Thank You Vancouver!

Tournament Chair Cam Doner thanks all 589 players (so far) for attending the tournament. Thanks also to:

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Daily Bulletin Editor: Bruce McIntyre

...and **Martin Henneberger** for singlehandedly extending the bar hours…

See you at DINO Regionals in 2010! Drive safely home.

Bridge by the Flag

Sunday Edition

Bridge by the Flag was 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.

Bridge by the Flag Editor:

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I'll be around today, sleeping through the Swiss Teams, ready to take digital photos of overall winners of all strats and new Life Masters whenever you can wake me up. 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. Why will I do this? Because although this is the last printed edition, a final Wrapup edition of the Daily Bulletin will be online later tonight, with Sunday results, winners photos, and complete masterpoint lists for the tournament, including an alphabetical list so that you can find out exactly how many red and gold points you have won.

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 the Daily Bulletin page will be found at the District 19 website at **www.d19.org**

Bridge by the Flag

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Today's Schedule

Sunday, November 15, 2009

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight A/X
(3000+ / 0-3000)..... .....10:00 & TBA

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams, Flight B/C/D
(1000-1500 / 500-1000 / 0-500)...10:00 & TBA

Stratified Senior Swiss Teams
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500).....10:00 & TBA

Two-Session Swiss Team entries will include a soup and wrap lunch. Breaks may happen at different times in different events.

Side Game (SECOND Series, 5th of 5)
(1500+ / 500-1500 / 0-500)..... 10:00

Morning Stratified 199er Swiss Teams
(100-199 / 50-100 / 0-50) 10:00

Expected On-The-Road times:
Single session: 1:30pm
Two-sessions: 6:00pm

Thanks for playing!

Drive carefully on the way home!

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 ***Filling***. You begin with a grid of squares, some with digits, some without. Your job is to place a digit into each square, such that each connected region of squares all containing the same digit has an area equal to that digit. A "1" consists only of itself, a "2" will be two adjacent squares, a "3" can be an L-shaped trio or an I-shaped trio, and so on.

Note that "connected region" includes only left-right and up-down connected squares, not diagonally connected squares.

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

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

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/

Filling Hints

Beginner's puzzle on page 2

Filling recap: Place a digit into each square, such that each connected region of squares all containing the same digit has an area equal to that digit. A "1" consists only of itself, a "2" will be two adjacent squares, a "3" can be an L-shaped trio or an I-shaped trio, and so on.

Note that "connected region" includes only left-right and up-down connected squares, not diagonally connected squares.

Filling hints:

When you find a connected region that has the right number of cells, block it off with heavy lines as in the initial diagram's "1" regions.

Connected regions can be any shape; the larger numbers can snake around and cover quite an area. Often the "8"s and "9"s will have no choice but to cover a certain group of squares, which will in turn make the surrounding groups easier to work out.

Often a numbered square will conceal a spot adjacent to it that must be connected, since no other region could possibly reach it.

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

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

1		1				3				
		5	8	1	3			5	1	
	1						1		3	6
1					1			1		1
	4	3	1		5	6			1	
3	1					5		1		
	3			1	3	1			4	5
1							1	4	1	
5		5	1							
				8	8		5	9		
	1			9		5	1			

Answers to both puzzles will appear in the online Wrapup issue.

Unlimited puzzles of this type (free):
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Unequal Answers from yesterday's issue

4	1	3	2
1 <	3	2	4
3	2	4	1
2	4	1	3

2	7	5	3	6	1	4
1	4	2	5	3	6	7
5	1 <	3 ^	2	4 ^	7	6
7	6	4 ^	1	5 ^	2 ^	3
6 v	2	7	4 >	1	3	5
4 v	3	1 <	6	7 >	5 >	2 v
3 v	5 ^ <	6	7 ^	2 <	4	1