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CNTC F2 (L'Ecuyer 151 vs Gartaganis 104) on vugraph CSTC Finals (Hanna vs Andrews) CMTC round robin qualifying Day 2

Biggest CBF Championships ever?

		CNTC-A	CNTC-B	CNTC-C	CWTC	CSTC	CMTC	Total teams
2019	Burnaby	17	13	11	10	7	13*	71
2018	Montreal	22	18	12	Not held**	6		58
2017	Winnipeg	12	6	13	5	8		44
2016	Toronto	17	8	8	3	9		45
2015	Montreal	19	14	14	0	12		59

* New event ** 5 teams entered failed to meet quorum of 6 teams

Carbon Dating the CBF Championships

No one could remember the last time the CBF Championship was last held in Vancouver. Suffice to say it was at least 20 years ago. Then Jude Goodwin said she remembers that Julie Smith was pregnant at the time and her daughter is now 26. This was verified by Julie and she pegged the year as 1992. Using a modified unsophisticated scientific method of “carbon dating”, we have identified a momentous occasion in Vancouver bridge history.

The CBF Championships are rotated around the country, usually in May. 2020 is in Ontario with Saint Catharines or Niagara Falls under consideration. 2021 is Montreal. 2022 is headed for Saskatoon. Presumably, 2023 will be back east. Thus, the earliest possible return to Vancouver is 2024. However, Vancouver and Victoria alternate District 19 Regionals in April. Vancouver is scheduled for April 2024. It would be un-wise to attempt another big tournament one month later. Wheels are in motion to apply for a 2025 Vancouver NABC. April 2026 D19 Regional is back in Vancouver. Now 2027 becomes the next possibility.

Big tournaments rely on the energy of the local volunteers and the help of the local unit in fundraising efforts for hospitality. If you would like Vancouver to host another CBF Bridge Championships, contact your Unit 430 Board members. Better yet, start now to plan fund raising and gather up ideas on how to make this event even better.

CBF Canada-Wide STaC

NEXT CBF STaC: February 10 – 16, 2020

Support the CBF by playing in the annual STaC sponsored by the CBF. The CBF Canada-Wide STaC is played in clubs all across the country and it always begins on the 3rd Monday of February. Encourage your favourite club to run the CBF STaC if they are not already a participant.

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs when promoted properly can be cash cows for the sponsor. The biggest cost of tournaments is space rental and hiring directors. A STaC requires no space rental and only one Director is needed. Players win silver points, the same as at a sectional, without having to travel away from the friendly surroundings of their favourite club. Scores are compared against all participating clubs. On a lucky day, top overall scores will be richly awarded, as masterpoints are awarded based on total tables of all participating clubs.

STaCs grow by recruiting more club participation. When more clubs and players join in, the overall awards get bigger. Players benefit because they win masterpoints at a sectional rating, which is higher than an ordinary club game. Clubs benefit because the extra masterpoints of a special game can attract more players and creates a promotional opportunity for the club. If a special game attracts 2 or more tables, the extra revenues can offset the STaC sanction fees. Club managers will look like heroes when they can offer their players more masterpoints without charging more. The sponsor benefits because they can have a large and growing event without incurring the rising costs of site rental and directing fees. Size begets more size! Effective promotion is simply getting people to talk about your event.

A successful STaC just doesn't happen overnight. It involves sharing of information by the sponsor to encourage clubs to join in. In turn, clubs tell their players of upcoming STaCs. Players too, can help by spreading the news. There are many STaCs for clubs to participate in and club managers should carefully look at who the sponsors are. For instance, the Western Conference runs 3 popular multi-district STaCs each year. Many D19 clubs participate in their STaCs not realizing that D19 left the Western Conference years ago.

The advantage to Canadian clubs of participation in the CBF Canada-Wide STaC is that Canadian clubs pay sanction fees in Canadian dollars whilst simultaneously helping Canadian bridge.

From the Publisher:

Mea culpa: I have been unable to deliver the daily bulletins on time for a variety of reasons. The biggest problem in producing a daily publication is getting the finished product delivered to the tournament site. Commercial printing is costly once you add the total pages that need to be printed over 7 days. Cheaper print shops do not open early enough in the morning and they are never close to the tournament. Add courier expense and the cost becomes prohibitive. 24 hour print shops and Staples surcharge for "rush" printing. Manning the partnership desk early in the morning combined with producing a bulletin within budget is virtually impossible.

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2019 CBF Canada-wide Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game

Two Canada-Wide Rookie-Master Games are held each year. The Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game is in the spring and the Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game is in the fall. Originally a “Rookie” was a player with fewer than 5 masterpoints. In the late 1980’s this was changed to 20 masterpoints. Beginning with the 2006 Erin Berry Rookie-Master game, the “Rookie” cut-off increased to 50 masterpoints.

Canada-Wide top 3

Bridge Manitoba	75.89%	Ganesan Sekhar	Signy Stewart
Bellevue Duplicate Bridge Club	71.94%	Sheila Mackey	Anja Guignon
Moncton DBC	70.63%	David B Cannon	Jeannine R Marcoux

Zone VI (BC) Wide top 3

Penticton Duplicate Bridge Club	60.83 (tie)	Joe Jackson	Jan Jackson
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Cariboo Bridge Club	58.72%	Doug Service	Chris Atkins

In the 1990’s, the Vancouver Bridge Centre utilized the CBF Rookie-Master Games to springboard its growth. They held the biggest games in Canada on multiple occasions. The biggest was 37 tables. Masters were “players with cheerful disposition”. Teaching was discouraged. Everyone was there to have fun. No free plays were given. If masters were unwilling to pay, they were not welcomed. Sometimes rookies had to play with other rookies, but in the end, everyone had a great evening. In recent years, the ACBL has pushed the idea of Mentor/Mentee games, significantly affecting participation in rookie-master games.

The 2019 Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game was held in only 2 BC clubs with a total table count of 11 tables. Come on BC, we can do better than that!

Next CBF Canada-Wide Rookie-Master Game:

Oct. 29, 2019 Erin Berry Rookie-Master Game

2018 CBF Zone VI (BC) Richmond Mini Mckenney

Wolf Fiedler	VI	90.86	Rookie	0 to 5
John Lai	VI	88.03	Junior Master	5 to 20
Lu Gan	VI	88.96	Club Master	20 to 50
Lou Rene Legge	VI	81.03	Sectional Master	50 to 100
Brian Sims	VI	97.05	Regional Master	100 to 200
Shael Smith	VI	126.48	NABC Master	200 to 300
Sidney Yang	VI	305.76	Life Master	300 to 500
Thomas Anderson	VI	385.92	Bronze Life Master	500 to 1000
Shelley Burns	VI	366.92	Silver Life Master	1,000 to 1,500
Yue Su	VI	348.28	Ruby Life Master	1,500 to 2,500
Elaine Sorensen	VI	390.89	Gold Life Master	2,500 to 3,500
Judy Harris	VI	501.56	Sapphire Life Master	3,500 to 5,000
Jack Lee	VI	510.12	Diamond Life Master	5,000 to 7,500

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS FLT A

FINAL

F1 MAY 9th

F2 MAY 10th

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	Total
L'Ecuyer	44	32	51	24	46				197
Gartaganis	34	31	13	26	30				134

2-DAY FINAL S1-S4 PLAYED MAY 9th

CANADIAN SENIOR TEAMS

MAY 9th

SEMI FINAL

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Hanna	59	21	28	34	142
Mamer	6	37	26	11	80

HANNA VS ANDREWS IN 1 DAY FINAL MAY 10th

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Frukacz	39	10	22	31	102
Andrews	28	35	39	14	116

CANADIAN MIXED TEAMS

MAY 9th

ROUND ROBIN DAY 1

	Rank	Total	Adj.	Rnd 01		Rnd 02		Rnd 03		Rnd 04		Rnd 05		Rnd 06		Rnd 07	
				vs	VP												
81 T. Anderson	9	65.59		82	19.24	83	4.50	85	1.79	87	7.58	89	12.77	91	5.32	93	14.39
82 Qi	13	35.13		82	0.76	85	5.32	89	10.00	93	4.00	92	0.00	88	5.91	84	9.14
83 Su	1	94.14		84	15.50	81	15.50	87	13.12	91	14.96	Bye	10.00	90	7.95	86	17.11
84 Turner	10	58.51		83	4.50	87	11.67	91	2.89	Bye	10.00	90	4.50	86	14.09	82	10.86
85 A. Anderson	2	90.68		86	20.00	82	14.68	81	18.21	89	13.12	93	7.58	92	7.95	88	9.14
86 Demme	11	56.88		85	0.00	89	12.05	93	13.12	92	10.86	88	12.05	84	5.91	83	2.89
87 Roche	12	55.40		88	5.61	84	8.33	83	6.88	81	12.42	91	5.61	Bye	10.00	90	6.55
88 Chen	8	65.88	-2.00	87	14.39	91	9.56	Bye	10.00	90	1.03	86	7.95	82	14.09	85	10.86
89 Smith	7	67.95		90	10.44	86	7.95	82	10.00	85	6.88	81	7.23	93	7.95	92	17.50
90 Blank	3	84.74		89	9.56	93	11.67	92	3.54	88	18.97	84	15.50	83	12.05	87	13.45
91 Burns	5	79.99		92	8.33	88	10.44	84	17.11	83	5.04	87	14.39	81	14.68	Bye	10.00
92 Fraser	4	81.82		91	11.67	Bye	10.00	90	16.46	86	9.14	82	20.00	85	12.05	89	2.50
93 Stark	6	71.29		Bye	10.00	90	8.33	86	6.88	82	16.00	85	12.42	89	12.05	81	5.61

Top 4 teams advance to today's semi-final