

# BARB & ALEX'S AUGUST BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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What a great summer! So much is happening in our great city of Toronto and beyond. My family just enjoyed the women playing in the Rogers Cup, including a match featuring Venus Williams. Also excellent was the fact that Barbados is one of the sponsors of this fabulous event. Best of all, imagine that our teenage Canadian, from Richmond Hill, Denis Shapovalov, just beat Rafael Nadal in Montreal!!!

And at the Blue Jays game three days ago where we whipped the NY Yankees.



The North American Bridge Championships (NABC) were held for 11 days at the Convention Centre and we saw so many of you there. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for attending. Congrats also to the team who chaired the NABC.

It is SO much work and it was an enormous success, exceeding attendance expectations by leaps and bounds.

110 bridge teachers also attended the American Bridge Teachers Convention. It went very well and we all upgraded our skills and are spurred on to greater heights! If you are interested in joining, go to [www.abtahome.com](http://www.abtahome.com). The price is right and you get a great publication every 4 months as well as ongoing resources and connections with bridge teachers.

283 kids under age 19 attended the Youth NABC, chaired by Carol Bongard.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to make this event a whirlwind success.

If you want to know how to easily teach a simplified version of the game to your friends or grandchildren, email me and I will be happy to send you something.



Remember too that in bridge as in life...

You will win or you will learn but you will never lose.

There are lots of upcoming events to tell you about so please read on.

The most important one takes place on **Tuesday September 12th**. This is our annual **LAOS FUNDRAISER**. **The times have changed**. It is now starting at 9.00 am with Breakfast, followed at 9.30 am by a workshop with Alex Kornel. It all takes place at Temple Sinai Synagogue at 210 Wilson Ave.

Alex will teach you all about **Opening Leads** and you will play some hands. All this from 9.30 - 10.30 am.

Cost for Breakfast & Workshop is \$5.00. This is to help cover breakfast which will be Haymische bagels (best fluffy bagels in the world), cream cheese and egg salad and coffee. The \$5.00 does not fully cover the cost but it will help.

On this day, you will be asked to make a **donation towards the purchase of water filters for remote villages in Laos**. Even \$2.00 or \$5.00 would help but you will receive a tax receipt if you donate \$30.00 or more. And if you donate \$115.00, (\$90.00 USD) you will pay for the full cost of a water filter for one family and your name will be on it. You will also receive a picture of the family with your water filter. Your donation is optional.

Thank you to **Lee Daugharty** who will generously donate \$8.00 per table to Adopt a Village in Laos to help us with our cause.

Patti Lee will make a presentation @ 10.30 am, showing pictures of Laos, its children and the schools that we have helped to build there.

**The game with Lee Daugharty will follow as usual at 12 noon.**

**Note that Patti Lee and I are now affiliated with a USA charity so that any donations made by residents of USA will be appropriately receipted & this will be honoured by I.R.S.**

**Read on for more about this and other upcoming events.**

## **BREAKFAST & BRIDGE WITH ALEX**

**at Temple Sinai @ 210 Wilson Ave**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th @ 9.00  
am**

**This is our annual Laos fundraiser**

**This takes place on the morning of Lee's  
game which takes place just as usual at 12  
noon this day**



**9.00 am - 9.30 am Breakfast**

**9.30 am - 10.30 am Workshop with Alex on Opening Leads**

**10.30 am - 11.15 am Presentation by Patti Lee on Laos**

**Steve Rutledge, President of Adopt A Village in Laos will be present to take questions and provide more information.**

**This faraway land captured Patti's and my heart in 2012. Above, you will see villagers in a very remote village who have just received water filters for the first time. Until now, they have had to boil their water (did you know that even if you boil the water, it would have to be re-boiled later on in the day or it becomes contaminated again). A water filter is provided for every family in the village and a lesson on sanitation/hygiene. The filters last for over 20 years, with very little care and maintenance.**

**Patti Lee and Barbara run a fundraiser every year to raise money to buy water filters for Laos. This year it will be held on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12 at Temple Sinai before Lee's game. 9.00 am.**

**Alex will be doing a special one hour bridge workshop that morning as part of the event. Patti Lee will then do a presentation on Laos. Steve Rutledge, founder and President of Adopt A Village in Laos, will be in attendance. Cost for the morning session will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of breakfast which will be served at 9 am. We will collect \$5.00 at the door. Try to arrive at 8.30 am to get settled and hear Alex's bridge lecture.**

**We would love it if you could tell us if you plan to attend so we have some idea of the catering requirements. Please email Barbara at**

**[bseagram@uniserve.com](mailto:bseagram@uniserve.com)**

Envelopes will be distributed in hopes that you will donate a minimum of \$2.00 or \$5.00 per person (nothing to do with the breakfast \$5.00 cost) towards a water filter. Of course, we fervently hope that you will donate more.

Each water filter costs \$115.00 Can or \$90.00 USD. You can donate a water filter or any amount below or above!! A donation of \$30.00 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt.

**Cheques made out to Adopt A Village in Laos may be sent to Barbara Seagram, 220 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto, ON M4N 1T2, Canada**



## **MORE ABOUT LAOS & ADOPT A VILLAGE IN LAOS**

Laos is among the most impoverished countries in the world, still suffering from the bombing effects of the CIA backed 'secret' war of the 1960's and 70's.

*Young and old alike are always happy to see us all.*



Millions of unexploded bombs still remain in the soils, especially throughout rural areas which is predominantly mountainous. It remains the most bombed nation (per capita) on this earth.

Adopt A Village in Laos, a registered Canadian charity (83699 1001 RR0001), has made a significant positive difference in the health of the lives of the rural villagers with financial support from so many amazing sponsors. To date, over 3,300 water filter systems (over 16,000 people) have been distributed, and received hygiene training. This means that 40 villages have received filters. The villagers are ecstatic and when speaking to the many villages we have supported, we are told that the percentage of those suffering from diarrhea and other illnesses caused by water borne bacteria, has dropped to almost zero. In fact we are told that diarrhea is no longer of any concern to the

many families that have received these systems.

You can participate too! For just \$115.00 (Can \$ or \$90.00 USD) a water filter system, including transportation to the rugged mountains (averaging 40% of the cost), large water storage bottle and hygiene training to each receiving family will make a huge difference to their lives by

extending lives and increasing productivity. That isn't all. We will send you an email and picture of the recipients with their filter system, for every water filter you donate. You will be able to zoom in on the label and see your name (or a name of your choosing), your country flag and the phrase 'In friendship and respect' (in Lao language). In addition, a tax receipt will be issued to you.

Adopt A Village has built 9 schools and added on to 3 others, provides permanent water supplies to villages without, builds toilets for every school they build, sponsors school children who cannot afford to go to school and sponsors new teachers during their apprenticeship years, prior to receiving a government salary. They currently sponsor 13 primary/secondary students plus two University students. Donations toward any and all of these projects are tax receipted and emails with pictures and accountability will be sent to each donor.

Should you wish more information about Adopt A Village in Laos and the projects that we are helping with there, please browse our write-up atL

<http://barbaraexploresasia.blogspot.ca/2015/02/laos-this-is-start-of-10-week-journey.html>

If you have not seen the U-tube of Barbara teaching there, you would get to see the children in this U-tube. Click on link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_dCerFAukM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_dCerFAukM)

Know that all monies raised will go towards the cause.

We would be most grateful for your donation to our cause.

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Please give us your address, email address and tel no. so that we can process your tax receipt.

Please make cheques out to **ADOPT A VILLAGE IN LAOS**

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## **A WINNING ATTITUDE**

by Mike Lawrence: Judgment at Bridge 2

Baron Barclay Press [www.baronbarclay.com](http://www.baronbarclay.com)

One of the greatest players of our time, Bob Hamman, has a rule that is really a rule. Learn it, remember it and follow it.

### **Hamman's Rule**

After a good result, stop revelling in it. After a terrible result, stop fretting about it. The only important thing in your life right now is the new hand you just picked up. It's the hand that deserves your attention.

I can't begin to tell you how many bad results have occurred in bridge because someone forgot this rule and spent time thinking about the last hand when he should have been thinking about the new one.

Instead of lamenting your bad luck, take the positive attitude that the next hand will be better. I guarantee you will get a better result if you go into it with positive anticipation than if you go into it dripping with despair.

Hamman's rule is known to many. It's been around for a long time. In spite of its proven success, only a few players have the ability to follow it whenever something bad happens. You have to be aware of the rule and when you get a horrible result, you have to be in tune with your emotions to keep from getting depressed. That's the hard part. Knowing the rule is one thing. Following the rule is another.

There is a side benefit to following the Hamman rule. One thing about having a positive attitude is that your partner will play better and your opponents will sense your mood and perhaps pull back a little. Players may not know they are doing it, but someone who sends out bad vibrations is giving emotional support to their opponents. Don't be that person.

Homework: Google [Ecstasy](#) by Mike Lawrence. Go online and read it.



## **BARBARA'S MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

**9.30 -11.30 AM**

**Hands-on. You play hands for the entire lesson.**

**Seminars are held at Trinity Presbyterian Church:  
2737 Bayview Ave.**

**Just south of 401**

### **THE BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!**

**Seminars are \$25.00 each if pre-paid prior to the class. 9.30-11.30 am  
or \$30.00 at door. Mail in your cheque now.**

### **SPACE STILL AVAILABLE IN ALL SEMINARS**

**Thu Sep 14 @ 9.30 am: Maximize all Your Chances**

**Thu Oct 19 @ 9.30 am: The Killing Lead**

**Thu Nov 9 @ 9.30 am: Become a Deadly Declarer**

**Thu Dec 7 @ 9.30 am: Defend and Destroy!**

**Note that even if title sounds the same as an earlier seminar, the content and hands  
are always different.**

**Call Barbara or email her to register [bseagram@uniserve.com](mailto:bseagram@uniserve.com)**

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**Mail cheques to Barbara Seagram**

**220 Lawrence Ave E, Toronto ON M4N 1T2**

**SPACE LIMITED. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND,  
PLEASE LET BARBARA KNOW IMMEDIATELY.**

## WHEN OPENING BIDDER REBIDS HIS MAJOR

by Mike Lawrence: Judgment at Bridge 2

Baron Barclay Press [www.baronbarclay.com](http://www.baronbarclay.com)

Your partner opens one of a major and you respond 2D. Partner rebids two of his major. How many cards do you think he has in his major?

There are two schools of thought here.

W N E S  
1H P 2D  
P 2H

1. Some insist that opener have 6 cards if he opens a major and rebids it, after partner has responded at the 2 level.
2. Some insist that it is acceptable for opener to rebid a 5 card major after partner has responded in a new suit at the two level.

Who's right? Both views are valid. But that doesn't mean both are equal.

Two advantages to playing that a rebid of your major shows SIX cards:

1. On many hands, it makes the bidding easy for responder because he knows of a six-card suit right away. He learns quickly if the major will be a good trump suit.
2. Looking for reason two. Still looking. Still loo.....

Disadvantages to playing that a rebid of your major shows six cards:

**Here are three hands. You have opened 1 Heart and partner responded 2D** (it does not matter whether or not you are playing Two Over One).



**What should you bid if you have agreed with partner that rebidding Hearts promises six cards?**

**S 643**

**H QJ863**

**D K**

**C AQJ8**

**Is 3C a good bid? Most players play that a new suit by opener at the three level shows extra points (16 or more). This is a good requirement. Should opener bid 2NT without a Spade stopper?**

**Another one:**

**S QJ6**

**H AK763**

**D 2**

**C Q1085**

**I don't recommend 3C on this hand either. The last possible bid is 2NT when holding a singleton in partner's diamond suit. Won't he expect you to have at least a doubleton?**

**Another one:**

**S QJ6**

**H QJ986**

**D AK**

**C 873**

**You can't bid Spades. Partner does not allow you to rebid Hearts(!!). You can't raise Diamonds with two. And that would leave you with a very imperfect 2NT bid.**

My belief is that requiring six cards for opener to rebid a major after a two-over-one response is bad bridge. So what should opener rebid on these hands?

The three hands above are typical hands that can't consider anything other than rebidding a five-card major. I recommend you read the discussions again. It's important.

Waiting for six cards to rebid the major is nice when it happens, but it comes at a big cost. If opener has to make a bad bid when he doesn't have a six-card major to rebid, the auction is not going to go well from there. Almost always, you will have a chance to rebid a six-card suit a third time and that will promise six cards.

**ENID ROITMAN**

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2017**

**Award is sponsored by ABTA & MASTER POINT PRESS**



Imagine our very own Enid Roitman winning the Teacher of the Year Award for all of North America. WOW!!! It was an exciting day when Enid was presented with this Award. It was a complete surprise to her. She was one of the top 9 finalists but to then win it! Wow!! Enid is wonderful and helps us with all our charity events here in Toronto as well as being a much loved teacher in her classes here and at sea.

**CONGRATULATIONS, ENID!!!**

You may congratulate Enid personally by emailing her at [enidr@sympatico.ca](mailto:enidr@sympatico.ca)

Enid will be teaching on Thursday afternoons at Trinity Presbyterian, starting in September. Do contact her for more information.

AND Enid is running a Duplicate Bridge **Game and Silent Auction Fundraiser** at Hazel's bridge club @ Yonge & Steeles on Sun Oct. 15th @ 6.30 pm. This event is in support of **Wellspring**. See more within this newsletter.

In 1999, Enid began teaching bridge on cruise ships. She later was introduced to Gerry Fox, who became one of her fans. Said Fox, "Enid is simply perfect for cruise teaching. She has a long history of retaining just about everyone who crosses her path on the ship. She is a star performer and marvelous ambassador for the game of bridge, setting a standard that is very difficult to meet."

Roitman's teaching philosophy is "to make my students feel comfortable and to help them have fun learning. I do not encourage people to memorize anything that they don't understand. I do lots of reviewing and try to keep things simple. I recognize that people have different learning styles, and often concepts need to be presented in a variety of ways."

Active in her community, she regularly participates in fundraisers for **Wellspring Medical Center** in downtown Toronto. She cares about her students, one of whom described Roitman as "a gifted teacher with a wonderful sense of humor." Outgoing ABTA President Patty Tucker praised Roitman for her work ethic and determination. "Enid is one of the most hard-working teachers I know," Tucker said. "She is unflappable and always there to do what is necessary. No matter how hard something is, she always comes through." Betty Starzec, who takes over as ABTA president on Aug. 1, echoed Tucker's sentiments. "Enid was co-chair with Barbara Seagram for the ABTA Convention. She is so detail-oriented it's unbelievable."

In accepting the award, Roitman said she feels like Susan Lucci, soap opera star who won an Emmy after being nominated 18 times. Roitman was nominated for the teacher award just twice before winning. More seriously, she said, "I'm thrilled to win this award."

**Josee Hammill** was one of the nine finalists nominated for this award.

"Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity, or registering wrongs."

Charlotte Bronte

Noble sentiments to be sure but I had trouble remembering these for a spell when Alex passed my Blackwood bid at the NABC.

We had just (two hands before) had a discussion about an auction where I bid 4NT and I wanted him to pass so I could play it in 4NT. But we agreed that it was impossible and that after a suit had been agreed upon, 4NT had to be Blackwood. With that firmly in mind, the train went off the tracks and he passed, leaving me spellbound, barely managing to make 4NT when I could have made 7S. Oh my. It builds character!

But I got even a few hands later, quite by accident, I might add.

I picked up:

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KQxxxx

Jxxx





## **The Caledon East Fall Sectional Bridge Tournament**

**September 23 - 24**

**Caledon Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road,  
Caledon East**

**SPECIAL GUEST LECTURER, BARBARA SEAGRAM ON SATURDAY**

**"KILLER DEFENCE"**

**AND ON SUNDAY, STEVE NORRIS TEACHES**

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**Saturday, September 23: Stratified Pairs at 11:00am & 3:15pm**

**99ers (two single-sessions): A: 50-100 B: 20-50 C: 0-20  
499NLMers (play-through\*): A: 300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100  
Open (play-through\*): A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750  
\*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome**

**PLUS a Special Event Just for 0 - 499 Non Life Masters**

- \* A one-hour, interactive workshop with Barbara Seagram on "Killer Defence"**
- \* No cost to attend the workshop. Just be a NLM with fewer than 500 master points**
- \* Starts at 09:30 on Saturday, September 23. Coffee, tea, bagels, and fruit available**
- \* ACT SWIFTLY. Only a few places left for the workshop so register quickly by sending an email with your full name to [stspnorris@hotmail.com](mailto:stspnorris@hotmail.com)**
- \* First 30 registrants who attend will receive one free copy of Barbara Seagram's & David Bird's "Pocket Guide to Defensive Play at Bridge" valued at \$11.25 retail**
- \* Plus Barbara Seagram is donating her popular cheat sheets and books to 15 lucky winners**

**Sunday, September 24: Stratified Swiss Teams will start at 11:00am**

**99ers: Morning-session only**

**Stratification at director's discretion and based on attendance**

**0-499 Non Life Masters: Two session A: 300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100**

**Open: Two session A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750**

**\*Single morning- or afternoon-only sessions welcome**

**PLUS a Special Event Just for 99ers**

**\* A 45-minute, interactive workshop with Steve Overholt on  
"Swiss Team Strategy"**

**\* No cost to attend the workshop. Just have fewer than 100 MPs**

**\* Starts at 09:45 on Sunday, September 24. Coffee, tea, bagels, and fruit available**

**\* Places are going quickly so register your attendance no later than September 2 by  
sending an email with your full name to [dingram@bell.net](mailto:dingram@bell.net)**

**\* First 10 registrants who attend will receive one free copy of Patrick O'Connor's  
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**Tournament Chair: Steven Norris**

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**Partnership Chair**

**John McWhinnie [johnmcw@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcw@gmail.com)**

**647-794-7894**

### **Directions:**

**From the South or West: HWY 410 North to Mayfield Road; East to Airport Road, North to Caledon East. Down the hill to 3-way lights. Right on Old Church Road to Site**

**From the North-West: HWY 9 East to Airport Road; South on Airport Road to Caledon East. Down the hill to 3-way lights. Left on Old Church Road to Site**

**From the North-East: HWY 9 West to Hwy 50. South on Hwy 50 and through Palgrave. Right at first lights on Old Church Road to Site located just after Town Hall on the left**

**From South or East: HWY 427 North to HWY 50. North on HWY 50 and through Bolton. Down the hill after Gleneagles Golf Club to lights. Left on Old Church Road to Site located just after Town Hall on the left**

**See map at [www.unit166.ca](http://www.unit166.ca) under Event Schedule. Choose Caledon**

### **SIGNALS / CARDING & LEADS**

**Before playing against new opponents, it is wise to ask them what signals they use. Also, do they use any special or unusual leads. The most common carding you will encounter in gentler games (and other) is Standard.**

**e.g. When partner leads an Ace and you want to encourage, you play a high card to smile and encourage her to continue.**

**When unable to follow suit, you discard a low card if you do not wish the suit led and a high card if you do wish it led.**

**The above is all Standard. So if you someone asks you "what is your carding?" you simply reply: "Standard".**

**Some opponents play "Upside-down" which means that they do the opposite of the above. They discard a low card in a suit they DO want led. There are also other methods.**

**In any case, at a recent tournament, I asked an opponent..."What are your leads?" My opponent replied: " We use Wall Street Leads."**

**"Wall Street?" inquired I. "Yes, Standard and Poor."**



SEVEN SEAS CRUISES



**CRUISE WITH BARBARA, ALEX & PATTI NEXT YEAR**

**REJKJAVIK, ICELAND TO DUBLIN, IRELAND**

**JULY 6, 2018 - JULY 18, 2018 (12 nights)**

**Regent Seven Seas Navigator**

The three of us will be escorting the group aboard ship but not at airports or in the air as people will be coming from all over. We will not be working for the cruise line, just for our group.

Barbara, Patti and Alex will be aboard to escort the trip, teach and run games during the cruise. Note: Even though there are very few sea days, we will be finding time to arrange bridge games and lessons.

**ICELAND TO DUBLIN, IRELAND - JULY 6 - 18, 2018**

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Torshavn	Faroe islands	8.00	18.00
Kirkwall	Orkney Islands	10.00	18.00
Invergordon	Scotland	8.00	18.00
Rosyth	for Edinburgh	8.00	18.00
Tyne	for Newcastle	8.00	18.00
Cruising North Sea			
Southampton	for London	8.00	18.00
Portland	for Dorset, England	8.00	14.00
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Dublin	Ireland	7.00	



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You may request economy air and pay less.

OPTIONAL stayover in Iceland or in Dublin. NOT included. Details not yet available.

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**NOTE: THIS BRIDGE PROGRAM WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE BOOKED WITH VISION TRAVEL**

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**NEW YORK TO REYKJAVIC PORTION IS SOLD OUT BUT WE DO NEED ONE PERSON (FEMALE) THAT NEEDS A SHARE TO JOIN THE GROUP. HOLLER IF THIS IS OF INTEREST.**

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AK8762

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Opening Lead: S Queen AK

K543  
AJ52  
1093

North made a very aggressive bid. He placed great faith in South's declarer play!

What is your plan. Count your winners. Sure, winners that will win without losing the lead.

There are 5 only. So, it looks like you need 4 more tricks. Where will they come from? Clubs, yes.

But you need to take all 6 Club tricks, in order to take 9 tricks on the hand.

So the Clubs had better be 2-2. How will you play the hand.

Win the Spade with the S King (always play the card you are known to hold as declarer...E will not know whether you have the missing Ace or whether West has it. But E KNOWS that West does NOT have the K as she led the Q.

If you play a small Club to the Club Ace and King in dummy, that will all be fine (the Clubs break 2-2 because you are a good person) but then you will be leading back to your hand to the C 10. OOPS!!! How will you ever get back to dummy. You won't. The C suit is now blocked.

You must play the C 10 to the C Ace, then the C King, dropping the C 9 under the King. Hurrah, now your Clubs in dummy are all high and Bob's your uncle!!

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## **BARBADOS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

**FEBRUARY 11th - FEBRUARY 18th 2018**

**Come on 10th. Feb if you wish to do an island tour with us.**

**SEVEN NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING  
ALL YOUR MEALS & DRINKS:**

**USD \$1,050.00 PER PERSON (DBL. OCC)**

**\$1365.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY**

**EXTRA NIGHTS: \$150.00 per person DBL OCC.**

**EXTRA NIGHTS: \$195.00 per person SGL OCC.**



**HOTEL: BARBADOS BEACH CLUB - MAXWELL COAST ROAD, CHRIST CHURCH**

**THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL RATE**

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**MANAGER'S COCKTAIL PARTY. ALL TAXES & GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED.**

**BANQUET & AWARDS PRESENTATION ALSO INCLUDED.**

**TRANSFERS TO & FROM AIRPORT INCLUDED.**

**BOOK YOUR OWN AIRFARE (NOT INCLUDED).**

**BRIDGE EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED**

**(Bridge is approx. \$15.00 USD per session)**

**Closing Dinner and prize giving on Saturday evening after the final game**

**This is a smaller and gentler tournament. Very friendly and fabulous. This is not an ACBL tournament but ACBL master points (black) will be awarded to ACBL members who contact Barbara to say that they are registered for attending this tournament.**

**You cannot beat the price of this vacation.**

**Hotel is not the Ritz but it is very acceptable.**

**Highly recommended by Barbara Seagram & Alex Kornel.**

**The rate is so excellent that you cannot afford not to do this trip!**

**TO BOOK: Contact Roglyn Hinds**

**[roglyn@caribsurf.com](mailto:roglyn@caribsurf.com) 246-231-0149**

**I was born and raised on this beautiful island in the Caribbean. The Barbados bridge committee do a wonderful job running this tournament in February each year. Alex and I plan to attend in 2018 and we will give 3 seminars free of charge. The players are friendly, the sun shines forever and the island beckons. It is a very special island and we invite you to visit and enjoy all its magic. Go early and enjoy a tour with Barbara and a professional guide. Register with Barbara well in advance if you wish this.**



## JOSÉE HAMMILL

Josée was one of the top finalists in the Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by Master Point Press under the auspices of the American Bridge Teachers' Association.



Imagine how many bridge teachers there are in all of North America. Well, Josee is in the top NINE. Truly fabulous. Congratulations, Josee.

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**commencing on Wed Oct 4th**

**Price includes taxes and text book**

**\$280.00 if registered and paid by August 31st**

**\$310.00 after August 31st**

**For brand new players to the game & for those who have been away from the game for a long time.**

**INTERMEDIATE I : Tuesdays @ 7 pm to 9:30 pm for 6 weeks**

commencing on Tue Oct 3rd

Price includes taxes and text book

\$210.00 if registered and paid by August 31st

\$240.00 after August 31st

For those who feel rusty and need a refresher and for those moving up from Basic lessons.

Course covers: Hand evaluation & revaluing, opening the bidding, responder's bids, major suit raises, rebids by opener, reverses, NT bidding & responses, overcalls, takeout doubles. Play components include: Planning the play of a hand in suit contracts and no trump. How to dispose of losers and create winners. The course is hands-on and you will play hands to practice.

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**INTERMEDIATE II : Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM to noon for 6 weeks**

commencing on Tue Oct 3rd

Price includes taxes and text book

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Weak Two Bids, Strong 2 Club Bids, Slam Bidding, Cue-Bidding First Round Controls, Preempts, Unusual NT, Michaels Cuebids, Opening Light in 3rd. seat, Balancing, End Plays, Cross-Ruff, Loser-on-loser play, Introduction to defense, ...and MUCH more!!

Payment can be made by cheques payable to Josée Hammill and sent with your course choices to:

Josée Hammill, 1717 Avenue Rd #418,  
Toronto ON M5M 0A2

Visit my website at  
[www.bridgewebs.com/josees](http://www.bridgewebs.com/josees)

Payment can also be made by Interac email transfer.

Contact Josée at [mjhammill@rogers.com](mailto:mjhammill@rogers.com) or 416-300-9140

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Everything you need to know about this system, in a nut shell

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Questions to agree on with partner

Recommended conventions you should consider playing

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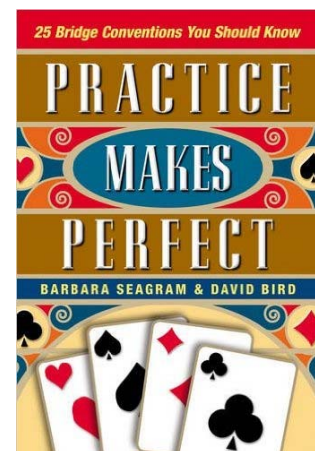
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Then several hands follow which allow you to practice the  
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**NOVICE GAME / SUPERVISED PLAY  
PLAY AND LEARN  
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS: 1-3.30 PM  
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WITH KELLY SHIELDS**



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**NEW PLAYERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FALL AND BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS GAME.**

Make a bid, change your mind, then make a new bid!

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Ask the director what to do before you do it, then do it!

Learn how to play duplicate bridge in an easy going environment.

Only happy bridge players are invited!!

You will have so much fun and you will learn so much!

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Come with or without a partner. No need to pre-register.

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[www.bridgewebs.com/josees](http://www.bridgewebs.com/josees) or [www.barbaraseagram.com](http://www.barbaraseagram.com)

This is a great learning opportunity for all less experienced players. Bring your friends! FUN IS GUARANTEED!

**We really need some volunteers to help with this game. Please email Barbara or Josee Hammill [mjhammill@rogers.com](mailto:mjhammill@rogers.com) if you might be able to help us with these weekly games. Even if you could attend once a month, that would be a huge help.**

Many students have questions (which is why they are there) and help is needed.

Bonita Weinstein, Leila Bessada, Carol Bongard and Ann Katz have been an enormous help to date. We thank them.



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**Regular: \$30.00. ON SALE: \$10.00**

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Software available at Barbara Seagram School of Bridge or by emailing Barbara at

[bseagram@uniserve.com](mailto:bseagram@uniserve.com)

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Eddie Kantar's two books:

**INTRODUCTION TO DECLARER PLAY**

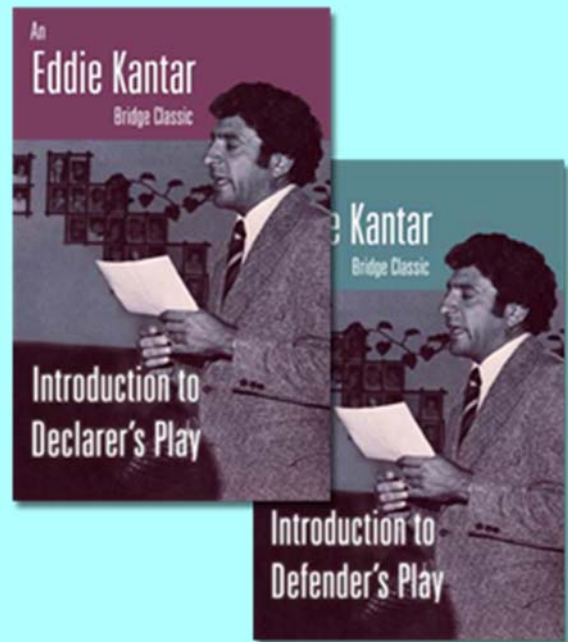
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FUN GUARANTEED, BOOK EARLY...SPACE IS LIMITED

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please book me (us) for BRIDGE AT THE BRIARS WEEKEND

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Enclose deposit cheque now & *specify April or October 2018 or both*

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## **CLASSES OUTSIDE TORONTO WITH BARBARA IN 2017**

Barbara will be teaching a few bridge classes away from Toronto. Do join us if you are anywhere nearby and have some free time.

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA - 15, 16, 17, 18 AUGUST  
[seduke@charter.net](mailto:seduke@charter.net)

HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA - 21, 22 AUGUST  
[smanning42@frontier.com](mailto:smanning42@frontier.com)

ORILLIA - 31 AUGUST  
Marilyn Maher [marilynmaher@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynmaher@hotmail.com)

CALEDON @ The Caledon Sectional Tournament - 23 SEPTEMBER  
Steve Norris [stspnorris@outlook.com](mailto:stspnorris@outlook.com)

HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB: VANCOUVER - 5 OCTOBER

DUPLICATE LITE BRIDGE CLUB - 11 OCTOBER  
Carroll Guichon: [carrollquichon@gmail.com](mailto:carrollquichon@gmail.com)

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LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA - 14 NOVEMBER  
[bsamuels811@gmail.com](mailto:bsamuels811@gmail.com)

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - 16 NOVEMBER  
[koehlerchristine@gmail.com](mailto:koehlerchristine@gmail.com)

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA - 17 NOVEMBER  
[zayacfamily@comcast.net](mailto:zayacfamily@comcast.net)

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA - 18 NOVEMBER  
[valbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:valbaldwin@gmail.com)

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in support of Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation  
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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th @ 6.30 pm**

**LOCATION: HAZEL'S BRIDGE CLUB - CENTREPOINT MALL**  
*Yonge & Steeles above Pickle Barrel Restaurant*

Playing space generously donated by Hazel Wolpert. Special thanks to Hazel for volunteering to direct the game.

Refreshments & lucky draws

Tax receipts will be issued. Minimum \$25.00.

Make cheque out to: Wellspring

*\$5.00 fee at door to cover refreshments, kitchen staff & sanction fees*

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Space is limited so sign up early**

If you would like to **donate an item for the silent auction**...a gift certificate, theatre or sports tickets or if you are able to help us in any other way, we would very much appreciate it. Please contact: **ENID ROITMAN** [enidr@sympatico.ca](mailto:enidr@sympatico.ca)

For further information, please contact:

Anne Volpe Email [anne.volpe@gmail.com](mailto:anne.volpe@gmail.com) or Enid Roitman Email [enidr@sympatico.ca](mailto:enidr@sympatico.ca)

To register, please postdate cheque to Sep 22, 2017 and mail completed form with cheque **payable to Wellspring** to:

Anne Volpe, 103 Ambercroft Blvd, Toronto ON M1W 2Z6

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate North/South \_\_\_\_\_ OR East/West \_\_\_\_\_

Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need a partner, check here

If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, check here

## **THIRTEEN HANDS**

**A play by Carol Shields  
At The Alumnae Theatre Oct 20th till Nov  
4th.**

**[www.alumnaetheatre.com](http://www.alumnaetheatre.com)**



Canada's beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Carol Shields is behind this witty and vibrant play-cum-musical that explores the nuances of life and womanhood.

One of Alumnae's most revered and successful premières, Thirteen Hands returns to Alumnae this year.

The play is the story of four women along with their daughters and granddaughters, who find connection and support through bridge.

There will be a hand of bridge pre-set in the lobby to be enjoyed before the show.

**Please support the game we love and support this Theatre.**

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### **TWO GREAT GAMES IN TOWN EVERY WEEK**

There are two great games that take place in the evenings every week that you may not know about:

Tuesday evenings @ 6.50 pm at Temple Sinai Synagogue @ 210 Wilson Ave.

This game is run by Wayne & Joyce Ruttan & is gentle and fun.

Contact Wayne for more information at [wayne.ruttan063@sympatico.ca](mailto:wayne.ruttan063@sympatico.ca)

Wednesday evenings @ 7.00 pm at Temple Sinai Synagogue

This game is run by Lee Daugharty. Also super fun.

Contact Lee at [calendar@interlog.com](mailto:calendar@interlog.com)

**These games are highly recommended by Barbara & Alex**



## NEXT YEAR... PLAN AHEAD!

**WHITE STALLION RANCH, Tucson, Arizona**  
**with Barbara & Alex & Fred Theurkauf**  
**Dates: October 13 to 20, 2018 - 8 days**  
**LECTURES & SANCTIONED DUPLICATE**  
**GAMES DAILY**

Fred is the owner of Finesse West, a wonderful bridge travel company that has been organizing bridge-playing tours all over the world for many years.

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Contact Fred with questions at [fred@finessewest.com](mailto:fred@finessewest.com)

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- ♠ Seven sessions of Stratified ACBL duplicate bridge followed by Q & A Hand Analysis with guest experts

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- ♠ Cowpoke's Gala Farewell Cocktails & Awards Dinner including thousands of dollars in Finesse West Tours "Big-Bucks" Certificates.



**If you are at all interested in becoming a bridge teacher, we will consider your request to be mentored at our School. Contact Barbara or Josee**

**[mjhammill@rogers.com](mailto:mjhammill@rogers.com)**

**For more information about joining the ABTA, see the website at  
[www.abtathome.com](http://www.abtathome.com)**

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