susan Chapman, Montgomery AL	56.60%
2.63	5	2	2	Susan Guichon - Sharon Ranson, Toronto ON	56.25%
1.40	6			Jeff Hand - Deborah Tormey, New York NY	54.51%
1.97		3		Stephen Pescatore, Revere MA; Sara Gage, Sag Harbor NY	53.22%
1.48		4		Patricia Melton - Judy Ranson, Charlotte NC	51.04%
1.11		5		Arman Tookmanian, Budd Lake NJ; Joy Scally, Essex Fells NJ	50.57%
1.11		6		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	50.35%
1.04			3	Ellen Cook, Tulsa OK; Joseph Piantanida, Stillwater OK	49.05%

MON MORN SIDE PAIRS 1ST OF 3 SESSION

SECTION F NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1			Frank Starzomski, Sydney NS; Jane MacDonald, New Waterford NS	64.39%
2			June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	59.09%
3	1	1	Susan Guichon - Sharon Ranson, Toronto ON	56.25%
4	2		Stephen Pescatore, Revere MA; Sara Gage, Sag Harbor NY	53.22%
5	3		Patricia Melton - Judy Ranson, Charlotte NC	51.04%
6	4		Arman Tookmanian, Budd Lake NJ; Joy Scally, Essex Fells NJ	50.57%
		2	Ellen Cook, Tulsa OK; Joseph Piantanida, Stillwater OK	49.05%

SECTION F EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ; Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	74.83%
2	1	1	Cindy Wilson - Susan Chapman, Montgomery AL	56.60%
3			Jeff Hand - Deborah Tormey, New York NY	54.51%
4			Patricia Morrison - Goldie Trager, Halifax NS	54.34%
5	2		Mary Lyons Scott, Hanover NH; Nancy Fleming, Exeter NH	50.35%
6			Greg Winkler, Centerville MA; Sheila Pechinski, Scarborough ME	49.83%
	3		Zeljko Sokolovic, Oakville ON; Dragan Basta, Toronto ON	49.13%

Massive congratulations to Susan Jones from Florida who became a Silver Life Master/Mistress yesterday with her team's fine win in the Swiss.

We are so proud that she achieved this milestone here in Bermuda.

Sail on, Silver Girl

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SUN-MON AM OPEN SWISS
17 Tables

	A	B	C		
9.45	1			Susan Jones, Naples FL; Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV; Heather Burling, Newmarket ON; Jeannie Exum, Kinston NC	90.00
6.21	2/3			Edith Walker, Nashville TN; Susan Duke, Vilas NC; Evelyn Brandon, Myrtle Beach SC; Polly Arnold, Raleigh NC	83.00
6.21	2/3	1		Jerry Woodard - Sallie Cozart - Thomas Cozart, Wilson NC; Joe Exum, Kinston NC	83.00
3.99	4	2		Margie Moses - Suzanne Atchley - Ann Keown, Chattanooga TN; Iris Abelson, Signal Mountain TN	70.00
3.15	5			Carol Kerr - Janet Mobley - Phyllis Murray, Knoxville TN; Susan Bedwell, New Market TN	68.00
2.60		3		Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda; Martha Ferguson - Judy King, Bermuda; Tracy Nash, Sn02 Bermuda	67.00
2.98		4	1	Rosemary Smith, Bermuda; Elaine Stevens, Pembroke Bermuda; Donna Leitch - Lisa Rhind, Smiths Parish Bermuda	65.00
2.24			2	Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON; Jeffrey Bennett, Jericho NY; Lisa Hadar, Woodbury NY	61.00
1.68			3	Barbara Bogumill, Saute Nacoche GA; Henny Westra, Chatham ON; Ken Willis, Avondale Estate GA; Beth Bjarnason, Mississauga ON	56.00

Congratulations to local players Wendy and Richard Gray who with a stunning 70.33% game won the Monday afternoon Open Side Game.
We would ring bells in celebration if only we had the pull,
So we'll content ourselves with saying,
"Very well played, you two!"

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON AFT SIDE PAIRS
24.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.45	1			Richard Gray - Wendy Gray, Southampton Bermuda	70.33%
4.84	2	1		Stephen Pescatore, Revere MA; Sara Gage, Sag Harbor NY	63.80%
3.63	3			Louise Rodger, Paget Bermuda; Patricia Siddle, Warwickn Bermuda	61.03%
3.55	4	2		Bari Boyer, Edgartown MA; Beatrice Phear, West Tisbury MA	59.89%
2.66	5	3		Nancy Hayden, Boca Grande FL; Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH	59.38%
1.53	6			Jeannie Exum, Kinston NC; Heather Burling, Newmarket ON	59.06%
1.15	7			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	59.04%
2.92		4	1	Kathy Alfonzetti, New York NY; Angelika Algava, Delray Beach FL	58.41%
2.22		5		Jane Palmer, Ottawa ON; Anna Yates, Venice FL	57.04%
0.98		6/7		Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda; Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	55.05%
0.98		6/7		Sarah Stairs, Toronto ON; Janis Silvestri, Thornhill ON	55.05%
2.19			2	Sharon Ranson - Susan Guichon, Toronto ON	54.76%
1.64			3	Cindy Wilson - Susan Chapman, Montgomery AL	53.53%
2.04			4	Carol Reid, Cornwall PE; Sheila Morgan, Wheatland Count AB	53.16%
1.46			5	Caroline Svensen, Paget PG 05 Bermuda; Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda	53.00%
1.02			6	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Joyce Pearson, Southampton Bermuda	51.27%

MON AFT 199ER PAIRS
3.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.74	1	1		Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; David Leach, Hamilton Bermuda	63.97%
1.31	2			Diane Drake, Edgartown MA; Lolly Hand, Vineyard Haven MA	62.50%
1.14	3	2		Jamie Sapsford, St George Bermuda; Jane Downing, Mangrove Bay Bermuda	58.83%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON AFT SIDE PAIRS 2 OF 3 SESSION

SECTION F NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1			Richard Gray - Wendy Gray, Southampton Bermuda	70.33%
2			Louise Rodger, Paget Bermuda; Patricia Siddle, Warwickn Bermuda	61.03%
3	1		Bari Boyer, Edgartown MA; Beatrice Phear, West Tisbury MA	59.89%
4			Jeannie Exum, Kinston NC; Heather Burling, Newmarket ON	59.06%
5			Sheena Rayner, Wk 09 Bermuda; Magda Farag, Smiths Parish Bermuda	58.42%
6	2	1	Kathy Alfonzetti, New York NY; Angelika Algava, Delray Beach FL	58.41%
	3		Lorna Anderson, Saint George Bermuda; Aida Bostelmann, Paget Bermuda	53.52%
	4	2	Arman Tookmanian, Budd Lake NJ; Joy Scally, Essex Fells NJ	50.47%

SECTION F EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Jeff Hand - Deborah Tormey, New York NY	55.05%
2	1	1	Carol Reid, Cornwall PE; Sheila Morgan, Wheatland Count AB	53.16%
3	2	2	Caroline Svensen, Paget PG 05 Bermuda; Jane Clipper, Hamilton Parish Bermuda	53.00%
4	3		Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV; Susan Jones, Naples FL	52.82%
5	4	3	Marie Rose - Heather Pierce, Stratford PE	49.98%
6			Kiran Kumar, Walnut CA; Ramani Ravikandan, Rolling Hills E CA	48.95%

SECTION H NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1		Jane Palmer, Ottawa ON; Anna Yates, Venice FL	57.04%
2			June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL; Jo Watford, Niceville FL	53.90%
3	2		Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	52.54%
4	3	1	Betsy Baillie, Warwick Bermuda; Joyce Pearson, Southampton Bermuda	51.27%
		2	Barbara Bogumill, Saute Nacoche GA; Ken Willis, Avondale Estate GA	48.95%

SECTION H EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1		Stephen Pescatore, Revere MA; Sara Gage, Sag Harbor NY	63.80%
2	2		Nancy Hayden, Boca Grande FL; Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH	59.38%
3			Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	59.04%
4/5	3/4		Geoff Bell, Paget Bermuda; Molly Taussig, Warwick Bermuda	55.05%
4/5	3/4		Sarah Stairs, Toronto ON; Janis Silvestri, Thornhill ON	55.05%
		1	Sharon Ranson - Susan Guichon, Toronto ON	54.76%

MON AFT 199ER PAIRS
SECTION J

A	B	C		
1	1	1	Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; David Leach, Hamilton Bermuda	63.97%
2			Diane Drake, Edgartown MA; Lolly Hand, Vineyard Haven MA	62.50%
3	2		Jamie Sapsford, St George Bermuda; Jane Downing, Mangrove Bay Bermuda	58.83%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-WED AFT KO-1
6 Tables

Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; John Rayner, Hamilton Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda; Judith Bussell, Devonshire Bermuda
vs
Barbara McLendon - Radu Nistor - Raluca Nistor, New York NY; Iulian Rotaru, Sunnyside NY

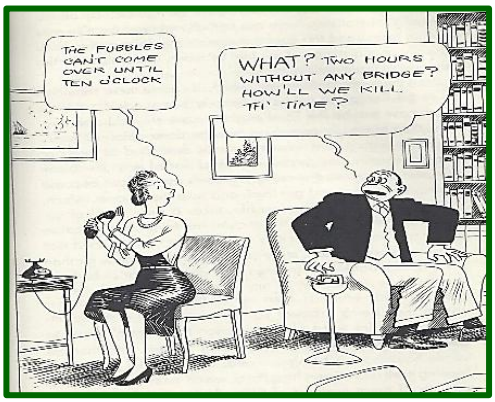
Miodrag Novakovic, Pembroke Bermuda; Margaret Way, Paget Bermuda; Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc MI; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent United Kingdom
vs
Rachael Gosling - John F W Glynn, Bermuda; Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL

MON-WED AFT KO-2
6 Tables

Margie Moses - Ann Keown - Suzanne Atchley, Chattanooga TN; Iris Abelson, Signal Mountain TN
vs
Carolyn Overland - Heather Overland Bonk - Peter Bonk, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY

Sallie Cozart - Thomas Cozart - Jerry Woodard, Wilson NC; Joe Exum, Kinston NC
vs
Morris Trager - Goldie Trager - Adrian Morrison - Patricia Morrison, Halifax NS

MARITAL BLISS-ER-BRIDGE



YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON EVE SIDE GAME
6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1	1		Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	57.39%
2.27	2			Gene Thom, Hamilton ON; Susan Bond, North York ON	56.50%
1.70	3			Phyllis Murray - Janet Mobley, Knoxville TN	53.83%
1.84	4	2		Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV; Susan Jones, Naples FL	53.00%
1.38		3		Erika Jones, Southampton Bermuda; Lisa Rhind, Smiths Parish Bermuda	52.00%

MON EVE 199ER PAIRS
5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.86	1			Carol Eastham, Southampton Bermuda; Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda	59.23%
1.63	2	1		Alison Feagin, Vero Beach FL; Kelley Johnston, Charlottesville VA	57.35%
1.43	3	2	1	Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; David Leach, Hamilton Bermuda	56.41%
0.94	4/5	3/4	2/3	Beth Bjarnason, Mississauga ON; Henny Westra, Chatham ON	50.31%
0.94	4/5	3/4	2/3	Ross Cooper, Smiths Bermuda; Desiree Woods, Southampton Bermuda	50.31%

MON PAGET SIDE SERIES
29.00 Tables / Based on 15 Tables

7.66	1/2	Jane MacDonald, New Waterford NS	122.48%
7.66	1/2	Frank Starzomski, Sydney NS	122.48%
4.55	3/4	Ruth Weston, Marshfield MA	121.94%
4.55	3/4	Richard Palmer, Fountain Hills AZ	121.94%
6.81	5/6	Sara Gage, Sag Harbor NY	117.02%
6.81	5/6	Stephen Pescatore, Revere MA	117.02%
4.11	7/8	Jo Watford, Niceville FL	112.99%
4.11	7/8	June Bunn, Ft Walton Beach FL	112.99%

MON EVE SIDE GAME 3RD OF THREE SESSION

SECTION I NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1	1		Caryl Marcellus - Dawne Griffiths, Toronto ON	57.39%
2			Phyllis Murray - Janet Mobley, Knoxville TN	53.83%
	2		Erika Jones, Southampton Bermuda; Lisa Rhind, Smiths Parish Bermuda	52.00%

SECTION I EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1			Gene Thom, Hamilton ON; Susan Bond, North York ON	56.50%
2	1		Maureen Pechacek, Las Vegas NV; Susan Jones, Naples FL	53.00%
	2		Michael Moriarty - Willi Lawrence, Hamilton Bermuda	51.74%

MON EVE 199ER PAIRS

SECTION J NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C		
1			Carol Eastham, Southampton Bermuda; Veronica Boyce, Hamilton Bermuda	59.23%
2	1	1	Beth Bjarnason, Mississauga ON; Henny Westra, Chatham ON	50.31%

SECTION J EAST-WEST

A	B	C		
1	1		Alison Feagin, Vero Beach FL; Kelley Johnston, Charlottesville VA	57.35%
2	2	1	Tracey Pitt, Paget Bermuda; David Leach, Hamilton Bermuda	56.41%
		2	Ross Cooper, Smiths Bermuda; Desiree Woods, Southampton Bermuda	50.31%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MON-TUE EVE A/X PAIRS FIRST SESSION

SECTION E NORTH-SOUTH

A	X		
1		Jeff Hand - Gail Greenberg, New York NY	58.33%
2	1	John F W Glynn - Rachael Gosling, Bermuda	55.36%
3	2	Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda	54.17%

SECTION E EAST-WEST

A	X		
1	1	Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda; Jane Smith, Bermuda	57.44%
2		Bill Souster, Newport Gwent United Kingdom; David Cordon, Warwick Bermuda	54.46%
3	2	Kathleen Clay - Peter Clay, Wellesley MA	53.27%
	3	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	52.38%

MON-TUE EVE B/C PAIRS FIRST SESSION (PLAYED WITH A/X)

B	C		
1		Jane Smith, Bermuda; Gertrude Barker, Warwick Bermuda	57.44%
2		John F W Glynn - Rachael Gosling, Bermuda	55.36%
3		Charles Hall, Smiths Parish Bermuda; Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke Bermuda	54.17%
	1	Carolyn Overland, Toronto ON; Daniele Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	52.38%
	2	Meg Boyles, Charlotte NC; Nelson Crisp, Greenville NC	48.51%

MON-TUE EVE GOLD RUSH PRS FIRST SESSION

SECTION H NORTH-SOUTH

7	5	2		
1	1		Tim Mardon, Studio Lane F Bermuda; Lisa Ferrari, Smiths Fl08 Bermuda	60.02%
2	2		Peter Bonk - Heather Overland Bonk, Toronto ON	57.72%
3			Jane Palmer, Ottawa ON; Anna Yates, Venice FL	56.83%
4			Howard Berman - Carole Berman, Boca Raton FL	55.02%
5	3		Desmond Nash, Sn 02 Bermuda; Tracy Nash, Sn02 Bermuda	54.57%
6			Meredith Shorkey - Kathy Wholey, Charlotte NC	51.70%
	4		Kathy Alfonzetti, New York NY; Angelika Algava, Delray Beach FL	50.10%
		1	James Mulderig - Robert Mulderig, Bermuda	44.48%

SECTION H EAST-WEST

7	5	2		
1			Carol Pastushok, Princeton NJ; Nikos Panayotatos, Orangeburg NY	60.07%
2	1		Lonnie Kepley - Gail Kepley, Naperville IL	57.13%
3			Virginia Disch, Summit NJ; Wilhelmina Moyer, Oldwick NJ	56.54%
4			Stephen Cosham, St Georges Bermuda; Judy King, Bermuda	54.72%
5	2		Mike Dawson - Joann Dawson, Aylmer ON	53.91%
6			Earl Rivers - Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH	52.00%
	3/4		Joy Scally, Essex Fells NJ; Arman Tookmanian, Budd Lake NJ	50.71%
	3/4	1	Malcolm Moseley, Devonshire Bermuda; Mark Stevens, Warwick Bermuda	50.71%
		2	Laura Miralia - Elizabeth Schillings, Charlotte NC	49.83%

Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠10 8 ♥Q J 4 ♦7 6 5 2 ♣A J 10 6	
♠K 7 4 ♥K 10 8 7 ♦K Q J 10 ♣7 4		♠Q 9 6 5 ♥6 ♦9 8 4 3 ♣8 5 3 2
	♠A J 3 2 ♥A 9 5 3 2 ♦A ♣K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the king of diamonds. Declarer could count six tricks outside trumps. He saw that if he could keep his trump losers to one, he would make his contract.

Declarer observed that no matter how he played the trump suit he would almost always have at least one loser in the suit. If trumps were three-two, the ace and another trump would carry the day. So, declarer turned his attention to dealing with a four-one trump break.

With that in mind, declarer led a low trump at trick two. West played the ♥8 and dummy's jack won the trick. Declarer returned to hand with a low club to his king to lead a second low trump. West rose with the king of trumps, dummy followed low, and East discarded a diamond.

Declarer ruffed West's continuation of the queen of diamonds, played a low trump to dummy's queen, led a spade to his ace and drew West's remaining trump with the ace. This brought declarer's trick total to seven and he claimed three more club tricks for his contract.

Note that declarer's play in the trump suit would only lose a second trump trick if East had been dealt a singleton king or four trumps to the king and a singleton club (provided he does not take the king on the first round of trumps). Otherwise, declarer would have been able to pick up the trump suit for one loser

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TODAY'S PROGRAMME -
TUESDAY, February 3rd

9:30 a.m.
Stratiflighted Pairs AXB/CD (Session 1of 2)
(continues this afternoon)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Game 1 of 3*)*
(continues this afternoon)
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m.
Director! Ask the Director
with Melody Euler

2:00 p.m.
The Championship Bracketed KO Teams
(Session 2 of 4)
(*continues to Thursday afternoon*)
Stratiflighted Pairs AXB/CD (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Game 2 of 3*)*
(continues this evening)
199er Game (0-199 points)
4:45 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

7:45 p.m.
The Championship Stratiflighted Pairs AX/BC
(Session 2 of 2)
The Bermuda Gold Pairs 1 - 0-750 points (Session 2 of 2)
Open Side Game – Warwick Series (Game 3 of 3*)*
(New Open Side Game Series begins tomorrow)
199er Game (0-199 points)
Championship Events in Bold

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME- PLAN AHEAD FOR
WEDNESDAY, February 4th

9:30 a.m.
The Championship Stratflighted Championship Pairs 2 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 – Smiths Series (Game 1 of 3*)*
(continues tomorrow morning)
199er Game (0-199 points)

12:30 p.m.
Revelations
The Prophet's Panel Show

2:00 p.m.
The Championship Bracketed KO Teams
(Session 3 of 4)
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
Bracketed Pairs
(Session 1 of 2)
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
Open Side Game – St. George's Series (Game 1 of 3)
(continues tomorrow afternoon)
199er Game (0-199 points)
Championship Events in Bold

4:45 p.m.
Tea in Trudeau

END OF REGIONAL PARTY
YOU ARE STILL INVITED TO
"a wonderful, fun time"
(according to one of our survey respondents)
and a chance to celebrate, survival, success and you
on Friday 6th
in the stunning Princess Rooms.
You MUST sign up for this event at the Hospitality Desk TODAY.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FILLED OUT A FORM
or used the Regional's QR code
AND NOT SIMPLY TOLD SOMEONE.
Tickets cost $135 including grats,
two complimentary cocktails,
a scrumptious four-course dinner,
entry into the Regional Draw (see opposite),
and dancing till the late hours.
They 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 cool and/or glamorous!
(See Bulletin 1 for guidance on dress code)

"O.K., gentlemen,
let's sign OFF on this Constitution,
and get it ON for that Disco!"

THE HASTY TASTY TOMORROW'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	**$12.50**
Sandwich Only	**$13.50**
Soup and Half Sandwich Combo	**$17**
Soup and Full Sandwich Combo	**$21**

WEDNESDAY'S MENU
Tomato Bisque OR
Leek and Potato Soup

Ham and Cheese Sandwich OR
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Gluten-free options are available –just indicate at sign-up.
Pick-Up outside the playing Room from 12:15 p.m.

THE REGIONAL DRAW
Fabulous prizes to be won -
e.g. a complimentary night at the HP for next year's Regional
and/or a complimentary flight from BermudAir.
You've simply got to be there!
And, oh, what a night it'll be!