



Welcome to Beautiful Penticton

So, here we are again. Canada Bridge Week for 2003. Bigger than last year with much more at stake. Last year's champions, Team Maksymetz and the Edmonton ladies led by Bob Crosby (pictures inside), will be in their places at the end of this year's event in the play-off for our qualifying team to play against Mexico for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup berths respectively. Surely a lot of the attention will be on these playoffs, but the tournament is NOT about picking the big winner. It is about 45 teams and God only knows how many pairs (for the COPC weekend) who will meet together in an event that is uniquely suited for the Canadian psyche. Do we want to win? Absolutely. Are we gracious in defeat? Absolutely. Are we even more gracious in victory? Equally absolutely! Other nations sputter that those Canadians are... 'So damned polite, it's - ah, they are just polite.' When this week is over, I expect every member of every team and every partnership to look back and remember the good times, the funny events, and the thrill, not only of playing against the best that Canadian bridge has to offer, but in being part of that best of the best.

Before we get this show on the road, there are a number of people who deserve our appreciation. First and foremost, of course, is Janice Anderson. As the Executive Director of the Canadian Bridge Federation she has managed to turn her part time

appointment into 15 hours a day and 7 days a week. In addition to dealing with the myriad of issues that will come up this week, she will be playing in the Flight A. Take a minute to thank her for her efforts. Without her, we would not be here. We must not forget Margaret Pearce, the Iron Maiden of Penticton Bridge. She bid for this event on top of her long tenure in running the 2nd biggest Regional on the Continent. When the ACBL offered Penticton a regional every 2 years long ago, who would have thought that this would become a premier event in the annual bridge calendar. There are many others who deserve our thanks and I will do my best to recognize them all during the week. Matt Smith and his directorial staff have already been working hard. We have a number of corporate sponsors who deserve more space than allowed in this welcoming issue. Suffice to say that without them, we could not operate. More about them, individually later in the week.



The City of Penticton looking down from the wine region east of the lake. All the water makes the desert bloom.

2003 Canadian National Team Championships - Flight A

Format

22 teams – each team plays a 12 board match against each other team. Hands are scored on the WBF 25 Victory Point Scale. The top 8 teams qualify for a KO Quarter Final.



Schedule

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Captain's Meeting: 10:15am

Round 1: 11:00am - 12:45pm

Round 2: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Round 3: 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Round 4: 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Round 5: 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Round 6: 9:30am - 11:15am

Round 7: 11:30am - 1:15pm

Round 8: 2:00pm - 3:45pm

Round 9: 4:00pm - 5:45pm

Round 10: 7:30pm - 9:15pm

Round 11: 9:30pm - 11:15pm

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Round 12: 11:00am - 12:45pm

Round 13: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Round 14: 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Round 15: 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Round 16: 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Friday, June 6, 2003

Round 17: 11:00am - 12:45pm

Round 18: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Round 19: 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Round 20: 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Round 21: 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Saturday, June 7, 2003 Quarter-Finals - 64 board matches

The team finishing first in the Round Robin selects any team finishing 5 - 8 as opponents. The team finishing second in the Round Robin selects from the remaining 5 - 8 teams. The team finishing third then selects and the team finishing 4th plays the remaining team.

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 1-32 - compare at half

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 33-64 - compare at half

Sunday, June 8, 2003: Semi-Finals - 64 board matches

The winner of the match with the RR #1 team in it plays the winner of the match with RR#4 in it. The remaining two teams play.

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 1-32 - compare at half

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 33-64 - compare at half

Monday, June 9, 2003: Finals - 72 board match

10:30am - 4:00pm

Bds. 1-36 - compare after 18 boards

6:00pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 37-72 - compare after 18 boards

The Monday, June 9 game is at the Convention Centre, not at the Executive Inn.

Pre-alerts: Each team must arrive at the Captain's meeting with 22 typewritten copies of any pre-alerts. Failure to do so may mean you are not allowed to play these conventions.

Appeals Committee: At the Captain's meeting on June 3, you must provide the Director in Charge with the name of a person on your team that would be willing to serve on Appeals Committee.

2002 vs 2003 Winner Play-Off

A 128 board KO match. Both days will be played at the Convention Centre.

Tuesday, June 10

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 1-32 - compare after 16

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 33-64 - compare after 16

Wednesday, June 11

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 65-96 - compare after 16

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 97-128 - compare after 16

The winner of this match will play off against Mexico to decide our representative to the Bermuda Bowl. The play-off with Mexico will likely be in mid-August. It will be held in Canada.



CNTC Flight A Winners from 2002: Bryan Maksymetz, Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, and Allan Graves will be in the Bermuda Bowl playoff Tuesday and Wednesday.

2003 CNTC-A Teams

The captain's name is in **bold**. Team numbers are the draw numbers.

1. **Raja Sinno**, Pierrefonds, QC; Baha Fahs, Serge Chevalier, Montreal, QC; Ghassan Menachi, Laval, QC.
2. **Judith Gartaganis**, Nicholas Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell, Calgary, AB; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton, AB.
3. **James McAvoy**, Constance McAvoy, Anna Boivin, Victoria, BC; Alan Chapelle, Nanaimo, BC; Dick Grant, Courtenay, BC.
4. **Peter Herold**, Ladysmith, BC; Ken Scholes, Bellevue, WA; Allan Terplawy, Peter Jones, Edmonton, AB; Aidan Ballantyne, Vancouver, BC.
5. **Bryan Maksymetz**, Coquitlam, BC; Dan Jacob, Gord McOrmond, Vancouver, BC; Allan Graves, Victoria, BC.
6. **James Priebe**, Joan Priebe, Mississauga, ON; Brian Fraser, George Retek, Montreal, QC; Dick Anderson, Janice Anderson, Regina, SK.
7. **Doran Flock**, Calgary, AB; David Smith, Edmonton, AB; Jym Galand, Glen Thornborough, Victoria, BC; Gerry McCully, Vancouver, BC; Ian Boyd, Calgary, AB.
8. **John Gillespie**, Ottawa, ON; Carole Berry, Orleans, ON; Scott Morrison, Rita Beny, Mike Roberts, Victoria, BC; Janet Dunbar, Calgary, AB.
9. **Lee Barton**, Lucille Barton, Barry Pritchard, Faith Pritchard, Edmonton, AB; Joe Kerger, Sandi Kerger, Saskatoon, SK.
10. **Vince Nowlan**, Vince Lambert, Maurice De La Salle, Edmonton, AB; Ron Bass, Leduc, AB; Doug Deschner, Red Deer, AB; Cam Doner, Vancouver, BC.

11. **Peter Nagy – NPC in Memoriam**, John Carruthers, Robert Lebi, George Mittelman, Toronto, ON; Joseph Silver, Côte-St-Luc, QC.
12. **Brad Bart**, Mike Dimich, Mike Yuen, Les Fouks, Vancouver, BC.
13. **Kamel Fergani**, Longueuil, QC; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal, PQ; Jurek Czyzowicz, Aylmer, QC; Darren Wolpert, Gavin Wolpert, Toronto, ON; Vincent Demuy, Montreal, QC.
14. **Steve Mackay**, Unionville, ON; Alan Lee, North York, ON; Paul Janicki, Markham, ON; Gary Westfall, Brampton, ON; Bruce Gowdy, Stouffville, ON; Arno Hobart, Peterborough, ON.
15. **Bill Treble**, Doug Fisher, G. Sekhar, Winnipeg, MB; Dave McLellan, Thunder Bay, ON; Simon Kan, Victoria, BC; David Sokolow, Bellevue, WA.
16. **Paul Thurston**, St. Catherines, ON; Rick Delogu, Waterloo, ON; Andy Altay, Toronto, ON; Michael Roche, North York, ON; Doug Fraser, Michael Hargreaves, Victoria, BC.
17. **Laurie McIntyre**, NPC; John Bowman, Bill Bowman, Stephen Brown, David Willis, Waldemar Frukacz, Ottawa, ON; Pierre Daigneault, Montreal, QC.
18. **Larry Pocock**, Coquitlam, BC; Martin Henneberger, Vancouver, BC; Mike Takemori, Ben Takemori, Burnaby, BC.
19. **John Rayner**, Oakville, ON; Eric Shepherd, Hamilton, ON; Andy Stark, Mississauga, ON; John Ross, Brampton, ON; John Duquette, Oshawa, ON; Al Smith, Peterborough, ON.
20. **Ronald Carrière**, Kirkland, QC; Zygmunt Marcinski, Westmount, QC; Gregory Carroll, David Turner, Toronto, ON.

21. **Bob Todd**, Neil Kimelman, Winnipeg, MB; Barry Senensky, Thornhill, ON; Bob Kuz, St. Andrew's, MB; Ken Gee, Barry Harper, Regina, SK.
22. **Dann Kramer**, Dan Bertrand, Calgary, AB; Sandy McIlwain, Invermere, BC; Michael Newcombe, Kelowna, BC; Tom Gandolfo, Bob Crosby, Edmonton, AB.

COPC: Players on teams not advancing to the Quarterfinals are eligible to enter the COPC National Final. The Entry Fee is \$15 per player/per session. The teams eliminated in the Quarter Final will be allowed to drop into the final day of the COPC with a one-board carry-over.

Saturday, June 7, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Qualifying

Sunday, June 8, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Final

WBF IMP-VP CONVERSIONS

VPs	12 BDS
15-15	0-1
16-14	2-6
17-13	7-9
18-12	10-12
19-11	13-16
20-10	17-20
21- 9	21-24
22- 8	25-28
23- 7	29-32
24- 6	33-36
25- 5	37-40
25- 4	41-45
25- 3	46-50
25- 2	51-55
25-1	56-61
25- 0	62+

This VP Conversion is used for both the CNTC Flight A and the CWTC Round Robin Events.

Team Match-ups for CNTC Flight A																						
RD #	TEAM NUMBERS																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	2	1	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
2	3	4	1	2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	4	6	5	1	3	2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
4	5	8	7	6	1	4	3	2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
5	6	10	9	8	7	1	5	4	3	2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
6	7	12	11	10	9	8	1	6	5	4	3	2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
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19	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	22	21	1	19	18
20	21	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	22	1	20
21	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

2003 Canadian Womens Team Championships

Format

14 teams – each team plays a 12 board match against each other team. The hands are scored on the WBF 25 Victory Point Scale. The top four teams qualify for a KO Semi-Final.

Schedule

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Captain's Meeting: 12:30pm

Round 1: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Round 2: 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Round 3: 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Round 4: 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Round 5: 11:30am - 1:15pm

Round 6: 2:00pm - 3:45pm

Round 7: 4:00pm - 5:45pm

Round 8: 7:30pm - 9:15pm

Round 9: 9:30pm - 11:15pm

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Round 10: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Round 11: 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Round 12: 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Round 13: 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Friday, June 6, 2003: Semi-Finals - 64 board matches

The first place team in the Round Robin selects either team 3 or 4 for opponents.

11:30am - 4:30pm:

Bds. 1-32 - compare at half

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 33-64 - compare at half

Saturday, June 7, 2003: Finals - 72 board matches

10:30am - 4:00pm

Bds. 1-36 - compare at half

6:00pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 37-72 - compare at half

No pre-alerts have been submitted. There will be no teams with pre-alerts.

Appeals Committee: At the Captain's meeting on June 3, you must provide the Director in Charge with the name of a person on your team that would be willing to serve on an Appeals Committee.

COPC: Players on teams not advancing to the Finals are eligible to enter the COPC National Final for \$15 per player/per session. The teams playing in the CWTC Finals will be allowed to drop into the final day of the COPC with a one-board carry-over.

Saturday, June 7, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Qualifying
Sunday, June 8, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Final

2002 vs 2003 Winner Play-Off

128 board KO match.

Sunday, June 8 - in Executive Inn

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 1-32 - compare at half

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 33-64 - compare at half

Monday, June 9 – at Trade and Convention Centre

11:30am - 4:30pm

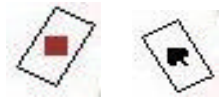
Bds. 65-96 - compare at half

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 97-128 - compare at half

The winner of this match will play off against Mexico to decide our representative to the Venice Cup. The play-off with Mexico will likely be in mid-August. It will be held in Canada.

**2003 CWTC
TEAMS**



The captain's name is in **bold**. Team numbers are the draw numbers.

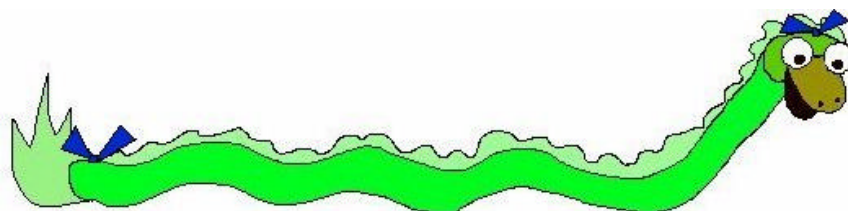
1. **Karen Arblaster**, Susan Cressman, Mary Henderson, Dorlyn Gilman, Thunder Bay, ON.
2. **Alison Campbell**, Marion Stoodley, Heather Baker, Helen Anglehart, Victoria, BC.
3. **Wendy Richardson**, Elaine Paul, Sharron Dudeck, Winnipeg, MB; Maureen Barnes, Kelowna, BC; Charlotte St. Amant, Trenton, ON; Deanna Goh, Peterborough, ON.
4. **Paula Nowlan**, Karen Long, Leslie Pettie, Dora Lee, Edmonton, AB; Delores Hedley, Calgary, AB; Virginia Arnold, Parksville, BC.
5. **This team is a last minute withdrawal.**
When you were scheduled to play team five you will now have a sit out
6. **Dianna Gordon**, Beverly Kraft, Toronto, ON; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale, MI; Francine Cimon, Montreal, QC; Joan Eaton, Willowdale, ON; Barbara Clinton, Aurora, ON.
7. **Rhonda Foster**, New Westminster, BC; Marcia Christie, Surrey, BC; Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby, BC; June Pocock, Coquitlam, BC.
8. **Angela Taylor**, Donna Dunn, Nanaimo, BC; Katie Christie, Elaine Ware, Vernon, BC; Barb Schultz, Shawnigan Lake, BC; Suzanne Kemp, Nanaimo, BC.

9. **Patty Metcalfe**, Bonnie Scott, Ruth Reeves, Susan Schwann, Edmonton, AB.
10. **Kathy Adachi**, Sheila Sache, Delta, BC; Leslie Gold, White Rock, BC; Ina Andersen, Surrey, BC.
11. **Lana Blackett**, Anita Lambert, Lloyd Jones, Edmonton, AB; Carol McManus, Lois Dunsmore, Elsie Johnson, Calgary, AB.
12. **Margie Neate**, Claire Burns, Monica Angus, West Vancouver, BC; Stella Alliston, North Vancouver, BC.
13. **Linda Connell**, Peggy McGregor, Saskatoon, SK; Karen Kilworth, Strathmore, AB; Linda Thierman, Calgary, AB.
14. **Dianne Isfeld**, Coquitlam, BC; Pat Carruthers, Chilliwack, BC; Ev Hodge, Burnaby, BC; Mary Fines, North Vancouver, BC.

NOTE: The WBF IMP-VP Conversion Table can be found in the CNTC- A information.



CWTC Winners from 2002: Pat Lopushinsky, Susan Culham, Lorna MacDonald, Kismet Fung (and NPC Bob Crosby in the rear) will be in the Venice Cup playoff Sunday and Monday.



Team Match-ups for CWTC													
RD.	TEAM NUMBERS												
#	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	2	1	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	X	4	3
2	3	4	1	2	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	X
3	4	6	X	1	2	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
4	X	8	7	6	4	3	2	14	13	12	11	10	9
5	6	10	9	8	1	X	4	3	2	14	13	12	11
6	7	12	11	10	8	1	6	X	4	3	2	14	13
7	8	14	13	12	10	9	1	7	6	X	4	3	2
8	9	3	2	14	12	11	10	1	8	7	6	X	4
9	10	X	4	3	14	13	12	11	1	9	8	7	6
10	11	7	6	X	3	2	14	13	12	1	10	9	8
11	12	9	8	7	X	4	3	2	14	13	1	11	10
12	13	11	10	9	7	6	X	4	3	2	14	1	12
13	14	13	12	11	9	8	7	6	X	4	3	2	1

2003 Canadian National Team Championships - Flight B

Format

9 teams – each team plays a 22 board match against each other and compares at the half of each match. Each team will end up sitting out one match. The boards are scored on the WBF 25 Victory Point Scale. The top four teams qualify for a KO Semi-Final.



Schedule

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Captain's Meeting: 10:00am

Round 1: 10:30am - 1:50pm

Round 2: 2:10pm - 5:30pm

Round 3: 7:30pm - 10:50pm

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Round 4: 10:30am - 1:50pm

Round 5: 2:10pm - 5:30pm

Round 6: 7:30pm - 10:50pm

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Round 7: 10:30am - 1:50pm

Round 8: 2:10pm - 5:30pm

Round 9: 7:30pm - 10:50pm

Friday, June 6, 2003: Semi-Finals - 64 board matches

The team finishing first in the Round Robin selects either team 3 or 4 for opponents.

11:30am - 4:30pm

Bds. 1-32 - compare after 16

6:30pm - 11:30pm

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Saturday, June 7, 2003: Finals - 72 board matches

10:30am - 4:00pm

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6:00pm - 11:30pm

Bds. 37-72 - compare after 18

COPC: Players on teams not advancing to the Finals are eligible to enter the COPC National Final. The Entry Fee is \$15 per player/per session. The teams playing in the CNTC-B Finals will be allowed to drop into the final day of the COPC with a one-board carry-over.

Saturday, June 7, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Qualifying

Sunday, June 8, 2003: 1:00pm & 7:00pm Two Session Final

Pre-alerts: Pre-alerts have been submitted by a couple of teams. Team captains should have received them. No other pre-alerts will be allowed.

Appeals Committee: At the Captain's meeting on June 3, you must provide the Director in Charge with the name of a person on your team that would be willing to serve on an Appeals Committee.

2003 CNTC - B TEAMS

The captain's name is in **bold**. Team numbers are the draw numbers.

- Larry Custead**, Mark Churchman, Saskatoon, SK; Derrick Furber, Len Ripplinger, Deb Ripplinger, Prince Albert, SK.
- Greg Bedard**, NPC, Terri Bedard, Jim Clark, Hash Mohamed, Dick Yuen, Calgary, AB.
- William Ge**, Philip Chen, Gary Ge, Shi Yan Vancouver, BC; Runlu Wang, Delta, BC
- Carol Thompson**, Winnie Nickerson, Halifax, NS; John Tolson, Lynne Tolson, Bedford, NS.
- Richard Soderstrom**, Ovidiu Stanica, Ottawa, ON; Ron Zambonini, Nepean, ON, Michael Baggott, North Gower, ON.
- Dinesh Agrawal**, Raj Agrawal, Fi Nadir, Ron Pongar, Calgary, AB.

- Kenny Chan**, Vancouver, BC; H.K. Ho, Coquitlam, BC; Kam Tang, Samuel Lai, Richmond, BC.
- Nancy Cook**, Erin Kondor, Edmonton, AB; Ray Buchanan, Chris Buchanan, Morinville, AB.
- Richard Zillman**, Joe Tharayil, Adam Melzak, Marielle Brentnall, Mal Yurkowski, Winnipeg, MB; Bob Waite, Ile Des Chenes, MB.

Team Match-ups for CNTC Flight B									
RD.	TEAM NUMBERS								
#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	1	X	9	8	7	6	5	4
2	3	4	1	2	X	9	8	7	6
3	4	6	5	1	3	2	X	9	8
4	5	8	7	6	1	4	3	2	X
5	6	X	9	8	7	1	5	4	3
6	7	3	2	X	9	8	1	6	5
7	8	5	4	3	2	X	9	1	7
8	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	X	1
9	X	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

X signifies a sitout for that round

WBF IMP-VP CONVERSIONS

VPs	22 BDS
15-15	0-2
16-14	3-8
17-13	9-12
18-12	13-16
19-11	17-21
20-10	22-26
21- 9	27-31
22- 8	32-36
23- 7	37-41
24- 6	42-47
25- 5	48-53
25- 4	54-59
25- 3	60-65
25- 2	66-72
25-1	73-79
25- 0	80+

What is an Ogopogo?

We needed a name for this newsletter that befitted the local area. So we thought of the creature called Ogopogo. While never positively authenticated, sightings have been reported since before the arrival of the European to the shores of Okanogan Lake. The local natives referred to the monster as N'ha-a-itk. In August 2000 thru September 2001, local organizations (including the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and Okanogan University College) offered a \$2 million award to any person verifying Ogopogo's existence. There were no winners, but several submissions were made by groups as far away as Tokyo. Their submissions can still be found on the Internet.

If Ogopogo comes into shore to share your lunch with you, make sure you have him stop long enough to pose for a picture. It isn't worth \$2,000,000.00 any more, but it would certainly figure in your tournament highlights for years to come.



The Grape Harvest on the Highland

Take Time to Smell the Roses

With all the attractions in Penticton (from the Casino through the Peach on the Beach to the S.S. Sicamous) there is one little jewel not seen by many that is worth a few minutes of your busy schedule. Just west and a little south of the S.S. Sicamous (actually between the steamship and the driving range and mini-golf site) sits a small but elegant rose garden. This early in the season many of the blooms are still coming, but there is enough colour and enough sweet scent to make the crustiest declarer smile. Walk west down the sand or drive to the garden and take 15 minutes of quiet contemplation. It will make that last outrageous gaff by your partner fade into the insignificance it really deserves to be. People have often advised me to take time to smell the roses, but until I had an opportunity to spend time in a rose garden like this one, I really didn't understand what that expression really meant.



The Rose Garden in Bloom

