



Bridge by the Flag

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Today's Schedule Friday, November 13, 2009

- Morning Handicap Knockout Teams**
 (finals) (bracketed) 9:00
- Side Game (MORNING Series, 4th of 5)
 (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 9:00
- Weekend Bracketed Knockout Teams**
 (opening round and quarterfinals) .. 1:00 & 7:00
- Stratified Open Pairs**
 (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 1:00 & 7:00
- Side Game (SECOND Series, 1st of 5)
 (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 1:00
- Afternoon Stratified 199er Swiss Teams**
 (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) 1:00
- Evening Stratified Swiss Teams**
 (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 7:00
- Side Game (SECOND Series, 2nd of 5)
 (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 7:00
- Evening Stratified 199er Swiss Teams**
 (100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) 7:00
- 0-5 Free Pairs** 7:00

Bold: first session of a new event or side series.
 (Side games may be entered at any time.)

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Brain Warmups

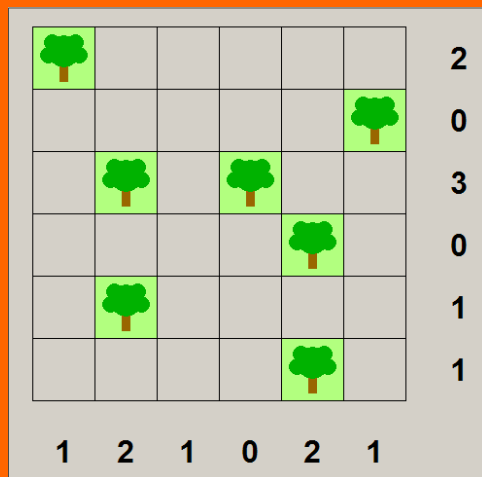
Your daily warmup puzzle!

In each issue this week we will feature a small, easy version of a puzzle beside the instructions; then, on another page, a larger, more difficult version will appear. Most important: in all of these puzzles, you will be able to solve them without guesswork, by logical deductions alone. (Isn't that what we're all trying to do at the table? Why take a finesse when you have a 100% line?)

Today's puzzle is called **Tents**. You have a grid of squares, some of which contain trees. Your aim is to place tents in some of the remaining squares, in such a way that the following conditions are met:

- 1) There are exactly as many tents as trees.
- 2) The tents and trees can be matched up in such a way that each tent is directly adjacent (horizontally or vertically, but NOT diagonally) to its own tree. However, a tent may be adjacent to other trees as well as its own.
- 3) No two tents are adjacent horizontally, vertically or even diagonally.
- 4) The number of tents in each row and column matches the numbers given round the sides of the grid.

The easy version is below. Hints, and a more difficult version is on page 15. Answers will appear in tomorrow's issue.



You can get a program to create, save, print, and solve unlimited numbers of these programs (size and difficulty are adjustable) here:

www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/puzzles/

Notes & Notables

Friday edition

All my jokes and snide comments about the weather have apparently caused it to behave (a bit). We've had cloudy skies and cold winds, but not too much precipitation since Monday. Let's hope this continues, so that we can shop and explore more of the Guildford area (which includes many nearby restaurants) between sessions.

Underground parking here means you need not get wet at all as you arrive. Parking passes are available (only \$5.00/day) at the Partnership/Hospitality 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. 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, and around into a second playing area consisting of the Barnston Room, behind the restaurant, and the Fraser Room, further back.

Today's feature event is the reception today for Intermediates and Newcomers, DINO and ACBL Goodwill Committee Members, and members of the DINO Board (visiting bridge officials are also welcome). This will take place at 5pm today way up on the 21st floor—first door on the left as you get off the elevator! We hope to see you there. Following the reception, there will be a special free game for players with less than five masterpoints on Friday evening.

All morning events are played in the Fraser Room. Afternoon and evening pairs events will be held in the Guildford ballroom, with knockouts and Swiss Teams in the Fraser and Barnston rooms. Entries are sold just outside the room in which they are held.

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Thursday 50-50 number: 0164737

If you have this ticket, you're a \$156.50 winner: go to the Partnership Desk to claim your prize!

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Thursday StratiFlighted A/X Swiss Teams

Winners: JACOB, MORSE

The **JACOB** team played the **ESTRADA** team in the final round and lost by 2 IMPs to preserve a 2 VP win! Team **MORSE** started off with three wins and got another win in the last round to win strat X.

VPs	MP	A	X	Thursday StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight A/X (21 teams)
108.00	18.20	1		Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC; Peter Herold, Ladysmith BC; Ken Scholes, Bellevue WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Bryan Maksymetz, Squamish BC
106.00	13.65	2		Gordon Estrada, Surrey BC; Larry Pocock, New Westminster BC; Vern Nunnally, Sequim WA; Samantha Nystrom, Port Moody BC
103.00	10.24	3		Dwayne Dicks - Dianne Isfeld - Martin Henneberger, Coquitlam BC; Laurence Betts, Burnaby BC
99.00	7.68	4		Dan Romm - John Aslin, Seattle WA; Ron Tracy, Edmonds WA; David Hildebrand, Lake Forest Par WA
93.00	6.07	5		John Cox, Kellogg ID; Kathy Bye, Burnaby BC; Bill Rottmayer, Spokane WA; John Yadon, Gresham OR
92.00	5.20	6		David Breton - Michael Dimich - Steve Vincent - Aidan Ballantyne, Burnaby BC
90.00	4.55	7		Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Wayne Burrows, 4412 New Zealand; Kai Zhou - Tao Feng - Yuandong Ren, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC
75.00	6.36		1	Anita Morse - Marion Crowhurst - Margaret Elligott, North Vancouver BC; Jane Craig, Vancouver BC
70.00	4.77		2	Glenn Ponto - Melinda Ponto, Coquitlam BC; Garry Skoropada - John Richoux, Maple Ridge BC
66.00	3.13		3/4	William Anderson - Elana Anderson, Seattle WA; Jack Bradshaw - Carole Bradshaw, Courtenay BC
66.00	3.13		3/4	Michael Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Bob Walters, New Westminster BC; Marylou Varga, Coquitlam BC

This Day In History

November 13 edition

1. 158 years ago today, the Denny Party landed at Alki Point, leading to the founding of what city?
 2. 82 years ago today, which key link between two Eastern states was opened to traffic?
 3. 53 years ago today, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered a decision ending...what?
 4. 27 years ago today, a lightweight boxing title match ended with the loser collapsing into a coma and dying four days later, prompting many changes to protect boxers. Who were the boxers involved?
 5. 24 years ago today, Xavier Suarez was sworn in as the first Cuban-born mayor of what American city?
- Who's older among these birthday pairs?**
6. Lon Nol, Cambodian politician, or Buck O'Neil, American Negro League baseball player featured in Ken Burns' *Baseball* documentary?
 7. Jack Narz, American game show host (*Dotto*, *Beat The Clock*, *Concentration*), or Alexander Scourby, American actor and narrator of the first complete recording of the Bible?
 8. Garry Marshall, American producer (*Happy Days*), director, writer, actor, or Richard Mulligan, American actor (*Soap*, *Empty Nest*)?
 9. Joe Mantegna, American actor (*Criminal Minds*), or Gilbert Perrault, Canadian hockey Hall of Fame inductee?
 10. Whoopi Goldberg, American actress (*The Color Purple*), or Chris Noth, American actor (*Law & Order*)?
- (answers on page 9)

Thursday StratiFlighted B/C/D Swiss Teams

Winners: MEYER (B, C & D)

Here's a new one: the overall winners and the team finishing second happened to meet in the very first round! Event winners **MEYER** lost that one narrowly and then reeled off seven in a row to take the top spot in all three strats!

Special alert to local players: the Vancouver Flight B IMP League has four teams signed up and is looking for more. If you're interested (as a team, a pair, or even a single), talk to McBruce this week so we can start once the Regional ends. Teams must have a masterpoint average below 1000 per player (there's a C strat for under-500 teams).

VPs	MP	B	C	D	Thursday StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight B/C/D (23 teams)
115.00	8.72	1	1	1	Larry Meyer - Bill Matheson - Ted Dagan, Richmond BC; Jim McKenzie, Vancouver BC
111.00	6.54	2	2		Frank Hastings - Linda Hastings - Peter Siegenthaler - Judy Siegenthaler, Cranbrook BC
105.00	4.91	3	3	2	Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON; Cheryl Hammond, Richmond BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC; Pamela Rattenbury, West Vancouver BC
95.00	3.68	4	4		Angela Stickland - Solveig Karlgren, North Vancouver BC; Erwin Tenta, Squamish BC; Leatha Dudra, Surrey BC
94.00	2.91	5	5		Betty Romano - Mary Carlson - Elvena Paiva, Marysville WA; Vivian Camandona, Mill Creek WA
91.00	2.49	6			Janet Woolgar - Elsie Mitchell, Parksville BC; Evelyn Payne - Jean Noste, Friday Harbor WA
82.00	2.43			3	Chieko Oka - Mhairi Longridge - Ross Deegan - Lorna Hawes, Vancouver BC
77.00	1.82			4	Eldon Gilmore - Marjorie Gilmore, Richland WA; Marilyn Drever - Don Drever, Regina SK

Thursday Afternoon 199er Teams

Winners: BROMLEY (in a photo finish)

The evening version of the event didn't draw enough teams, but a look at the B/C/D Swiss shows that many opted to "play up" on Thursday. What the computer doesn't tell you is that there was also a team with 37 VPs, and another with 36 and three wins!

VPs	MP	Rank	Thursday Afternoon 199er Teams (4 teams)
38.00	1.86	1	Win Bromley - Diane Griffiths - Edee Rumley, Langley BC; Jack Johnson, Surrey BC



New Life Master!

Mary Carlson of Marysville WA became a Life Master when her team finished fifth in the Flight B/C/D Swiss on Thursday.

Congratulations!

Wednesday-Thursday Knockout Teams

The Prime Time Bracketed Knockouts

We're not quite sure how this happened, but in yesterday's Bulletin the Hideous Hog (In Training) picked all three winners and the other finalist in Brackets One and Two. This scores 11/12 (91.7%) in the prognostication points system, far better than his usual rate of about 35%...

MP	Brkt.	Rank	Wednesday-Thursday Prime Time Bracketed Knockout Teams (3 brackets, 38 teams)
33.97	I	1	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ
23.78		2	Ian Martindale - Charlene Martindale, Boise ID; Ann Efnor, Salt Lake City UT; Brenda Keller - Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA
13.59		3/4	Doug Hansford - Donald Sache, Delta BC; Ken Danielsen - Dennis Groden, Surrey BC; Ben Takemori, Burnaby BC
13.59		3/4	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Patrick Dunn - Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA; Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA
16.34	II	1	Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Danny Lee - David Hu, Vancouver BC; William Ge - Eric Pan - Evan Zhuang, Burnaby BC
11.44		2	Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK; Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Tom Williams, Renton WA; Bob Hope, Provost AB
6.54		3/4	Paul Harding, Seattle WA; Ralph Wilhelmi, Olympia WA; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB; David Robson, Quesnel BC
6.54		3/4	Andrew Nalos - Eda Kadar, Vancouver BC; Anne Smith, Burnaby BC; Kenneth Ramsay, West Vancouver BC
9.61	III	1	Cyril Tsou, Richmond BC; Michael Lo, Monterey Park CA; Vincent Chan - Robin Chan - Vincent Yung, Vancouver BC
6.73		2	Craig Hamilton - Perry Bruce - Beverley Wardstrom - Susan Richardson, Kamloops BC
3.84		3/4	Geoffrey Trafford - Victor Bennington, North Vancouver BC; Daniel Allard - Arthur Ma, West Vancouver BC
3.84		3/4	John Stevens, Surrey BC; Ann Isaac, Victoria BC; Richard Decker, Mercer Island WA; Norma McNamara, Delta BC



MORNING Side Game Series Leaders

After three of five sessions

There are overall awards for each Side Game Series in the tournament. Individual players in each series are ranked by the sum of their two best games (in percent). The top six individuals will be eligible for overall awards (although in the MORNING series, there may be less than six since there are fewer players in that series). If you play more than two sessions, only your best two scores count. You need not play with the same partner: two 65% games with two different partners (in the same series) would get you on the leaderboard (probably close to the top). Here are the current standings in the MORNING Series with two sessions left to go.

Rank	Score	MORNING Side Game Series Leaders (46 different players so far)
1/2	133.11%	Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK
1/2	133.11%	Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK
3	132.57%	Donald Mamula, Mill Creek WA
4	124.73%	Peter Morse, North Vancouver
5/6	124.07%	Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA
5/6	124.07%	Robert Hope, Provost AB

Wednesday-Friday Morning Handicap Knockout Teams

With only one bracket, District 19 uses handicaps in knockouts. This means there is a point spread for each match (or half-match) that may decide who gets to sleep in the next morning. The point spreads are actually in hundredths of IMPs, but we've simplified them to halves.

QUARTERFINALS Wednesday Morning 1.78 red	SEMIFINALS Thursday Morning 12.55 gold	FINAL Friday Morning 23.17 gold (3rd: 5.33 gold)
Williams (-5½) vs Li Doner vs O'Rourke (no handicap)	Li vs O'Rourke (-43½) Sager vs Gfse (-15½)	O'Rourke (-30½) vs Ge For 3rd place : Li (-5½) vs Sager
Martindale (-38½) vs Sager Ge (-15½) vs Sache	The Hideous Hog (In Training)'s (Revised) Picks: Ge over O'Rourke in the final (will need the handicap) Sager over Li in the third-place match (might need the handicap)	
Rosters for surviving teams are below.		

MORNING HANDICAP KNOCKOUTS FINALISTS

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ

vs

William Ge - Eric Pan - Jeffrey Ren - Evan Zhuang, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC; David Hu, Vancouver BC

MORNING HANDICAP KNOCKOUTS THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Hsiang Li, Burnaby BC; Ann Hung, Vancouver BC; Alfred Lau, North Vancouver BC; Kun Shao, Surrey BC; Chang-Shan Chen, Richmond BC

vs

Dennis Sager - Jean Sager, Stanwood WA; Joe Moore - Chris Moore, Delta BC

MORNING Side Game Series

Session 2 of 5: Wednesday Morning Side Game (corrected)

Typing up the results from the wall resulted in some entertaining errors: I had one pair playing North-South *and* East-West, for example. Here are the actual results, and masterpoints have now been added to the tournament database for this game. Apologies to Bob and Lynda for the added reminder of the frustration of scoring 68% and not quite winning...

Score	MP	A	B	C	Wednesday Morning Side Game	(7½ tables)
69.05%	2.73	1	1		Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	
68.65%	2.05	2			Bob Hope, Provost AB; Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA	
60.07%	2.12	3	2	1	Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	
56.25%	1.18	4			Beverley Hall - Tai Eng, West Vancouver BC	
53.17%	1.28	5	3		Harold Hansen, Port Moody BC; Trevor Epp, Burnaby BC	
51.39%	0.98		4		Clayton Connolly, Richmond BC; Brad Barton, Kelowna BC	
49.21%	1.59			2	Jean Noste - Evelyn Payne, Friday Harbor WA	
47.57%	1.19			3	Dede Webber, Bellevue WA; Linda Armstrong, Seattle WA	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Wednesday Morning North-South Leaders	(Section H)
60.07%	1.68	1	1	1	Amy Gao, Richmond BC; Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	
56.25%	1.18	2			Beverley Hall - Tai Eng, West Vancouver BC	
51.39%	0.98	3	2		Clayton Connolly, Richmond BC; Brad Barton, Kelowna BC	
47.57%	0.74			2	Dede Webber, Bellevue WA; Linda Armstrong, Seattle WA	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Wednesday Morning East-West Leaders	(Section H)
69.05%	1.68	1	1		Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	
68.65%	1.18	2			Bob Hope, Provost AB; Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA	
53.17%	0.98	3	2		Harold Hansen, Port Moody BC; Trevor Epp, Burnaby BC	
49.21%	0.99			1	Jean Noste - Evelyn Payne, Friday Harbor WA	

MORNING Side Game Series

Session 3 of 5: Thursday Morning Side Game

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Morning Side Game	(7 tables)
66.42%	2.58	1			Randy Corn, Kirkland WA; Donald Mamula, Mill Creek WA	
58.58%	1.94	2			Wayne Burrows, 4412 New Zealand; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC	
55.42%	1.45	3			Bob Hope, Provost AB; Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA	
54.17%	2.28	4	1	1	Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON; Cheryl Hammond, Richmond BC	
53.42%	1.71	5	2		Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	
53.17%	1.70		3	2	Jack Johnson, Surrey BC; Edee Rumley, Langley BC	
51.50%	1.28		4	3	Shelley Burns, N Vancouver BC; Ena Gwiazda, Noztu Vancouver BC	
50.75%	0.96			4	Blythe Bartlett - William Bryce, Vashon WA	

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66.42%	1.59	1			Randy Corn, Kirkland WA; Donald Mamula, Mill Creek WA	
54.17%	1.49	2	1	1	Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON; Cheryl Hammond, Richmond BC	
53.42%	1.04	3	2		Douglas Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	
51.50%	0.80		2		Shelley Burns, N Vancouver BC; Ena Gwiazda, Noztu Vancouver BC	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Morning East-West Leaders	(Section H)
58.58%	1.59	1			Wayne Burrows, 4412 New Zealand; Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC	
55.42%	1.11	2			Bob Hope, Provost AB; Lynda Cole, Anacortes WA	
53.17%	1.31	3	1	1	Jack Johnson, Surrey BC; Edee Rumley, Langley BC	
50.75%	0.92		2	2	Blythe Bartlett - William Bryce, Vashon WA	



FIRST Side Game Series

Session 5 of 6: Thursday Afternoon Side Game

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Afternoon Side Game	(12 tables)
62.50%	3.34	1	1		Barbara Stewart - Sharon Eddy, Victoria BC	
59.26%	2.20	2/3	2/3		Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC; Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC	
59.26%	2.20	2/3	2/3	1	Warren Richards, Calgary AB; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	
58.56%	2.05	4	4		David De Kezel, Victoria BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	
57.41%	1.44	5			Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Debbi Myers, Billings MT	
53.94%	0.79	6			Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Meridith Gilbert, Bellevue WA	
50.00%	1.48			2	Shelley Burns, N Vancouver BC; Eva Gwiazda, North Vancouver BC	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Afternoon North-South Leaders	(Section B)
62.50%	2.05	1	1		Barbara Stewart - Sharon Eddy, Victoria BC	
59.26%	1.24	2/3/2/3			Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC; Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC	
59.26%	1.24	2/3/2/3	1		Warren Richards, Calgary AB; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	
53.94%	0.72	4			Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA; Meridith Gilbert, Bellevue WA	
50.93%	0.41	5			Rita Dodge - Priscilla Brown, Vancouver BC	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Afternoon East-West Leaders	(Section B)
58.56%	2.05	1	1		David De Kezel, Victoria BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	
57.41%	1.44	2			Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Debbi Myers, Billings MT	
53.24%	1.03	3			John Brodrick - Norma Brodrick, Victoria BC	
52.78%	0.72	4			Ralph Cole - Ron Jakosh, Anacortes WA	
52.55%	0.41	5			Kathryn Shannon - Peter Morse, North Vancouver BC	
45.83%	0.98		2		Jane Shimokura - Howard Shimokura, Vancouver BC	
43.52%	0.91		1		Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC; Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	

FIRST Side Game Series

Session 6 of 6: Thursday Evening Side Game

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Evening Side Game	(16 tables)
59.78%	3.94	1	1		David De Kezel, Victoria BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	
57.69%	2.96	2	2		Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC; Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC	
57.37%	2.43	3	3		Barbara Stewart - Sharon Eddy, Victoria BC	
56.41%	1.46	4/5			Leonard Wild, West Vancouver BC; Amirali Alibhai, North Vancouver BC	
56.41%	1.46	4/5	4		Jo-Anne Modesto, Coquitlam BC; T Jellema, Port Coquitlam BC	
55.13%	1.70	6			Jeanette Greenhut, Vancouver BC; Allan Karro, Burnaby BC	
54.97%	2.27		5	1	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC; Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	
53.53%	1.31		6		Rosemarie Jesse, Redmond WA; Ada Frenock, Sammamish WA	
53.04%	1.70			2	Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC; Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	
50.96%	1.28			3	Warren Richards, Calgary AB; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	
50.48%	0.96			4	Jim Munns - John Koster, Maple Ridge BC	

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59.78%	2.43	1	1		David De Kezel, Victoria BC; Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	
57.69%	1.70	2	2		Jo Ann Smith, Burnaby BC; Leila Jinnah, Vancouver BC	
56.41%	1.04	3/4			Leonard Wild, West Vancouver BC; Amirali Alibhai, North Vancouver BC	
56.41%	1.04	3/4	3		Jo-Anne Modesto, Coquitlam BC; T Jellema, Port Coquitlam BC	
54.97%	1.06	5	4	1	Xiangdong Meng, Vancouver BC; Diana Jing, Burnaby BC	
53.53%	0.41	6			Tao Feng, Burnaby BC; Jack Lee, Richmond BC	
53.04%	0.74		2		Marg Gibson, Port Moody BC; Nita Dalal, Vancouver BC	

Score	MP	A	B	C	Thursday Evening East-West Leaders	(Section B)
57.37%	2.43	1	1		Barbara Stewart - Sharon Eddy, Victoria BC	
55.13%	1.70	2			Jeanette Greenhut, Vancouver BC; Allan Karro, Burnaby BC	
54.33%	1.22	3			John Brodrick - Norma Brodrick, Victoria BC	
53.53%	1.31	4	2		Rosemarie Jesse, Redmond WA; Ada Frenock, Sammamish WA	
53.21%	0.49	5			Andra Mary Thomson, Surrey BC; Dorothy Carnegie, White Rock BC	
53.04%	0.41	6			Robert Shapley, Chula Vista CA; Debby Myers, Billings MT	
51.60%	0.94		3		David Robson, Quesnel BC; Joan Dupuis, Canmore AB	
50.96%	1.14		4	1	Warren Richards, Calgary AB; Brock Short, Abbotsford BC	
50.48%	0.80		2		Jim Munns - John Koster, Maple Ridge BC	

This Day In History Answers

questions on page 4

1. Seattle, Washington.
2. The Holland Tunnel between New York City and New Jersey.
3. Segregated buses in Alabama.
4. Ray Mancini defeated Duck Koo Kim.
5. Miami, Florida.
6. O'Neill was born two years before Nol.
7. Scourby was born nine years before Narz.
8. Mulligan was born two years before Marshall.
9. Mantegna is three years older than Perreault.
10. Noth is a year older than Goldberg.

(source: www.wikipedia.com)

FIRST Side Game Series Overall Awards

Winners (tie): Del LaFace and Ron Jakosh!

Score	MP	Rank	FIRST Side Game Series Overall Awards	(116 different players)
124.44%	5.88	1/2	Del LaFace, Anacortes WA	
124.44%	5.88	1/2	Ron Jakosh, Anacortes WA	
119.87%	5.77	3/4	Barbara Stewart, Victoria BC	
119.87%	5.77	3/4	Sharon Eddy, Victoria BC	
118.34%	5.99	5/6	David De Kezel, Victoria BC	
118.34%	5.99	5/6	Zoran Peca, Vancouver BC	

The snack bar outside the Fraser and Barnston rooms (the playing area behind the restaurant) is open from about 8:30am to 1pm, and again from about 4:30 to 9pm. They have a nice selection of sandwiches, soups, snacks and beverages in the morning, but sell mostly coffee and beverages in the evening.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the building. Because of the windy and cold conditions outside, we ask that players go outside (and re-enter) 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. The smoking area outside the main lobby entrance is covered, going out the Guildford Ballroom doors can get you very wet and can send in a gust of wind that tosses all the flyers to the floor. It may seem like only a few seconds exposure to one person, but when one does it, others follow, and the foyer temperature plummets with the doors wide open for an extended period of time. The automatic temperature control then heats the foyer...and broils the playing area!

Tournament Chair **Cam Doner** has arranged a formidable array of speakers this week. All of these informal sessions are free and begin at 6:15pm in the Guildford Ballroom:

Yesterday: **Karen Cumpstone**, Nanaimo BC
Friday: **Wayne Burrows**, Palmerston North, New Zealand (not '4412' as ACBLScore thinks...)
Stories from Down Under
Saturday: **Still TBA**

Evening hospitality has been a feature of the Vancouver Regional, and players have enjoyed a nice snack after their evening session game during the first three nights. Opening night fare was a selection of different pies, Tuesday night's feature was chili and cornbread, beef skewers was Wednesday night's feature. Thursday's feature was corn chowder. There's more coming — fruit kebabs Friday night and ice cream on Saturday — but you need to play the evening session. Service starts at 10pm, outside the Guildford Ballroom. Players finishing their games in the Fraser or Barnston Rooms are welcome! (Those who finish play early, please limit yourself on the food, so everyone can have some.)

On the same general topic, Sunday's Swiss Teams plan has changed somewhat since the flyer was printed. Team entries will be \$136 for two sessions and they will get you a soup and wrap during a short break for everyone on your team.

Bulletins are posted online early each morning, with hand records and complete results from each pair game (results from each board, with names, posted beside the hand itself). This is a new feature, which I had hoped to post fairly quickly after the evening session, but all of the kinks are not quite worked out yet. It's all here:

www.matchpointer.com/db.htm

The photos in the printed version are in grayscale, but online they are in full colour. I'm sometimes available for photos outside the Guildford Ballroom before the afternoon session and always after the evening session. New Life Masters, winners of events, stories and information: come and tell me about it, or get your picture taken!

However: A number of factors, including the holiday transit schedule on Remembrance Day and a huge fire that forced me to get off and lug the Bulletins and my computer five blocks today, has reduced the already-limited number of hours I have to complete the Bulletins and do the other tasks I do. I've made the printed Bulletins first priority but other things have suffered as much as my aching biceps. Thursday pair game hand records and results are going up as I write this just before 1am, and we'll try to beat that tomorrow.

A new DINO Gazette has been released; pick one up today. Note: Vancouver-area sectional dates are on the cover, but at press time the Unit was finalizing schedule changes for 2010, so no details are listed inside (lest they change.)

Check out the PDI display outside the Guildford Ballroom. **Larry Chow** and **Lynda Cole** will do their best to find you a suitable book to improve your game, the newest additions to the bridge best sellers lists, some bridge software to accelerate your expertise, or that special piece of bridge equipment that you've been hoping to find. Peruse their display before and after the evening session and before the afternoon session.

Not much room for masterpoints today beyond those on page 3. I'll print a longer list and post copies in various locations tomorrow.

Tents Hints

Beginner's puzzle on page 2

Tents recap: You have a grid of squares, some of which contain trees. Place tents in some of the remaining squares, in such a way that the following conditions are met:

- 1) There are exactly as many tents as trees.
- 2) The tents and trees can be matched up in such a way that each tent is directly adjacent (horizontally or vertically, but NOT diagonally) to its own tree. However, a tent may be adjacent to other trees as well as its own.
- 3) No two tents are adjacent horizontally, vertically or even diagonally.
- 4) The number of tents in each row and column matches the numbers round the sides of the grid.

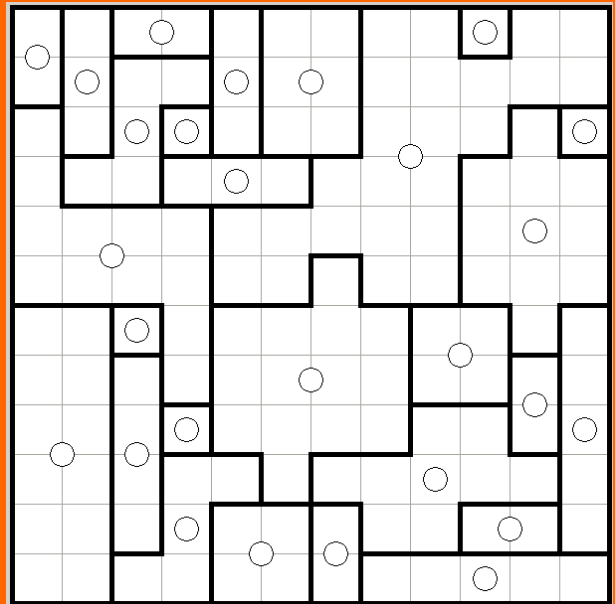
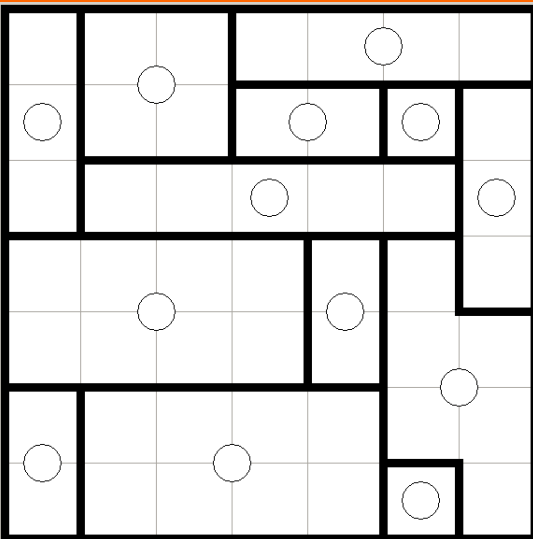
Tents hints: Mark an X in grid squares that cannot contain tents: those in a row or column with a zero, and those that are not horizontally or vertically beside any tree. Then check for rows and columns that have only the number of tents left as possible tents, fill them in, and X out the surrounding squares. Now look for trees that have only one possible space left for their corresponding tent. Each time you fill in a tent or X out a square, redo the procedure above: new insights will pop up.

Now can you do the easy one on page 2? Or...

How about a more difficult one, like *this*:

A free program to create these puzzles:
www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/puzzles/
 Size and difficulty are fully adjustable!

Galaxies Answers from yesterday



Tomorrow's Schedule

SATURDAY, November 14, 2009

Side Game (MORNING Series, 5th of 5) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 9:00

North American Pairs District 19 Finals.... (Flights A, B, C)1:00 & 7:00
(prior club qualification is required)

Weekend Knockout Teams

(semifinals and finals)..... (bracketed).....1:00 & 7:00

Stratified Open Pairs (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)1:00 & 7:00

Compact Knockout Teams..... (bracketed).....1:00 & 7:00

Side Game (SECOND Series, 3rd of 5) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 1:00

Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200 / 50-100 / 0-50) 1:00

Side Game (SECOND Series, 4th of 5) (1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500) 7:00

Evening Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200 / 50-100 / 0-50) 7:00

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



Bridge by the Flag

Friday Edition

Bridge by the Flag is the Daily Bulletin of the 2009 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 and new Life Masters 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

Also online: results and hand records for pairs games, which I hope to have online daily before you get home after the evening session. You'll also find links to a site which displays the photos of winners (taken daily from 12 to 1pm and from 9 to 10:30pm outside the main playing area) and allows you to download copies or order prints.

A link to the Daily Bulletin page will be found at the District 19 website at www.d19.org