



Saturday, February 28, 2009

CBF Bridge by the Bridge Regional

Issue 5

Life Master #7

It looks like what our little tournament is missing in table count, it is making up with life masters being crowned. I was advised, actually on Thursday, that Andre Koch of Whitefish, Montana (his records say Columbia Falls so I assume that Whitefish is a suburb of Columbia Falls), playing in the Stratified Swiss earned 5.0 Gold by placing fifth overall and 3rd in Strat B. That was enough to qualify him for his gold card. Andre is, I guess, a shy type and declined a request to pose for a photo. He declined and we considered briefly taking a picture while he played, but then, he may have a reason for not wanting his picture displayed... perhaps he is on the Homeland Security most wanted list ☺. Anyway, congratulations, Andre, and if you know this worthy, give him a rounding ATTABOY.

Masterpoints Race Becomes Important

Elsewhere in this edition you will find the Masterpoint race for both the overall and for those who came to the tournament with less than 200 Masterpoints. These novice and intermediate players have had NO events all their own because the size did not warrant it, but they still have managed to garner some valuable points in their move towards their own gold cards. And despite the fact that there were no individual events for 199ers, we decided that this was still a valid race.

As I write this on Friday, steady partners were in front in both races, but not so far in front that it was a lock for any of them. Remember, the player who wins the Masterpoint race overall, wins the watercolour hanging on the South wall of the Awards area. The winner of the 199er race wins the carving sitting on the easel in the same area. We will watch the Swiss Teams event closely and it may come down to the last match to know for sure who the winner is. Winning a Stratification in the

Swiss could be just what someone needs. If there is any kind of a tie, we will let the winners decide who takes the artwork home. It could be age before beauty or, the reverse. We could armwrestle, set up a penalty shot competition, or just make them share it forever (6 months in one home and 6 months in the other). Anyway, we will cross that bridge when we come to it. The artist of the carving will present to the winner of the 199er race. We will ask the artist for the painting to attend, but given that she often works with the disabled on Sunday, your Chairman may have to stand in. Keep a weather eye on the Masterpoint race and make sure you play every possible event in these last four sessions to have the best possible chance of taking home the grand prize - to say nothing of the fun you will have.

Events

Saturday, February 28th	
Morning Bracketed Knockouts - 4th session	8:45 am
Morning Side Game Pairs 5	8:45 am
Morning Stratified Swiss (2)	8:45 am
Stratified Open Pairs (1/2)	1 & 7 pm
Compact Knockouts (1,2,3,4)	1 & 7 pm
199er Pairs (singles)	1 & 7 pm
Weekend Side Game Pairs 4/5	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Swiss (single - VP)	7 pm
Sunday, March 1st	
Stratified Swiss Teams - scored by 20pt VP scale	10:00 am and TBA

Multiple Event Winners

As the week begins to come to a close, multiple event winners are likewise beginning to appear. At press time, the foursome of the Deschners and McCully/Foster have topped the field in two premier events and threaten to make it a triple by the time this edition hits the tables.

It will be interesting to see if the Saskatoon/Central Alberta assembly (McCarthy, Cossey, Flett and Christensen) can stop the juggernaut. If they can, it will be a real feather for this foursome to tie a licking onto the 6 man team they are facing at 8.45 this morning. Mind you, the Gard Hays team suffered a shocking defeat in the opening knockouts at the hands of a team who, on paper, should have been just one more victim for Gard and his colleagues.

I am reminded of a match just about a year ago at the CBF Regional held in Victoria where we needed a fourth, since I had arrived without a partner. We found one who had a total accumulation of 7 Masterpoints. For some reason, our team ended up in the top bracket and we were quite prepared to be knocked out in the first head to head match. We, too, faced a 6 sided team, every one of whom looked, on paper, to wipe the floor with us. I do not know who was more surprised when we went through and they went home. I do know that we were the most surprised team in the hall when we not only played in the morning, but won both matches in a 3 way event. We were quite comfortable losing the semifinal by some 95 imps since we all knew we had played well over our heads in the previous 48 boards. My partner probably still has a grin on her face what with 15 gold to add to her 7 black points.

I guess Marty Bergen could write a new book as a companion to Points-Schmoints. He could write a sequel, "Paper-Schmaper. ☺ I have hopes that this tournament, too, will have a storybook ending.

Rose Rossi—What an Ally

What can I say about Rose Rossi, the general manager of the Rocky Mountain Turf Club (and her fine staff). This woman has boundless energy and creative ideas that flow from her like an artesian well flows water. If you site an event from a wrestling match to a wedding at the Rocky Mountain Turf Club, she throws every ounce of energy into it that is humanly possible. Every day this past week Rose has come to me at least once a day to ask, is everything all right? When we had a problem with water, she came up with a bunch of pitchers and put them in an available cooler which we could access ourselves. When I needed handicapped parking stalls, she had them made. When we had to cancel the buffets (and that was a mutual decision) she walked

about in Bully's with a tray of shots which she encouraged every bridge player in the room to try. I have, over my life, been involved in organizing conferences and weddings. Never have I run across someone so creative and so accommodating. I for one will always think of the Rocky Mountain Turf Club as my first option... not my last. The ownership of the operation should thank their lucky stars that they have Rose.



In short, thank you, Rose. If you happen to see Rose overseeing our operations in these last couple of days, take a moment to say thank you. She deserves it.

Masterpoints Through Friday

1	51.63	Steve Willard
2	51.63	Alex Fowlie
3	42.62	Doug Deschner
4	42.62	Gerry McCully
5	42.62	Lorna Deschner
6	42.62	Rhonda Foster
7	36.67	Bob Crosby
8	35.77	Al Simon
9	31.47	Dennis Nelson
10	31.47	Jerry Mamer
11	31.10	Jim Berglund
12	29.98	Dick Anderson
13	29.98	Janice Anderson
14	28.71	Abdul Fakh
15	28.50	Barry Pritchard
16	28.50	Faith Pritchard
17	27.43	Dow Cooney
18	27.23	Bill Kramer
19	27.23	Gene Froc
20	26.57	Gard Hays
21	26.57	Naomi Paasch
22	26.57	Lorna Nordlinder
23	26.57	Linda Webb
24	26.51	Dave Sabier
25	20.51	Jack Sisko
26	19.66	Jean Ward
27	19.66	Gretta Hinton
28	19.56	Glenn Cossey
29	19.56	Don McCarthy
30	19.56	Mike Christensen
31	18.78	Paula Sisko
32	18.12	Ed Flett

33	18.09	Diane Campbell
34	18.09	Bev Mason
35	17.67	Linda Young
36	16.50	Jason Larrivee
37	16.50	Nelson Sunshine
38	16.34	Tina Gokturk
39	15.16	Patty Cookson
40	15.16	John Cookson
41	14.99	Bruce Storey
42	14.33	Erna Hatlelid
43	14.33	Betty Lou Heeg
44	13.66	Anita Masters
45	13.37	John Coone
46	13.37	Jack Triplett
47	12.61	Robert Short
48	12.61	Charlie Lamb
49	12.12	Richard Heywood
50	12.12	Neil McDonald

Players selected: 50 out of 224

199er Players - Points

1	15.16	Patty Cookson
2	15.16	John Cookson
3	11.68	Kelly Flock

4	9.78	Warren Richards
5	9.78	Byron Lund
6	8.61	Marilyn Drever
7	8.61	Donald Drever
8	7.64	Ally Carlson
9	7.64	Ruby Misak
10	7.14	Hanna Odland
11	6.93	Dianne King
12	6.93	Evelyn Barton
13	6.30	Win Bromley
14	6.30	Jeannette Bromley
15	6.23	Lu Gunther
16	5.90	Camille Collver
17	5.90	Marilyn Swadron
18	5.81	Carole Clarke
19	5.81	Beth Campbell
20	5.53	Murray Haggins

Players selected: 20 out of 224



FRIDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.97	1			Jim Berglund - Abdul Fakih, Calgary AB	30.00
1.48	2			Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	27.50

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1	1	Porki Harris - Nuala Uhde, Kalispell MT	145.32
2.16	2			John Landeryou - Ken Lyle, Lethbridge AB	127.91
2.05	3	2		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	121.75
1.70	4	3	2	Ruby Misak - Ally Carlson, Lethbridge AB	120.78
1.28	5	4	3	Wendell Opheim - Fran Opheim, Lethbridge AB	114.98
0.89		5		Don Olderness - Gwen Olderness, Kimberley BC	112.64
0.96			4	Bette Flannigan, Lethbridge AB; Lorena Kelly, Medicine Hat AB	110.80

MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

12 Tables

Charlie Lamb - Robert Short - Doug Deschner - Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB;
Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC

vs

Don McCarthy, Saskatoon SK; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Ed
Flett - Mike Christensen, Red Deer AB

8.56	3/4	Pat Jackson - Elaine Panchuk - Denise Grimard - Sandra Loughran, Saskatoon SK
8.56	3/4	Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Gard Hays, Veradale WA

PRIME TIME KO BRACKET 1

10 Tables

25.55	1	Rhonda Foster - Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC; Lorna Deschner - Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB
17.89	2	Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard - Steve Willard - Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB
10.22	3/4	Ken Penton - Al Simon - Ilya Kuzkin, Calgary AB; Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB
10.22	3/4	Abdul Fakhir - Jim Berglund - Merle Hickey - Tina Gokturk - Nancy Klym, Calgary AB

PRIME TIME KO BRACKET 2

15 Tables

11.49	1	Gretta Hinton - Diane Campbell - Bev Mason - Jean Ward, Calgary AB
8.04	2	Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK; Erna Hatlelid, Yorkton SK; Rosella Ellis, Calgary AB; Pat Roberts, Chestermere AB
4.60	3/4	John Card - Roxanne Rees - Byron Lund - Warren Richards, Calgary AB
4.60	3/4	Kelly Flock - Garry Ramsden-Wood - Kathleen Dinneen - Jack Sisko, Calgary AB

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1			Jim Berglund - Abdul Fakhir, Calgary AB	134.00
2.73	2	1		Ron Russell, Raymond AB; Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB	127.00
2.58	3	2	1	Kathleen Dinneen - Jack Sisko, Calgary AB	123.50
1.94	4	3	2	Kelly Flock - Garry Ramsden-Wood, Calgary AB	122.00
1.59	5	4	3	Porki Harris - Nuala Uhde, Kalispell MT	121.50
0.98	6			Tina Gokturk - Nancy Klym, Calgary AB	120.50
1.11		5	4	Ally Carlson - Ruby Misak, Lethbridge AB	120.00
0.82			5	Lu Gunther - Hanna Odland, Lethbridge AB	111.50

FRIDAY SWISS TEAMS

23 Tables

	A	B	C		
11.55	1			Jan Anderson - Dick Anderson, Regina SK; Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	123.00
8.66	2			Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Gard Hays, Veradale WA	117.00
8.15	3	1		Charlotte Jobb - Len Sharland, Medicine Hat AB; Mona Girling, Dunmore AB; Tim Spencer, Great Falls MT; Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	114.00
4.87	4			Charlie Lamb - Robert Short, Red Deer AB; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB; Rod Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID	105.00
6.11	5	2		Rick Gaucher - Cal McLeod - Nelson Sunshine - Jason Larrivee, Regina SK	103.00
4.58	6	3		Evelyn Sisonenko - Liz Warren, Red Deer AB; Dawna Findlay, Olds AB; MaryLynn Ghitter, Ponoka AB	87.00
3.44	7	4		Gerald Perry, Coaldale AB; Wayne Winter - Richard Heywood - Neil McDonald, Lethbridge AB	85.00
4.32		5/6	1	Leslie Mortin - Don Drever - Marilyn Drever - Joan Quinlan, Regina SK	84.00
2.53		5/6		Gord McLure - Sue McLure, Calgary AB; Connie Pflanz - Ben Pflanz, Cochrane AB	84.00
3.24			2	Yvonne Snowdy - Barbara Maclean - Ineke Boudewijn, Calgary AB; Jenny Bererton, Okotoks AB	80.00
2.43			3	Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK; Win Bromley - Jeannette Bromley, Langley BC	77.00
1.82			4	Doris Lange - Barbara Bayer - Rita Cushon - Mary Tebo, Calgary AB	71.00