

Daily Bulletin

2011 Thornhill Regional Bridge Tournament
Le Parc Banquet Hall, Thornhill, Ontario

Monday, September 12, 2011

Welcome to the 2011 Thornhill Regional!

Winners from Sunday

A/X Swiss Teams

A - Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Helen Hackner, Willowdale ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON
X - Difan Wang, Scarborough ON; Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Anna Keith Carter, Sandpoint ID; Qun Liu, Windsor ON

B/C/D Swiss Teams

B - Diane Bourdeau - Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Barbara Kains, Kitchener ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON
C/D - Ronald Stokal, Aurora ON; Michael Miranda, Toronto ON; Emile Macedo, Markham ON; Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON

299er Swiss Teams

Morning - Larry Mogelonsky - Dale Jeffries - William Breedyk - Margot Loren, Toronto ON
Afternoon - Edith Shore - Miriam Kirsh, Toronto ON; Mary Regottaz, Kenner LA; Sandra Zarn, Richmond Hill ON

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Table count after Day #1 is 156

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept 11	
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	11 am & TBD
0 – 299er Swiss Teams	11 am & TBD
Monday, Sept. 12	
<i>2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO I finishes Tuesday morning</i>	9 am
<i>Morning Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri</i>	9 am
<i>Stratiflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions</i>	1 & 7 pm
<i>Monday & Tuesday Bracketed KO sessions 1 & 2</i>	1 & 7 pm
<i>Intermediate/Novice Games</i>	1 & 7 pm
<i>Afternoon Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri</i>	1 pm
<i>Evening Side Game Series* 5 sessions Mon. – Fri</i>	7 pm
<i>Evening Swiss Teams one session</i>	7 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 13	
<i>2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO II finishes Wed. morning</i>	9 am
POT of Gold Stratiflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions.	1 & 7 pm
Tuesday Compact KO two sessions	1 & 7 pm
Monday & Tuesday Bracketed KO sessions 3 & 4	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 14	
<i>2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO III finishes Thursday morning</i>	9 am
Stratiflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	1 & 7 pm
Wednesday & Thursday Bracketed KO sessions 1 & 2	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Thursday, Sept. 15	
<i>2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO IV finishes Friday morning.</i>	9 am
POT of GOLD Stratiflighted Pairs – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	1 & 7 pm
Thursday Compact KO two session event	1 & 7 pm
Wednesday & Thursday Bracketed KO sessions 3 & 4	1 & 7 pm
Intermediate/Novice Games	1 & 7 pm
Evening Swiss Teams one session	7 pm
Plus - morning, afternoon and evening Side Game Series* at	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Friday, Sept. 16	
<i>2 Day Early Morning Bracketed Compact KO IV final</i>	9 am
Stratiflighted Swiss – (A/X & B/C/D) two sessions	1 & 7 pm
0 - 299er Swiss	1 & 7 pm

***Side Game Series – You can use your 2 best scores and be eligible for gold points!**

Stratification

Stratiflighted: A = 3000+, X = 0 - 3000; B = 1000 – 2000, C = 300 – 1000, D = 0 – 300

Intermediate/Novice: A = 200 - 300, B = 100 – 200, C = 50 – 100, D = less than 50

POT of GOLD

If you have 750 masterpoints or less, win GOLD in this special event!

The event is stratified as follows: B = 300 – 750, C = 100 – 300, D = less than 100

Pairs (regardless of their classification) who win the B section top and/or finish in the B overall top get **GOLD**.

A Hand that Might Have Been

By Linda Lee – Courtesy of Masterpoint Press and www.bridgeblogging.com

When I play with Sylvia she sends me analysis of the deals afterwards. It is always fun to read and it usually raises some interesting points. She is an easy person to discuss things with. We don't always agree but the discussions are always cordial. The discussion is focused on bidding and defense and not on declarer play. Here is a deal that I played. There was no comment on our bidding but we obviously got very high. I have been trying to figure out the best way to play this hand. My approach did not work. I am going to rotate the deal.

Dealer: Sylvia
Vul: ♠ QJ6
 ♥ J8
 ♦ AQJ62
 ♣ 743

West

	N	
W		E
	S	

Linda
 ♠ AK983
 ♥ A103
 ♦ 7
 ♣ AKJ2

East

Sylvia opened a 10-12 notrump and I invoked forcing Stayman. Sylvia showed three spades and five diamonds as we arrived at 4♠. Should I bid more?

Sylvia	Linda
1NT	2♦
3♦	3♠
4♠	?

Should the five card diamond suit turn me off? Maybe I should consider that with a great hand for me Sylvia would have cuebid instead of bidding 4♠. Is there a sensible way to proceed? I just decided to bid blackwood and ended in the spade slam. In retrospect as we passed comments back and forth I thought maybe I should just bid 5♣ and if Sylvia bids 5♦, bid 5♥ and then honour a signoff from her. What do you think?

Anyway the problem is how to play this sucker on a trump lead to the 10 and your ace. One way is to play for a heart ruff. You duck a heart. Now if West wins and returns a trump he will be eventually squeezed in the minors. Let's say West returns a diamond to break up the squeeze.

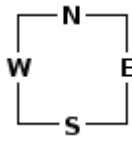
Dealer:	Sylvia		
Vul:	♠QJ6 ♥ J8 ♦AQJ62 ♣743		
West		N	
♠ 52 ♥ K95 ♦ K943 ♣ Q865			E
		S	
	Linda		East
	♠ AK983 ♥ A103 ♦ 7 ♣ AKJ2		♠ 1074 ♥ Q7642 ♦ 1085 ♣ 109

Deducing that East has the ♥ Q since West did not lead a heart you win the ♦ A and finesse the heart. You throw a club on the ♥ J and crossruff. If West ducks and let's East win the heart, East cannot return a diamond and the squeeze will eventually operate against West.

At the table I did consider some of this. I decided that West did have most of the high cards because of the trump lead. But I didn't quite work out the idea of playing hearts right away.

I decided to play to bring the diamond suit home for four winners and failing that fall back on the getting three tricks from the club suit. So I finessed the ♦Q and ruffed diamonds. This doesn't quite work. But there is an interesting option in the end game that I missed. East had thrown a club fatally.

A Hand that Might Have Been – Linda Lee - Continued

Dealer: Vul:	Sylvia ♠ Q ♥ J8 ♦ J ♣ 74	
West ♠ - ♥ K95 ♦ - ♣ Q86		East ♠ 7 ♥ Q7642 ♦ - ♣ -
	Linda ♠ 9 ♥ A10 ♦ - ♣ KJ2	

I arrived at this ending. What I did was cash the ♣ A cross on the high spade. I threw a heart on the ♦ J. And so did West. If West has all the remaining clubs then if I can cash the HA and duck a club to West. Notice that West was squeezed out of his heart exit as he had to hold all his clubs. I sort of saw this at the table but I didn't quite get there. When East had played the ♣ 9 and ♣ 10 I should have realized that he probably didn't have another one.

Well it is still an interesting hand even if I didn't play it right. I had my chances. Now I have my regrets.

Hand reporting

Got a hand, or a play, that you saw and would like reported in the daily bulletins? Then please write up the details and hand it to anyone at the registration desk, or find/email Greg Coles (greg@unit246.com) and we will print it in the bulletins!

New Life Masters/First Time Regional Winners

We will be delighted to include pictures of players who fall into one of these categories. Please let your achievement be known to the Registration Desk or the on-site Daily Bulletin Editor, Greg Coles. Our cameras are ready and waiting!

Prizes and Prize Desk

Prizes for section tops and team wins can be picked up at the Registration booth. It will be open from Monday to Friday, approximately 1 hour before each session.

Bridge Books and Supplies

Vince Oddy has a large selection of new, used and half-price books and magazines like Bridge World on display at his stand in the reception area. This tournament Vince will be offering a \$5 book special with a new book every day of the Regional. When you return home, visit his website at www.vinceoddy.com for monthly specials.

BIDDING TUNE-UP
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Bridge is a game of mistakes. Even experts make mistakes. It is simply a question of how many mistakes you make. Those who make the fewest consistently win. A good player does not necessarily have a higher I.Q. He/she just knows the common pitfalls and avoids them. It is okay to make mistakes in bridge. With each one, you grow and you always learn from these errors. Try not to make the same ones again. In some things in life, mistakes do matter. An air traffic controller had better not make any; in bridge, they are a constant part of the game. It is impossible to be perfect. When you add a new convention to your repertoire, you will frequently get it wrong the first few times you try it. By the seventh attempt, you should have it down pat!

Here are some fairly common situations that pop up. Here are some guidelines on how to handle them:

1) ♠ J ♥ A8754 ♦ 10543 ♣ AKJ	You open 1H and partner responds 1S. Many players will now bid 1NT. If you make this bid, you are promising to have at least two spades. Your hand is not balanced and your rebid should be 2 D, not 1 NT.
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Your partner may have something like:

♠ A6432
♥ 3
♦ K982
♣ 875

If you rebid 1 NT, she may well now bid 2S, knowing that there is a 5-2 fit. If you rebid 2D, she can pass and this would seem to be the best spot.

2) ♠ Q83
 ♥ AKJ9
 ♦ AK63
 ♣ J5

a) You open 1 D. Partner responds 1S. Your correct rebid is 2NT. This shows 18-19 HCP and a balanced hand. Don't panic about your C holding. Just pray a lot!

b) **Same hand.** You open 1D and partner bids 2C. Your correct rebid is 3NT. The jump in NT as a rebid by opening bidder shows 18-19 HCP balanced. Don't even think about bidding 2H instead, this will show a 17 + point hand alright, but it will guarantee an unbalanced hand and more D than H. Don't worry: If partner has four hearts, she will bid H next. (Checkback Stayman is a useful convention to learn, by the way.)

c) **Same hand.** After opening 1 D, partner bids 1H. At last: a good partner! (Good partners should always provide you with fits!!) You now bid 3H to show 16-18 points and 4 card H support.

d) **Same hand.** 1D by you, 1NT by partner. Your rebid should be 2NT. Let's see now...If you were the opener with 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand, you would have passed 1 NT. With a balanced 15-17 HCP hand, you would have opened 1 NT. Thus, you have just shown 18-19 HCP raising to 2NT.

So, look at that. You have the same hand and 4 different responses by partner. 4 different rebids by you, the opener.

Bidding Tune Up – Barbara Seagram - continued

3)	♠ AQ873	South	West	North	East
	♥ KQT52	1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
	♦ K2	2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
	♣ 3	??			

You should now bid 3H. Not 3 NT. Responder may have had:

♠ 6
♥ 743
♦ AQJ76
♣ AQJ8

The safest and thus best contract is 4H. Partner will now raise to 4H because you have found your 5-3 fit in H

One more:

4)	♠ KQ9864	South	West	North	East
	♥ J832	1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
	♦ AQ	??			
	♣ 3				

So many players are in a hurry to rebid their spades in this scenario. You really ought to bid 2H next. Partner may have had

♠ 3
♥ A975
♦ 6432
♣ Q876

She can now pass your 2H rebid and you have landed in your 4-4 heart fit

My husband, Alex, has a program in place when he is directing. His players can come to him to have him assess percentage blame. “Whose fault was it?” He now awards percentage responsibility for the error that occurred. “Susie was 75% to blame and you were 25%!” It is all done in humour, of course! The assessment is always followed by a full discussion of that hand. The hands provided above are merely to help partner to better understand. We all know that it is partner who needs advice, not you! Bid lots, play often! Tell everyone you meet about the game of bridge. The world will be a better place.

Upcoming Tournaments

2011 Niagara Falls Regional – November 8th-13th at the Crowne Plaza in Niagara Falls. Check the unit166 website at <http://www.unit166.ca/NiagaraRegional2011/index.html> for details

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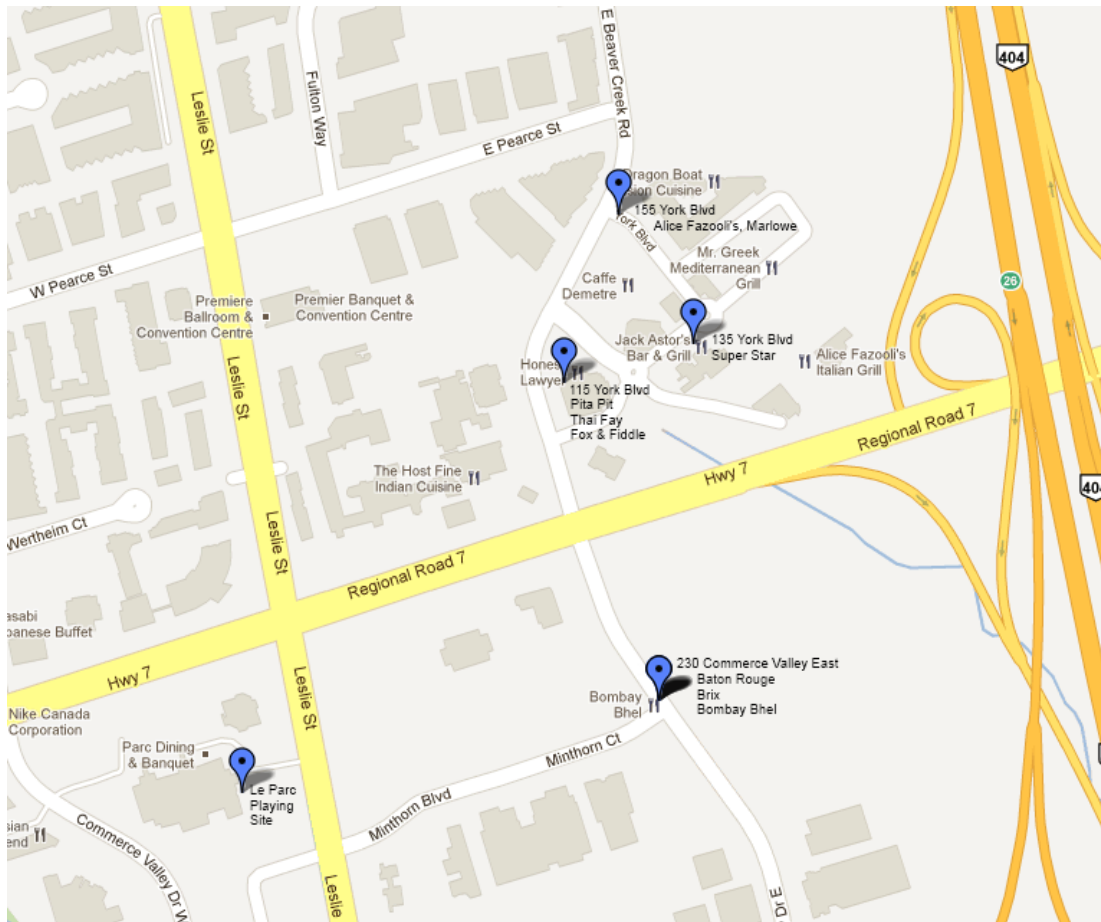
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Sunday's Results

Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams

8 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.54	1	1	1	Larry Mogelonsky - Dale Jeffries - William Breedyk - Margot Loren, Toronto ON	103.00
1.67	2/3	2		Anna Kennedy - Lynn Gowan - Suzanne Nunn, Newmarket ON; Frank Henriques, Bradford ON	77.00
1.67	2/3			Phil Dawson, Toronto ON; Dagmar Champagne - Gerard Collis - Elaine Collis, Brampton ON	77.00

Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss Teams

8 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.54	1			Edith Shore - Miriam Kirsh, Toronto ON; Mary Regottaz, Kenner LA; Sandra Zarn, Richmond Hill ON	100.00
2.00	2	1	1	Larry Mogelonsky - Dale Jeffries - William Breedyk - Margot Loren, Toronto ON	87.00
1.32	3/4	2/3		Murray Poulton - Joan Gass - Anne Stevens - June Rynard, Toronto ON	65.00
1.32	3/4	2/3		Anna Kennedy - Lynn Gowan - Suzanne Nunn, Newmarket ON; Frank Henriques, Bradford ON	65.00

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams

38 Tables

MPs	B	C	D	Names	Score
14.17	1			Diane Bourdeau - Ted Boyd, Cambridge ON; Barbara Kains, Kitchener ON; Edith Ferber, Waterloo ON	170.00
12.93	2	1	1	Ronald Stokal, Aurora ON; Michael Miranda, Toronto ON; Emile Macedo, Markham ON; Abdulhak Bulbulia, Thornhill ON	168.00
9.70	3	2		Wayne Ruttan - Joyce Ruttan, Scarborough ON; Frances Ash, Thornhill ON; Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON	163.00
7.27	4	3		David Kroft, Thornhill ON; Sam Klein, Willowdale ON; I More - Annie Harbour, West Hill ON	159.00
5.45	5	4		Mohammed Nulla, Brampton ON; Doreen Rotenberg, Willowdale ON; Mary Macinnis - Shirley Barnes, Whitby ON	155.00
4.05	6			Paul MacFarlane - Margaret MacFarlane, Keswick ON; Virginia Smereka - Robert Macneal, Aurora ON	151.00
4.31	7	5		Anil Luthra - Suresh (Ray) Aggarwal, Markham ON; Arun Luthra, Richmond Hill ON; Thanga Velumylum, Toronto ON	148.00

3.69	8	6	2	Ping Lai - Larry Rice - Ernest Chan - Natalie Schacter, Toronto ON	146.00
3.23	9	7		Ken Collins - Robert Cheeseman, Richmond Hill ON; Joy Shapiro, Thornhill ON; Melanie Bloch, Toronto ON	145.00
2.73	10/11	8/9		Peter Blakemore, Bond Head ON; Joseph Brosseau, Barrie ON; Wallace Browne - Izhar Haque, Newmarket ON	142.00
2.73	10/11	8/9		William Christian, Guelph ON; Moira Hollingsworth - Dianne Aves, Waterloo ON; Michael O'Rourke, Baden ON	142.00
2.35		10		Dave Malen, Toronto ON; Adele Pick - Henry Schmidt, Etobicoke ON; Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON	135.00
2.69			3	Ronald Mikitish - M Mikitish, Thornhill ON; Gary Morris - Patricia Morris, Newmarket ON	131.00
2.02			4	Angela Mancini - Erica Gilbert - Aaron Hillel - Sarah Hillel, Toronto ON	127.00

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams
32 Tables / Based on 78 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names	Score
27.09	1		Ringo Chung, Mississauga ON; Helen Hackner, Willowdale ON; Edmund Fok, Scarborough ON; Yingjiu Jin, Thornhill ON	177.00
20.32	2		James Cummings, Scarborough ON; Harold Baba, Thornhill ON; Ina Demme, Maple ON; Bill Kertes, Toronto ON	174.00
15.24	3	1	Difan Wang, Scarborough ON; Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Anna Keith Carter, Sandpoint ID; Qun Liu, Windsor ON	167.00
11.43	4		John Rayner - Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Robert Lebi - Eiji Kujirai, Toronto ON	155.00
9.03	5		Paul Janicki - Richard Chan, Markham ON; Barry Senensky, Maple ON; Jordan Cohen, Thornhill ON	151.00
9.81	6	2	Lee Daugharty, Brampton ON; Doug Barnes, Caledon ON; Chandru Jay Kriplani, Thornhill ON; John McWhinnie, Hillsburgh ON	148.00
6.77	7		Detlef Ladewig - Robert Sewell - Lesley Thomson - Doug Bennion, Toronto ON	147.00
6.02	8		Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Shashi Taylor, Markham ON; Charles Arthur, North York ON; William Koski, King City ON	142.00
5.42	9		Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; David Colbert, Etobicoke ON; Keith Balcombe, Oshawa ON	140.00
4.93	10		Wendy Krause - Arnold Krause - Debbie Bennett, Toronto ON; Hans Jacobs, Downsview ON	137.00
7.36	11	3	Chris Chambers, Thornhill ON; Wayne Merkel, North York ON; Peter Tien, Markham ON; Irfan Ashraf, Ajax ON	132.00
5.52		4	Stephen Goldin, North York ON; Selma Abramsohn, Thornhill ON; Paul Leonard, Markham ON; Sheree-Lynn Katz, Willowdale ON	126.00