

## Tricks & Treats

### For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

**The Birthday Party**-With hostess Joyce Lauterbach and Rosa Shaw was the usual fine production. Blueberry cream pie, blueberry cheesecake and punch lasted just long enough. Yes, I did get the leftovers (a small item). (very small item)

**We'd like to thank Imogene Morris** for the gift of 42 books to the club library. Make sure your partner reads a few.

**We will be starting a series game** on Monday nights with the first week in August. Simple rules. Best four of the six weeks percentage scores count. Must have a different partner for each of four games that you count. If you play with the same partner more than once, the first score counts.

**June started the NAOP club qualifying round.** Last chances to qualify at the CBC in August.

**Congratulations** go out to **Tom Balcerek** the club's newest Life Master. Got the last 5-odd points at the Regional. **James Blackwell!!!** It isn't official yet, but Jim is now the club's newest **Gold Life Master**. He had a very good year last year, scoring almost 500 Master points and just continued his campaign into 2002. **Congratulations to Joyce Lauterbach**, the club's newest Silver Life Master.

**For those who have been asking**-the update on players' recorded points will be mailed to the club during the second week of September.

**Some have been asking** about approaches to bidding against various opponents' styles. OK- here's my view for what it's worth: (Talk these things over with your partner before trying them in public.) Against Big Club, Big Diamond, Relay systems or weak No-Trump approaches, it is the opening bid and responses that carry most of their load-deny them this, their biggest advantage, if you can. Get in as light as possible. Open any hand with 11 count and holding an Ace or King. Use preempts that may not be as solid or as long as you might like-anything to disrupt that strong opening sequence. Listen to the explanation of the bids if you can't do the previous. Form a picture of the hands they hold, look at your own and figure out what pard has. (never enough) Against Std. American or 2 over 1 players, the tactic is almost the reverse (against good ones) Open solid values, even in 3<sup>rd</sup> chair. Ace, King fourth will do. Eleven in two Aces and a King is a minimum. **Overcall only good suits.** AKxx will do on the One level. As a matter of fact, it's almost mandatory to overcall a suit that good. If you overcall a queen/jack fifth or King/10 fifth suit at the two level just because you have 10-12 points, I hope you also have a high pain threshold. If you can show two suits with a double or cue bid, do it. Remember, no bids come with a guarantee. They're still going to win some, but these approaches should help.

**The new Palmetto Pre-empts are on the table** by the door. Several good play problems as well as a good article on psychs. You can read the whole article for yourself but I would like to endorse emphatically one point he has: "It is unethical to psych against a novice." Try it against Joyce and me if you simply must.

**Do people who snap their cards** do it because they don't know how much it irritates other players or because they do know?



Your chairman, Margaret Hill would like to thank all the players and especially all the committees that made the Columbia Regional a great time. I'd like to thank all my partners and team mates. We weren't uniformly successful, but we did have a good time. (And some success)

**Joyce and my first crack at the top flight Knock Out** with Hap Neuffer and Virginia Shealey: We drew a three way match with Meckstroth/Rodwell on one end and Passell/Seamon on the other. We had our chances but lost by 31-14 and 49-31. Those teams played again in the final- does that mean we get 3<sup>rd</sup>? Welcome to the Big Leagues.

**How many times do you play a team in a Knock-out?** The answer would seem to be once, but in a morning top bracket KO, we drew Smith and another team for a three way. We both survived and in a random draw for a second round three way, we drew Smith and another team. We both survived and in a random draw for a head-to-head semi-final guess who we drew? You got it!! Playing the same team three times in a KO event.

It's not too soon to start thinking about going down to the **Charleston Regional** after Christmas.

#### *Congratulations to these winners*

##### Unit Game 7/10

- 1) Bucky Bruce/Marika Hallosy
- 2) Rose Watson/Marj Edens
- 3) DaMaris Rorie/B Lipscomb
- 4) Butch Maybin/Ellie Hack
- 5) Ed Catalano/Betty Luther

##### NAOP 7/13

- 1)W Hollingsworth/M Oeschler
- 2)Hap Neuffer/A Levinson
- 3)J Lauterbach/Alice Moore
- 4)Gwen Beckman/Jim Blackwell
- 5) DaMaris Rorie/B Lipscomb

##### NAOP 7/17

- 1) B Nelson/Marika Hallosey
- 2)Greg Mackey/Everett Ness
- 3-5) M Edens/Alice Moore
- 3-5) Joel Levy/Ellie Hack
- 3-5) J Mason/Marianne Murphy

##### Unit Charity 7/27

- 1) K Fasching/B Lipscomb
- 2) Velma Lamp/Marik Hallosy
- 3) Imogene Kennedy/P Webb
- 4) Tommy Overby/Harold Moore

##### NAOP 7/15

- 1)Bucky Bruce/Winkie Hancock
- 2)David West/Terry Moore
- 3)Fran Lawton/Mary Nichols

##### NAOP 7/18

- 1)H Morris/Leck Mason
- 2) Beth Pyles/Leonard Bifano
- 3)Melissa Day/Lou Riddle
- 4)Carla & Dan Davis

##### NAOP 7/23

- 1) Bea Nelson/ Rosa Shaw
- 2) Melissa Day/Lou Riddle
- 3) Alvaree Hanley/Sybil Pratt
- 4) L Hightower/M Recklinghausen
- 5) Marilyn Evans/Irma Murphy

##### NAOP 7/24

- 1) Jo Eisenman/Sallie Blackwell
- 2) Ray Weed/Jim Hutchinson
- 3)Iona Hunter/Elaine Wade

##### NAOP 7/25

- 1)Ellie Hack/Bob Webb
- 2)Hap Neuffer/Lucas Lebioda
- 3)K Fassching/R Severson
- 4)Harold Moore/Margaret Hill
- 5)Katie Langston/Jo Westbury

#### 2002/2003 Points Races

##### Sol Lourie Unlimited

Brian Lipscomb	20.62
Hap Neuffer	20.57
DaMaris Rorie	17.17
Pat Lauterbach	16.99
Ken Fasching	15.80
Marika Hallosy	14.65
Bea Nelson	14.47
Rosa Shaw	13.72
Ellie Hack	13.48
Joyce Lauterbach	10.16

##### Henry Mills 0-LM

Arnold Levinson	10.13
Tommy Overby	8.07
Everett Ness	7.48
Betty Warren	7.17
Sallie Blackwell	6.68
Frances Lawton	6.55
Bucky Bruce	6.49
Lou Riddle	5.37
Bernetha Henry	4.92
Melissa Day	4.31

##### Coleman Farrell 0-50

Bernetha Henry	4.92
Robert Davis	4.21
Terry Moore	3.44
Iona Hunter	3.00
Brent Holcomb	2.60
Tootsie Holland	2.50
Shirley Ness	2.11
Peggy Muldrow	1.96
Leck Mason	1.62
Mary Townhill	1.50

"Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't." Erica Jong

# August 2002

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