

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

May your days be Merry and Bright...

The Birthday Party was the club Championship hosted by **Emily O'Boyle** and **Lil Hopkins** and won by **Emily O'Boyle** and **Betty Caddell**. A good time was had by all. Looking forward to the December Birthday party on December 13 which will be a STAC game.

N/S	Birthday Party Club Championship	E/W
1) Rose Watson/Dot Cole	150.00	1) Emily O'Boyle/Betty Caddell 156.38
2) Betty Warren/Brian Lipscomb	134.00	2) Ginny Robertson/Lil Hopkins 138.38
3) Marlise and Tommy Overby	130.00	3) Irma Murray/Carolyn Floyd 135.00
4) Gwen Beckman/Pat Webb	128.00	4) Jo Westbury/Kate Langston 127.69

Our Christmas Tree is from the tree farm of **Harold Moore**. Would you bring an ornament to hang on the tree before our Christmas party **Thursday 12/11? Party starts at 6:00** with a social hour. **Dinner about 7:00**. Bridge (this is **not** a StaC event) will follow about 8:00. Bring a side dish, dessert or appetizer. Please sign up for one of these on a list by the back door. Club will furnish the entree and the bridge is free.

Spotlight event for December is the Stac events that run from Monday the 8th through Sunday the 14th. All Stac events are **Open** though they will be stratified. Overall winners in the entire District will be in for nice awards. Overall 1st A is usually around 20 points, B over 10 and C about 5. Entries are \$12/pr.

Congratulations to our newest Bronze Life Master, **Bill Fogleman**. It's not official yet, but a count shows our Club VP with over 500 points around the beginning of November.

A cue bid of opponents' suit is a handy call but remember, **you are giving partner the green light to bid at the game level**. You are even telling him it is desirable to do so. So don't do it if you don't mean it. Take a look at common situations you would do this. Partner overcalls and you have an (almost) opener. Cueing the opponents suit says "Bid game in your suit if you have an opener." Most obvious is Michaels. You're showing two suits and either a hand strong enough to make game with a fit in either of two suits or one where it is desirable to take a save against opponents' game. (If you are in the middle, just bid your higher ranking suit first). In another case, a power auction, you may cue bid to ask partner to bid 3 NT with a stopper in opponents' suit. (Most pairs play that a cue bid after you've made a negative double the previous round shows, instead of asks for, a stopper.) Another situation is a cue bid of a weak two opener. **This should not be a "Michaels" call**. This should ask for a 3 NT bid with a stopper in the weak two suit opener. To show a two suited hand over a weak two by opponents, bid the four level of your 5-card minor. This shows also a 5-card holding in the other major. You are giving up a lot of information to make these bids if you wind up on defense, so be sure that the option you are handing partner is worth it. Sometimes partner will deem it best **not** to bid at the game level-you just have to trust him to make that judgment call.

Congratulations Wayne Hollingsworth. With points won in Greenville he has now over 800 for 2003.

Are you among the missing? We have a lot of names missing from the plaques recognizing members who've made Life Master and above. If you aren't where you should be, let me know.

We had 11 tables for the Pro/Am game Nov. 20. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We're going to do it again Thursday Dec. 18. I already circled it on your calendar. **Let's bring some Christmas food we don't want left over**.

Here is a sequence from the other night that has two different schools of thought-whenver it is alerted, you should ask. It went thus:

LHO	Partner	RHO	Me
pass	1 Heart	2 diamonds	2 Spades

Some pairs play this as a "negative free bid" and not forcing. We were playing the more accepted way as constructive-forcing one round. The '2 Spade' call shows either a hand with a spade suit I can bid by myself at the 3 level (or bid NT) or a decent alternative contract but also holding heart support. If you have a hand that doesn't fit in one of these two classes, a bid can buy a lot of trouble. If partner doesn't like spades, he just bids anything but support and I'll find another contract-Unless I have the big re-biddable suit. Now if I was a passed hand, that would be certainly heart support or I would have opened a weak two in first or second chair with a big Spade suit and somewhere under 10 HCP. I'm showing my big help suit in case partner opened a minimum. Mostly these auctions look like:

Me	LHO	Partner	RHO	This auction shows Spade support and a good help suit game try. They took me out of Drury, so with 10/11 this the best game shot. A cue bid of 3 Clubs shows general values with spades.
pass	pass	1 Spade	2 Clubs	
2 Diamonds	pass	?		
(or 2 Hearts)				

Negative free bids should be alerted. If they are being played, confirm a fit with partner if you have one. Opponents are looking down the barrel of **perhaps** a complete misfit. **Think double!!!** If you go quietly over a negative free bid, you are being had. Say "Baaa", you are about to be sheared.

Unit Game 0-1000 11/14

- 1) Mary Briner/Henrietta Cashwell
- 2) Mary Riley/Mary Hayden
- 3) Mary Smith/Duff Friedman

Unit Game 0-1000 10/27

- 1) Irma Murray/Madalyn Dybvik
- 2) Maria and Robert Davis
- 3) Frances Lawton/Mary Trzeciecki

Appreciation Open 10/30

- 1) Ellie Hack/Gwen Beckman
- 2) Bea Nelson/Marika Hallosy
- 3) Joan O'Steen/Betty Caddell

Unit Game Open 11/5

- 1) Marj Edens/Alice Moore
- 2) B.J. Cornelia/Dot Cole
- 3) Ellie Hack/Joel Levy

Jr. Fund 0-500 11/6

- 1) Bruce & Tootsie Holland
- 2/3) Brent Holcomb/Frances Kovach
- 2/3) Bernetha Henry/Bea Hordych

Club Champ Open 11/6

- 1/2) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore
- 1-2) Ellie Hack/Bobbie Hollingsworth
- 3) Lil Hopkins/Emily O'Boyle

Club Champ Open 11/11

- 1) Ken Fasching/Joyce Lauterbach
- 2) Dot Cole/Abdul Ghaffar
- 3) Greg Mackey/Pat Lauterbach

Charity Game 0-300 11/12

- 1) Lou Riddle/Bernetha Henry
- 2) Teri Kuhs/Lois Ball
- 3) Jim Hutchinson/David Blykowski

Club Champ 0-500 11/13

- 1) Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry
- 2) Jim Chianelli/Henrietta Cashwell
- 3) Elaine Wade/Beth Pyles

Club Champ 0-500 11/4

- 1) Elaine Wade/Melissa Day
- 2) Bea Hordych/Sybil Pratt
- 3) Belle Fields/Loren Huber

Club Champ Open 11/19

- 1) Marianne Murphy/Jean Mason
- 2) Hap Neuffer/Greg Mackey
- 3) Alice Moore/Marj Edens

Charity Game 0-500 11/20

- 1) Ed and Sheelagh Young
- 2) Mary Hayden/Mary Briner
- 3) Francis Dovach/Brent Holcomb

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| 1) Ellie Hack | 43.07 |
| 2) Hap Neuffer | 38.96 |
| 3) Ken Fasching | 37.30 |
| 4) Everett Ness | 33.88 |
| 5) Bill Fogleman | 33.73 |
| 6) Bea Nelson | 33.15 |
| 7) Pat Webb | 30.97 |
| 8) Pat Lauterbach | 29.63 |
| 9) Alice Moore | 28.81 |
| 10) Joyce Lauterbach | 28.08 |

Henry Mills 0-2000

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| 2) Everett Ness | 33.88 |
| 3) Bill Fogleman | 33.73 |
| 4) Bea Nelson | 33.15 |
| 5) Alice Moore | 28.81 |
| 6) Joyce Lauterbach | 28.08 |
| 7) Rosa Shaw | 27.47 |
| 8) Brent Holcomb | 26.08 |
| 9) Marika Hallosy | 24.35 |
| 10) Betty Caddell | 22.90 |

Coleman Farrell NLM

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| 1) Everett Ness | 33.88 |
| 2) Brent Holcomb | 26.08 |
| 3) Bernetha Henry | 22.39 |
| 4) Bea Hordych | 21.64 |
| 5) Dorothy DeFiori | 21.55 |
| 6) Lou Riddle | 21.43 |
| 7) Mary Townhill | 18.43 |
| 8) Frances Kovach | 15.79 |
| 9) Shirley Ness | 15.64 |
| 10) Robert Davis | 14.54 |

"I find that the harder I work, the luckier I am" George Allen. Former coach, Washington Redskins

December 2003

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 0-1000 Club Championship	2 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7:30 Open Pairs	3 10:00 Open Pairs 7:00 0-300 Club Championship	4 12:30 0-500 Pairs Local Charity 7:30 Open Pairs	5	6 1 PM Open Pairs
7	8 Open Pairs STAC event	9 Noon Open Pairs STAC event 7:30 Open Pairs STAC event	10 10:00 Open Pairs STAC event 7:00 0-300 Pairs	11 11:20 Open Pairs STAC event 6:00 Social Hour PM Christmas Party Bridge is FREE!!	12	13 1PM Open Pairs STAC event Birthday Party!!!!
14	15 0-1000 Pairs	16 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7:30 Open Pairs	17 10:00 Open Pairs 7 P.M 0-300 Pairs	18 12:30 Jr. Fund 0-500 Pairs 7:30 Open Pairs <i>Bro / PM</i>	19	20 1 PM Open Pairs
21	22 0-1000 Pairs	23 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7:30 Open Pairs	24 NO GAMES TODAY	25 NO GAMES TODAY	26	27 1 PM Open Pairs
28	29 0-1000 Pairs	30 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7:30 Open Pairs	31 NO GAMES TODAY			

January 04						
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November 03						
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Play the STAC events Dec 8-14