



### *Finally a Local Life Master*

While we have seen seven people earn their Life Master status during the first five days of this event, not one of them is a local. We had to wait until Saturday to have a local bridge player come forward. During the Swiss Teams on Friday, as I understand it, our own Dick Heywood earned the last gold he needed to earn his gold card.



Congratulations, Dick, well done. We expect to see you winning at the club, at sectionals and at regionals all over the country since, once you have your gold card, you are entitled to “take a view” on a hand. It is amazing how often ‘taking a view’ with a Life Master’s experience turns out to be a wise choice. My gold card arrived several years ago and I vacillate. Sometimes I think I should take the thing and put it in my drawer because it really is quite heavy. But then, I think, NO! This is an achievement and I should carry it with pride. I hope you, too, carry that gold card with pride.

### *Between Sessions Sunday Lunch*

At most Regionals, you get soup and a dried out sandwich for a significant cost during the short meal break half way through the event. In Lethbridge, we do much better. Last April, Gwen West laid out a delicious

Roast Beef Luncheon. This year, we weren’t sure what to expect when we asked Rose to put on a lunch buffet, but as usual she wowed us all. For \$9.95, you will be feasting on ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, dinner bun AND dessert. If you can find a better meal for this price in the city, please tell me about it. When my wife heard the menu she decided WE were staying for lunch. We hope to see everybody there.

### *A Mix of Pluses and Minuses*

Now that this event is coming to a close, it is possible to do some analysis of what went right and what went wrong and why. What went right: The venue was fantastic - great lighting, great support staff, and unending support from the Rocky Mountain Turf Club and their staff. The selection of caddies by Gwen West couldn’t have been better. Her use of seniors from the LSCO was inspired as was the selection of folks from the 4H. John Landeryou has done his usual inspired job of putting the right people together and the success of those instant partnerships bears testimony to John’s insight into what makes a partnership. The bridge photo prizes for event winners were a great success. Putting 25 handicapped stalls in front of the doors proved to be just about right. And the never ending candy basket became the subject of a great deal of mirth as the week rolled on (by the time the curtain comes down early Sunday evening, we will have consumed 16 kg. of assorted candy). All and all, the biggest positive of them all is that you, the players, have told me over and over again that you had fun.

Now, what went wrong. The time of year... February on the Prairies wasn’t the best. By the time we knew we would be doing this in Lethbridge we had 9 months. The time was sufficient, but most of the dates were already filled and the ACBL rules tripped us up. Then the friendly weatherman overreacted and scared a lot of players from driving in

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what turned out to be roads that were bare and dry in southern Alberta, though snow covered elsewhere. Clearly I was too ambitious in hoping that non-playing spouses and significant others would enjoy a series of tours, but I was pleased to hear from several in attendance that they planned to come back in the summer to visit these and other places. And sadly, with the numbers down, the lunches and dinners with fine entertainment were a financial disaster for Rocky Mountain Turf Club. Most of all, I am devastated that we will not be able to add the necessary resources to the international fund to send our premier players to international and world class events. That is a real shame, but we may manage to turn a small profit. We have lived and learned... we are all farmers when you scratch the skin and all farmers, facing a crop failure say, "Next year will be better!" So folks, stay alert to the next CBF regional and really try to attend and to support our international teams.

### *The International Fund*

Many Canadian bridge players don't even know about the Canadian Bridge Federation. Many who do know have little idea what it does since most of our events are organized around the ACBL and its sanctions. The simple fact is that without the CBF, we would not have an organization to select and sponsor our best players to play in international events. We are in the unenviable position of having to send our teams, normally to distant places, to play without substantial support. As a result, players who qualify to play in a major tournament often have to decline because of the personal costs they must absorb. In the United States, being a winner of the Bermuda Bowl (or some other similar event) is really advertising for the professionals. Places like Italy and Poland have official state sponsored teams. In most countries other than the US, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean, their national organization sanctions all tournaments and club games. They can take a dime from every sanction and absorb all or most all of the cost. And generally, their costs are lower since many tournaments are held in Europe. And so, we have the International Fund. What we really need is a national organization to become a sustaining sponsor of the International Fund. Until then, the ONE Regional and the club, zone, and national playoffs to select Canada's best (called Bridge Week) are the only means by which the CBF can raise the

funds so essential to let Canada send its very best out into the world.

So, gentle souls, next time you see the CBF regional anywhere you can afford to get to, GO. You won't have a lot of goodies showered upon you, but you will know that a portion of every card fee paid will help Jan Anderson send our best to play for Canada.

### *The End Has Come*

Well...not exactly. Close but not until another 56 boards more or less come across in front of us. I have never been able to figure out why so many people miss either the beginning or the end of a regional. The opening knockouts and the final day Swiss Teams are the highlights of the week... at least as far as I am concerned. For those of you who stayed to play in the Swiss, I hope you had a fantastic game and go home with a framed photo of the bridge.

Whether you won or not, I wish two things for you: 1. That you look back and realize you had a good time - playing, meeting old friends, making new friends, and generally soaking up the atmosphere that can only be found with a group of like-minded people. You may have had disagreements, even arguments, but when the game is over, all that is forgotten. 2. Whether you won a lot or even nothing at all, you will focus on driving safely to get you to your destination.

We look forward to seeing you in Penticton, in Calgary, in Saskatoon all later this year (and they will have much nicer weather). It has been a long week for all of us, but as the week winds to a close, I begin to look forward to seeing my friends in bridge at the next event we both attend. For me it is Penticton and then Calgary. Saskatoon is one I will have to give some thought to. Of course, there are other regionals in District 18 or District 19 that always beckon me, but as I suspect of all of you, there are limits to the time and money you can spend at play.

So, the next time we meet, whether that be next week, next month, or next year... don't be a stranger. Come on over and see if I can remember you. Odds on I won't since I sometimes have to think to remember my own children's names. Anyway, this is all in insisting that you drive with care so we can see you once again... somewhere.

## *Finding Results*

Many players feel sort of let down when they cannot find out how they did for the week, including Sunday. Just go to the ACBL internet site ([www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)), click on Tournaments, and then select Regionals, Calendars and Results/ Then plug in February, 2009 and then look for Lethbridge. You will, in a couple of days, find a complete listing of the results by event including a complete ranking of every player who won even a fraction of a masterpoint during the week. Have a look, it is quite amazing.

## *Masterpoints Through Saturday*

1	66.25	Lorna Deschner
2	66.25	Rhonda Foster
3	66.25	Gerry McCully
4	66.25	Doug Deschner
5	57.24	Steve Willard
6	57.24	Alex Fowlie
7	48.69	Dennis Nelson
8	45.89	Dick Anderson
9	44.75	Jerry Mamer
10	42.85	Janice Anderson
11	42.28	Bob Crosby
12	39.10	Naomi Paasch
13	39.10	Gard Hays
14	39.10	Lorna Nordlinder
15	39.10	Linda Webb
16	38.44	Al Simon
17	37.47	Robert Short
18	35.49	Don McCarthy
19	35.49	Mike Christensen
20	35.49	Glenn Cossey
21	34.42	Charlie Lamb
22	33.11	Ed Flett
23	32.48	Bill Kramer
24	32.48	Gene Froc
25	31.91	Jim Berglund
26	31.41	Abdul Fakih
27	31.17	Barry Pritchard
28	31.17	Faith Pritchard
29	27.43	Duddow Cooney
30	26.99	Nelson Sunshine
31	26.99	Jason Larrivee
32	26.51	Dave Sabier
33	24.59	Jack Sisko
34	23.17	Jean Ward
35	23.17	Gretta Hinton
36	23.15	Tina Gokturk
37	22.03	Paula Sisko
38	21.60	Diane Campbell
39	21.60	Bev Mason
40	19.49	Rick Gaucher
41	19.49	Cal McLeod
42	18.29	Bruce Storey
43	18.02	Anita Masters

44	17.68	Kelly Flock
45	17.68	Garry Ramsden-Wood
46	17.67	Linda Young
47	16.43	Betty Lou Heeg
48	16.43	Erna Hatlelid
49	15.98	John Coone
50	15.98	Jack Triplett
51	15.83	Ilya Kuzkin
52	15.24	Dawna Findlay
53	15.16	John Cookson
54	15.16	Patty Cookson
55	14.47	Denise Grimard
56	14.47	Sandra Loughran
57	14.47	Elaine Panchuk
58	14.47	Pat Jackson
59	14.26	Evelyn Sisonenko
60	14.13	Ronald Russell
61	13.43	Ken Penton
62	13.11	Richard Heywood
63	13.11	Neil McDonald
64	13.01	MaryLynn Ghitter
65	12.63	Lorraine Russell
66	12.62	Rita Cushon
67	12.62	Mary Tebo
68	12.60	Jeff Robertson
69	12.07	John Landeryou
70	12.03	Liz Warren
71	11.90	Byron Lund
72	11.90	Warren Richards
73	11.66	Merle Hickey
74	11.64	Rod Paxton
75	11.53	Hart Leppard
76	11.53	Richard Pater
77	11.49	Tim Spencer
78	11.49	Len Sharland
79	11.25	Janet Sheen
80	11.25	Lynne Helmer
81	11.22	Barbara Bayer
82	11.22	Doris Lange
83	10.93	Freda North
84	10.91	Donald Drever
85	10.91	Marilyn Drever
86	10.64	Nuala Uhde
87	10.64	Porki Harris
88	10.57	Verne Warwick
89	10.57	Wayne Shaw
90	10.48	Ingrid Riffel
91	10.14	Rosella Ellis
92	10.14	Pat Roberts
93	9.80	Marian Strong
94	9.80	Marion Kibbe
95	9.00	Ken Lyle
96	8.93	Gerald Perry
97	8.93	Wayne Winter
98	8.90	Charlotte Jobb
99	8.48	John Card
100	8.48	Roxanne Rees

Players selected: 100 out of 244

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## 199er Players - Points

1	17.68	Kelly Flock
2	15.16	Patty Cookson
3	15.16	John Cookson
4	11.90	Warren Richards
5	11.90	Byron Lund
6	10.91	Marilyn Drever
7	10.91	Donald Drever
8	8.41	Marilyn Haggins
9	8.41	Murray Haggins
10	8.35	Hanna Odland
11	7.64	Ruby Misak
12	7.64	Ally Carlson
13	7.44	Lu Gunther

14	7.04	John Lebeau
15	6.93	Evelyn Barton
16	6.93	Dianne King
17	6.66	Virginia Jeffries
18	6.65	Linda Martin
19	6.50	Jeannette Bromley
20	6.50	Win Bromley

Players selected: 20 out of 244



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## Scoring Change

Apparently there were changes in the classification of one of the teams because one of the players had more masterpoints than previously thought. That moved the team from Strat B to Strat A and, all of a sudden the Jobb Team were unable to compete in the B event and had to settle for third overall (still very respectable given the level of competition in this tournament). At the same time, the Gaucher team found themselves eligible for a picture of the bridge (and of course their masterpoints rose from 6.11 to 7.87). Our congratulations to the Gaucher team and our condolences to the Jobb team. As disappointing as this change may be, it simply proves how rigorously the directing staff follows the rules and ensures overall fairness. The revised results for the Friday Swiss Teams can be found below.

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## FRIDAY SWISS TEAMS - CORRECTED

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			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	1		Rick Gaucher - Cal McLeod - Nelson Sunshine - Jason Larrivee, Regina SK	103.00
4.58	6	2		Evelyn Sisonenko - Liz Warren, Red Deer AB; Dawna Findlay, Olds AB; MaryLynn Ghitter, Ponoka AB	87.00
3.44	7	3		Gerald Perry, Coaldale AB; Wayne Winter - Richard Heywood - Neil McDonald, Lethbridge AB	85.00
4.32	4/5	1		Leslie Mortin - Don Drever - Marilyn Drever - Joan Quinlan, Regina SK	84.00
2.53	4/5			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

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## MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES - FINAL OVERALL

9.25 Tables / Based on 5 Tables

4.09	1/2	Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	134.51%
4.09	1/2	John Coone, Vernon BC	134.51%
4.25	3/4	Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	115.50%
4.25	3/4	Janet Sheen, Lethbridge AB	115.50%

## MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

12 Tables

21.41	1	Charlie Lamb - Robert Short - Doug Deschner - Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB; Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	
14.99	2	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	

## FRI-SAT MORNING SWISS TEAMS

5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.25	1			Bill Kramer - Claire Jones - Doug Rankin - Richard Anderson, Regina SK; Gene Froc, Lumsden SK; Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	59.00
3.94	2	1		Doris Lange - Barbara Bayer - Rita Cushon - Mary Tebo, Calgary AB	46.00

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1			Jack Sisko - Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	87.21
2.28	2	1		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	82.55
1.45	3			Liz Warren, Red Deer AB; MaryLynn Ghitter, Ponoka AB	80.79
1.11	4			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	79.50
1.71	5	2		Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ron Russell, Raymond AB	74.90
1.40		3		Evelyn Sisonenko, Red Deer AB; Dawna Findlay, Olds AB	70.93
0.98		4		Arnold Rohrer - Larry Boettcher, Conrad MT	67.38

## SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.65	1	1		Jeff Robertson, Lethbridge AB; Linda Martin, Calgary AB	259.93
4.99	2			Len Sharland, Medicine Hat AB; Tim Spencer, Great Falls MT	256.40
3.74	3			Wayne Shaw, Edmonton AB; Verne Warwick, Creston BC	246.23
2.81	4			Janet Dunbar - Chris Galbraith, Calgary AB	234.10
2.22	5			Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB; Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	232.94
3.17		2	1	John Lebeau - Mark Yoshihara, Lethbridge AB	223.87
2.40		3		Charlotte Jobb, Medicine Hat AB; Mona Girling, Dunmore AB	223.31
1.78		4		Ellen Shatilla - Donald Shatilla, High River	18.78
2.22			2	Wendell Opheim - Fran Opheim, Lethbridge AB	196.10

## SATURDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.28	1	1		Evelyn Sisonenko, Red Deer AB; Dawna Findlay, Olds AB	56.00
1.50	2/3			Jack Sisko - Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	55.00
1.50	2/3			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	55.00
1.59	4	2		Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ron Russell, Raymond AB	54.00

1.21	3/4	Lu Gunther - Hanna Odland, Lethbridge AB	52.50
1.04	3/4	Chris Burton - Vera Fazio, Lethbridge AB	52.50

### **SATURDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS**

10 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1			Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Gard Hays, Veradale WA	61.00
2.27	2			Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Robert Short, Red Deer AB; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB; Rod Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID	60.00
1.49	3/4			Al Simon - Ken Penton, Calgary AB; Faith Pritchard – Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	47.00
2.43	3/4	1		Marilyn Haggins - Murray Haggins - Edward Faichuk – Carol Lee Bellam, Calgary AB	47.00
1.82		2		Arleen Heintzleman - Ouida Addison - Bob Addison, Great Falls MT; Henry Nemecek, Coffee Creek MT	40.00
2.12			1	Roxanne Rees - John Card - Byron Lund - Warren Richards, Calgary AB	37.00

### **SATURDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 1**

10 Tables

12.47	1	Jan Anderson - Dick Anderson, Regina SK; Jerry Mamer – Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK
8.73	2	Nelson Sunshine - Jason Larrivee - Rick Gaucher - Cal McLeod, Regina SK
5.61	3	Steve Willard - Alex Fowlie - Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB; Ilya Kuzkin, Calgary AB
4.36	4	Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Perry Chan, Calgary AB; Lou Raisler, Fairfield MT; Anita Masters, Great Falls MT

### **SATURDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 2**

15 Tables

6.00	1	Kelly Flock - Garry Ramsden-Wood - Nancy Klym - Tina Gokturk, Calgary AB
4.20	2	Hart Leppard, Fernie BC; Tony Griffiths - Liza Lyndel, ; Rick Pater, Sparwood BC
2.70	3	Gretta Hinton - Bev Mason - Diane Campbell - Jean Ward, Calgary AB
2.10	4	Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK; Rosella Ellis, Calgary AB; Pat Roberts, Chestermere AB; Erna Hatlelid, Yorkton SK

### **SATURDAY COMPACT KO 2 CONSOLATION**

7 Tables

1.60	1	Marjorie Grubb - Christine Chicoine - Eva Nagan - Marcel Claeys, Calgary AB
0.85	2	Gail Charles - Rosemary Makelki, Regina SK; Freda North, Lethbridge AB; Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB
0.76	3	Barry Pashak - Wilda Pashak - Helen Scott - Ron Carswell, Calgary AB

