

# Vancouver Regional 2008 Credits

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## Bridge by the Flag

### Sunday Edition

*Bridge by the Flag* was 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 still 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'm playing in the Swiss Teams today and there will be a final issue with Sunday results and masterpoint lists on the Internet. 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](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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♠ ♣ ♦ ♠ 2008 Vancouver Regional ♠ ♥  
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## Today'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

**Side Game (SECOND Series, 4th 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:

Pairs 1:30 pm

Teams 6:30 pm

**Thanks for your support**

**Next Vancouver Regional: November 2009**

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# Notes & Notables

## Sunday edition

One more day! Our directing staff has worked a triple header since Boxing Day: Reno, Monterrey and here. I myself did the Daily Bulletins in Reno, spent a hectic week at work and then came here. Forgive us if we're a bit tired.

**Friday's winning 50-50 ticket still unclaimed.** ALERT! If you have ticket number 0868685 laying around somewhere, it's worth \$99.00. Bring it to the Hospitality Desk today!

**Entries for Sunday events** are being sold outside the rooms in which they are held. StratiFlighted Swiss Teams will be sold and played in the Barnston and Fraser rooms, around to the right as you walk in, behind the restaurant. Senior Swiss and side games are sold and played in the Guildford Ballroom.

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 nearest the playing areas so that we can control the temperature of the main playing area. One set of doors outside the Guildford room was held open for several minutes yesterday while smokers and non-smokers debated a deal, cooling the area very quickly as the pizza (then hot) was first being put out. When I tried to prevent this from happening again, several smokers seemed to feel it was more important to argue the point with me for several minutes, wasting their own time, than walk for twenty seconds to be considerate.

Finally, another reminder that photos of winners are happily taken for the Daily Bulletin. There will be a final issue posted online with today's winners and complete masterpoint lists. It doesn't matter what you win, come find me and I will take your picture. Once the tournament ends, you can send me an e-mail and request photos so you can print them at your local photo printing centre. I bought a new digital camera in Reno, so the old one that required that awkward endless wait for the flash to recharge is long gone.

Today I will be playing in the Swiss teams in the

*(continued on page 3)*

# A Parting Shot

## Tried by the Centre Court

*With space to fill, here is my favorite of the works of Flanders and Swann, the English duo who delighted audiences with comic songs in a touring show in the 1950s and 1960s. This bit was a solo monologue (with sound effects) by Michael Flanders alone:*

Would you please imagine that I'm wearing a blue blazer, and a white hat; that I'm sitting at the top of a short step-ladder. It's summer.

[pop!] [pop!] [pop!]

Wimbledon. [pop!] June. [pop!]

Ladies' singles. [pop!] Third round. [pop!]

Ballboys are bounding all over the ground. Play started at two, and we're still on the rack; a quarter-to-five, and they've hardly begun. A perfect defense [pop!] meets a perfect attack. [pupe!]

Miss L. Hammerfest...meets Miss J. Hunter-Dunn. *Game to Miss Hunter-Dunn! Miss Hammerfest leads by two games to one in the third set, having won the first by eighteen games to sixteen, lost second twenty-five to twenty-seven.*

I never liked tennis!

Damn silly name for a game with its volleys and loves and all that. The first time I umpired was June of '36: I didn't think much of it then. Just rather fancied myself in the hat. Since then I have umpired again, [pop!] and again, [pop!] and again, [pop!]. And year after year as I've sat on court after court I've been struck by the thought they are bashing a ball with the gut of a cat — what a sport!

You may think it's tedious seen from down there: it's ludicrous seen from above...*Fifteen/Love!*

[pop!] Keeping my eye firmly fixed on the ball, hoping the linesman will know what to call... *Fifteen/All!*

[pop!] As each long, drawn-out point, throws my neck out of joint: what a job. Set after set: oh, the relief when you get the occasional lob. [pop!]

A-h-h-hh...

## This Day In History Answers

*questions on page 3*

1. Queen Elizabeth I.
2. The Times newspaper.
3. *J'accuse!* (I accuse!)
4. Frisbee.
5. Recording his album At Folsom Prison.
6. Groulx was born eight years before Ross.
7. Davis is a year older than Maniago.
8. Reilly was born three years before Taylor.
9. O'Meara is four years older than Louis-Dreyfuss.
10. Hendry is five years older than Khabibulin.

*(source: www.wikipedia.com)*

'Til they smash it. [pupe-ps-s-s-s-s-ss-oooh]  
Oh, dash it!

*Thirty/Fifteen!* What does it all mean?

[pop!] *Forty/Fifteen!* Why thirty/fifteen; why forty/fifteen? What if, instead, I just said one-nothing, two-nothing, three-nothing, and game? Do just the same; some of the debenture-holders be bound to get shirty. [pop!] *Forty/Thirty!*

[pop!] And now the spectators are trickling out; there's thunder about, with luck it will rain. That ought to reduce... [pop!] *Deuce!*

Half of me bored. [pop-ptptptpttt] *Net cord!*  
The other half nervous. *First service!*

Wish it were dinner. Thank God, a winner!  
*Advantage, Miss Hammerfest!*

[pop!] Bong. [pop!] Bink. [pop!] Bong. [pop!] Bink. Drives you to drink.

Sitting up here, I'm obsessed with the fear of getting it wrong; with everybody else going "bong, bink," I shall be going "bink, bong!"

Oh, do get it over with; what is the use! Oh, we're back again... *Deuce!*

Wimbledon, June, Ladies' Singles: third round. Groundsmen are asked, "How's the state of the ground?" Players are photographed jumping the nets. But here sits a figure one always forgets:

The Umpire...  
upon whom...  
the sun...  
never sets!

## Saturday's Sudoku

(shaded boxes are the starting hints)  
Today's puzzle is on page 10.

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