Les Bakan Memorial Sectional
Powell River, B.C.
September 20-22, 2013
CRANBERRY SENIORS’ CENTRE

STRATS:
A: 751+  B: 301-750  C: 0-300
(All Strats based on average of pair/team masterpoints)

FRIDAY:  1:00 pm Stratified Pairs (single session)
         1:00 pm NOVICE GAME (0-20) – FREE
         7:00 pm Stratified Pairs (single session)
             (HOSPITALITY following session)

SATURDAY: 12:30 and 7:30 pm Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)
           (George Joneson Memorial Trophy)
           (Single session can be played)
           6:45 pm – Guest Speaker – TBA

SUNDAY:  9:00 am and T.B.A. SWISS TEAMS
         (Tony’s Tacky Trophy)
         Hot lunch included in entry fees

Local accommodations offer reasonable bridge rates
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Welcome new members!
Darlene Carolsfeld               Nanaimo
Joe Konkin                      Garibaldi
Lorraine Ramesbottom            Courtenay
Susan Crowder                   Qualicum
Barry Kallies                   Nanoose Bay
Mark Smith                      Gabriola Island
Jeanette Baron                  Comox
Karen Chelswick                 Squamish
Joel Kositsky                   Courtenay

Welcome Transfers into the Unit
Delmor Christensen               Courtenay
Marylynn Ghitter                Qualicum
Joseph Guinan                   Parksville
Ken Taylor                      Campbell River
Ursula Verstraete               Ladysmith
William C Verstraete            Ladysmith

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April was an unpredictable month Professor Paul knew, but with some cooperation from Mother Nature he could combine all three of his passions together into an exhilarating twelve day spring sabbatical. Professor Nigel Stanwick, his friend and departmental partner had agreed to take over his regular 4th year calculus classes and seminars in advanced string theory, so he would be free to attend the Victoria Regional. He could assemble a team, enjoy a stimulating sail to Victoria instructing them in the finer points of bidding and play, culminate it with a week of intensive bridge, and, with favorable weather, a productive day sail debriefing on the way home. Paul mentioned his idea to Michael Modern who liked the idea and suggested they help Pauline Pleasant and Millie Meek upgrade their game. “I’m not sure what we are letting ourselves in for” Millie confided in Pauline as they walked down the dock early Sunday morning. They boarded “Frankly Scarlet”, Paul’s red hulled Catalina 27, cast off and motored out of the cove.

Once they had cleared Sandy Spit they set the sails wing on wing and ran South East before a brisk north west wind. "This is very interesting" Pauline said, "let’s track all 1NT openers and assume a one suited suit, at least 8 HCP, and 5/4 distribution. Distribution is usually 5/5, but some shows both minors. Double showed a one suited hand. "Isn’t that the best" Millie asked? "Well" Paul replied, “the current philosophy is that it is dangerous to compete with a balanced hand when you do not know where the rest of the points are. If partner has little, you could be doubled for a bad board."

"Landy and Brozel were the first conventions for competing against the strong INT”, Paul explained, “Brozel showing 5/5 and close to opening points. 2♣ show clubs and hearts, 2♠ diamonds and hearts, 2♥ hearts and spades, 2♦ showed spades and a minor and 2NT shows both minors. Double showed a one suited hand. With Capeletti, 2♦ is any one suited hand, 2♥ shows hearts and spades, 2♠ show that suit plus a minor and 2NT shows both minors. Double is for penalty. Distribution is usually 5/5, but some players allow 5/4 with a good 4 card suit. Some are more aggressive.”

“D.O.N.T. is simpler, and less specific. 2♦ shows clubs and a higher ranking suit, 2♠ shows diamonds and a major, 2♥ hearts and spades, and 2♦ a 6 card spade suit, at least 8 HCP, and 5/4 distribution. “This is very interesting” Pauline said, “Perhaps we could use the week to focus on D.O.N.T. for the day”. “Possibly”, Michael added, “but there will be many opportunities to encounter other interesting conventions as well”. “True”, added Millie, “but for myself it would be less confusing to focus on just one convention or topic”. "Fine", said Paul, “let’s INT. It is simpler, and less specific. It would likely be against a strong INT opening” Pauline replied. “That would be good for me as well” Millie agreed. "Great", said Paul scribbling out ♣ Q 10 6 3 ♦ K Q 8 ♠ Q 7 5 ♦ J 2 on a back page of his sailor’s log book, "What do you bid with this hand when your RHO opens a strong INT?” he asked. Both agreed that they would overcall 2 spades.
The Spade lead was won with the Ten, Ace and then the King of Clubs followed. Now he played the Heart Ace, and over to the Queen of Hearts. On the Club Queen Coyote sluffed a Diamond. The Heart Ten to the King forced a Diamond from West Ending in this end-game position:

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

we are all aware that the count has to be corrected, i.e. give up all losers but one, in order for a squeeze to work. So here the Trickster plays the Heart Seven losing to East, while throwing away a Spade from Dummy. On this play West is in a pickle: If he sluffs a black suit he promotes a winner, and a Diamond makes the Queen good. But ... "hold on" says Mom, "if I play a Club as West, you still have to give me a Diamond or a Spade. I read up on squeezes and one of the conditions is that you have to have the upper hand - playing after the squeeze, so to speak, and both the Diamond Queen and the Spade threat sit in front of West." Coyote had to concede the point, much to his discomfiture. Mother Earth felt sorry for her son and pointed out that it’s a 6+ bagger.)

North repeats hearts, it’s a 6+ bagger )

Head to Head
Two expert pairs were asked to bid an interesting hand that arose in the regular game at the Campbell River Bridge Club. They were each emailed only one hand, E or S, their regular partner, the corresponding hand W or N. Possible opposition bids by their RHO were provided. The hands were bid by email and each player was asked for their thought process for each bid. The declarer was then asked to give their plan for the play of the hand. Only then were they provided with the complete deal. How would you and your partner bid the hands?

1. No problem a pass
2. 8 card suits are nice, but a 1NT opener calms me down a lot, plus it’s got really crummy spots. We play DON'T over strong NT’s and I will try an offshape 2 diamonds (Diamonds and a major) The bidding may illuminate Terry as to my 2nd suit.

North: Vul: N/S Dlr: East
South: Vul: S/N Dlr: West

Pass 1 INT 2♣ 2♥
Pass 4 Pass 3♣ 3♥
Pass 5 Pass Pass 6

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Down at the Scotch Creek Bridge Club

"I was North, and since we were playing DONT, I overcalled 2♣, which is where we played it, making four". "At our table", Gordon said, "North playing Capeletti, bid 2♥. South, expecting a likely 5/5, or hopefully at least 4 x x and likely poor diamond support, passed. They made 2, but it was a one imp gain for us".

After the Wednesday afternoon session, the group met at the Irish Times pub for dinner. There was only one contentious hand to discuss.

Dr: East ♠ A K 5 Vul: none ♥ 10 9 8   ♦ 6 3 2   ♣ A 10 2

"We were E/W for this session" said Millie. "I was West, and overcalled 2♣. As you told me I should do playing DONT. North bid 2NT, and South bid the game. This was 8, out of a 32 top. What happened?" "Well this is just one of the situations where Brozel and Capeletti have the advantage" Paul explained. "They would both bid 2NT for the minors effectively shutting out North. C'est la Vie".

For the rest of the sessions many hands were discussed.

The winds were not favorable for the sail out of Victoria harbor, as they were beating against a moderately strong south east wind. Things were a little better as they turned East South East across the bottom of the island, but the rail was sometimes in the water. Once they had passed the Trial islands things improved as they were not taking the wind on the beam, but it was not comfortable sailing until they rounded Gordon head and could run briskly, but comfortably before the wind.

Once they were settled in the cockpit with Paul at the helm, Michael passed around glasses of wine and pulled out his tablet announcing he had tracked all hands and had the results in a spreadsheet. "In all, between the pairs games and the team games we played 25 sessions. In total we encountered 107 INT opening bids. Of course, in many of these we held the INT hand, but I have determined how the Brozel, Capeletti and DONT bidders would have competed. Of those hands Brozel players would have competed in 17 hands, perhaps a few more for those aggressive players willing to take liberties with the established guidelines. Capeletti bidders would have competed in 22, or perhaps 26 for the very aggressive bidders. DONT bidders would have competed in 30 hands. In spite of Marty Bergen's caution, none of the DONT interventions 'went for a big number' as he suggests we should be prepared for. The competition would have been effective in 23 hands, or 76% of the 30 hands on which DONT would have competed. We have seen advantages and disadvantages for both Capeletti and DONT, but DONT occurred more frequently".

"So it seems DONT is more often disruptive" said Pauline. "Yes", said Michael, "and it has fewer structured responses. It is simpler. You just bid up the line showing 3 card support hoping to land in at least a 4/3 fit". "Well" Millie said, "It seems like something we could try, what do you think Pauline, would you like a game next Wednesday" as she drained her glass and handed it to Michael for a refill.

(Note: all hands and statistics were derived from 25 sessions at the Campbell River Bridge Club)
As expected they have Hearts. 3♦ shows a long suit. However, I would not expect the auction to end here.

RHO has bid freely so they must have 6 Hearts. Partner has competed to the 3 level so likely has a lot of diamonds and some playing strength since he didn’t preempt to 3 diamonds over the opening bid. We should be able to inflict some damage here.

I do not believe I can sit for partner’s cooperative penalty double as I only have 1 and a bit tricks on defense. With two I would sit for it. 3♠ shows a highly distributional hand 7/4 or 8/4 and gives partner choice of contracts. If N bids 4♥ and partner doubles I will sit for this.

Ken has a 7 or 8 card diamond suit with 4 spades. He chose to treat it as a one suited hand so he didn’t distort it too much.

The question is just how valuable are my Ace of Spades and King of Diamonds? I hope they are enough.

I have nothing more to say. It sounds like partner has a good hand in support of my suits. It may actually have a play as the only losers we have are in my suits.

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Contributors

Thanks!

Ken Bibby
Scott Glaspey
John Godfrey
Dick Grant
Terry Stokes
Hans Winckler

The Coyote Fights Back

“It was well thought out, Trickster, but you did not think it through. You have to pitch a Diamond from the Dummy, not a Spade. Now the return is won in Dummy with the Ace, and after West’s Club discard you play the winning Club, throwing a Spade from the hand. That divides the threat cards and have you a true squeeze. If West throws a Spade you have three Spade tricks, and if he discards a Diamond you make your Queen, with the Spade King as an entry. Don’t be discouraged, son. All you have to do is grow up a little.”

Head to Head

otherwise play the Q and then a low spade away from the J to back to my hand. If the King appears on our catch the King third. If the King is in the North hand there is no chance.

North’s raise to 3 hearts is aggressive, but not unreasonable when West shows a long diamond suit. South is more likely to have 3 card heart support, and some clubs.

Here the use of DONT in competition implies spades when North bids hearts and West has completed the description of his hand and not need to bid again. Using DONT all West promises is 8+ HCP and at least 5/4 in diamonds and by inference spades, so East may be more cautious.

The Campbell River Results

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