

Tricks Are For Kids

A monthly newsletter for junior bridge players in the GTA

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US Junior wins prestigious Blue Ribbons Pairs



Josh Donn and Roger Lee

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Congratulations to Josh and Roger for their big win in Seattle at the Fall NABC! Roger is only 22 years old and is a current member of the American Junior team who will be competing at the Junior World Team Championships later this year. Josh is retired from the junior ranks and won a World Junior Championship years ago on team USA.

The Blue Ribbon Pairs is the ACBL's most prestigious pair event. Its played over 3 days at the Fall NABC and one must earn a Blue Ribbon qualification to participate. They can be obtained a few ways - the most common way is to finish 1st or 2nd in a Flight A regional event.

So grab your favourite partner and try to win a Blue Ribbon Q this year. The next Fall NABC is in San Francisco and I can't wait to go. It's an amazing city!

Your next chance to win a Blue Ribbon Q is in a couple weeks at the CBF regional. Its being held near Toronto's Pearson airport at the Delta hotel from January 24th to the 29th.

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/Ads/2012/01/1201066.pdf>

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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 looking for patterns next time you play! Fill in the missing quantity for each bridge hand so that it adds to 13.

$$3\spadesuit - 3\heartsuit - 1\diamondsuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\clubsuit$$

$$5\spadesuit - 4\heartsuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\diamondsuit - 1\clubsuit$$

$$4\spadesuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\heartsuit - 3\diamondsuit - 2\clubsuit$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}}\spadesuit - 4\heartsuit - 4\diamondsuit - 3\clubsuit$$

$$2\spadesuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\heartsuit - 2\diamondsuit - 5\clubsuit$$

$$6\spadesuit - 3\heartsuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\diamondsuit - 4\clubsuit$$

$$5\spadesuit - 3\heartsuit - 2\diamondsuit - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}\clubsuit$$



*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 6 Clubs, how can the remaining Clubs divide between the opponents' hands? $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ or $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ or $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ or $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

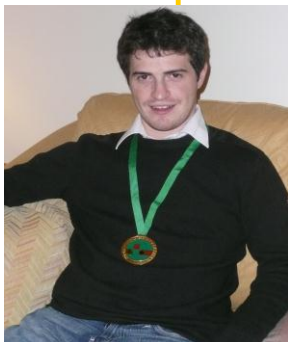
Which split is most probable? (62.2%) $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

If you are declaring and hold AQ10 opposite 543, what is the best way to play the suit?

- a) Cash the Ace and then the Queen
- b) Play low to the 10, then low to the Queen
- c) Play low to the Queen, then low to the 10

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Bridge at schools
in Toronto & York
Region.



March Break Program

Brain Power

<http://www.besmarter.ca/whats-new/>

On Steeles between Yonge & Bathurst

For New Players – ages 9 to 18
with the same ages being grouped
together.

\$40 - Express Level 1 Program:
March 11, 2012 from 1-5pm

\$80 - Level 1 Program:
March 12 - 15, 2012 from 5-7pm

After School Bridge Program

Partner's Bridge Club

Fridays from 4:30-6pm

Leaside Area. 416-422-2582

www.partnersbridge.com/SpecialEvents.html

Your First 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 office by April
15th 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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