

Tricks Are For Kids

A monthly newsletter for junior bridge players in the GTA

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Winners of the U.S. Junior Bridge Championship



Mitch Towner, Owen Lien, Kevin Dwyer and Roger Lee.
(photo and article courtesy of the ACBL)

From the Seattle NABC: The team captained by Roger Lee won both matches in a three-way competition and emerged as the winners of the U.S. Junior Bridge Championship. With the victory, the team becomes USA1 in the 26 and younger competition for the Patino Cup next summer in Tai Cang, China. Lee, of Monrovia CA, played with Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Owen Lien, Flat Rock NC, and Mitch Towner, Austin TX. Trailing by more than 90 IMPs against the Jimmy Wang squad, the C.J.

Jameson team withdrew after Friday's round-robin, making Wang and company USA2 for the tournament in China. Wang, of Philadelphia, played with Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Lei Jin, Los Angeles; Zizhou Wang, Palo Alto CA, and Eri Zhou, Alhambra CA. Jameson, of San Francisco, played with Eric Chan, Walnut CA; Antony Lee and Frank Lin, Berkeley CA.

Editor's Note: A selection committee will decide who represents Canada for the under-26 and under-21 teams at the World Youth Team Championships. They will be held in Tia Cang, China in the summer of 2012. Please see the last page for more info about the Canadian Junior Program.

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Interview with a GTA Junior



Please Meet **Jacob Freeman**

DL: Where were you born?

JF: I was born in Toronto, Ont. and still live there.

DL: Who taught you how to play bridge?

JF: My Dad, Barbara Seagram, Carol Bongard and Daniel Lavee.

DL: How old were you when you learned?

JF: I was 6 or 7 and I'm 11 now.

DL: What made you stick with it? What do you like about the game?

JF: I like math and bridge has a lot of math. It's an interesting game and there's always more to learn, even for the best.

DL: What is your best bridge memory?

JF: Playing in 1♥ redoubled, making 3 and winning 14 IMPs for my team.

DL: Do you have any advice for other youngsters who may want to play bridge?

JF: Bridge can be frustrating, but its tons of fun so stick with it.

DL: Thank you Jacob!

Most tables in the 2011 Erin Berry Canadian Rookie-Master Game



(Courtesy of the Canadian Bridge Federation)

Partners Bridge Club in Toronto signed up for the 2011 Erin Berry RM game. Their application shows they were hoping to get 15 tables. There actual number of tables ended up being 32!!

When Suzanne Kosky of Partners Bridge Club was asked how they managed this, she replied:

Recently Enid Roitman moved her bridge classes from a community centre in Toronto to Partners Bridge Club. Enid worked tirelessly putting the Rookie/Master Game together for us. The success of this game is entirely due to Enid's efforts!

Enid is an ACBL Accredited Teacher, a Certified Club Director and a Silver Life Master. In 1999 Enid was the recipient of the annual "Kate Buckman Award", presented to the person who contributes the most to others' enjoyment of bridge. In 2010 she won the "Audrey Grant Award", an award which recognizes excellence in bridge teaching.

An outstanding time was had by all participants...

Thanks, Suzanne Kosky, Partners Bridge Club

Bridge4Kids.ca Brain Teaser

There are 4 suits in a deck of cards – ♠Spades♠ ♥Hearts♥ ♦Diamonds♦ ♣Clubs♣

There are 13 cards in each suit – A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

Bridge distributions always add up to 13 because there are 13 cards in each suit and 13 cards in a Bridge hand. Since there are four suits, there are many four-digit combinations adding up to 13. Furthermore, there are 4 people at a bridge table and you will see patterns of four-digit combinations if you look for them when everyone is following suit or discarding. Try it out the next time you play! Fill in the quantity for the missing suit so that each bridge hand adds to 13.

$$2♠ - 3♥ - 4♦ - ___♣$$

$$1♠ - 4♥ - ___♦ - 4♣$$

$$5♠ - ___♥ - 3♦ - 2♣$$

$$___♠ - 2♥ - 4♦ - 2♣$$

$$2♠ - ___♥ - 1♦ - 6♣$$

$$1♠ - 2♥ - ___♦ - 3♣$$

$$3♠ - 4♥ - 3♦ - ___♣$$



*In General, when opponents hold an even number of cards, they **will not** break evenly between the opponents. When opponents hold an odd number of cards, they **will** break evenly*

If you and your partner have 7 Hearts, how can the remaining Hearts divide between the opponents' hands? $___ - ___$ or $___ - ___$ or $___ - ___$ or $___ - ___$

Which split is most probable? (48.5%) $___ - ___$

If you are declaring and hold AJ7 opposite K1098, what is the best way to play the suit?

- a) Cash the Ace and the King
- b) Play the King, then low to the Jack
- c) Play the Ace, then the Jack planning to play low

The CBF is Calling All Junior Players

Are you interested in representing Canada in International Play? Were you born in 1987 or later?

If you answered YES to the above questions, please contact the CBF Junior Manager, Nader Hanna (email: naderhanna@sympatico.ca) or CBF Executive Assistant, Janice Anderson (email: jan@cbf.ca) by Sept. 30, 2011 to register your name. When registering please provide your date of birth, email address, mailing address, phone number and ACBL number. The CBF Junior Manager will work with all registered juniors through various training/coaching programs.

The 2012 World Youth and World Schools teams will be chosen from players who register and complete all training/coaching exercises. There will **not** be a team trials in 2012. Failure to register **may** mean you are ineligible for consideration when the 2012 teams are selected.

After School Bridge Program

Partner's Bridge Club

Fridays from 4:30-6pm

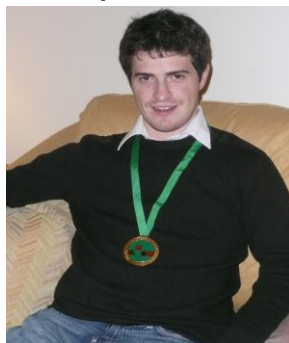
Leaside Area. 416-422-2582

www.partnersbridge.com/SpecialEvents.html

Teacher: World Champion,
Daniel Lavee

Your 1st session is

FREE



What is Bridge? Why play the game? - Tell your friends to visit Bridge4Kids.ca and find out ♠♥♦♣

Erin Berry Memorial Fund

(Courtesy of the Canadian Bridge Federation)

Erin Berry, a gifted student and bridge player, was tragically killed in a car accident in January of 1998 just prior to her 17th birthday. The Memorial Fund will be used to benefit Canadian youth (**19 and under**) bridge players.

The Memorial Fund will be used to help subsidize Youth Category Canadian players, who are members of the CBF, for bridge related activities. In no case will any individual receive more than 75% subsidy to the bridge activity.

To apply for an award from the Erin Berry Youth Memorial Fund, an application for funding will need to be submitted to the CBF executive Secretary-Treasurer by May of each year. This application will need to include the following:

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- Candidates Name, address and ACBL number.
 - Candidates Birth date and a copy of their birth certificate.
 - Description of the event they wish subsidy for - with particulars on dates, cost, etc.
 - Budget of their expenses for this event.

The types of events that might be covered for funding are:

- Bridge Camps
- World Scholar Games
- Bridge Training Sessions
- Canadian Junior Trials
- International Youth Bridge Festival
- Junior World Championships
- Other Bridge related activities.

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