

# Tricks & Treats

## For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

**From the BOARD:** The last CBC Board meeting was held at 6PM, December 8, 1999 at the Lizard's Thicket on Forest Drive across from the Richland Mall. The CBC Board of Directors requested that the following letter from Jack Wilkinson, Conduct, Rules and Ethics Chair be printed in the CBC Newsletter:

"The Columbia Bridge Club provides a paid certified director for all games at CBC. The director has various duties but generally his job is to ensure pleasant conditions for all players. He collects card fees, assigns player to tables, establishes the movement, distributes the boards, handles scoring, maintains order, posts results and resolves irregularities.

Bridge is a formal, intellectual, competitive game and disputes and irregularities arise. These include such things as dropping a card face up, bidding out of turn, hesitating, reneging, making an inadequate claim, disputing the result of the hand, etc.

The players may feel the room temperature is too high or low, are being disturbed by others, the lights are too low, or that a player is being abusive.

Under any such circumstances, the director should be called. This is done by raising a hand and saying in a clear pleasant voice "Director, please". The director should appear. He will announce "How may I help you?" or some such. The person who called the director should explain the situation. The other players at the table should remain silent. The director will ask to hear from each in turn if necessary. Correction of irregularities is covered by the laws and proprieties of bridge. Over the last 75 years or so, the most equitable response has been established for almost any situation.

Many players fail to call the director when an irregularity occurs. I assume they are afraid they will unduly disturb him or be humiliated by him. DO NOT accept a ruling given by a player at the table. Often this "helpful" ruling is incorrect. Call the director immediately when a irregularity occurs. Otherwise the situation may deteriorate jeopardizing a fair ruling. The directors' job is to resolve irregularities; if not called, he cannot. Please help him."

In follow-up to this letter, perhaps you have seen the following excerpts at the Bridge Center regarding ***dummies rights, responsibilities, and limitations***, as well as ***contested claims*** when a trump is outstanding. These are purportedly from **The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge** regarding Dummy:

1. Dummy may ask declarer, but not a defender, when he has failed to follow to a trick.
2. Dummy may try to prevent any irregularity by declarer, i.e. leading from the wrong hand or turning his trick in the wrong direction.
3. Dummy may not advise declarer nor may opponents advise each other that previous tricks have been turned incorrectly.
4. Once an irregularity has occurred, dummy may not draw attention to it until after the play of the hand is concluded.
5. During the play of a hand, dummy may not touch, or nearly touch, or indicate any card without instruction from declarer. If dummy does so, the director should be called.
6. Dummy may not initiate a call for the director during the play of the hand.
7. Dummy is entitled to give information in the directors' presence as to fact or law.

Regarding Contested Claims:

1. When there is an outstanding trump and a claim has been made, call the director.
2. When the director is called, any doubtful points shall be resolved against the claimer. The director will award a trick or tricks to the opponents:
  - a. If claimer failed to mention outstanding trump.
  - b. If claimer could lose a trick to that trump, he must lose it, even if his play would have to be careless or inferior to do so.

**Some Announcements:**

- Table fees for the Thursday afternoon game have been raised from \$2.50 to \$3.50
- The time for the Wednesday 299er's game has been changed from 7:30PM to 7PM

If you have any suggestions for the **Nominating Committee**, please contact any member of the CBC Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of five person appointed by the Board of Directors from the list of active members. These names are to posted in March 2000.

**Welcome New Members:** Julie Broadnax, 256-3016; Fran Gibbes, 787-5209; Frances Harris, 787-1741; Jimmie Hodges, 771-7977; Alma Lever, 799-3283; Jeffrey Thomas, 333-0878; Jeffrey Wagner, 216-9118

**Moving Up the Ladder:** Sybil Pratt informs me that she has achieved the rank of Sectional Master.

**Lost:** Everett Ness lost two tape decks one Tuesday afternoon. Everett would like a call at 787-6149 if anyone finds a couple of Stan Kenton with Four Seasons tapes.

**ALERT:** Mark Your Calendars for Saturday January 8, 2000. Why not start the New Year with a **Grand National Team** Qualifying event? This will be a two session event starting at 11:00 AM. Second session to be announced. Bob Webb at 796-1114 has agreed to help find teammates for anyone needing a team.

**MASTERPOINT RACES****COLEMAN FARRELL 0-50**

Mary Nichols 30.06  
Dorothy Defiori 24.90  
Sybil Pratt 24.81  
Catherine Gordon 22.75  
Bea Hordych 21.07  
Beth Pyles 20.24  
Shirley Ness 15.14  
Melissa Day 13.45  
Bill Nixon 12.85  
Arnold Levinson 10.02

**HENRY MILLS 0-Life Master**

John Wilkinson 44.03  
Everett Ness 35.50  
Ameila Nelson 31.29  
Mary Nichols 30.06  
Joan Osteen 25.78  
Dorothy Defiori 24.90  
Sybil Pratt 24.81  
Jean Mason 22.86  
Catherine Gordon 22.75  
Joyce Wilkinson 22.40

**SOL LOURIE 0-Unlimited**

Eleanor Hack 81.94  
Pat Webb 57.34  
Velma Lamp 55.00  
Harold Moore 52.49  
Bob Webb 49.52  
James Blackwell 46.55  
Happoldt Neuffer 46.54  
John Wilkinson 44.03  
Alice Moore 42.30  
Kenneth Fasching 40.28

- The **Tri-City Christmas Classic Tournament** was a huge success with 241.5 tables in play during the four day event. The Kickoff event was a Charity Club Championship for Vana, and the hat was passed again at the end of the game. Vana is 9 years old, and came early to meet everyone. She had received one call for a possible new Heart, but it was not compatible. We hope the next one will be the New Heart Vana needs!

Overall winners in the Charity game were: Happoldt Neuffer, Ellen Oliver, Nell Hunt, Brian Lipscomb, Joyce & Pat Lauterbach, DaMaris Rorie, Bob & Pat Webb, Chris Webb, Chuck Kennedy, Harold Moore, Gwen Beckman, Arline Polinsky, Joan Osteen, Dot Cole, Betty Caddell, Marika Hallosy, Bea Nelson, Frances Lawton, Dorothy Defiori, Sybil Pratt, Bill Nixon, Lou Riddle, Hampton Oliver and Nancy Boerke

Overall winners during Friday, Saturday and Sunday were: Mary Nichols, Nancy Boerke, Louise Hightower, DaMaris Rorie, Chris & Lee Webb, Pat & Joyce Lauterbach, Ardis Dalrymple, Flora Shealey, Pat & Bobb Webb, Ellen Oliver, Brian Lipscomb, Chuck Kennedy, Catherine & Thurman Bruffey, Margaret & Bill Fogleman, Bea Hordych, Beth Pyles, Sybil Pratt, Cathy Steinacker, Betty Warren, Marvel Recklinghausen, Sally Blackwell, Lou Riddle, Alvaree Hanley, Linda York, Ed Scheiblich, Happoldt Neuffer, Lucus Lebioda, Henry Momand, Nathan Fain, Virginia Robertson, Irma Murray, Rodney Severson, Madalyn Dybvik, Hampton Oliver

***Happy New Year***



January, 2000

# TRICKS & TREATS

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday



2	3 7PM - 750	4 NOON - NLM 7:30PM OPEN	5 10AM - OPEN 7PM 299er's CHARITY CLUB CHAMP	6 1:30PM 99er's 7:30PM OPEN JR FUND GAME	7	8 11:AM & TBA OPEN GNT QUALIFY
9 2:00 PM Easybridge! CLUB CHAMP	10 7PM - 750 CLUB CHAMP WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	11 NOON - NLM JR FUND GAME 7:30PM OPEN WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	12 10AM - OPEN CLUB CHAMP 7PM 299er's WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	13 1:30PM 99er's 7:30PM OPEN WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	14 BATESBURG SECTIONAL WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	15 NO GAME BATESBURG SECTIONAL WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL
16 2:00 PM Easybridge! BATESBURG SECTIONAL WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL	17 7PM - 750 JR FUND GAME	18 NOON - NLM 7:30PM CLUB CHAMP	19 10AM - OPEN 7PM 299er's MYRTLE BEACH NLM TOURN	20 1:30PM 99er's 7:30PM OPEN MYRTLE BEACH NLM TOURN	21 MYRTLE BEACH NLM TOURN	22 1PM - OPEN MYRTLE BEACH NLM TOURN
23 2:00 PM Easybridge! MYRTLE BEACH NLM TOURN	24 7PM 750	25 NOON - NLM 7:30PM OPEN JR FUND GAME	26 10AM - OPEN 7PM 299er's	27 1:30PM 99er's 7:30PM OPEN	28	29 1 PM - OPEN INTERNATION FUND GAME
30 2:00 PM Easybridge!	31 7PM - 750					

NOTE: Charity Club Championship at 7PM on Jan 5, and Club Championship at 7PM on Jan 10 are both Limited Games

COMING IN FEBRUARY:

Feb 12: Grand National Team Qualifying

February 14-20: MABC Regional at Hilton Head

Feb 24-27: Charlotte Sectional

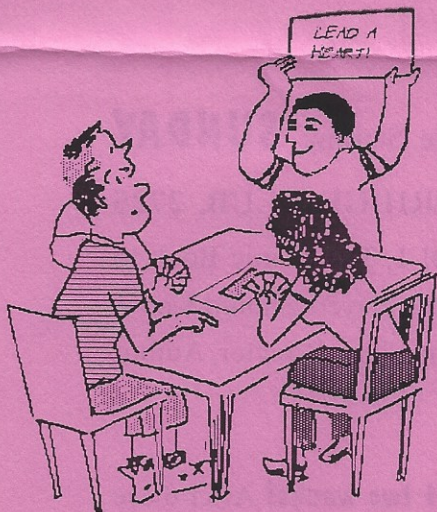


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# Easybridge! 2 10 Lessons All Bridge Players Should Know!

You know how much enjoyment and mental stimulation you get from playing bridge.

You also know friends who have not yet experienced the fun to be had from playing well.

- Perhaps they are rubber bridge players who think they are just not talented at the game
- Maybe they have never been exposed to bridge in the modern form
- Maybe they are seat-of-the-pants duplicate players.
- Some are novices who have never had any training.
- Perhaps they are just afraid to stretch their minds.

Well, maybe we have good news for all of these underprivileged people. Starting **SUNDAY JANUARY 9th 2-4:30 PM** to the **COLUMBIA BRIDGE CLUB, 2725 CYPRESS, COLUMBIA SC** will offer the follow-up to Easybridge! 1, The Comic Book to introduce new folks to modern bridge. It is Easybridge! 2, 10 Lessons All Players Should Know. The program was developed by Edith McMullin, the noted Novice/Intermediate Director, Author and Teacher from Maryland.

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Along the way, your social friends who attend will have put to rest any objection to duplicate bridge they may have had before they started.

So, talk to your friends who want to upgrade. Tell them this is a fabulous opportunity. Call **GEORGE NICHOLS 803-788-4517** to register with no obligation or just to come to the first lesson. This program has been very popular wherever it has been held.

Don't let your friends miss out!

**Send your partner! Come along with him! Meet new partners!**