

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

The Birthday Party-August 3rd hosted by the Bruffeys was an NAOP game won by Virginia Shealey and Hap Neuffer. The rest of us consoled ourselves with Cathy's lemon meringue pie.

September is Club Championship Month. During July and August we ran the NAOP games as our special games and saved all our club Championships-all 8 of them-for September. Make sure you get your favorite partner out for these. No extra sanction fee-just the Championship points!!

A Unit Game will be held on Tuesday Evening September 17th. Entry is \$9/pair.

Yes!!! We will be holding the scheduled games over Labor day weekend including Labor Day. There will be no games on the last weekend, Sept 27-29 because of the Aiken Sectional.

Spotlight event for September is the September 12th *Instant Matchpoints* game. Preduplicated. Analysis books. Beat the pros on hands from European and World Championships. My favorite event, looking forward to it all year.

We will be completing a series game on Monday nights on the first two Mondays of September. **We will be starting a Series event** for Tuesday night players on Tuesday September 10th. The event will run 6 weeks with two categories, over and under 1500 points. Prizes will be free plays for the first three finishers. 5 for first, 4 for second and 3 for third in each category. Use your four best percentage games, each with a different partner for your best score. If you play with the same partner more than once during the event, your first percentage score will be used.

Warning on open containers: I'm not the only one who's had to clean the fridge (and all those individual cans) because some one left an open can of pop on the top shelf. Some one comes along and shoves something into the shelf and the can goes over making a cold, sticky mess. **Don't do that anymore!!**

Some have been asking about failure to alert and misinformation on alerts. I can't believe how many of these calls I'm getting lately. 1) If there is a failure to alert or misinformation by the pair on defense, say nothing until the play of the hand is completed. Then inform declarer of the omission or misinformation. If you inform Declarer (and thus your partner on defense) before the play of the hand is completed, that IS unauthorized information. 2) If Declarer or Dummy failed to alert or gave misinformation, inform the defense before the opening lead and call the director. Call right then. 3) Things you won't get any sympathy on: Asking questions in live uncontested auctions- 1H-P-3H-P-4NT-P-5H "What kind of Ace asking are you using?" (This is why there are no alerts in the Ace-asking conventions.) If the person answers-"We didn't talk about it so I guess it's Blackwood" that is not unauthorized information. You are allowed to forget your agreements, you are not allowed to misinform your opponents as to what those agreements are.

The question was hand evaluation: "How much is the void worth when partner opens one spade?" The hand I was shown was Sp.- 983, Hearts.-void, D-KT642 Clubs K9853. The questioner said the conventional answer was 5 points and the hand was worth, by that yardstick, a limit raise. I disagreed. I believe that your void is worth only as many points as the number of trumps you hold, in this case 3 points. After all, even if the opening lead isn't a trump, an alert defender will lead trump when he sees the void. Also, declarer can't ruff very many losers and handle the trump situation. That makes the hand a **very good 2 spade raise**. **Note:** Declarer's void is not as valuable as responder's. Ruffing with the trumps in the "short" hand is always more valuable. There could also be duplicated values to watch for.

Bon Voyage David West!! Our visit has been too short. The club has enjoyed your presence while you were assigned here, but I'm sure you're glad to be going home, at least temporarily. We hope you enjoyed your stay at our club and wish you good luck at the tables where ever you go next.

We will be holding a Pro/Am event in October. Last years was such a success with 20 tables. More about this later, but it will be held Thursday, October 10th. Plan on it.

Congratulations to these winners

NAOP 7/30

- 1) Brian Lipscomb/Irma Murray
- 2) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson
- 3) Pat Lauterbach/David West
- 4) Margaret Hill/Betty Caddell

NAOP 8/7

- 1) Hap Neuffer/Greg Mackey
- 2) C Anderson/G Beckman
- 3) Bucky Bruce/Fran Lawton
- 4) Marika Hallosy/Bea Nelson

NAOP 8/8

- 1) Carla & Dan Davis
- 2) Shirley Ness/Jane Temple
- 3) Sybil Pratt/Dode DeFiori

NAOP 8/3

- 1) Hap Neuffer/Flora Shealey
- 2) Brian Lipscomb/Lil Hopkins
- 3) Ellie Hack/Ken Fasching
- 4) Rose Watson/Betty Caddell

NAOP 8/12

- 1) Jeff Thomas/Fran Lawton
- 2) John & Joyce Wilkinson
- 3) Sybil Pratt/Mary Nichols
- 4) Bea Hordych/Mary Trz

NAOP 8/15

- 1) Jim Hutchinson/John Wilkinson
- 2) Pat Webb/Butch Maybin
- 3) Martha Tennent/Jean Mason
- 4) James Blackwell/Alice Moore

NAOP 8/14

- 1) Cissie Lewis/Nancy Glenn
- 2) Bruce Holland/Bea Hordych
- 3) James Hutchinson/Terry Moore
- 4) Elaine Wade/Brent Holcomb

NAOP 8/20

- 1) Bob Webb/Abdul Ghaffar
- 2) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb
- 3) Butch Maybin/Velma Lamp
- 4) Marj Edens/Genet Horning

NAOP 8/27

- 1) Carolyn Ccromer/Rosa Shaw
- 2) Wendy Carlson/M Murphy
- 3) Bob Pierce/ Henriette Morris
- 4) Fran Lawson/Mary Nichols

The Points races are heating up. Brian Lipscomb and Ken Fasching look to give Hap Neuffer a run for his money this year in the Open category. Newcomer Greg Mackey at number 7 is making a charge up the list also. Greg's sometimes partner Everett Ness is now a challenger in the Henry Mills race. But leaders Arnold Levinson, Tom Overby and Everett should note the appearance of a familiar challenger in this category as John Wilkinson makes his debut in the standings at number 8 this month. David West, our long time visitor from across the Pond leads the Coleman Farrell, but will alas not have the chance to prevail as he heads back home in September. Newcomer James Hutchinson, giving the rest of the field a two month head start, makes his debut at number 4 this month. Bob Davis, temporarily at least, falling to number 7 will return in September as will Bernetha Henry now at number 3.

2002/2003 Points Races

Sol Lourie Unlimited

Brian Lipscomb	42.74
Hap Neuffer	39.07
Ken Fasching	28.28
Pat Lauterbach	22.58
DaMaris Rorie	20.93
Marika Hallosy	20.31
Greg Mackey	20.00
Arnold Levinson	18.23
Ellen Oliver	17.79
Rosa Shaw	17.67

Henry Mills 0-LM

Arnold Levinson	18.23
Everett Ness	17.02
Thomas Overby	16.41
Frances Lawton	12.71
Sallie Blackwell	9.83
Lou Riddle	9.76
David West	8.96
Bucky Bruce	8.48
John Wilkinson	8.18
Betty Warren	7.80

Coleman Farrell 0-50

David West	8.96
Shirley Ness	7.55
Bernetha Henry	7.49
James Hutchinson	5.81
Brent Holcomb	4.77
Terry Moore	4.47
Robert Davis	4.21
Jane Temple	4.17
Mary Townhill	4.07
Iona Hunter	3.81

"As adults we seem to lose our capacity to stick our necks out. The biggest risk is to not take any risks." Financial services company's commercial

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7PM: 0-1000 Series Game	3 NOON: 0-750 7:30PM - OPEN	4 10AM - OPEN Club Champ 7PM: 0-300	5 1PM: 0-300 7:30PM - OPEN	6	7 1PM - OPEN Club Champ Birthday Celebrations
8	9 7PM: 0-1000 Series Game	10 NOON: 0-750 Club Champ 7:30PM - OPEN Series Game	11 10AM - OPEN 7PM: 0-300	12 1PM: 0-300 7:30PM - OPEN Instant Matchpoint Game	13	14 1PM - OPEN
15	16 7PM: 0-1000 Club Champ	17 NOON: 0-750 7:30PM - OPEN Series Game Unit Game	18 10AM - OPEN 7PM: 0-300	19 1PM: 0-300 Club Champ 7:30PM - OPEN Club Champ	20	21 1PM - OPEN
22	23 7PM: 0-1000	24 NOON: 0-750 7:30PM - OPEN Series Game Club Champ	25 10AM - OPEN 7PM: 0-300 Club Champ	26 1PM: 0-300 7:30PM - OPEN	27 Aiken Sectional	28 Aiken Sectional
29 Aiken Sectional	30 7PM: 0-1000					

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