

Tomorrow's Schedule

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008

Morning Knockout Teams
(quarterfinals)..... (bracketed).....8:30
Side Game (MORNING Series, 3rd of 5)..... (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)8:30

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight A/X..... (3000+ / 0-3000).....1:00 & 7:30
StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flt. B/C/D (1000-1500 / 500-1000 / 0-500)...1:00 & 7:30
Prime Time Knockout Teams
(semifinals and finals) (bracketed).....1:00 & 7:30

Side Game (FIRST Series, 5th of 6) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)1:00
Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50)1:00

Side Game (FIRST Series, 6th of 6) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)7:30
Evening Stratified 199er Pairs (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50)7:30

Events in **boldface** are the first session of multi-session events, or of Side Game Series'.
(Side Games can be entered any time and carry no obligation to play any other games.)

Bridge by the Flag

Wednesday Edition

Bridge by the Flag is the Daily Bulletin of the 2008 Vancouver Regional, held at the Guildford Sheraton Hotel in Surrey, across the street from the flagpole that flew over Expo 86. At 86 meters it was the world's tallest free-standing flagpole at that time. When the fair ended the flagpole was moved to the Flag Motors car dealership here in Guildford. The flag itself is replaced several times a year and takes quite a beating, especially in winter conditions—so it might not look as majestic as it does on the cover page here...



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I welcome news, stories, photos, interesting deals, and other material for *Bridge by the Flag*,

and I'll print as much as I can—from experts, intermediates and novices alike. I will be available for digital photos of overall winners of all strats before the afternoon session and again after the evening session. Any win is important enough for a photo: no matter the bracket or the strat. If you have a digital camera and see an winner, snap a picture and come find me! I have a gizmo that can read most memory sticks.

Each edition of *Bridge by the Flag* (and other recent McBruce Daily Bulletins) are posted online early each morning to this address:

www.matchpointer.com/db.htm

A link to this page will be found at the District 19 website at <http://www.d19.org/>

Photos will appear in *Bridge by the Flag* as space permits. If you would like a full-color copy, send me an e-mail request including the issue and page number. I usually send photos out a few days after the tournament ends (when I wake up).



Today's Schedule

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Morning Knockout Teams

(opening round) (bracketed)8:30

Side Game (MORNING Series, 2nd of 5)
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500).....8:30

Prime Time Knockout Teams

(opening round and quarterfinals)
(bracketed) 1:00 & 7:30

Stratified Open Pairs

(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)..... 1:00 & 7:30

Side Game (FIRST Series, 3rd of 6)
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)..... 1:00

Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs
(100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) 1:00

Stratified Swiss Teams
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)..... 7:30

Side Game (FIRST Series, 4th of 6)
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)..... 7:30

Evening Stratified 199er Pairs
(100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) 7:30

Bold: first session of a new event or side series.

Notes & Notables

Wednesday edition

Guy goes on a business trip to Vancouver for two weeks. After thirteen straight days of rain, he wakes up, already packed, and has a few hours to spare. Off he goes down the street to the coffee shop. Raining again. A small child is waiting for his father to put a coin in a parking meter.

"Hey, little fella," says our hero. "What's with this city? Does it rain every day?"

"How should I know?" replies the little guy. "I'm only six."

Welcome to Greater Vancouver, the city on the wet coast of Canada. Your Daily Bulletin editor was in Reno two weeks ago, where the thermometer claimed it was colder, but without the moisture in the air it doesn't really count. Ask any local. To anyone south of District 19 it may seem awfully cold but we've seen worse. Peaceful snow is better than the lethal combination of wind and rain we sometimes see at this time of year. Unfortunately, the forecast is for more of the same for most of the week.

Underground parking here means you need not get wet at all as you arrive. Parking passes are available (\$5.00/day) at the kiosk beside the sandwich shop, just past the hotel's main desk. If there is nobody there, you will be able to get your pass at the hotel's main desk.

Directions. Walk in the front door, stop, and shake off the rain or snow. Straight ahead is the hotel lounge and restaurant. A left just before you get to the lounge will take you to the elevators. An immediate sharp left will take you to the Hospitality and Partnership Desk, the PDI book sellers location, and the Guildford Ballroom, the main playing area, where morning events and afternoon/evening pairs game (open, side, and 199ers) entries will be sold. Going in the other direction, off to the right, around the lounge and restaurant, takes you past the hotel main desk, past the snack bar, and around into a second playing area consisting of the Barnston Room, behind the restaurant, and the Fraser Room, further back.. Team game entries will be sold and played there.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the building. Because of the windy and cold conditions out-

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Cam Doner wins Richmond

Top Canadian player in 2007

The Richmond Trophy, awarded to the Canadian player winning the most masterpoints, was won by **Cam Doner** of Richmond BC, with 1425.26 points in 2007! This is Cam's second Richmond Trophy win: he won in 1991 as well. Congratulations!

This Day In History Answers

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1. Joan of Arc.
2. Income tax.
3. The United Nations.
4. Snowfall! (More followed on the 10th and 11th!)
5. Enron.
6. Nixon was born two years before Lamas.
7. Starr was born a year before Enberg.
8. Simmons is three years older than Acga.
9. Nixon is six years older than Bogues (and eleven inches taller!).
10. Johnson is two years older than Garcia.

(source: www.wikipedia.com)

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Su-do-ku!

Your brain warmup

Sudoku means "single number" in Japanese. These puzzles do not require math skills, only simple logic. They might help you get into a logical mindset for good bridge!

To solve, fill in digits from 1 to 9 (no zeroes) such that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains each digit exactly once. No guessing is necessary; logic alone should be enough.

Want an endless supply? www.waynegouldpuzzles.com is where you can download the program for a 28-day trial, and purchase the full version once you are hooked.

Today's puzzle is rated **Easy** and McBruce's solving time was four minutes and 39 seconds.

The answer, and a new puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue. Good luck!