

Tomorrow's Schedule

Friday, January 11, 2008

Morning Knockout Teams
(semifinals) (bracketed)8:30
Side Game (MORNING Series, 4th of 5) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)8:30

Weekend Knockout Teams
(opening round and quarterfinals)..... (bracketed).....1:00 & 7:30
Stratified Open Pairs..... (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)1:00 & 7:30
Senior Open Pairs (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)1:00 & 7:30

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

Intermediate/Newcomer Reception..... (location TBA) **between sessions**

Stratified Swiss Teams..... (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)7:30
Side Game (SECOND Series, 2nd of 5) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)7:30
Evening Stratified 199er Pairs..... (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50)7:30
0-5 FREE Pairs..... (0-5 only).....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

Thursday 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 a 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).



Bridge by the Flag

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♦ ♣ 2008 Vancouver Regional ♠ ♥
♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Editor: Bruce McIntyre ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Today'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,
Flight 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

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

Notes & Notables

Thursday edition

Strange weather last night: snow as we left the playing site, rain in many other areas of the Lower Mainland. I took some photos of the white stuff as I waited for a bus—I'm doing the Daily Bulletins from the comfort of my home this week—but nobody who lives here ever takes a picture of rain. We've all seen that enough times.

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 snack bar, set up just past the hotel's main desk. If there is nobody there, you can also get your parking 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. 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.

Entries are being sold outside the rooms in which they are held. The general rule is morning session in the Fraser Room, pairs, side games, and 199er games in the Guildford Ballroom, and most team games in the Guildford and Fraser rooms. However, today may be an exception since the main event today is Swiss Teams. One or both of the StratiFlighted Swiss Teams may in fact take place in the Guildford Ballroom. Watch for posted signs.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the building. Because of the windy and cold conditions outside, we ask that players go outside through the main hotel entrance and not through the doors adjacent to the Guildford Ballroom so that we can control the temperature of the main playing area.

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This Day In History

Answers

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1. Crossed the Rubicon river in Northern Italy.
2. *Common Sense*.
3. John D. Rockefeller.
4. Tintin.
5. *The Sopranos*.
6. Macdonald was born 28 years before James.
7. Rasputin was born 14 years before Tolstoi.
8. Bolger was born four years before Lee.
9. Patkin was born four years before Roach.
10. Fagen is a year older than Foreman (but has not retired yet).

(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 six minutes and 53 seconds.

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