

Tomorrow's Schedule

Saturday, January 12, 2008

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| Zip Swiss Teams | (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) | 8:30 |
| Side Game (MORNING Series, 5th of 5) | (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) | 8:30 |
| StratiFlighted Open Pairs, Flight A/X | (3000+ / 0-3000)..... | 1:00 & 7:30 |
| StratiFlighted Open Pairs, Flt. B/C/D | (1000-1500 / 500-1000 / 0-500)... | 1:00 & 7:30 |
| Compact Knockout Teams | (bracketed) | 1:00 & 7:30 |
| Weekend Knockout Teams (semifinals and finals) | (bracketed) | 1:00 & 7:30 |
| Side Game (SECOND Series, 3rd of 5) | (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) | 1:00 |
| Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs | (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) | 1:00 |
| Side Game (SECOND Series, 4th of 5) | (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

Friday 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).



Bridge by the Flag

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

Today's Schedule

Friday, January 11, 2008

Morning Knockout Teams
(finals, 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
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)

0-5 FREE Pairs..... (0-5 only)..... 7:30
Bold: first session of a new event or side series.

Notes & Notables

Friday edition

The outside world this week seems to indicate that comic songwriters Michael Flanders and Donald Swann knew Vancouver very well:

A Song of the Weather — Flanders and Swann
from *At the Drop of a Hat* (1956)
(a short piano cadence follows each couplet)

January brings the snow,
Makes your feet and fingers glow.

February's ice and sleet,
Freeze the toes right off your feet.

Welcome, March, with wint'ry wind,
Would thou weren't not so unkind.

April brings the sweet spring showers,
On and on for hours and hours.

Farmers fear unkindly May,
Frost by night and hail by day.

June just rains and never stops,
Thirty days and spoils the crops.

In July the sun is hot,
Is it shining? No it's not!

August, cold and dank and wet,
Brings more rain than any yet.

Bleak September's mist and mud,
Is enough to chill the blood.

Then October adds a gale,
Wind and slush and rain and hail.

Dark November brings the fog,
Should not do it to a dog.

Freezing wet December, then...

Bloody January again!

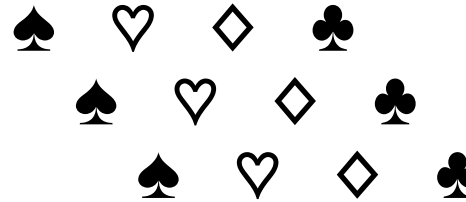
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This Day In History Answers

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1. Popular Mechanics.
2. Transylvania.
3. Amelia Earhart.
4. Albania.
5. Bangladesh.
6. Hamilton was born 52 years before Cornell.
7. Shelby is eleven years older than Chrétien.
8. Scargill is three years older than Gérson.
9. Judd is six years older than Crenshaw.
10. Blige is a year older than Peet.

(source: www.wikipedia.com)



Thursday's Sudoku

(shaded boxes are the starting hints)
Today's puzzle is below.

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| 7 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| 8 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| 6 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 |

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| | 7 | | | | | | 8 | |
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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, rated **Medium**, was difficult for me. My time: 36 minutes, 45 seconds!

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