

## Round Robins End and Playoffs Begin for CWTC and COPC-B

For 14 teams Canada Bridge Week is over. Many will look forward to the COPC's on Saturday, but there will still be a bitter pill to swallow as they plan their revenge, hopefully in St. Catherines next year.

Actually, it is likely that the very best attitude can be found in the Metcalfe team who finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams. I asked them if they had enjoyed themselves at least. They said, "Hey, we come away with 4 and a half wins. We played the very best and did not embarrass ourselves." In fact, they were only blitzed twice and neither of those poor results were credit to the top 2 finishers. One of the team remarked after playing the vaunted Gordon team in the last match, "We bid to 4 hearts, they bid 5 diamonds, I doubled and put them down 2!" That one hand will probably be the source of many sweet dreams, and it is dreams that this game is made of.

Later today, the Foster squad, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> has selected Linda Connell's team, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clearly the Fosters know that Kathy Adachi is made of pretty stern stuff. That leaves the Gordon 6 ender to try and team the Adachi foursome.

In the Flight B event, Ge stormed to a 38 Victory Point margin to finish on top of the field. They also picked the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher, Soderstrom, as their meat in the

semi-final. It might not be politic, but their selection last year came back to bite them, forcing them to retire from the event after the semifinal. They were also 1<sup>st</sup> in the Round Robin last year. Bedard, who led for a long time and then were briefly out of contention, finished with a respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> and will play Custead who finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

In both events, 64 boards head to head will decide it. No more Victory Points. One IMP will win it all. As I write this story, I can imagine 4 teams trying to get a little sleep and almost surely swearing off alcohol, at least until tomorrow night.

Good luck to all of you, and better luck next year to all the rest.

There isn't one of you who is a loser. You were winners just to get here and I will not hear it said that there is one person on one team who didn't deserve to be here. You are the stuff of which Canadian Bridge is made and I am proud to have met every one of you.

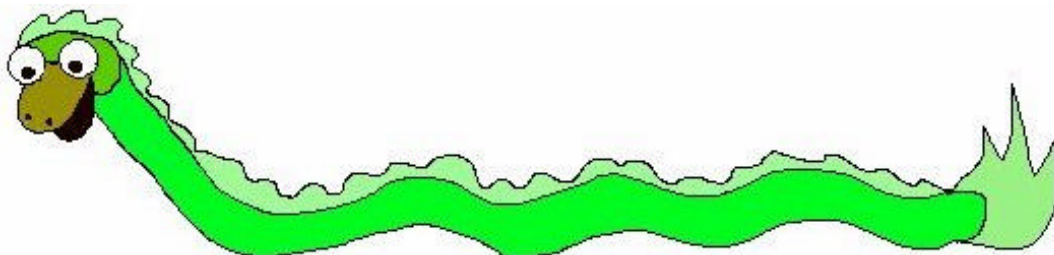
If you are staying for the Regional and I hope you are, good luck. If you are heading homeward, drive safely, whether it is all the way home or just to and from the airport. We will look forward to seeing you at the tables.



## Round Robin Results CNTC Flight A

### Team Name and Number

Round #	Team Name and Number																					
	1 Sinno	2 Gartaganis	3 McAvoy	4 Herold	5 Maksymetz	6 Priebe	7 Flock	8 Gillespie	9 Barton	10 Nowlan	11 Nagy (NPC)	12 Bart	13 Fergani	14 MacKay	15 Treble	16 Thurston	17 MacIntyre	18 Pocock	19 Rayner	20 Carrière	21 Todd	22 Kramer
1	17	13	21	20	23	14	15	7	8	18	12	0	25	18	12	22	23	15	16	7	10	9
2	19	17	11	13	17	24	19	6	17	6	20	19	21	9	11	10	24	13	24	11	6	13
3	9	11	12	21	18	19	10	13	6	20	18	1	20	15	15	10	25	12	10	24	17	20
4	2	11	15	19	25	11	15	19	14	13	10	9	20	14	19	11	16	10	21	20	17	16
5	25	16	15	7	16	1	14	23	15	14	22	12	14	25	16	4	25	14	4	16	18	8
6	17	8	22	23	25	21	13	9	4	7	8	22	5	8	16	18	8	22	12	14	22	25
7	20	25	10	20	15	4	25	10	5	25	15	10	20	1	14	14	19	15	15	11	16	16
8	14	16	16	25	14	14	13	13	16	17	17	16	16	4	14	14	10	16	8	22	14	20
9	19	16	11	1	12	23	6	11	16	11	14	19	24	7	18	25	19	14	16	16	14	14
10	19	18	11	7	8	17	7	24	7	25	11	5	23	6	23	13	22	23	19	12	6	24
11	25	16	7	23	20	15	23	15	15	9	12	2	18	21	15	15	7	15	10	7	23	14
12	20	16	14	12	1	9	20	9	4	12	9	25	10	5	21	18	25	21	10	21	25	18
13	16	8	8	22	22	21	9	10	25	21	18	6	25	14	4	24	12	9	5	20	21	9
14	16	16	16	15	15	14	14	15	9	6	17	19	18	16	14	14	12	11	13	24	21	15
15	9	24	22	25	16	14	3	8	6	19	21	22	15	9	11	21	19	21	15	8	9	11
16	6	9	22	9	15	4	25	15	21	8	21	16	17	20	9	20	24	10	21	10	13	14
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Total	253	240	233	262	262	225	231	207	188	231	245	203	291	192	232	253	290	241	219	243	252	246
Rank	5/6			3/4	3/4								1			5/6	2				7	8



<b>Round Robin Results CNTC Flight B</b>									
<b>Round #</b>	<b>Team Name and Number</b>								
	<b>1 Custead</b>	<b>2 Bedard</b>	<b>3 Ge</b>	<b>4 Thompson</b>	<b>5 Soderstrom</b>	<b>6 Agrwal</b>	<b>7 Chan</b>	<b>8 Cook</b>	<b>9 Zillman</b>
<b>1</b>	17	23	18	6	8	16	14	22	24
<b>2</b>	12	24	18	6	18	16	19	11	14
<b>3</b>	15	13	16	15	14	17	18	15	15
<b>4</b>	10	23	21	10	20	20	9	7	18
<b>5</b>	20	18	25	2	23	10	7	25	4
<b>6</b>	18	6	24	18	13	7	12	23	17
<b>7</b>	25	14	25	3	16	18	20	5	10
<b>8</b>	22	12	22	10	20	8	18	18	8
<b>9</b>	18	21	23	10	16	14	20	7	9
<b>Total</b>	147	154	192	80	148	127	137	133	118
<b>Rank</b>	4	2	1		3				



Ge picks Soderstrom and Bedard plays Custead for tomorrow's semi-final.

### *Round Robin Results CWTC*

	<b>1 Arblaster</b>	<b>2 Campbell</b>	<b>3 Richardson</b>	<b>4 Nowlan</b>	<b>6 Gordon</b>	<b>7 Foster</b>	<b>8 Taylor</b>	<b>9 Metcalfe</b>	<b>10 Adachi</b>	<b>11 Blackett</b>	<b>12 Neate</b>	<b>13 Connell</b>	<b>14 Isfeld</b>
<b>1</b>	12	18	19	8	21	20	22	8	10	9	18	22	11
<b>2</b>	13	9	17	21	10	21	10	13	17	20	9	20	18
<b>3</b>	15	1	18	15	25	25	13	8	16	14	22	17	5
<b>4</b>	18	8	12	8	22	18	22	25	15	8	22	15	2
<b>5</b>	10	1	10	15	20	18	15	20	25	23	11	19	7
<b>6</b>	4	17	9	15	14	25	16	18	15	21	13	12	18
<b>7</b>	10	15	20	17	11	23	20	7	19	18	13	10	15
<b>8</b>	15	14	16	9	24	20	21	15	9	10	0	18	21
<b>9</b>	9	18	16	14	19	20	1	0	21	25	25	10	11
<b>10</b>	13	11	17	18	13	19	16	4	24	17	6	25	14
<b>11</b>	10	11	11	8	18	22	19	19	10	7	20	23	20
<b>12</b>	22	17	14	10	25	4	18	20	16	13	9	8	21
<b>13</b>	25	3	18	8	24	16	14	6	18	22	12	25	5
<b>Total</b>	176	143	197	166	247	251	207	163	215	207	180	224	168
<b>Rank</b>					2	1			4			3	

Foster picks Connell and Gordon plays Adachi in the semi-finals that begin tomorrow.

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## **An Open Letter from George Retek**

On behalf of the players attending the 2003 Canada Bridge Week in Penticton B.C., I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Organizing Committee, led by the ever present Margaret Pearce and the hard working Jenny Ballantyne, the excellent directing staff headed by Matt Smith, the outstanding editor of the Ogoogo Ogle, Bob Christie whose articles provide hours of entertainment, our sponsors, especially IKON Office Solutions, all the friendly and well trained caddies, and, of course, the City of Penticton for providing us the little paradise to play in.

I am sure that many of us intend to return here, the home of the third largest Regional on the North American Continent. Let's enjoy the surroundings and express a special welcome to the players in the B division who hopefully will soon be participants in the CNTC-A and/or the CWTC.

The CBF Board of Directors has greatly improved the Bridge Week Schedule starting next year. Come to the CBF Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning and learn how our bridge life will improve in the future.

George Retek  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
American Contract Bridge League

I think I can speak for the organizers, the directors, the caddies and the sponsors in saying that you are all most welcome if you had a good time and enjoyed the venue and the competition. For myself, if I never see another Duplimate board (for a few weeks anyway) it will be too soon. My wife is the prime mover behind the Bulletin and I will happily take any credit she is due. This is something I enjoy because, of course, I get to rub shoulders with the best people in the world - bridge players. Thanks for inviting me into your midst. Bob Christie.

## **You Want Us to Move the Piano Where?**

Just after lunch on Thursday, Matt Smith, Director-in-Charge, changed sit outs in the B and CWTC, from a score of a cold 0 to an average plus 18. I don't know why, perhaps I'll die, but with the final results elsewhere in this publication for the CNTC Flight B and the CWTC, you will see 18 wherever there is a sit out. Since everybody gets the same 18 for their sit out, it should not alter the final standings. But, apparently, it gives people a slightly better idea of where they stand.

## **Clean Minds and Clean Bodies (Can we play bridge that way?)**

In a late breaking story, it turns out that the World Bridge Federation has signed an agreement with the International Olympic Committee to abide by the rules and regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). This means that members of all Bridge Federations (including the CBF) may be subject to random drug testing at any time or place (not necessarily at competitions). It is critical that all Canadian bridge players realize that refusing a drug test is treated as if you had failed that test.

Therefore, if one day there is a knock on your door and it is an agent of WADA asking you for a sample - if you refuse to provide same, your refusal will be reported as a failing drug test.

While the CBF Executive Director has not explained the exact substances which are banned from ingestion, application or injection, I am sure that more will be forthcoming over the next several months as

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the full impact of this agreement is more clearly understood.

Keep your eye on the CBF website for details on such things as nicotine and caffeine which, of course, are survival substances for many bridge players.



## Five Matches to Go...

The Flight A continues to clarify, but not much is decided yet. MacIntyre and Fergani seem to be vying for the right to pick their opponents first. After watching the Italians pick the Canadians in the semifinal of the IOC/WBF demonstration match in Salt Lake City some 16 months ago and watching that be the beginning of their demise, I am not sure this is a good plan. But, as some say, there is 1<sup>st</sup> and then there are all the rest.

After the 1<sup>st</sup> match of Thursday, the top 8 finishers are: MacIntyre (again), Fergani (again), Sinno (still moving up, position by position), Kramer (also on a move), Maksymetz (who seems destined to make another move from the back of the qualifiers like he did last year), falling once again to 5/6 along with Bill Treble and company who are continuing to move up the rankings. Herold seems unable to sustain a move and fell to 7<sup>th</sup> at the hands of Kramer while Pocock with 190 Victory Points continues to hold onto the last playoff position.

After Match 2 on Thursday (Match 13 if you are keeping score), we found the rankings to be Fergani, MacIntyre (the seesaw continues), Sinno, Maksymetz, Herold, Todd, Kramer and Carrière. Sinno's grip on 3<sup>rd</sup> was eroded by Maksymetz, who stormed back with 22 Victory Points and Herold kept pace with 22 of their own to climb into 5<sup>th</sup> from 7<sup>th</sup>. Todd had a nice round to hold 6<sup>th</sup> and Kramer cannot be pleased with 9 Victory Points to drop them to 7<sup>th</sup>. Holding down the 8<sup>th</sup> and final

playoff position with 3 matches left today and 5 more tomorrow is, once again, Carrière who has been close since the beginning and keeps running into the first 8 and then dropping back.

Time did not permit us to do a commentary after the 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the day on Thursday, but after 4 we find some rather significant changes. Fergani stays in 1<sup>st</sup> with MacIntyre 8 VPs back. Despite my earlier doubting of Herold being able to sustain a drive, they have tucked themselves comfortably into 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Maksymetz and Sinno who have slid into a tie for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. Todd holds 6<sup>th</sup> and Carrière has held onto a playoff position by the skin of his teeth 1 Victory Point ahead of Kramer sitting in 9<sup>th</sup>. A new addition to the possible qualifiers is Thurston who have overcome a bunch of losses early on to grab (admittedly by their collective finger nails) a share of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Before one writes off the rest, Gartaganis, with 1 more match to play on Thursday and 5 more on Friday are 2 Victory Points out of qualifying as are the Pocock team.

Lots to decide yet and the last match of the day clarified little with Fergani clinging to a 1 VP lead over MacIntyre, and Herold and Maksymetz well back but tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. Thurston and Sinno are tied for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> while Todd holds 7<sup>th</sup> and Kramer is back in the pack holding 8<sup>th</sup>. Nagy is 1 VP out of the money while Pocock is 5 and Gartaganis 6. Barton presently trails the field, perhaps a little out of sorts what with the market beating him about the head and ears, but even his trailing 188 is well within catching the leaders if he puts on a typical Bartonian day. If Lee were 50 VPs out of the money with 1 match to go, I still wouldn't bet against him.

So, 5 matches to go and 22 teams still have a chance to qualify. Silly game.

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## I Stand Corrected

In publishing a review of *Bridge, The Silver Way*, I made comment about the author's use of Bruce Gowdy that I thought was a takeoff on John Gowdy whom I had met online. It turns out that my inexperience in bridge at this level is showing itself. Not only is there a real Bruce Gowdy, but he is here at Canada Bridge Week toiling for the MacKay team and, subject to correction, appears to be playing with Arno Hobart. The player who brought this to my attention felt it important for me (and you) to know that Bruce Gowdy is only distantly related to John Gowdy (who'd a thunk it) and way back in 1949 at the ripe old age of 19, Bruce won the Spingold. At that time, Bruce was the youngest ever to win the Spingold and perhaps he still is.

My profound apologies Bruce. I am, after all, a westerner, and the machinations of central Canada are much a mystery to me.

## Scoring Change causes the punters to reevaluate the Flight B Standings

The decision to change the scoring of sit outs from 0 to 18 Victory Points made the whole situation look much differently even before the first results came out on Thursday. Adding the sit out points into the equation moved Cook into 1<sup>st</sup>, temporarily but with one fewer opportunity to score Victory Points. Ge with 3 more games to play fell to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Custead with their sit out in Round 9 already factored in is, for the moment at least, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Agrwal (who sit out the 1<sup>st</sup> match of the day) sitting 4<sup>th</sup> for now. Bedard, with her sit out already factored in, fell out of the playoff standings but, of course, still has 3 matches to play while 3 of the 4 sitting atop the standings

only have 2 opportunities to increase their VP holdings.

After the 1<sup>st</sup> match, Ge solidified his grip on 1<sup>st</sup> by laying a drubbing on Thompson (25-4). And Custead now sits 3<sup>rd</sup> by knocking Cook out of contention for the moment at least. Custead only has 1 more match to play since their sit out is already factored in. Bedard moved back into 4<sup>th</sup> and has 2 matches yet to calculate into the final total. Soderstrom, Agrwal and Zillman still have an outside chance since they have 2 matches to add in while both Custead and Cook have only 1.

At the supper break, there were some significant changes. Ge remains well into 1<sup>st</sup> with 1 round to play but Custead sits 2<sup>nd</sup> with their last match sit out already factored in. Bedard is back into 3<sup>rd</sup> and Soderstrom is 4<sup>th</sup>. Cook must do well against Ge if they hope to play again tomorrow. Soderstrom, the team to beat, is playing against Agrwal who are not mathematically eliminated and look to be pretty hungry.

I suppose to some, following bridge is like watching paint dry, but I have my fingernails chewed down to my elbows.

## The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

Add 18 Victory points to the scores wherever there is a sit out and you would expect the leaders who have already had their sit out vs. those who have not yet had it, would appear to fall behind a little. In the CWTC however, there were exactly zero changes in relative position of the top 4 teams. Foster was leading the pack despite having her sit out already factored in ahead of Gordon, Taylor, and Adachi in that order - despite the fact that these 3 teams already have 18 Victory Points awarded for matches not yet played. Of course, with things this

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tight, even a slight stumble coming into the home stretch could be disastrous.

As the first match results came in, Foster passed the 200 VP threshold and remained in 1<sup>st</sup> while Gordon suffered a slight loss to Richardson sitting in 7<sup>th</sup>. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day. Adachi had a good match and closed the gap to 3 VPs out of 3<sup>rd</sup>. After Round 10, Connell were 3 points out of the money and Blackett were only 6. At 3:30 pm, I am keeping my money in my pocket.

At the supper break, we were running late and by the time we got back to the site, the third of the 4 matches to finish the Round Robin had been run. As we looked at the standings with 1 match still to add to the listing, Foster seems to have a strangle hold on a playoff position and Gordon would have to fall into the lake to miss the quarters. Adachi is sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> counting her sit out, but she is done and must now wait for others to decide her fate. Taylor has a shot, but in the last round she is pitted against the Foster Juggernaut who, until Round 12 had not lost a match. Two bad results in a row would be joy to Taylor, and, possibly, sorrow to Adachi. As I write this with the play of the last match still ongoing, the tension is so thick you can cut it with a knife.

We will know the answers to all the questions in less than an hour... (and the 'answers' are on Page 1).

## **Yesterday was NOT a Good Day**

It seemed, whether I had written an article 3 months ago or late last night, the Thursday Edition had at least 2 errors and the Wednesday Edition 1 other. I noted 2 of them in other articles of correction, but I now stand before you humbled by my lack of counting prowess. This is nothing new for any who have played across the table

from me, but I must now extend apologies to George Mittelman who does, indeed have 7 CNTC championships under his belt. If there are other errors, please bring them to my attention. I am doing the best I can to fill 10 pages, which isn't easy I can assure you. When I have to duplicate something like 1100 boards a day to boot, my time for proofing and double checking is a little on the thin side.

Thanks all for your patience.

## **When is a MacIntyre a Bowman and When is a Bowman an MacIntyre?**

Reading the results presses from the Directors, I assumed that the name had changed for the MacIntyre Team. Given that it was 2 in the morning, I made an executive decision. Oops, wrong again. Apparently, putting a NPC into the computer makes it complain when that person NEVER plays. So, for ease of keeping the computer happy, Matt Smith listed the team by the top PLAYING member. I took that information as gospel and have been advised that Laurie MacIntyre is STILL the Non-Playing Captain and will definitely not be bundled up and put on the airplane for home. Given that the team is right near the top of the standings from match to match, this NPC is clearly not just a pretty face. If I have, in error, done anything to cause distress, my profound apologies.

## **CNTC VuGraph Schedule**

During the waning days of Canada Bridge Week 2003, we are going to invite interested players from across Canada to kibitz some of the final matches. This is going to be broadcast on Bridge Base Online which is free to all. Last year, the founder of Bridge

Base came to Edmonton to run the VuGraph and a good audience enjoyed the CNTC-A final. This year, Fred is going to be playing in the US Team Trials in Memphis Tennessee and will, in all likelihood be organizing a VuGraph broadcast from that event.

In lieu of the good Mr. Gitelman, Bob Christie will be trying his hand at VuGraph operations and has received expert tutelage from the Bridge Base founder.

To date, it has been decided to broadcast the CNTC-A final on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> and the 2-day Bermuda Bowl qualifier featuring the winner on Monday against the Maksymetz team who won the event in 2002. The winner of this qualifier will play off against Mexico for the right to play in the Bermuda Bowl scheduled for Monaco between November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> later this year.

We are still pondering running a VuGraph of the CWTC events, but this is going to get a little hairy with everything else going on at the same time, so we may have to pass on the opportunity. Any changes will be announced here.

Schedules for the currently planned broadcasts are:

June 9	01:30 pm EST (10:30 am PDT) 09:00 pm EST (06:00 pm PDT)	Penticton, BC	Canadian National Teams Championships Final
June 10	02:30 pm EST (11:30 am PDT) 09:30 pm EST (06:30 pm PDT)	Penticton, BC	2002 CNTC Champs vs. 2003 CNTC Champs
June 11	02:30 pm EST (11:30 am PDT) 09:30 pm EST (06:30 pm PDT)	Penticton, BC	2002 CNTC Champs vs. 2003 CNTC Champs

We are working hard to find knowledgeable experts to serve as volunteer commentators.

Thus far, we have obtained a tentative agreement, depending on schedules, from John Gowdy, a well know expert player in the Toronto area, and no less than Eric Kokish, who is well known as one of Canada's premier bridge professionals. Their commentary should be insightful and entertaining along with other commentators that we hope to recruit from the field at Penticton.

Unfortunately, we will not have a local Vugraph Theatre since the projector would be prohibitively expensive. But do tell your friends to get on line on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. It should be quite a battle.

## Recorders Needed

During the playoffs due to start today and carry on through Wednesday, it is a practice to have a recorder at each table to record the bidding and play of every hand. We are still looking for recorders and there is some urgency, particularly for the CNTC-B and CWTC semi-finals that go later today. If you would be prepared to be a recorder, please contact Jenny in the Hospitality Suite or around the playing area. Not only are you paid (albeit not well) but you have a ringside kibitzers seat. Let's get out there and do our part to make the tournament end on the same quality note that it has had since Monday evening.

## From the Other Side... Farmer's and Artisan's Market

If you like farmer's markets, check out Penticton's. It's only a few blocks from the playing site. You'll be guaranteed to find fresh veggies, of course. But you'll also see crafts – great for gifts. In the past there have been crocheted items, masks, artwork, and jewelry. Sometimes they also have



demonstrations and exhibits (one time, they had a llama!).

The market is held on Saturday from 8:30 am to noon in the 100 block on Main Street – on the street next to the park by the lake.

**To get there (walking):** from the playing site, go South down the alley to the street. Turn right. Go a block over to Main. Turn left and go down Main until you get to the market.



## Software Review...

### Advanced Bridge Defense

By Eddie Kantar

Mr. Kantar, the Secretary of Defense wrote *Modern Bridge Defense* (previously reviewed) and, I assume out of fear that he had still not said it all (or, more likely because he had not tortured we poor peons enough), he has now gone further. *Advanced Bridge Defense* takes the principles from the first package and goes much, much further. Actually, as you go through the lessons, the questions and the practice hands, you get flashes of inspiration, not only about how to increase the times you find the killing defense, but also what will be going on in the minds of your opponents when THEY are on defense.

Years ago, when playing against pros, I was amazed at how they could, as declarer, play

about 5 tricks and then announce who held what, how they were going to play the rest of the hand and then, of course, make their claim, always right and really intimidating. This series of lessons (and like most programs like this you cannot absorb it all in one sitting or by going through the material only once), shines a bright light on an inconvertible truth. Good declarer play requires you to have an intimate understanding of defense, just as good defense requires an excellent understanding of declarer play and what is most certainly going on in the declarer's mind. If he doesn't attack diamonds, that tells you something. If he delays pulling trump, he has a reason and you need to figure out what that reason is.

If you loved *Modern Bridge Defense*, you will REALLY love this package. If you found *Modern Bridge Defense* not unlike a trip to the dentist, you will find *Advanced Bridge Defense* akin to a root canal. But then, of course, as much as we really don't enjoy the sound of the high speed drill, we still go because the fear of the toothache is worse than the reality in the dentist's chair. \$69.95 CDN.

## Thinking on Defense

By Jim Priebe

In the runup to this event, I decided it would be neat if I could review some of the teaching software and some of the books, primarily by Canadian authors. I found myself overwhelmed by the generosity of a number of leaders in the field, and wish to express particular thanks to Ray Lee of Master Point Press who sent me more books than I could ever hope to do justice. As a result, I took 4 books to our local bridge club and asked several of my fellow members to review one book each. This volume was reviewed by Lorna MacDonald, one of the members of the CWTC Champions from 2002. *ed.*

An enjoyable read for the advancing bridge player. I particularly enjoyed the 'visualization' chapters where Priebe

presents a problem and then leads the reader through the steps involved in visualizing possible hands declarer could hold and, moreover, how to make the most of the information at hand.

The book contains 40 defense problems complete with understandable solutions and explanations to steer the reader toward developing his or her abilities to visualize different, and changing options while defending.

Lorna MacDonald

*Perhaps I shouldn't tell you this, but during the review process, Lorna admitted that working through this book was 'hard work'. This shouldn't be a criticism of either the author of the review or the book itself. Defense IS hard work and when someone of Lorna's considerable talents at the table finds it challenging, it clearly is not something to be consigned to the 'lightweight' table.*

