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**CWTC Finals are on vugraph.  
CNTC Quarter Finals begin.  
CNTC-B and CNTC-C Finals.  
CSTC qualifying starts today.**



2019 CBF Board of Directors (from left to right): Ina Demme, CBF Executive Assistant, Hugues Boisvert, Zone 2, Neil Kimmelman, Zone 4, CBF VP and CBF Magazine Managing Editor, Angela Fenton, Zone 6, 2019 Canadian Bridge Championships Tournament Chair, Nader Hanna, Zone 3, CBF President, Cathy Walsh, CBF Accounting and Finance Manager, Wade Short, Zone 1, Jerry Mamer, Zone 5

# Highlights of the CBF Board of Directors Meeting May 1-3, 2019 Vancouver (Burnaby) BC

Space does not permit printing the full page (in small print) provided by the CBF presented at the CBF AGM on Sunday morning at 9:00 am at the tournament host hotel. A few copies are available at the partnership desk.

**Membership and Promotion:** Membership continues to decline. Just over 25% of Canadian ACBL members (>5000). Junior program is a bright spot. Now have 137 members across Canada. Many rank high in ACBL masterpoint races in their age group. Improved membership management system enables sending email reminders when renewal is overdue. CBF (and ACBL) membership can be renewed through CBF website. A new feature of Bridge Canada magazine is a bidding contest with cash prizes. CBF will partner with FUNBridge for cross promotion. CBF looking for a marketing person to promote the CBF, improve our presence in social media, and to design other programs to reach Canadian bridge players. Continue to improve bilingual services. Website and magazine fully bilingual. Both Rookie-Master games analyses available in French.

**Financial Performance:** CBF lost \$14,453 in 2018 and forecasts higher losses in 2019 (\$22,627) and 2020 (\$29,695). Primary reasons are declining membership and increased costs of Canadian Bridge Championships. Effective Jan. 1, 2020, CBF dues will increase to \$20. (Last increase was 2015.) Entry fees for C.B.C. events increases to \$240 per team per day. \$25 per person per session. (A few copies of the 2018 financial statement is available at the partnership desk.)

**Canadian Championships:** Projected locations for future C.B.C. are 2020 (Niagara region), 2021 (Montreal), 2022 (Saskatoon). Upper masterpoint limit in CNTC-B increasing from 2500 to 3500 effective 2020. Change in C.B.C. schedule to start on Wed. (3 days earlier) to avoid overlap in CSTC and CMTC. Re-introducing Junior team trials (none since more than 14 years ago).

**International:** Mexico playoff in 2019 is in Toronto June 29-30. Mexico is sending only a women's team to vie for a Venice cup berth. Canada now part of a new North American Bridge Federation. (NABF) Contact a CBF Board member for more information.

## From the Publisher:

Mea culpa: Apologies to Huang for misspelling his name as Chuang in yesterday's issue, probably due to blurry eyesight at 3 am. It also revealed a Freudian slip. Growing up, I cheered for the Montreal Canadians. Who wouldn't cheer on a team whose crest includes the first two letters of his family name?

Avail yourself of the great hospitality. A copy of the hospitality schedule is available at the partnership desk. Don't forget tonight after play concludes, upstairs 3rd floor, Veranda Room. Medal award ceremonies for the winners of the CWTC, CNTC-B, and CNTC-C.

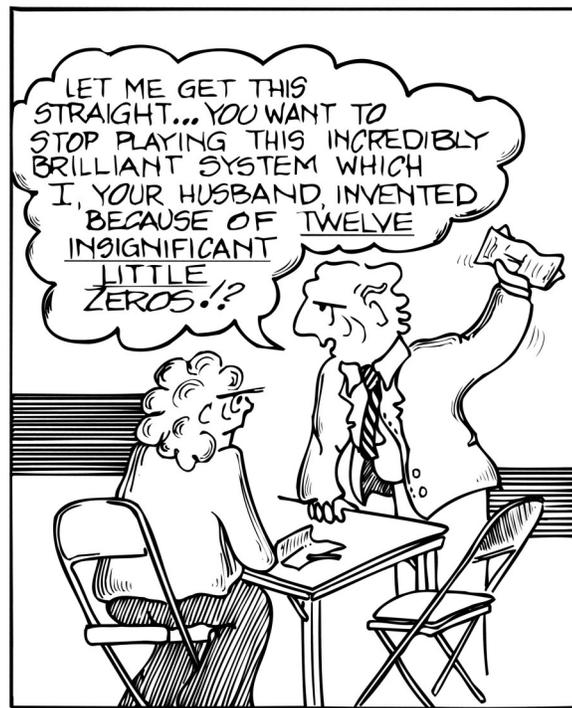
Eugene Chan, Publisher

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## Marketing and Promotion Project

The Canadian Bridge Federation is soliciting interest from qualified individuals to develop a marketing plan for the CBF. Interested parties should contact Neil Kimmelman, who will provide them with background and other information in order they may submit a specific proposal to the CBF.

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Jude Goodwin © TABLE TALK

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Wade Short, New Zone 1 Director, Atlantic Region

I have been playing duplicate bridge for approx. 17 years. I recently returned to Atlantic Canada where I have been able to work at my local club to enhance our cash flow by expanding our play-ership. The greatest challenge being faced by CBF is the low percentage of ACBL players located in Canada who are also CBF members. The most frequent questions that I am asked and honestly, one that I have also asked is "Why should I join CBF? What benefits would I as a club player receive?" After attending my first CBF Board meeting as the new Zone 1 Director, I can now answer that question and look forward to spreading that message in my Atlantic Canada Units.

I was impressed by the desire of the CBF Board to bring a more value-added product to our membership. I am new to the CBF Organization and look forward to hearing from others on their perspective on how we can achieve the goal of speaking for all Canadian Bridge players and enhance our position on the world stage.

### **Canadian IMP Pairs Championship requires CBF membership**

The only available event for open pairs tomorrow is the CIPC. There is no regional open pairs on the schedule. 1st, 2nd, and third win \$400, \$250, and \$150 respectively.

## **Benefits of CBF membership**

Your annual Canadian Bridge Federation dues, currently \$18, support many initiatives:

Bridge Canada Magazine – Bridge Canada is an online only magazine – the cost of printing and mailing is prohibitive. It contains articles of interest to all levels of bridge players and is published in French and English.

We have an active Junior program. We sent 3 teams to the 2018 World Junior Championships. We mentor, educate, and work with young players from across the country. We also arrange for partners and arrange trials.

We organize the annual Canadian Bridge Championships, trying to move it across the country, to allow people from many parts of Canada to participate. This is not a money making proposition. We sometimes make a little, but we often lose money on these. The costs include shipping screens and boards across Canada to wherever the Championships are, and pre-duplicating boards for the competition.

The CBF provides subsidies for our international teams, approx. \$60,000 in the non- open World Championship years split among the teams attending.

We run the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame, recognizing the accomplishments of Canadian players.

We try to hold a CBF Regional in different parts of the country when we have the local volunteers to run it and when we can get one scheduled with the local units.

We run 2 rookie master games each year, with hand analyses, to encourage newer players and support bridge clubs.

We are working on providing more support with educational materials, articles in Bridge Canada, and other resources for newer players.

We run grassroots qualifiers at clubs for COPC, CNTC. We want to bring people to the clubs to qualify and these games give out increased levels of masterpoints.

We administer the Erin Berry Memorial Fund, which each year gives support to young players attending bridge tournaments.

We administer the CBF Charitable fund, which distributes charity funds raised by clubs to worthy Canadian Charities.

We have worked with the ACBL to create a Canadian version of the Longest Day, the Day of Bridge benefitting Canadian Alzheimer Societies, to distribute funds raised by Canadian clubs to the Canadian Alzheimer Society in Canada and to ensure that funds raised in Canada stay in Canada

We maintain a bilingual website, updating it with news about Canadian events and players, and information about world events.

We organize the Canadian Online team league, allowing players from across Canada play each other on BBO.

We organize the Canada-Mexico playoffs when necessary, and work with our international teams going to the World Championships.

We look after Canadian issues when they arise -- for example, working with the ACBL to understand our events so that we are not negatively affected when they decide to change masterpoint formulas (this has happened a few times to CNTCs and CWTC), when they changed ACBL score so that Canadian clubs no longer had correct sanction fees

# CNTC-A TOP 8 ADVANCE TO QUARTER FINALS

	Rank	Total	Adj.	Rnd 12		Rnd 13		Rnd 14		Rnd 15		Rnd 16		Rnd 17		
				vs	VP											
1	Wang	3	202.19		14	6.72	12	6.41	10	15.50	8	3.80	6	18.97	4	8.06
2	Gartaganis	6	181.88		11	5.54	15	11.58	Bye	10.00	14	18.25	10	11.94	6	18.09
3	L'Ecuyer	1	210.18		9	10.41	13	19.58	17	11.20	16	10.81	12	16.83	8	14.74
4	Feng	11	159.33		13	9.19	17	8.80	16	2.78	12	12.96	8	10.00	1	11.94
5	Lawrence	16	134.23		7	8.42	11	12.29	15	2.97	Bye	10.00	14	5.82	10	12.96
6	Dimich	12	157.82		15	18.40	Bye	10.00	14	14.74	10	0.00	1	1.03	2	1.91
7	McMullin	14	154.44		5	11.58	9	1.91	13	15.00	17	20.00	16	18.25	12	4.50
8	Oddy	5	185.85		17	17.22	16	3.37	12	2.78	1	16.20	4	10.00	3	5.26
9	Amoils	2	205.42		3	9.59	7	18.09	11	18.09	15	4.50	Bye	10.00	14	7.37
10	Roche	8	176.11		Bye	10.00	14	7.71	1	4.50	6	20.00	2	8.06	5	7.04
11	Litvack	13	157.25		2	14.46	5	7.71	9	1.91	13	16.63	17	12.63	16	2.41
12	Pocock	9	167.75		16	6.11	1	13.59	8	17.22	4	7.04	3	3.17	7	15.50
13	Galbraith	15	146.22		4	10.81	3	0.42	7	5.00	11	3.37	15	15.74	Bye	10.00
14	Zhou	4	186.88		1	13.28	10	12.29	6	5.26	2	1.75	5	14.18	9	12.63
15	Burns	10	160.39		6	1.60	2	8.42	5	17.03	9	15.50	13	4.26	17	11.20
16	Todd	7	179.55		12	13.89	8	16.63	4	17.22	3	9.19	7	1.75	11	17.59
17	D'Souza	17	124.51		8	2.78	4	11.20	3	8.80	7	0.00	11	7.37	15	8.80

## CNTC Winners advance to final (on Vugraph)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
J. Smith	30	32	57	22	141
Tafler	24	-2	13	32	67

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Blank	27	48	28	13	116
Angus	37	19	13	17	86

## CNTC-B Winners meet in final      CNTC-C Winners meet in final

### CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS FLT B SEMI FINAL

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Mann	8	22	38	36	104
Huang	23	37	11	34	105

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Pratt	22	15	13	30	80
Segal	32	32	40	66	170

### CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS FLT C SEMI FINAL

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Furnemont	39	15	37	39	130
Hong	26	47	40	16	129

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Yang	20	5	36	12	73
Qi	25	86	14	35	160