

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

The Birthday Party hosted by Alice Moore and Lil Hopkins drew 12½ tables for coconut cake and a club championship. To all the people who suggested that if I couldn't play for free on my birthday month party, I should get to direct for free-Thanks anyway.

N/S	Birthday Party Club	Championship 13 tables	E/W
1) Thurman and Cathy Bruffey	182.00	1) Bob Webb/Jeff Thomas	187.50
2) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb	180.92	2) Frazer McCrory/Virginia Robertson	173.50
3) Damaris Rorie/Velma Lamp	166.29	3) Rosa Shaw/Emily O'Boyle	172.50
4) Hap Neuffer/Betty Warren	163.04	4) Gwen Beckman/Jim Blackwell	171.50
5) Joyce Lauterbach/Marika Hallosy	151.13	5) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	145.00

We are now looking for party people! The sign-up sheet to act as hosts for the monthly birthday parties in 2003 is now posted by the back exit. If interested, please sign up. Next open date is April. The club thanks you!

February is Junior Fund Month! We will have at least two games each session for the benefit of the Education fund. A little extra money (one buck) and a lot of extra points.

February is also Unit Stac Month. We will hold the Unit STaC from DaMaris' game Monday morning the 10th Through Sunday afternoon. The only exceptions will be the 0-300 games on Wednesday and Thursday. *STaC's are all Open Games!* Ellie Hack and I, of all the A flight players, were the only ones to play the Tuesday afternoon District STaC in December. Our partners were Tuesday afternoon regulars, keeping in the spirit of the game. I urge others to do the same on Monday night the 10th and Tuesday afternoon the 11th.

Grand National Team Qualifying-(A, B, C) will be held in Columbia, at the club, on Saturday, Feb. 1. Starting time is 10:00 and second session TBA. Bring a sandwich and we will have soda, coffee, snacks and desert. We will have someone to take deli orders. Good luck everyone!

Please do not park directly across the street from the club. The people at that address have no off-street parking available and we do want to be good neighbors. Also it's a good idea to always have a friend to walk to your car with at the late games. Car pool and save the space.

Congratulations to Gwen Beckman on being appointed to the **ACBL Goodwill committee.** Glowing tribute to her service to bridge in the last MABC supplement. I can't improve on it.

Let me share this portion of an article by Larry Cohen from Bridge World on the Bermuda Bowl Trial final for USA 1 won by the Nickell team. "S-QJT5, H-QJ8, D-QJ5, C-KT6. Becker and Meckstroth both opened this... (Becker with one natural club, Meckstroth with one amorphous diamond) When their partners responded one spade, they chose the sensible rebid of 1 NT. This produced a push at plus 90; raising spades would have produced a minus." Just a reminder with an endorsement by top pros and editors that **shape** and **size** matter sometimes more than fit. Along this line, here is a hand I held at the club S-86, H-AQ95, D-KQ72 C-Q53. I opened 1D and my partner responded 1S. At this point I figured we could be in trouble but made the natural call of 1NT. Fortunately, I was playing against a pair that was never going to let anyone play 1NT. Sure enough, they balanced into 2 Hearts and we went plus. Partner held S-K974 H-J2 D-T63 C-K984. Those allowed to play 1 NT made 6 tricks though one only made 5. One unfortunate opened One Club and had his partner bid 3 Clubs over their balancing. He went for 3 doubled. Point is: 1 of a minor and a response of 1 of a major followed by 1 NT-the hands almost always look like this. You want to play the hands that fit, let the opponents play the misfits.

There isn't room for all the section winners from Columbia at the Charleston Regional, but here are a few highlights: **Wayne Hollingsworth** won a two session Open Pairs. **Pat and Bob Webb** paired with **Pat and Joyce Lauterbach** to win a Bracket II KO event and then with **Dr. Fred** to be 3-4 in the Morning KO's. **Linda York** and **Ed Scheiblich** won almost 18 points by winning one and being 2nd in another KO event. **Ken Fasching** and **Rod Severson** won a Morning KO bracket. Batesburg winners include Friday 5B) **Sallie Blackwell/Lou Riddle**, 5C) **Pat McNeely**, Fri. Eve. 2A) **Tommy Overby/Harold Moore**, 6B) **Gwen Beckman/Jeff Thomas** 6C) **Sallie Blackwell/ Lou Riddle**, 199-2A) **Robert & Maria Davis**, 1B) **Tootsie Holland/Elaine Wade** 2B) **Leonard Bifano** Saturday 3A) **Greg Mackey/Jim Blackwell** 3AX) **Harold Moore** 4A) **Pat and Joyce Lauterbach**, 5B) **Marilyn Wyatt Betty Caddell**, 5C) **Linda York/Ed Scheiblich**, 5D) **Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry**, Sat. Eve 2A) **Wayne Hackler/Pat Austin**, 4A) **Greg Mackey/Jim Blackwell** 3B) **Gwen Beckman/ Jeff Thomas**, 6B) **Robert & Maria Davis**, 5C) **Sybil Pratt/Mary Nichols**, 199-1) **Francis Kovach/Brent Holcomb** Swiss Team 1A) **Hap Neuffer/Lukasz Lebioda** 2A) **Pat & Joyce Lauterbach/George Nichols** 3A) **Chris & Lee Webb**, 5A) **Bob and Pat Webb/Gwen Beckman/Jeff Thomas** 3B) **Nate Fain/Abdul Ghaffar/ Tom Balcerek**. 4B) **Henry Momand/Bill Fogleman/Winkie Hancock/Marianne Murphy**

Congratulations to these winners

<u>Club Champ Mon. 1/6</u>	<u>Club Champ Wed. Eve 1/8</u>	<u>Open Club Champ 1/6</u>
1) Lou Riddle/Mary Smith	1) Jenny and Wayne Hackler	1) Hap Neuffer/Betty Warren
2) John and Joyce Wilkinson	2) Maria and Robert Davis	2) Pat Lauterbach/Arnold Levinson
3) Bea Hordych/Mary Trz	3) Lois Ball Teri Kuhs	3) Pat Roach/Elaine Wade
4) Dorothy Defiori/Jeff Thomas	4) Sallie Blackwell/Jo Eisenman	4) Lowell and Theresa Schulz

<u>Open Club Champ 1/12</u>	<u>Open Charity Game 1/14</u>	<u>Open Charity Game 1/22</u>
1) Thurman Bruffy/Mary Townhill	1) Pat Lauterbach/Jack Wilkinson	1) Velma Lamp/Marj Edens
2) Pat Lauterbach/Wayne Hackler	2) Bernetha Henry/Mary Townhill	2) B Lipscomb/Ken Fasching
Joyce Lauterbach/Brent Holcomb	3) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson	3) G Nichols/Leonard Bifano
Patrick Austin/Rosa Shaw	4) Tom Balcerek/Nate Fain	4) Everett Ness/Bea Nelson

<u>E/W</u>	<u>January 25th ACBL-wide Fund Game</u>	<u>13 tables</u>	<u>N/S</u>
1 st overall) Bob and Pat Webb		3-4 overall) Hap Neuffer/Betty Warren	
2 nd overall) Greg Mackey/Jimmy Blackwell		3-4 overall) Alice and Harold Moore	
5 th overall) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching		section 3 rd) Elanor and Joel Levy	
section 4 th) Joyce Lauterbach/George Nichols		section 4 th) Ellie Hack/Gwen Beckman	
section 5 th) Belle Fields/Wayne Hackler		section 5 th) Mary Nichols/Frances Lawton	

The Henry Mills race is heating up with four months to go and **Everett Ness**, **Arnold Levinson** and **Tommy Overby** all with good chances. Of course Everett, Arnold and Tommy have some A-flight partners in the Open games that are not to be sneezed at. Should be interesting. If you have a favorite, give them a call to get in a game they might not otherwise play in.

June 2002/May 2003 Club Points Races

<u>Sol Lourie Unlimited</u>	<u>Henry Mills 0-LM</u>	<u>Coleman Farrell 0-50</u>
Brian Lipscomb 105.17	Everett Ness 38.73	Brent Holcomb 20.23
Hap Neuffer 85.47	Arnold Levinson 37.91	David West 13.85
Ken Fasching 68.05	Thomas Overby 31.24	Elaine Wade 11.32
Pat Lauterbach 64.10	Frances Lawton 30.95	Leck Mason 9.17
DaMaris Rorie 50.32	Dodi DeFiori 23.79	James Hutchinson 8.08
Marika Hallosy 49.98	Benetha Henry 22.90	Terry Moore 7.49
Bea Nelson 46.56	Lou Riddle 22.86	Patrick Austin 7.43
Alice Moore 45.50	Betty Warren 22.15	Leonard Bifano 7.38
James Blackwell 44.70	Mary Townhill 21.11	Jane Temple 7.32
Joyce Lauterbach 43.76	Brent Holcomb 20.23	Patricia Roach 6.94

"If you are 4-4 in the minors, which do you open? Who cares? Diamonds on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Clubs otherwise works as well as any for me." **Marty Bergan**

February 2003

CBC phone number (803) 771-4988

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Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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	7:00 0-1000 Jr. Fund	Noon 0-1000 Jr. Fund 7:30 Open Jr. Fund	10 AM Jr. Fund Open 7:00 0-300	1 PM 0-300 7:30 Jr. Fund		1 10 AM and TBA GNT
9	10 7 PM Open STac pairs	11 Noon-Open STac 7:30- Open STac	12 10 AM Open STac 7:00 0-300 Jr. Fund	13 1 PM Jr. Fund 7:30 Open STac	14	15 11 AM CBC Board Meeting 1 PM OPEN-STac
16	17 7 PM 0-1000	18 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7:30 Open Jr. Fund	19 10 AM Jr. Fund 7:00 0-300	20 1 PM 0-300 7:30 Jr. Fund	21	22 1 PM Jr. Fund Game
23	24 7:00 0-1000 Jr. Fund	25 Noon 0-1000 Jr. Fund 7:30 Open Pairs	26 10 AM Open Pairs 7:00 0-300	27 1 PM 0-300 7:30 Open Pairs	28	