

# Tomorrow's Schedule

Sunday, January 13, 2008

**StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight A/X**..... (3000+ / 0-3000)..... 10:00 & TBA  
**StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flt. B/C/D** ..... (1000-1500 / 500-1000 / 0-500) 10:00 & TBA  
**Senior Swiss Teams** ..... (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) .. 10:00 & TBA

*The two-session team events will be playthrough events with about 45 minutes between sessions. Entries include a partially subsidized bag lunch for four players. Fifth and sixth members on a team will pay \$5.00 each.*

Side Game (SECOND Series, 5th of 5) ..... (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) ..... 10:00  
**Stratified 199er Swiss Teams** ..... (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) ..... 10:00

**Stratified 199er Swiss Teams** ..... (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) ..... 3:00

Expected on-the-road times: 1:30 for the pairs game, 6:30 for the Swiss Teams

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

### Saturday 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](http://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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Daily Bulletin of the  
 2008 Vancouver Regional  
 Editor: Bruce McIntyre

## Today's Schedule

Saturday, January 12, 2008

### 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, Flight 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

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

# Notes & Notables

## Saturday edition

Complaining about the weather in yesterday's issue with the help of Flanders and Swann seems to have improved it — for a day at least.

Also, the flag across the street has been replaced: as we arrived earlier this week the flagpole was draped with a very wet and tattered Canadian flag which appeared to be missing well over half of it (leading someone to speculate that this was the flag of Canada after Quebec separates...). Now there is a blue flag with the 2010 Olympic logo hoisted. The week before the Regional, this area was hit with some vicious high winds coming from the south, which makes me wonder: if the 70% missing from the Canadian flag was ripped off by the winds, it might actually end up against the window of one of the rooms of the hotel!

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 team games in the Barnston and Fraser rooms.

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.

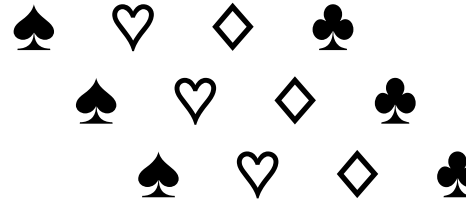
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## This Day In History Answers

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1. The Eiffel Tower
2. Women to vote.
3. Arkansas.
4. Joe Namath.
5. Archie Bunker on *All In The Family*.
6. Burke was born eight years before Hancock.
7. Louis was born three years before London.
8. Horton was born five years before George Joseph Kresge, Jr. (Kreskin's real name).
9. Baldry was born three years before Frazier.
10. Limbaugh is three years older than Stern.

(source: [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com))



## Friday's Sudoku

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

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

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

## 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](http://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 **Hard** and my time was 20 minutes and 32 seconds.

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