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WELCOME TO BERMUDA !!



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On behalf of the Organising Committee, the Bermuda Bridge Club, the Fairmont Southampton and the people of Bermuda, I am pleased to welcome you to our island. A special "Welcome back" to our repeat visitors. To those of you visiting us for the first time, we offer you the unique experience of playing the game we all love in this beautiful place. Thank you all for coming!

The Daily Bulletin staff conducted a brief interview with Lynanne...

D.B. What is special and unique about this tournament?

L.B. This Regional is truly in a class of its own. First of all, it's in Bermuda! The beauty of the island and the friendliness of our people provide an unforgettable experience for our visitors. As for bridge, this Regional is large enough for us to offer a wide variety of games, with plenty of championship events which award gold master points, yet small enough for our committee to get to know our visitors as friends and not numbers. The number of repeat visitors is a testament to this.

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Schedule of Events

(See www.bermudaregional.com)

- Saturday, Jan. 21 8:15 pm Stratified Charity Pairs +
Novice Stratified Charity Pairs +
- Sunday, Jan. 22 1 pm **Stratiflighted Swiss Teams** - 1st Session
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series - 1st Session
(Total of 6 single session side games)
Novice Stratified Pairs
- 8:15 pm **Stratiflighted Swiss Teams** - 2nd Session
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series - 2nd Session
Novice Stratified Pairs
- Monday, Jan 23 9 am **Compact Knockout Teams** - Cedar Series (2 x 12-board matches)
(Finishes Tuesday morning) 4-player teams only
Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series - 1st session
(Total of 5 single session morning side games)
- 1 pm **Bracketed Championship KO Teams** - 1st Round *
(Continues to Thursday)
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series - 3rd Session
Novice Stratified Pairs
- 8:15 pm **Stratified Championship Pairs** - 1st Session
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series - 4th Session
Novice Stratified Pairs
- Tuesday, Jan 24 9 am **Compact Knockout Teams** - Cedar Series (Completion)
Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series - 2nd Session
- 10:30 am Expert Panel Show
- 1 pm **Bracketed Championship Knockout Teams** - 2nd Round *
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series (5th Session)
Novice Stratified Pairs
- 8:15 pm **Stratified Championship Pairs** - 2nd Session
Stratified Side Game - Pembroke Series (6th & last session)
Novice Stratified Pairs
- Wednesday, Jan 25 9 am **Swiss Teams** - 4-player teams only - 1st Session
(Finishes Thursday morning)
Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series - 3rd Session
- 1 pm **Bracketed Championship Knockout Teams** - Semi-finals
Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 1st Session
(Total of 6 single session side games)
Novice Stratified Pairs
- 8:15 pm **Stratified Open Pairs** - 1st Session
Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 2nd Session
Novice Stratified Pairs
- Thursday, Jan 26 9 am **Swiss Teams** - Final Session
Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series - 4th Session
- 10:30 am Expert Panel Show

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Schedule (Continued)	1 pm	<u>Bracketed Championship Knockout Teams</u> - Finals Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 3rd Session Novice Stratified Pairs
	8:15 pm	<u>Stratified Open Pairs</u> - Final Session + Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 4th Session + Novice Stratified Pairs+
Friday, Jan 27	9 am	<u>One-Day Compact Knockout Teams</u> (3 x 12-board matches) 4-player teams only Stratified Side Game - Warwick Series - 5th Session (Last)
	10:30 am	Expert Panel Show
	1 pm	Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 5th Session Novice Stratified Pairs
	8:15 pm	<u>Flighted Swiss Teams</u> - 1st Session Stratified Side Game - Paget Series - 6th Session (Last) Novice Stratified Pairs
Saturday, Jan 28	10 am	<u>Flighted Swiss Teams</u> - 2nd Session
	6:45 pm	Cocktail Party and Prize-giving +
	8 pm	Gala Dinner and Dance +

Championship events are in bold and underlined

* KO Teams continue daily at 1 pm until Thursday or a winner is declared
+ Formal dress suggested

Players may play in any number of Stratified Side Games with the same or different partners

The Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo

The Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo (BAMZ) is Bermuda's premier visitor attraction, dedicated to inspiring appreciation and care of island environments. With more than 300 birds, reptiles and mammals on display from oceanic islands, BAMZ is committed to the exhibition, breeding and reintroduction of threatened and endangered species.



The Aquarium houses over 200 species of fish and features the award-winning North Rock Exhibit, a 140,000-gallon replica of a living local coral reef. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about Bermuda's unique geology in the Natural History Museum and children and adults alike are always delighted with the Zoo, which features birds and animals, including several that are part of the international Species Survival Plan, in colourful garden settings, and is home to the interactive Discovery Cove and Local Tails for children.

Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo, 40 North Shore Rd., Flatts Village, Telephone: (441) 293-2727

Last Year's Winners



Sat Eve Charity Pairs: David Sykes - Sally Sykes, Paget, Bermuda

Sat Eve 199er Charity Pairs: Gloria Ridenour - John Ridenour, Flagler Beach, FL

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams: Alan Douglas, Pembroke, Bermuda;
Ian Harvey, Devonshire, Bermuda; David Pereira, Hamilton, Bermuda;
Barry Rahman, Sandys, Bermuda

Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams: Gertrude Barker, Warwick, Bermuda;
Jane Smith, Flatts, Bermuda; Richmond Simmons - Marilyn Simmons, Paget, Bermuda

Mon Aft 99er Pairs: Marie Sarsten - Gunnar Sarsten, Bellehaven, VA

Mon Eve Novice Pairs: Gloria Ridenour - John Ridenour, Flagler Beach, FL

Mon-Tue Compact KO Teams 1: Brigitte James, Sarnia, ON; Carole Findley, Port Huron, MI; Muriel Allen, Brampton, ON; Marlene McFadden, Guelph ON

Mon-Tue Compact KO Teams 2: Elizabeth Burton - Merrill Burton - Edith Morrow - Helen Richards, Toronto, ON

Mon-Tue Open Pairs: Brian Senior, Nottingham, England; Jim Linhart, Delray Beach, FL

Tue Aft Novice Pairs: Marion Hamilton - Sally Nickerson, Kennebunkport, ME

Tue Eve Novice Pairs: Mary Akin - Mary Daniher, Toronto, ON

Wed Aft Novice Pairs: Mabs Turner, Warwick, Bermuda; Elma Anfossi, Pembroke, Bermuda

Wed Eve Novice Pairs: Janet Deschenes, Kennebunkport, ME; Mary Leene, Cape Porpoise, ME

Wed-Thu Compact KO Teams: G S Jade Barrett, Vancouver, WA; Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick, Bermuda; Michael Cornes, Shropshire, England

Wed-Thu Compact KO Teams 1: Marilyn Colman, Fairfield, CT; John Rose, East Chatham, NY; Frances Barr, Lexington, KY; Jean Aceti, Sudbury, ON

Wed-Thu Compact KO Teams 2: Janet Soskin - Karen Barrett - Jean Thoma, Darien, CT; Linda Cleveland, New Canaan, CT

Thu Aft Novice Pairs: Marion Eadie, Ottawa, ON; Kate Hedges, Toronto, ON

Championship KO Teams, Bracket 1: Allan Graves, Vancouver, BC; Jean Johnson, Devonshire, Bermuda; Bill Souster, Newport Gwent So, Great Britain; Joseph Wakefield, Smith's, Bermuda; Jim Linhart, Delray Beach, FL

Championship KO Teams, Bracket 2: Brenda Fortunate, Grand Blanc, MI; Eddie Kyme - Stephanie Kyme, Pembroke, Bermuda; Ray Cornell, Chelmsford, England; Livingston Johnson, Fairfax, VA

Championship KO Teams, Bracket 3: Dee Griffiths, Smith's, Bermuda; Florin Patriciu - Laura Patriciu, Devonshire, Bermuda; Annabella Fraser, Pembroke, Bermuda

Wed-Thu Open Pairs: Jan Janitschke - Bonnie Smith, Littleton, CO

Thu Eve Novice Pairs: Janet Deschenes, Kennebunkport, ME; Mary Leene, Cape Porpoise, ME

Fri Aft Novice Pairs: Marion Eadie, Ottawa, ON; Kate Hedges, Toronto, ON

Fri-Sat Flight A Swiss Teams: Charles Hall, Smith's, Bermuda; Harry Kast, Hamilton, Bermuda; Michael Bickley, St Georges, Bermuda; Anthony Saunders, Paget, Bermuda

Fri-Sat Flight B Swiss Teams: Magda Farag, Hamilton, Bermuda; Mona Marie Gambrell, Paget, Bermuda; Gertrude Barker, Warwick, Bermuda; Jane Smith, Flatts, Bermuda

Fri-Sat Flight C Swiss Teams: Elizabeth McKee, Devonshire, Bermuda; Elysa Burland, Warwick, Bermuda; Peggy Thompson, Southampton, Bermuda; Patricia Colmet, Pembroke, Bermuda

Top Master Point Winner: Jim Linhart, Delray Beach, FL



The World Championships I
Estoril, Portugal
October 23 - November 5, 2005
Bermuda Bowl

There was something for everyone in Estoril, Portugal for these World Championships: the Bermuda Bowl for open teams, the Venice Cup for women's teams and the Senior Bowl. All these were zonal team events for national teams. For everyone else who had not already qualified for their country, they could play as well, in the Transnational Teams, the only requirement being the entry fee.

The flagship WBF event, the Bermuda Bowl, has been around since 1950, having been won almost exclusively by Italy or the USA. Only five other countries have won it, none more than twice (France). This edition was expected to be no different, with Italy established as the solid favourite, and the two USA teams given the best chance to unseat them. Astonishingly, despite Italy having won the Bowl 14 times, it had been 30 years since their last victory.

The two US teams faced each other early on.

Match 6. Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 5 2 ♥ A J 9 6 3 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ K</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 3 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ Q J 9 8 2 ♣ 8 6</p>
<p>♠ A J ♥ K 7 2 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ A Q 7 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ J 10 9 4 3</p>

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Greco	Meckstroth	Hampson
—	—	Pass	Pass
1 ♣ ¹	Double ²	1 ♦ ³	1 ♠
1 NT ⁴	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Strong, artificial, forcing: 17+ HCP if balanced
2. Majors
3. 5-7 HCP; no relation to diamonds
4. 17-19 HCP

With his five-card diamond suit, Meckstroth did not hesitate in bidding the game. Greco led the six of hearts, won by Rodwell with the king in hand to keep the entry to dummy intact. When Rodwell next played a low diamond, Greco hopped up with the ace to continue with ace and another heart. Rodwell won the queen and cashed his diamond winners. When the last diamond was cashed, this was the position:

<p>♠ A J ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A Q 7 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 3 ♥ — ♦ J ♣ 8 6</p>
<p>♠ K 10 5 ♥ J 9 ♦ — ♣ K</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ J 10 9 4</p>

Rodwell knew from the bidding and play to date that North had 4=5=3=1 and South 4=2=2=5 distribution. In the diagrammed position, when the last diamond was cashed and Hampson discarded a spade, Rodwell knew that he had only one spade and four clubs remaining. He could therefore discard the spade jack and lead a spade to the ace, intending to play ace and another club, winning the last trick with the club queen. When the king fell under the ace, the queen was his ninth trick and a just reward for a well-played hand.

Nevertheless, this was a shaky defence from Hampson. If Rodwell had had the ace-king-queen of clubs, or the ace-king of clubs and the ace of spades, that was nine tricks, so Greco needed the club queen and the spade ace or the club king and the spade king or ace to beat the hand. If Greco had both black kings, Hampson needed to keep two spades. Had he done so, Rodwell would likely have taken the club finesse.

At the other table, Rubin and Ekeblad were less ambitious – and less successful in the play. They declared three diamonds – on the eight of hearts lead, they lost two red aces, two black kings and a heart ruff. Minus 50 meant 10 IMPs to USAI.

The following deal produced quite a bit of discussion regarding the best line of play in seven hearts.

Match 7. Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ 3 ♥ K J 10 7 3 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A K 7 3 2</p> <p>♠ K J 6 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ Q 8 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q ♥ A Q 8 6 ♦ A K 10 8 7 ♣ J 10</p>
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	West	North	East
South			
	<i>Villas Boas</i>	<i>Marston</i>	<i>Chagas</i>
<i>Thomson</i>			
—	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	7 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South led the two of hearts and declarer won in hand and, after a few moments of thought, cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond high, claiming plus 1510 when the suit divided 3-3.

Chagas is considered to be one of the world's two fastest players (Alan Sontag is the other). Nevertheless, one wag commented, "He played that hand like a man who badly needed to go to the loo!" At the other table:

	West	North	East
South			
	<i>Nunn</i>	<i>de Mello</i>	<i>Hans Janz</i>
—	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the ten of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace, crossed to the king of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs

... and continued with the king. North ruffed to give Brazil 17 IMPs.

There was some sympathy for Tony Nunn's line of play, especially from the Brazilians. They did not offer to return the IMPs however.

Everyone was looking forward to the first match on day five, when Italy played Egypt. The teams were one-two in the standings, and the Egyptians' aggressive bidding means they have to be among the world's best card players, which they are. The same can be said of the Italians, but they are better-known.

Match 13. Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A K J 2 ♥ J ♦ A J 3 2 ♣ Q 6 4 3</p> <p>♠ 7 6 ♥ 10 7 6 5 2 ♦ Q 8 7 6 ♣ K 2</p> <p>♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A 8 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ A 10 7 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 8 5 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ J 9 8</p>
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	West	North	East	South
<i>Dagher</i>		<i>Fantoni</i>		
—	Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	

Dagher led a low heart. When Nunes ducked the heart queen and king, he was doomed. El-Kourdy cleared the suit with a third round of hearts, and when Dagher came in with the club king, he had two hearts to cash for one down. Sadek did much better.

	West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>		<i>el-Ahmady</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Sadek</i>
—	Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass			

Versace also started with the heart five, jack, queen, four. When Lauria continued with the heart king, Sadek considered his play for some time before winning with the ace. He realised that if East had either the ten or nine, his eight had nuisance value. Sadek then played the ace of clubs and a club to Versace's king, and when Versace

switched to the spade seven, it was clear that Lauria had the heart nine or ten - Versace obviously did not hold both - as he had envisioned.

Thus Sadek won the spade continuation with the ace, cashed the club queen, played a club to the ten and played the heart three from hand. What could the Versace do? If he went up with the ten, Sadek's eight would be the ninth trick. So he had to duck. Now when Lauria won the heart nine, he had the option of leading into the tenace in diamonds or in spades. Either way, Sadek had nine tricks for plus 600 and a 12-IMP gain. The Vugraph audience burst into applause upon seeing the play of the heart three.

All the top English players have wonderful table feel. Justin and Jason Hackett certainly fit into this category. Take a look at this deal from the match between Japan and England.

Match 15. Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 ♥ A K J 7 4 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ 10 4 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ K 8 6 5 ♣ 10 9 3 2</p> <p>♠ 8 3 ♥ Q 5 3 2 ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 9 7 5 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A K J</p>
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West	North	East	South
Jason	Furuta	Justin	Chen
Pass	1 ♥	Double	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

At the other table, where North had opened a strong no trump, East had contented himself with an overcall of two spades and had lost the obvious four tricks, so some IMPs were sure to be logged by someone.

South led the three of spades and, after some thought, declarer put up dummy's ten, North covering with the jack. Perhaps North should have let the ten win, allowing declarer an entry to the dummy to do something silly, such as taking a losing club finesse, if that were his plan. In any case, Justin won in hand and played off his trumps. This was the seven-card ending:

<p>♠ — ♥ A K J ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ — ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 8 6 5 ♣ 10</p> <p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A K J</p>
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North's discards of the four and five of clubs convinced Justin that the queen of clubs was off side and was not going to fall, so instead of cashing the ace and king he tried a very cunning jack of clubs! It's easy to say that South should not have been caught out, but when he played the seven, declarer had achieved a spectacular coup.

The following board from the quarterfinals produced lots of excitement and pretty intense post-mortems.

QF3. Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ A K 9 8 3 2 ♣ Q J 2</p> <p>♠ — ♥ K J 10 9 7 ♦ J 10 ♣ 9 7 6 5 4 3</p> <p>♠ A K J 10 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 5 4 ♥ Q 8 5 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ K 10 8</p>
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In Italy-India, Brazil-USA I and Sweden-Egypt, everyone played either seven spades or seven no trump (all going down), sometimes after seven diamonds was doubled. In the fourth quarterfinal match...

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Palazzo	Moss	Fornasari
—	—	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♣	Pass	7 ♦
?			

First of all, after the above auction, should Fred Gitelman (West) double with a spade void? He did not and was soon minus 2140. He was undoubtedly afraid that seven

spades opr seven no trump would be cold, and hoped that Brad Moss would find a spade lead anyway. We can see from Moss' hand that that was not the case.

What should Fornasari should do if seven diamonds doubled got back to him. Should he bid seven spades, playing Partner for a spade? Or perhaps he should redouble, for if Partner has a spade, how will East know to lead one from three?

However, what if Moss had both rounded-suit kings or even the heart ace and club king? Then he would know South has long spades and some diamonds to one high honour. He would then lead a spade, so Fornasari should run. And anyway, how should South know his partner even has a spade?

However, let's switch our attention to North. Palazzo is looking at a spade void and the heart ace. He knows that partner has spades and that there is a double void. It is North who must redouble to spare South the guess. But couldn't South have ace-king seventh of clubs with the ace-king-queen of spades and queen third of diamonds?

It was all academic – both Wests in this match passed, achieving a spectacular minus 2140 push. Perhaps the lesson after all is to make the call that in front of your nose.

There were no surprises in the Bermuda Bowl quarterfinal matches. Italy and Sweden, first and second in the European Championship and first and fourth in the round robin here, and both American teams, second and third in the round robin, won their quarter-final matches handily. They defeated India, Egypt, Brazil and Argentina respectively.

The only surprise was the relatively poor showing of the rest of the European teams, especially the Netherlands, who had won the silver medal in Istanbul at the Olympiad. Still, most of the teams were so closely matched that, on a different day, we'd have seen five other teams in the quarterfinals (conceding spots only to Italy, USA 1 and USA 2).

As expected, Italy beat Sweden to reach the final. USA 1 v. USA 2 was expected to be close and some observers felt that the ageing USA 1 team was ripe for the picking, but experience prevailed (once again) and USA 1 had a great final set to advance against Italy, a reprise of Monte Carlo in 2003 - all 12 players were the same. This time Italy prevailed by 18 IMPs. USA2 beat Sweden for the bronze.

Meet the Editor



The Editor and his trusted assistant

John Carruthers and Katie Thorpe live in Toronto with their four cats Justine, Balthazar, Mountolive and Clea. They have lived together for 31 years and have been playing bridge longer than that. As soon as the details can be sorted out with the Pope, Katie will be rushed through the canonisation process to sainthood (she became eligible after putting up with JC for a decade).

JC has represented Canada in World Championships on several occasions as a player and as a Non-Playing Captain. Katie has won medals in both the Olympiad and Venice Cup as a player for Canada.

JC is currently the Editor of two bridge magazines, the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin and the Ontario Kibitzer. He has also written articles for many bridge magazines, some of which have been translated and published in Dutch, Brazilian, Polish and French magazines.

After working for the Ontario Government for 27 years, JC is set to retire at the end of January. Since he has the two editing jobs, the Bermuda Daily Bulletin job, is Canada's Junior Bridge Manager and is planning a dozen overseas trips for bridge this year alone, there's no chance he'll be a couch potato. His big worry is that he won't be able to find time to work on his golf game (which is in dire straits and is in desperate need of improvement!).

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History

Marine geologists have determined that 100 million years ago, this hook-shaped chain of little islands was part of the lip of a huge volcano, now long dormant. The submarine mount on which we're perched rises 15,000 feet from the bottom of the sea. The part of Bermuda that is above the surface of the sea is surrounded by a wide platform of underwater coral reefs that protect it from stormy weather. This shallow platform gives the inshore seas colours that you won't soon forget - stunning blues and greens that lap at the pink sand of the beaches.

In years gone by, Bermuda waters were well-known for more than their beauty to the earliest navigators who had business in the New World. The reefs were deadly to ships that ventured too close, and the wreckage of scores of ships dot our outer reefs as a result. Early seamen called Bermuda "Isle of Devils" for that reason. However, we take our name from a Spaniard, Juan de Bermudez, who paid a call in 1503. But the island remained uninhabited, despite visits by Spanish and English ships, until more than a century later.



It wasn't until a hurricane blew a British ship called the Sea Venture onto the reefs here in 1609 that a settlement was begun. The Sea Venture, which was commanded by Admiral Sir George Somers, was on her way to the New World settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, with settlers and supplies. Although most of the settlers continued on their way in a vessel they built while they were stranded on Bermuda, there have been people living here since that visit, and Bermuda's character as a British colony was established.

Government

Bermuda's Government is modelled on that of the British Government. There are two Houses of Parliament, the House of Assembly, whose members are elected, and the upper house, the Senate, whose members are appointed. The Premier is chosen from the majority party, and appoints members of a Cabinet, which normally numbers about a dozen men and women. Cabinet Ministers are each responsible for the operation of Ministries and Departments of the public service.

The Governor, who is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, has his own Governor's Council (the Premier is a member), in which matters relating to his portfolio are discussed. He is responsible for the conduct of Defence, Internal Security (he controls the Police and the Bermuda Regiment operationally) and Foreign Affairs. He is also responsible for the appointment of judges, magistrates and court officials.

Ever since the American Colonies left the British fold under strained circumstances in 1783, Bermuda has had the distinction of having the oldest Parliament in the Commonwealth outside the British Isles. It met first in St. Peter's Church in the then-capital, St George's, on August 1, 1620, making this its 385th year of existence. When the capital was moved to Hamilton, the Assembly met for some time in the Town Hall, in what is now known as the Old Fire Station on Front Street. It was moved to its present location on the hill behind in 1826, although the Sessions Building in which it meets was not completed until 1893.

People

Bermuda was one of the earliest self-governing colonies under the British flag. In the early 1600's the Virginia charter was amended to include Bermuda as part of its New World holdings. In 1620, the first meetings on colonial legislature were held in the parliamentary sessions house still standing in St. George's today. Bermuda remains one of the oldest of Britain's colonies, with British style and protocols still visible in everyday life. However, its culture is diverse with more and more influences from the USA, the Caribbean and Canada.

The majority of the Bermudian population (61%) is black and has been since colonial times during the 17th & 18th centuries when they were brought over as slaves. The remainder of the population is white, with a small minority of descendants from the American Indian.

Approximately 25% of the resident population is foreign-born, working in Bermuda, and come from the UK, USA, Azores, Portugal, Canada, Asia and the Caribbean.

Attractions

Bermuda has great attractions; outdoors, indoors, underwater and even underground. It is amazing that a place as small as Bermuda has so much to see and do and so many places to explore.

Each day we'll do a short blurb on one or two of Bermuda's main attractions. See today's on the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo on page 3.

Interview with Lynanne Bolton...cont. from p. 1

D.B. How did you become involved in the administration of the tournament?

L.B. I joined the ACBL Board of Governors several years ago. The tournament chairperson must be a Board member and after awhile it was my turn! I have a reputation for being well-organised and I love welcoming visitors to Bermuda so I have been pleased to fulfill the chairperson's role for the last two years.

D. B. Tell us about yourself.

L. B. Born in Bermuda, educated in England and Canada. I'm a pharmacist by profession. I managed a retail pharmacy here in Bermuda for 20 years and now do locum work at several pharmacies as well as hold the part-time position of pharmacy consultant to the government. In addition to my involvement with bridge I am very involved in the community, in pharmacy organisations, in politics, the Anglican Church and, as a parent, in my children's activities. I have two daughters: Laura is 19 and studying at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada and Ally is 16 and is at boarding school (Ridley College), also in Ontario.

D.B. What has been your biggest challenge as Chairperson?

L.B. The biggest challenge is attracting more visitors to the Regional. It's expensive compared to other events in North America which participants can drive to. We try very hard to compensate for that with our Bermudian hospitality. If any of our visitors have suggestions in this regard, I am anxious to speak with them!

D.B. What was your biggest bridge thrill?

L.B. I became a Life Master at last year's Regional playing with a good friend, Gertie Barker. It was particularly special as I was Chairperson at the time and was not

concentrating as much on my game as on the tournament itself.

D.B. How do you see the future of the Bermuda Regional.

L.B. Very bright. We have a wonderful tournament in a fantastic venue in one of the most beautiful and safest places in the world. We are working with the Fairmont organisation and the Bermuda Department of Tourism to find the best way to market this experience to the widest range of bridge players worldwide.

D.B. Thanks, Lynanne

John Markland Lyall Molson (1951-2006)

Bridge Players in North America and around the world were shocked to learn this week that Mark Molson had had a massive heart attack on Wednesday, January 18 and had died on the operating table early the next day after six hours of surgery to repair a ruptured aorta. For the past 18 months, Molson had suffered from very high blood pressure that his physicians had been unable to control.

Molson was one of the most successful Canadian bridge players ever. He had a knack for winning the Canadian National Team Championship in Olympiad years, representing Canada in four straight Olympiad Open Teams from 1984 to 1996. He also won the CNTC in 1995, subsequently winning the Tri-Country Trials against Bermuda and Mexico for Bermuda Bowl representation, eventually winning the silver medal. His partner on all those occasions was Boris Baran. With Baran, he also won the Canadian Open Pairs Championship, becoming one of the few pairs to win both the pairs and the teams.

One of Molson's strongest achievements was winning both the Reisinger Teams and the Blue Ribbon Pairs at the same Fall Nationals. After moving to Ft. Lauderdale, FL, a few years ago, he also came close to representing the USA in the Bermuda Bowl, narrowly losing the Trials final.

Molson was a seventh-generation descendant of John Molson, who began the first brewery in Canada in the 1700's. He is survived by three brothers and two sisters, his wife Janice and his daughter Jennifer. We shall dearly miss him and his charming demeanour and cheerful nature.



The Master Point Press Bridge Trivia Quiz (I)

The Rules:

1. The person who first answers all 20 questions correctly wins a library of 14 bridge books from Master Point Press (valued at \$307.30 CAN). The list of books follows the rules.
2. Each person is allowed one entry only per day.
3. The quiz will be presented in 4 installments of 5 questions daily (Saturday to Tuesday Bulletins).
4. If no fully-correct entry is submitted by the end of the Swiss Teams on Saturday, the person with the most correct answers (and the earliest time-and-date stamp in case of a tie) will win the prize.
5. For the bridge hand questions, the winning answer is also the correct answer (according to the judges). You must find the winning bid or play.
6. Entries must be written or typed and delivered to either John Carruthers, Daily Bulletin Editor, or Katie Thorpe, trusted assistant. Submission date and time must be noted on each entry (not before Tuesday).
7. All decisions of the judges are final.
8. John Carruthers is the sole judge.

The library of books from Master Point Press which will go to the winning entry is as follows:

- *The Bridge Magicians* – Mark Horton & Radek Kielbasinski
- *World Class* – Marc Smith
- *The Principle of Restricted Talent¹* – Danny Kleinman & Nick Straguzzi
- *Play or Defend?²* – Julian Pottage
- *Bridge, Zia and Me* – Michael Rosenberg
- *Modern Constructive Bidding³* – Marshall Miles
- *The Bridge World's Test Your Play* – Jeff Rubens
- *Building a Bidding System³* – Roy Hughes
- *Win the Bermuda Bowl with Me* – Jeff Meckstroth
- *Master Class³* – Fred Gitelman
- *365 Winning Bridge Tips* – Danny Kleinman
- *Clues from the Bidding* – Julian Pottage

- *Bridge the Silver Way* – David Silver
- *Competitive Bidding in the 21st Century* – Marshall Miles
 1. Winner IBPA Book of the Year for 2005
 2. Winner IBPA Book of the Year for 2004
 3. Nominee, IBPA Book of the Year for 2005

On to the quiz...

1. In what years was the Bermuda Bowl actually played in Bermuda? (*They won't all be this easy.*)
2. What do Lew Stansby and Kitty Cooper have in common? Hint: It is nothing to do with bridge. (*I told you they would not all be that easy.*)
3. Which bridge player has won his WBF zonal team championship the greatest number of times? (There are eight WBF geographic zones.)
4. What is the longest continuously-running bridge tournament in the world?
5. How do you defend as East on this deal?

Dealer East. NS Vul.

North

♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ —

♦ J 9 8 7 5 4

♣ K 5

East

♠ —

♥ A K Q J 8 5 2

♦ A

♣ A 10 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
—	—	2 ♣	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Your vulnerable opponents have apparently stolen your hand. Can you make them pay for their effrontery? Your partner, Brian Senior, leads the king of diamonds. You win the ace – what now?