



## BARBADOS MIXED TEAM REPRESENTS CACBF AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The team - Dave Blackman, Patricia Cummins, Douglas 'Kip' Rotchell, Roglyn Hinds and Neal Rechtman will be in Wuhan, China, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. Kip as President of CACBF will be attending meetings.

Participation at the World Championships is decided on Zonal results which meant Costa Rica, Championship winners was the automatic representative. However, neither Costa Rica nor second placers Guadeloupe was unable to field a team. In July, World Bridge Federation approved the recommendation for Barbados to represent the Zone.

### DOUGLAS 'KIP' ROTCHELL, PRESIDENT CACBF STATEMENT OF INTENT

Dear Friends.

It is with great pride that I accept the nomination of Presidency of the Central American and Caribbean Bridge Federation (CACBF), Zone 5 of the World Bridge Federation (WBF). To say this turn of event was unexpected would be quite the understatement but with the assurances of assistance from key persons I undertake this responsibility with the vigour, passion and commitment I have for this wonderful game we all love so much.

I am particularly happy to have our "Mother Goose" Roglyn as my Treasurer who will guide, advise and assist me with her years of successful leadership we have come to admire over the years she has led the BBL. My appointment also puts Barbados in the limelight as the new home of CACBF and I intend to make us very proud of this fact.

Zone 5 is the smallest zone in the WBF with less than 1000 members. We are one of eight zones across the

world and have a voice on all WBF matters when it comes to voting rights. Meetings are held at least once a year, sometimes twice if the occasion arises when all Presidents of the eight zones are required to attend meetings chaired by the current President of the WBF Gianarrigo Rona.

My main thrust as I take on this auspicious position is to walk a fine line between getting recognition for our geographic, financial and population difficulties and not creating a situation of appearing to be continually with begging bowl.

The WBF has to realise that unlike other Zones where the movement of their peoples is much easier, cheaper and quicker, we in the CACBF are handicapped by exorbitant air fares, the lack of reasonably priced movement of equipment around the region, the lower salaries and of course the small population base of potential players.

It is very difficult, expensive and tedious for our NBO's to consider hosting the CAC Championship every two years because of these prevailing conditions. The dichotomy is of course, with limited membership to the CACBF and by association limited funds it becomes difficult for us to provide the necessary financial assistance in the form of subsidies when and where necessary.

I, along with some key people in the region, have a few innovated, interesting and key ideas that we hope to unveil moving forward. The magnitude of any undertaking is made easier with a joint effort by all participants.

As such, my fervent request to each of you is simple and easy. Wherever you go, whoever you meet and whenever you can I ask you all to spread the gospel of our sport. Let people know how much enrichment, entertainment, friendship, satisfaction and pure enjoyment it has brought into your lives. Your effervescence will undoubtedly infect those you meet and at some point, could hopefully encourage them to take a closer look at this crazy game we all love.

Yours, in Bridge.  
Kip Rotchell

## GRADUATES PLAY THEIR FIRST PRO-AM GAME

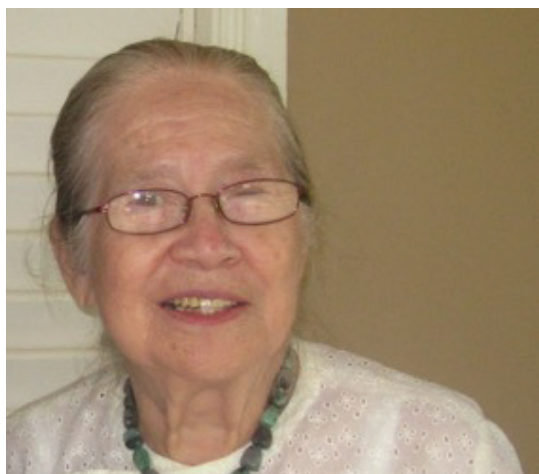


We welcome recent graduates from our Learn to Play Bridge programme to the League. On 20<sup>th</sup> August, five ladies played their first Pro - Am Game. From the left – Rosemary Gittens, Angela Jones, Amanda Riley, Brenda Phillips, Heather Stapley, Mary-Ann Williams, who graduated in July

## ALAN MOSS MEMORIAL PAIRS

Leroy Lynch and Lutz Dohnert won this trophy game on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Formally the Alan Moss Memorial Swiss Pairs, it was inaugurated in 2011.

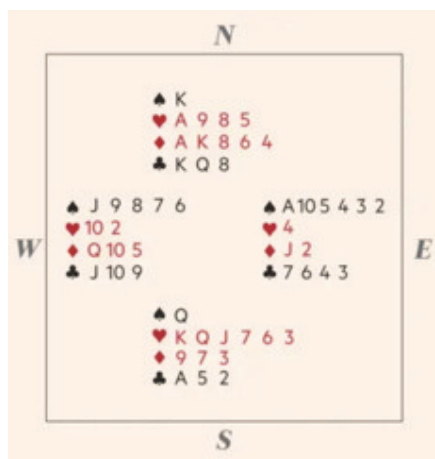
## BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETING TO DAWN LWIN



Dawn celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Dawn now lives in California but remains abreast of League happenings via the IMP.



## HOPEFUL ELIMINATION PLAY BRINGS HOME VULNERABLE SMALL SLAM.



| Dealer: North |      | Game All |      |
|---------------|------|----------|------|
| North         | East | South    | West |
| 1D            | NB   | 3H       | NB   |
| 3S            | NB   | 4C       | NB   |
| 4NT           | NB   | 5S       | NB   |
| 6H            | -    | -        | -    |

If the opponents had bid aggressively, the outcome of this 6♥ slam by N/S might have been very different but, on this occasion, they were disciplined and the declarer made an expert play.

North's 3S rebid was a Splinter, agreeing hearts and showing a singleton spade. Too strong to sign off in 4H, South cue-bid her A♣. Encouraged, North used Roman Key-card Blackwood and bid the small slam. West led J♣ and declarer studied dummy with a sense of foreboding.

On top of the unavoidable A♠ to lose, it seems inevitable that she would also have to concede a diamond. However, South was no novice and she assembled a plan which gave her a decent chance of success. South won trick 1 and drew two rounds of trumps. She played out all her clubs — eliminating the suit — and then cashed ♦ AK.

At this point, she got off lead by playing her spade. East won A♠ but found herself stymied: whichever black suit she led would allow declarer to trump in dummy and discard her losing diamond from hand. As a result, South's diamond loser disappeared and the slam was home, the expert play rewarded.

If East had overcalled spades and received a spade lead, the slam would have failed and, if the hand with A♠ holds three diamonds or more, declarer is doomed.

Paul Mendelson, 27 August 2019

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