



## Ge and Custead in the CNTC-B Final

In Ge vs. Soderstrom, it was a toss up after  $\frac{3}{4}$  with Soderstrom in the lead by 2 IMPs. In the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza, the truck that ran over Bedard in the third quarter came over and ran over Soderstrom. Clearly somebody has to find the license number of that truck. Leading by 2 IMPs after 48 boards, Ge took 63 IMPs to Soderstrom's 32 and won the semi by a convincing 29 IMPs.

After the train wreck in the third quarter as Terri Bedard said herself, "When you are behind by 44 IMPs with 16 boards to play, you have to play flat out bridge." They bid every close game and, unfortunately, many of them went down 1. At the other table of course, the Custead team played nice conservative bridge and let the IMPs come home to them. When the dust cleared, it was 146-85 for Custead, but the match was not as unbalanced as the score would indicate. Basically, Custead scored a number of empty netters in the last stanza, but the Bedard team was quick not to make excuses. They got beat, fair and square and, like any good team, they were classy to the end.

In fact, the Soderstrom team also exhibited real class as they accepted their bronze medals from the CBF executive. Once again congratulations to Soderstrom and Bedard and good luck to Ge and Custead.

## Foster and Gordon in the CWTC final

In both CWTC semi-finals, it started one way and just kept going the same way right to the end. Foster ended up winning by 150-132, but each match was tight with the margins at 6, 11, 15, 18. Connell put up a steady fight, but were not up to the challenge this year.

In the other match, Gordon also won every segment. Because there was no reporting of the last segment, the director declared the Gordon win by a score of 130 to 105. The margin was, in all likelihood, greater than that as the experienced squad from central Canada ground away steadily on the Vancouver foursome. Last year, Kathy Adachi and her contingent (different squad from this year) were among the classiest players at the event, quietly walking away from the playing room to let the 2002 victors and their supporters celebrate without interference. This year, Adachi clearly selected the same calibre of class. Once the bronze medals were presented and the obligatory picture taken, they rushed off to congratulate the winners. All of us can take a really big lesson from a group of ladies who have taught me a whole bunch about winning and LOSING at this game we all love. Congratulations to Connell and to Adachi and good luck to Foster and Gordon.

The final 72 board marathon begins early tomorrow. Quarterly results will be posted on the Web Site.

## Round Robin Results CNTC Flight A

RO	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 Poccock	19 Rayner	20 Carrière	21 Todd	22 Kramer
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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
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21	6	12	15	11	16	10	15	14	11	11	16	14	19	19	16	15	20	14	19	15	18	24
Total	321	303	299	320	332	277	319	276	269	288	333	278	387	268	326	331	381	316	306	319	316	318
Rank	7			8	4						3		1		6	5	2					

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## Home Stretch Commentary

Well, it is after lunch on Friday and the results of the first of 5 matches in the Flight A are available. Some interesting home stretch moves.

Fergani and MacIntyre still top the field, but are now tied. Herold and Maksymetz both had small losses and ended exactly where they started, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. Sinno, once as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> has dropped off a little and now sits in 5<sup>th</sup> all alone. A new entry into the qualifiers is the team named for Petar Nagy (deceased) in memory of his name by a group of good friends including John Carruthers, Robert Lebi, George Mittelman, and Joseph Silver (an article elsewhere features this remarkable gesture). Rounding out the field is Thurston in sole possession of 7<sup>th</sup> and Todd/Kramer, each holding onto a piece of the final qualifying slot with a single fingernail each. There are lots of teams within reach yet and even the bottom of the field are 2 blitzes away from qualifying.

After the second round of the day (Round 18 of the Round Robin), not a whole lot changed except for some rearranging of the deck chairs on the Titanic. Fergani is back in 1<sup>st</sup>, MacIntyre has retreated to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Maksymetz is alone in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sinno has jumped a place to 4<sup>th</sup>. Herold had a rough round and dropped to 5<sup>th</sup> with Thurston a single Victory Point behind in 6<sup>th</sup>. Up again, down again Kramer is 7<sup>th</sup> with Nagy sitting in the 8<sup>th</sup> hole in a dead tie with Pocock Todd, Treble, Gartaganis, Nowlan, Carriere, and Flock are all within 15 Victory Points out of the qualifying zone with 3 matches yet to play. Still can't count most of the field out with 3 matches left.

At the supper break, the teams at the top continue to jockey for position. Fergani in 1<sup>st</sup> with MacIntyre in 2<sup>nd</sup> - a full 39 VPs

ahead of Sinno in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thurston is on a sustained march - now a single Victory Point behind Sinno and a whole 2 Victory Points ahead of Maksymetz to hold 4<sup>th</sup> with Maksymetz in 5<sup>th</sup>. Herold has dropped once again to 6<sup>th</sup> with Nagy in 7<sup>th</sup>. Tied for 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> are Pocock and Kramer a single Victory Point out of the qualifiers. It will clearly take 300+ Victory Points to go through to the quarter finals and while there are several teams with a mathematical chance, really only Treble has a realistic chance to make the top 8<sup>th</sup>, sitting in 10 place now with 286, 5 VPs below the cut.

The penultimate match saw some interesting swings. With Fergani and MacIntyre still atop the standings and looking very much like they will finish 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, there is lots of action down below. Nagy had a screaming match to come all the way into 3<sup>rd</sup>. Right behind, a single Victory Point away, is Thurston and Maksymetz tied for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and Sinno drops all the way from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Treble, with a nice match, came back into the standings at 7<sup>th</sup> and Herold with a small loss, held onto 8<sup>th</sup>. The cutoff is 309 Victory Points and there are 3 teams with over 300 that do not, at this juncture, qualify. Moreover there are 4 others between 290 and 300 and they cannot be discounted. I would be guessing, but it looks like anybody who needs 19 Victory Points better than the lowest qualifier to get into the money has somewhere between a slim chance and no chance at all. However, it looks like 15 teams have a chance to qualify even at this late date.



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## Fergani Wins Right to Choose

The Fergani team went to the CNTC-A final in Edmonton last year only to fall to the Maksymetz team on the last Monday. This week, playing like men possessed, they lost only 3 matches and ended with an impressive 387 Victory Points to win the race to the wire and the right to choose their opponent in the quarter finals. Closely behind by 6 Victory Points were the MacIntyre team who dedicate their quality finish in honour of their non-playing captain who passed away in Ottawa on Thursday evening (see story on the passing of Laurie MacIntyre). Behind MacIntyre sits the other team with a non-playing captain in memoriam to a good friend, the Nagy team with 333. Last year's gold medalists, Maksymetz, qualified 4<sup>th</sup> with Paul Thurston, the chairman of Canada Bridge Week 2004, right behind in 5<sup>th</sup>. Treble, in and out for much of the week ended IN finishing 6<sup>th</sup> and Sinno, once as high as 3<sup>rd</sup>, finished a respectable 7<sup>th</sup>. The Herold team held on to 8<sup>th</sup> in a squeaker with Carriere missing by 1, Kramer by 2 and both Todd and Pocock by 4.

The quarter finals go tomorrow and you can't count anyone out. Remember, last year, Maksymetz finished in the last qualifying space by 1 Victory Point and ended up with all the marbles. Tomorrow is the second season and everybody starts pretty much equal.

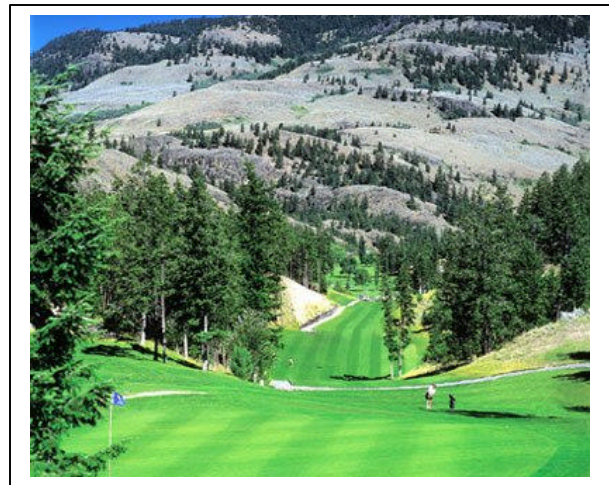
Just as the venue locked up for the night the matchups for the quarter finals were announced:

- Fergani chose Sinno.
- MacIntyre chose Treble.
- Nagy chose Herold.
- Maksymetz plays Thurston.

I have my favorites and you certainly have yours. By the end of the day we'll see who is right.

## Players take Time to Visit the Links

Jim Priebe reports that Al Smith won the Bridge Week Golf Championship with a 77 (funny, we never heard that this championship was running...good thing too - half of the matches would have been defaulted due to a lack of players). He also reports that Bruce Gowdy got the award for the most birdies. Arno Hobart was the winner of the big hitter contest (from tee to back of green in 2 shots on a 591 yard par 5). The group played at Twin Lakes and report that both the course and the scenery are beautiful. We hope that every golf fanatic will take a little time before heading home to try one or more of the championship quality courses in the area.



## Bridge Week 2004

The Canadian Bridge Federation is pleased to announce that St. Catherines, Ontario has been awarded the 2004 Canada Bridge Week. The event will be held in St. Catherines from June 19 to 26, 2004 at the Parkway Quality Inn and Convention Centre.

St. Catherines has set up an organizing committee that will ensure this is a

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wonderful event. The organizing committee consists of:

- Co-Chairs: Paul Thurston and Fred Andreychuk.
- Secretary/Treasurer: John MacKay.
- Directors: Stan Dillabough, Jerry Smee and John Arblaster.

Also playing key roles in hosting Canada Bridge Week 2004 will be executive members and volunteers from the Niagara District Bridge Association under the capable leadership of President Lena Byl.

Niagara Organizing Committee co-Chair Paul Thurston commented that, "We are pleased to have been selected to extend some Niagara hospitality to Canadian players and their families and hope we can sustain the standards of excellence established by the most recent Bridge Weeks held in Edmonton and Penticton."

The Canadian Bridge Federation is looking forward to a terrific event in 2004.



## Semi-Finals Commentary

Things seem to be going just about the way the 2 event winners calculated in their choice of opposition. For the CWTC after

16 boards, Foster had a slight lead on Connell (43-37) in what looked to be a pretty swingy match, while Gordon was making pretty steady, if unspectacular, work of Adachi (29-19).

On the CNTC-B side, Ge is having their hands full with Soderstrom (29-27) but if they maintain the trend, they should eliminate a tough opponent early. In the 4<sup>th</sup> match, things are not going well for Bedard where Custead jumped out to an early 33-18 lead. This could be an upset in the making, but 16 boards do not a match make. We wait excitedly for the half time results to see if any kind of overwhelming lead is beginning to appear in any of the 4 matches.

At the half, the Bedard team seems to have corrected what was ailing them and erased the first quarter deficit and more, leading the match by 48 to 43.

In the other semi-final, there is a hint that history may be repeating itself. Winning the second stanza by 8 IMPs, Soderstrom has moved ahead of Ge by 64-58. This is certainly not a winning margin, but with last year very much on their minds, the Ge contingent must be wondering if they are snake bit.

On the distaff side, nothing changes, Foster increases their lead over Connell now ahead 11 IMPs (77-66). Having 6 well experienced warriors on the Gordon team seems to be wearing down the valiant Adachi squad who came so close last year but have no extra pair to spell anybody off. The half time score is 83-55 in Gordon's favour. Playing a grueling Round Robin and then right into 64 more boards has to be telling.

This may be the appropriate time to let a little strategy out of the bag. The 2002 winners from Edmonton were scheduled to play in this event, but, once again, only

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being 4 and facing 128 boards over 2 days on Sunday and Monday, they opted to give this year's event a pass and come into the qualifying round fresh and ready to play. Whether it will be enough is anybody's guess, but they have all their guns cleaned and lubricated and they are looking for bear.

As the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter results were released, the Bedard team were trying to find out if anyone had the number of the truck that had run over them. Custead racked up a 40 IMP lead with 16 boards to go. It may be all over for the Calgary contingent at the hands of the team from Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. In the other match, Ge has his hands full and more with the ¾ result as close to a tie as you could wish for. Ge trails Soderstrom 99-97 and this Ottawa and vicinity team might send Ge home after the semis for the second straight year.

See the front page for the final results on both these matches.

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

It is hard to know quite where to begin with thanking people. Putting on an event like this is impossible without lots of volunteer help. Work began well over a year ago and many people stepped up and helped me out.

**Margaret Pearce**, the Grand Master of Tournament Chairs, has been as amazing as ever - making arrangements for playing space, meeting space, hotel rooms, caddies and anything we threw her way. Not only did she take on the job but also did all she could to save us money at every turn. Thank you, Margaret!!

**Bob and Carolla Christie**, working endless hours with board duplication, Internet coverage and an excellent Daily Bulletin. Bob not only gives his whole heart to this

operation but puts in countless hours months ahead of time working deals that save us money. This year Bob is also stepping in to make sure we have live Internet broadcasts of the CNTC-A Final and the 2002/2003 playoff. Thank you, Bob and Carolla!!!

**Matt Smith**, our chief Tournament Director, has been a joy to work with. He was always on hand to offer his support and advice with all pre-tournament details and along with his excellent staff of **Brian Russell and Martin Ware**, have run an excellent tournament, putting an exceptional number of overtime hours. Thank you, Matt, Brian and Martin!!!

**Jenny Ballantyne** has been hard at work in the hospitality room and is looking after the recorders. It was Jenny that first put the idea of coming to Penticton before the CBF Board. Thank you, Jenny!!

Our sponsors – something that used to be non-existent at CBF events. We would like to thank **IKON Office Solutions, Grand and Toy, Shaw Cable, Executive Inn and Convention Centre, and Sandman Hotel.**

**ACBL District 19 and the Penticton Regional** for providing us with playing space on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Larry Chow and Linda Cole** for stepping up and taking on extra work to make sure all was set up and ready to go.

**Nancy Cook and Patti Metcalfe** for hauling all the boards from Edmonton to Penticton and **Piotr Klimowicz** for bring the screens.

**Jude Goodwin-Hanson** who sits by her computer in the lower mainland to convert a constant stream of data on results as they come in so the rest of the country can follow the action. Jude is a tireless webmaster who

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gives us a tremendous profile all year long, but especially at this time of year.

Last but not least, I would like to thank **you, the players** for coming to Penticton and making the 2003 Canadian Bridge Week a success. Thank you to all who came from near and far – special mention goes to **Carol Thompson, Winnie Nickerson, John and Lynne Tolson** who journeyed all the way from Halifax!!

Congratulations to all the winners and congratulations to all participants – you made the work of all our volunteers worth while. Go home and tell your fellow bridge players what a wonderful experience Bridge Week can be – encourage all to begin the journey to the 2004 Canadian Bridge Week in St. Catharines by playing in club qualifying games this fall.

I look forward to seeing you all next June – mark it on your calendar now and start making your plans to attend.

Bridge Week 2004 will have a new CNTC-A format and 2 new events (Canadian Senior Team Championship and Canadian Imp Pairs Championship).

Thank you all.

Janice Anderson  
CBF Coordinator

## Smile at the Market

I am often disdainful of funny things that are sent to me by folks around the world that I have come to know. The following seemed particularly poignant given the percentage of our number who are at or near retirement and, for the last 3 years have seen their financial security badly eroded by the bear market. And yet these same people have taken the time away from fretting and worrying to come to Penticton to have a

week of fine competition. Maybe the following will cause you to smile at all of that bad news. I know it made me feel better about the sad state of my portfolio... at least for a few minutes.

## Market Report

- Helium was up. Feathers were down. Paper was stationary.
- Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading. Knives were up sharply.
- Cows steered into a bull market. Pencils lost a few points.
- Hiking equipment was trailing.
- Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline.
- Weights were up in heavy trading.
- Light switches were off.
- Mining equipment hit rock bottom. Diapers remain unchanged.
- Shipping lines stayed at an even keel.
- The market for raisins dried up.
- Coca Cola fizzled.
- Caterpillar stock inched up a bit.
- Sun peaked at midday.
- Balloon prices were inflated.
- And Scott Tissue touched a new bottom.

## A Personal Thanks to the Executive Inn and their Staff

When my wife and I arrived 2 days early, they let us in to the conference centre when there was no requirement that they do so. When we came back on Sunday to do some setup, they, once again accommodated. When, on Monday, it became apparent that we needed 24 hour access, they got us keys. All week they have been helpful and supportive of our often unreasonable demands and it make an impossible job doable.

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In particular, I want to thank Heather, the banquet manager, Debbie, the captain in charge of our event, Michelle, who was everywhere at the same time, Corrie and Jasmine who cared for our every desire, and of course, Tony and Sylvain, the maintenance men who were ready, willing and able to help lift and carry almost anything we needed moved that proved beyond our capacity.

## **IKON Office Solutions isn't Perfect**

My father once said that we crucified the only perfect person to walk the face of the earth. And, sad to say, IKON Office Solutions isn't perfect. But they sure work to correct the mistakes. The other day, the copier that IKON had given us at no charge, said it needed toner.

I was not dismayed since they had given us three big bottles of toner. I took a bottle and proceeded to fill the beast. OH OH!! The bottles wouldn't fit. I frantically called the office and the technician confirmed it - they had sent me the WRONG toner. But we had a solution: the bottle could be modified with a steak knife. With steak knife in hand, we did surgery and the bottle now fit (although it was a tight fit)... and then we couldn't get the damned bottle out. We ran with the bottle attached until they could get us the right toner and a technician to show us how to get the bottle out and make sure we were up to speed. He spend extra time adjusting the document feeder and made sure everything was perfect.

When you are busy doing a bunch of things, everything has to be perfect and IKON made sure. That is why there is an IKON Canon machine in my office. If there isn't a Canon in your office - why not?

Remember CANON and IKON good friends of bridge in Canada.

## **Shaw Cable has the Tranquilizer for a Nervous Editor**

As we began this week, I was very concerned that we have some kind of Internet access so we could communicate with the CBF website. For a while it looked like we were going to be using a telephone modem, but then Shaw Cable advised that they could give us a feed for the week. Well... give is not really the correct description since there was a substantial hit involved to do the installation and then rent the line for a week.

We explained who we were and our tight financial position and, good community folks that they are, they came through and not only GAVE us the installation and the rental for the week, they helped us get going with a strange configuration. When I got up and running I wondered if I might be able to access my email from home. I clicked on my email package and presto, there was 3 days of mail. All week I have been doing duplicating, doing bulletins, communicating with the website, doing a little photography and... staying in touch with business and family, all thanks to Shaw Cable. What a wonderful setup. No way we could have done it without Shaw.

If you have a choice between Shaw broadband or ADSL, pick Shaw. They may be faster (at least their ads say so), but I don't really care. I patronize good friends of bridge and Shaw Cable is one of them.

## **A Fourth is Needed in Heaven.**

Despite a number of faux pas in past editions, I spoke with a member of the MacIntyre Team (finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Round



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Robin) and, finally, I think I have the story straight, albeit a little late. Despite having played bridge in Ottawa, I never had the pleasure of meeting Laurie MacIntyre. It turns out that Laurie played, mostly with the members of the team that carries her name, for well over 30 years. When the team decided to try and qualify, they consulted Laurie and asked if she would consent to being their non-playing captain and emotional focus if they qualified and decided to come to Penticton. Although ill, Laurie consented and thus the team became known as the MacIntyre team. Although Laurie was unable to make the trip to Penticton in person, every member of that team feels her presence. Laurie always, of course, was qualified to play in the CWTC. She never did. She always preferred to play with the big dogs and was a regular at Bridge Weeks past.

On Thursday evening she passed away. While the details of her passing are not known at this time, every player who knew her and many who did not sincerely hope her death was a peaceful and dignified one... the kind of passing that all of us wish for our true friends.

Quite clearly, 3 angels needed a fourth and by all accounts they chose well when they came for Laurie MacIntyre. Her team have played through their grief and I am advised that they are committed to winning the gold, not for themselves, but for their captain. Good luck guys and... sorry for all the confusion. I am pleased to try to correct it here and now.

You have made a classy gesture. Make another and forgive a poor overworked scribe who, too quickly, accepted half the story.

## Peter Nagy, In Memoriam.

John Carruthers, Robert Lebi, George Mittelman, and Joey Silver entered this competition and named Peter Nagy who passed away at the poker table in Las Vegas early this year their Non-Playing Captain in memoriam. I asked the team yesterday why they chose to do this and they have promised me the details for tomorrow's edition, but here is what I know to date. Peter Nagy was of Hungarian extraction and, by all accounts, came out of Hungary in 1956 and made his home in the Toronto area. During his stay in Southern Ontario he met, became friends with, and partnered all of this team's members. Even after moving to Las Vegas, he remained close friends with this rat pack of quality Canadian bridge players.

They were shocked and saddened by Peter's death and since they had decided to make one more run at the top Canadian Bridge prize, naming their team after their long time friend seemed to make sense.

When we know more from the team, we will report it to you. In the meantime, his picture here will remind many of you of hands played and, more than likely lost, against this fine world class player. The Nagy team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Round Robin and it may well be that 2 teams playing with the heart created by memories of lost friends will be head to head on Monday. Time will tell.





The Soderstrom team and their bronze medals. They would have rather it be gold, but being the third best B team in Canada isn't really that bad.



The Adachi team and their bronze medals. Kathy has won gold in the past and won a silver last year. Next year she will be trying for the gold again to make the 'round trip' complete