

CAC BRIDGE

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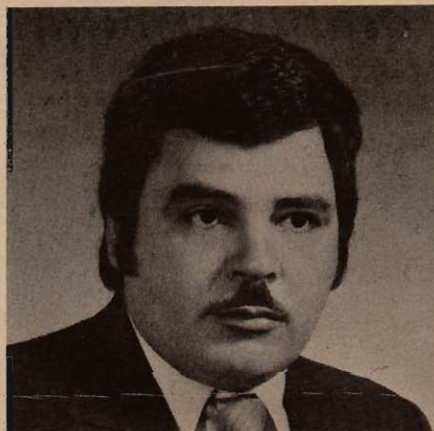
- Friday, 26th April Registration, Meeting of CAC Delegates, Open Pairs (one session), Cocktail Party.
- Saturday, 27th April Open Pairs (two sessions)
- Sunday, 28th April to Thursday, 2nd May National and Open Team of Four
- Friday, 3rd May Finals - Victory Banquet.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

GREETINGS,

The CAC Bridge Federation is on the move! It is obvious that our areas has natural handicaps of distance and inexperience, but, the enthusiasm displayed by the member countries and in particular by the host members of our first tournaments, will more than compensate for any barriers encountered along the way. By the time this reaches our readers, the Brilliance of the Trinidad tourney will already have been proven. We are sure that "75" in Caracas will follow in the same mold.

Nevertheless, it is the activity between tournaments which must be strengthened. We trust that this news bulletin will help accomplish this purpose.



ALBERTO CALVO
CAC Secretariat

It is to be hoped that all member associations will contribute regular and worthy items of information and guidance to the bulletin, indeed, the pages of this information bridge digest will always remain open to all in-

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FORMAL ZONAL STATUS APPLICATION

by Alberto Calvo

Julius Rosenblum, the dynamic president of the World Bridge Federation, has written the CAC conference expressing his regrets at not being able to attend our congress due to scheduling conflicts with the WBF congress held at the Canary Islands.

At the same time the WBF president has advised our executive council that the subject of zonal status recognition by the WBF for our area will be treated at the Canary Islands.

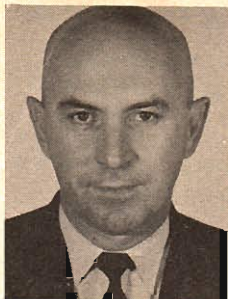
This status would mean that:

1. Our area would be allowed to choose a yearly representative for the Bermuda Bowl.
2. Our area would periodically choose a venue for the Bowl.
3. WBF master point regulations would apply for our area.
4. All rights, privileges, and obligations of full WBF zonal status would be in force.

We therefore urge all CAC member nations which have not yet joined the WBF to do so immediately.

It is a very reasonable assumption that WBF membership will give bridge an extraordinary impulse in our area. Let us hope for success in the Canary Islands.

A PROPOSED MASTER POINT PLAN



by Colonel William Schoder

Colonel Schoder is a member of the United States Air Force and lives in the Canal Zone. He is a gentleman and a superb director. Bill shared the directing in the last two annual CAC tournaments in Panama and Jamaica with Alan Truscott. This year he is the chief director in Trinidad. Bill is a U.S. National-level director. He is also the chief director for the South American Championships next October in Lima, Peru.

Section I. Introduction

Master points will be recorded as received for all members of the Central American and Caribbean Bridge Federation (CAC) in good standing with their national units. Each player will be assigned a permanent player number by the CAC Secretariat.

The number of points awarded depends on the classification of the event, the number of tables in play, and any limits placed upon the quality of the players. A National Championship will receive higher awards than local city or club games; the more players, the higher the award up to certain limits; and games restricted to high ranking players will receive commensurately higher awards.

Section II. Master Points

Master points are defined in three categories:

- Master points - these are points that are awarded for club games in fractional amounts, and for club and local championships.
- National points - these points are awarded for National championships, and for secondary events in Zonal championships.
- Zonal Points - these are points won in Zonal International competition in the major events designated by the CAC.

Section III. Recording of Master Points

The Secretariat of the CAC will record master points and issue certificates attesting to the appropriate rankings of the players.

All points won in Local, National and Zonal competitions will be computed and recorded automatically by the Secretariat when he is in receipt of the tournament reports.

Points won in Club Championships and weekly duplicate games will be issued by the game director using the certificates obtained from the Secretariat. The players may forward these certificates in amounts of one full master point or more to their national unit secretary. Every two months the national unit secretary will forward the certificates to the Secretariat, where they will be recorded to the players' accounts.

Section IV. Reporting of Tournament Results.

The Tournament director of any National or International competition shall report the results to the league secretary within one week after the completion of the tournament. This report shall contain the players' names, CAC numbers, and a complete listing of the final scores attained by all participants in all events.

The director of Club Championships and Local Championships shall report, within one week of the end of the event, the names and ranking positions of players who have won master points to the Secretariat.

Section V. Classification of Players.

Novice Master - A player with more than one full master point recorded on the official record.

Master A player with 20 or more full master points recorded on the official record.

Advanced Master - A player with 100 or more full master points recorded on the official record.

National Master - A player with 200 or more full master points recorded on the official record, of which 20 or more must be National or Zonal points.

Zonal Master - A player with 300 or more full points recorded on the official record, including 50 or more National or Zonal points, of which 20 points must be of Zonal rating.

Section VI. Master Points Scales.

(Attached to his proposal, Colonel Schoder has 18 pages of master point computation scales. These include computations of awards for club games, club championships, local championships, national championships, and zonal championships. For example, first place in a 3-table club game pays about 1/6th of a master point, while first place in the zonal team championships pays about 25 master points. ed.)

ST. KITTS "BRIDGE NEWS"

St. Kitts began publication of a weekly newsletter last November 24th. Here are some excerpts:

"At a General Meeting of the Association last week (November 14th) quite a heated 'discussion' took place on the poor performance of the St. Kitts Team at recent tournaments in Barbados, Montserrat and Guadeloupe. In discussing ways and means of raising the standard of bridge played by island representatives in particular and played generally at the regular Wednesday and Saturday night sessions of the Association, several members expressed the opinion that a regular newsletter would help - publishing results of sessions, discussing hands that had been played, giving bridge news of local, regional and international interest, etc.

So here it is! BRIDGE NEWS! "

"Bridge players are reminded that, at the Central America and Caribbean Tournament held in Jamaica in April this year, it was agreed that the 1974 tournament will be played in Trinidad, the 1975 tournament in Venezuela, and the 1976 tournament in St. Kitts. (St. Kitts was given the first option for 1976, ed.)

We only have 2 1/2 years left to get ready! A lot of preparations have to be made. We have to encourage a lot more people to play organized bridge and we have to raise the standard of our bridge to international level."

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CAC BRIDGE



JEFF HAND
Editor

This newsletter was first conceived to be a complete magazine. However, rather than undertake the publication of a costly magazine at a sizable loss, it was decided that more frequent publication of a newsletter would be of greater benefit. "CAC Bridge" is the official newsletter of the CAC Bridge Federation. It aims to report all the bridge news in our area; including tournaments of all levels, bridge systems, bridge club news, editorial comments, news from the CAC executive committee, the bi-laws and constitution of the CAC, World bridge news, etc. Articles contributed from CAC members and world-wide celebrities are greatly appreciated. This newsletter is only in an experimental stage and hopefully will be made with the co-operation of all CAC member nations. It is your newsletter.

All news pertaining to the CAC and this newsletter should be sent to the Secretariat - Alberto Calvo, apartado 8103, Panama 7, R.P. With your support we may eventually make "CAC Bridge" a complete magazine.

SIX NATION BERMUDA BOWL

This year, for the first time ever, six nations will be competing in the Bermuda Bowl, the emblem of World bridge supremacy. The week-long contest begins on May 27th in Venice, Italy.

The competing teams won the right to play by winning in competition. ITALY won the 23-nation European championship last September. However they were already entitled to defend the Bowl as reigning world champions. Therefore, the runner-up nation FRANCE automatically qualifies to represent Europe. BRAZIL won the South American Championships in Rio de Janeiro last November when they beat Argentina in the final playoffs by 67 IMPs. Argentina had qualified for the final playoffs narrowly ahead of Columbia. INDONESIA easily won the 17th Far Eastern Team Championships last December, beating second place Taiwan and eleven other teams. NEW ZEALAND sprang a big surprise in the South Pacific zone by upsetting Australia by 23 IMPs in a match played last November. The ACES won the North American playoffs in October by defeating the winners of three major American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) championships: the Spingold, the Reisinger, and the Grand National. The Aces team was strengthened by the addition of the Canadian pair Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela.

Assuming the World Bridge Federation grants the CAC formal zonal status, maybe next year I will write "This year, for the first time over, seven nations will be competing in the Bermuda Bowl, the emblem of World bridge supremacy."

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HAND OF THE WEEK

No. 21 (Saturday 15 December)

North-South Vul

Dealer North

(N) ♠ S K 9 5
♥ H 7 6 3 2
♦ D K J 10 9
♣ C 6 4

(W) ♠ S A 7 6 3 (E) ♠ S 10 4
♥ H A Q J ♥ H K 10 9 8 5 4
♦ D — ♦ D 7 3 2
♣ C Q 10 9 8 7 5 ♣ C J 3

(S) ♠ S Q J 8 2
♥ H —
♦ D A Q 8 6 5 4
♣ C A K 2

At Table 1 the bidding went

N	E	S	W
P	P	2D	3C
3D	P	5D	Double

South made an evertrick, losing only the Ace of spades. 6D is cold on any defence and is biddable.

At Table 2 the bidding went

N	E	S	W
P	2H*	3C**	Double
3D	P	3S	Double
P	P	4D	4H
Double	P	P	P

* A weak 2 - bid

** Take out - shows 16 + points

East made his contract, losing two clubs and a spade.

1974 WORLD PAIRS OLIMPIAD

ENTRIES for the Fourth World Pairs Olympiad at Las Palmas in the Grand Canary Islands are expected to close on March 1 with a record number of competing nations. The programme is:

Opening cocktail party	— May 4
Mixed Pairs (4 sessions)	— May 5-6
Mixed Teams (5 sessions)	— May 7-11
Open Pairs (10 sessions)	— May 12-17
Ladies Pairs (May 12-17)	— May 12-17
Prizegiving and Banquet	— May 17

ALL EVENTS except the Mixed Pairs are restricted to pairs from the same NCBO.

ENTRIES should be sent to Señora Gala Gomez-Diaz, P.O. Box 63, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain. Entries should be accompanied by the following entry fees:

Mixed Pairs — \$36 per pair; Mixed Teams — \$150 per team; Open and Ladies Pairs — \$90 per pair.

ENTRY QUOTAS:

Members of NCBO	Open	Mixed Ladies	Teams
0-500	4	2	2
501-1500	6	3	3
1501-1500	8	4	6
5001-50,000	10	5	8
over 50,000	12	6	10

PAST AND PRESENT world champions are free quota, as also are two Grand Master playing together, or one Grand Master and one World Master.

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dividuals from our member countries interested in contributing through bridge to closer and more friendly relations between our nations.

A final word — we live in a conflictive, developing region composed of peoples of varied races, religions, customs and traditions; as we sit at the bridge table, though we may not know each other - we are equals. Let us carry this spirit of friendship and good will, fostered by our encounters through bridge throughout the Caribbean for the betterment of man.

The same team therefore made a doubled game on the hands, sitting North-South at Table 1 and East-West at Table 2. The hand was worth 17 IMPs.

COPING WITH THE UNLIKELY

Suppose that the author of a comprehensive guide to bidding theory decided, for some strange reason, to begin with the commonest sequences and conclude his masterpiece with bids that might come up once in a bridge lifetime. His penultimate page might have a hand like this:

♠ 65
♥ A3
♦ AJ8
♣ AK982

Your partner has opened, not vulnerable, with four spades, and the opponents are silent. What do you bid?

With many partners it would be right to bid six spades and hope for the best. But with an expert you should strive for more accuracy, and the right bid is five spades. This carries the message: "We have no losers in the side suits, partner. Everything depends on the strength of your spades."

If your partner's spade suit happens to be QJ10xxxx he will pass. If he has AKQJxxx he will bid seven spades. And with something in between he will bid six.

Pursuing this obscure theme, our hypothetical author would have something like this on his last page:

♠ J10643
♥ —
♦ A2
♣ AKJ986

Your partner bids one spade as dealer, and the opponents are silent.

Again the right bid is five spades, and the meaning is similar. If your partner's spade suit is weak he will pass, and you should make 11 tricks. With the ace or king of spades he will bid the small slam, and with both those cards he will try for the grand.

A third example belongs on the post-ultimate page—the one thrown out by the suffering publisher because the work is too long. An opening bid of five spades shows no side-suit losers but a lack of top spade honors. It is doubtful whether anyone has ever had the right hand to make this bid, and if the hand comes up some day the bid will not be used, either because the player does not know it or because he fears his partner will misinterpret it.

As an example of a five spade opening bid, the South hand in the diagram has three flaws. First, it did not happen—it was dreamed up by the champion Aces. Second, South must gamble that his heart jack will not prove to be a loser. Third, the deal generates typographical panic.

Over five spades, West has good reason to bid six clubs, and North demonstrates his theoretical knowledge and bidding discipline by bidding six spades. Whether this contract can always be made, the reader should decide for himself before continuing. A less disciplined North would not resist the temptation to bid his 10-card suit—and would be right. Six hearts would be easy.

East not unnaturally doubles six spades. He has a sure defensive trick, and he wishes to discourage his partner from saving in seven clubs. West, like North, has more discipline

NORTH			
♠ K			
♥ Q1098765432			
♦ 3			
♣ 8			
WEST		EAST	
♠ —		♠ A832	
♥ —		♥ —	
♦ J		♦ Q109876542	
♣ AKQJ109765432		♣ —	
SOUTH			
♠ QJ1097654			
♥ AKJ			
♦ AK			
♣ —			
THE BIDDING:			
North and South were vulnerable.			
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
5♠	6♣	6♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	
West led the club ace.			

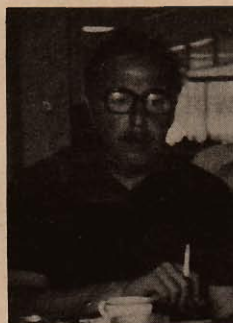
than common sense, and passes the double. With a hand worth 12 tricks in attack and nothing in defense he should certainly bid seven clubs. He would make it against a careless lead of the spade king, but North should work out that his partner has top cards in the red suits and lead a diamond.

Against six spades doubled West should perhaps hesitate to lead a club. South is surely void, and there is some danger of conceding a ruff-and-sluff. Luckily for the defense, however, West leads the club ace. He has an illformed notion that his partner might over-ruff the dummy, and as a result gives East a unique opportunity to over-ruff the declarer.

Even with four hands in view, most players would fail to find the winning defense as East. But he can do so if he trusts South's opening bid. South must have eight spades, ace-king in both red suits, and a red jack. On this basis East makes an astonishing play. He ruffs the club ace with the spade ace, and leads a diamond. South finds himself stuck in dummy with the spade king, and East scores a heart ruff to beat the slam.

South, who had been regretting his failure to redouble, is understandably dazed at going down in a seemingly certain slam. He then complains about North's failure to bid six hearts, and receives a sharp retort.

"I was right," answers North hotly. "When you were doubled you could have retreated to seven hearts. It's cold from your side." ■



'I cannot fully explain my partner's bid as he changed the system five minutes ago.'

GIORGIO BELLADONNA

The precision tour

Last year the CAC was honored with a bridge tour that included World champions Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna and their wives, C.C. and Katharine Wei, and Alan and Dorothy Truscott. Their visit began in Jamaica on May 2nd, which coincided with last year's CAC annual tournament. In Jamaica they gave a very successful panel show and played in an exhibition match against a combined Jamaica-Venezuela team. They then proceeded to Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela, where they were warmly received and participated in more exhibition matches.

The hand presented here is from the exhibition match in Jamaica. The touring precision team was leading by 9 IMPs when this final deal was shown to the audience watching on Vu-Graph:

North dealer
East-West vulnerable

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

In the closed room, Francis Vernon and Enrique Manrique for Venezuela had already bid and made 3NT.

In the open room Alan Truscott opened the north hand with 1NT, and after a game-forcing stayman auction, Dorothy Hayden Truscott played in 4H.

Mario Onorati, West for Venezuela, led the diamond five, an aggressive and risky play. This was an inspired choice in a sense, because Dorothy Truscott naturally supposed that the diamond ace was on her right and played low from dummy. Unfortunately for Onorati, his partner, Alberto Dhers, was also deceived, and made the normal play of the nine, permitting South to win with the jack. Even so, the play was far from over. South cashed the heart ace and then led a low diamond. West rose with the ace and then missed the last chance for the defense, a very difficult one - when he failed to underlead his second ace at the fourth trick. Instead, he played a spade leaving South in control. She drove out the heart king and made her contract, losing one diamond trick, one heart, and one club.