

Quebec championships to be held in Montreal next weekend

The Montreal Bridge League's (MBL) Province of Quebec Championships, backed by 41 years of tradition, will be held next weekend, Nov. 6 to 8, at the Hotel Châteaubriand, 6500 Côte de Liège Blvd. W. The schedule is:

• **Friday, Nov. 6:** Men's Pairs and Ladies Pairs, and 0-20 Novice Pairs at 1:30 p.m. Mixed Pairs, 0-50 Pairs and Side Game at 8 p.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 7:** Flighted (A no limit, B 0-500) Pairs at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., 0-49 Pairs at 1:30 p.m., 0-20 Novice Game and Side Game at 7:30 p.m.

• **Sunday, Nov. 8:** Flighted (A no limit, B 0-500) Swiss Teams at 11 a.m. and TBA, Senior (50 and up years) Pairs, and 0-100 (master points, NOT years!) Swiss Teams at 11 a.m.

Free entries to the next MBL Sectional will be awarded to the non-Life Master winning the most master points over the weekend. For information and partnerships, contact Audrey Hart at 747-4892.

Qualifiers from the Unit Final stage of the North American Open Pairs (Flight A), otherwise known as the Grand National Pairs, are expected to play today and tomorrow in the District Final at the Hotel Châteaubriand, beginning 1 p.m. today.

Daniel Brouillette-Robert Morin (287) won the Unit Stage of the North Open Pairs Flight B (non-Life Masters) in late September. Nicole Lamarre-Normand Hubert (270) were a distant second. Third, with 259.5 were Simone Bronstein-Gisèle Lalonde, half a matchpoint ahead of Bruce Lerner-Bob Scruton. Fifth, with 241, were M. and P. Normandin. Tied sixth-seventh with 237.5 were M. Deserres-F. Lapiante and S.N. Mahajan-S.M. Judge. Results of the District Final should be available shortly.

Nick Krnjecic advises us that the entry deadline for the MBL's Winter Team-of-Four League has been extended to Nov. 15.

The Shaar Hashomayim Club hosts its annual two-session qualifying heat of the Canadian Women's Teams Championship on successive Tuesdays, Nov. 10 and 17, 12:30 p.m. Call Mavis Solloway at 486-0458 for reservations and information.

The third annual DES Charity Shaare Zion is on Nov. 11 at noon. Call 483-3204 for tickets.

Several clubs have written to

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confirm that they have access facilities for players in wheelchairs. They are Baie d'Urfé, 20477 Lakeshore Rd. (Fritz Farm), call 457-5238 or 457-5906 for times and details: CHNDM, 555 Gouin Blvd. West, Monday and Friday at 7:45 p.m. and Wednesday at 1:15 p.m., call 277-4449 or 331-3020; Rive Sud, 341 Longueuil St., in Longueuil, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 1:30 p.m., Call 676-6465 or 679-3282.

Adventures in Europe

If the recent bridge news seems a bit out of sync, please allow me to apologize. Globetrotting means advance copy filing.

In early October, Marc Stein,

Boris Baran, Mark Molson and I were fortunate enough to be invited to Rotterdam, Netherlands, for the Multihouse (a computer firm) 35-hour Bridge Marathon. Like many of the 64 teams, we had a sponsor (ours was CALRAB, a Californian raisin company), which is one of the reasons the event has been able to develop such an international flavor and reputation. Had Molson and I done better in our last set, we might have finished third (Hilton Netherlands, the winners, and Austria, the runners-up, were virtually uncatchable) but we limped home no better than seventh.

Apart from inflicting Dutch cards (a V is a queen, not a jack; a B is a jack, and H is a king) on remarkably inflexible foreign teams, the organizers brilliantly orchestrated the event and the social aspects. We were second in the pre-Marathon Vu-Graph exhibition match with the U.S., China, and Holland.

From Rotterdam, Molson and I flew to London, where we formed a team with Drew Cannell and Michael Polowan to compete in the Lederer Memorial Trophy competition (eight invited teams including the Swedes, who were tuning up for the Bermuda Bowl in Jamaica), a fixture on the British tournament calendar that has grown in popularity and prestige each year.

Another organizational gem, thanks in large measure to Barry Rival and the host of the Young Chelsea Club, Warwick Pitch, the Lederer was great fun to play in. Combining IMP and board-a-match scoring, each deal was critical. The easy winners were the Swedes (Sundelin-Gothe-Gullberg-Fallenius-Linqvist), with England second, Scotland third, and us a disappointing fourth.

Best bid hand of the tournament was the diagrammed deal featuring Tommy Gullberg, North, and Hans Gothe, South. South's 2♣ was natural and constructive. With a weak hand the response would have been 1NT, the cheapest step (Herbert negative). Now North could show short spades and a big club fit with a splinter jump. The key bid was South's 4♦, a cue-bid. Now North could drive to slam, which presented no problems in the play with one red king onside. None of the other seven pairs got close to this one.

BOTH VULNERABLE East DEALS

NORTH

♠ VOID
♥ A Q J 4
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A Q J 9 3

WEST

♠ K 8 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ 6 5 4 3
♣ 7 5 2

EAST

♠ A J 7 6 5 2
♥ K 6 5
♦ K 9 2
♣ 6

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A 8
♣ K 10 8 4

THE BIDDING:

	Lord/Pollack	Magee/Cohen		
	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣	Pass.
Pass	DBL	Pass	2♣(1)	
Pass	3♦(2)	Pass	4♦	
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣	
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

OPENING LEAD:

- (1) Natural, but positive
(2) short spades; club support

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The CWTC co-ordinator is Edie Maislin (489-3990) and she'll be able to provide a complete list of

**BOTH VULNERABLE
WEST DEALS**

NORTH

♠ K 3
♥ J 8
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A J 8 7 3 2

WEST

EAST

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

SOUTH

♠ A 8
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J 10 9 6 4
♣ 10 4

THE BIDDING:

	Sowter	Rowlands	Collings	Car-lisle
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
1♣	Pass	4♣	5♦	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

Take your chance

David Carlisle won the prize for the best-played hand at the first-class Lederer Memorial Teams in London last month for his effort on this deal. Would you have found the slim-chance line that he did after the lead of the ♠Q?

He won the opening spade lead in his hand and tried to slip the ♦Q through Tony Sowter, West. Had West ducked, declarer could have turned to clubs to build a heart discard, but West did the right thing by taking his ace and switching to ♥10. Declarer left the jack in dummy and took East's (John Collings') queen with the ace.

Now he drew the last trump, crossed to the ♣A, cashed the ♣K, and led the ♥J. East won, but had no club to play, and the forced major suit return gave declarer a ruff in dummy and club sluff from his hand. Carlisle had played for the only real chance to make his contract, and there it was.