

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

Rose Watson, 93, one of the original members of the CBC, died of heart ailments on April 5th. Rose lived here 66 years and was active in the club-must have been for 60 of them. She started the Wednesday morning game and played winning bridge with many partners right through March. We'll miss her.

The Birthday Party for April, a spring celebration, was hosted by **Ardis Dalrymple, B J Cornelia and Ellie Hack**. We had punch, cake, brownies and strawberries sweet as a first kiss. Yum! The scheduling was as awkward as usual for April, but **Brian Lipscomb and Ken Fasching** win the Club Championship event.

Your Nominating Committee will submit the following slate for approval by the membership: President-**Alice Moore**, 1st VP-**Jeff Thomas**, 2nd VP-**Bill Fogleman**, Secretary-**Joyce Lauterbach**, Treasurer-**Patricia Webb**, Board members for 3 year terms-**Irma Murray and Brent Holcomb**. The annual business meeting will be 6:30 Tuesday, May 11. Those under 500 points play free in the club Championship game.

At the Board meeting it was decided that rule 90 concerning procedural penalties for conduct would be more vigorously enforced. Particular note was made of loud discussion of bidding, play and results on a board. When discussing your partners action, it would be best to **leave out the adjectives**-the word stupid in particular will probably earn you a full board penalty. (If that happens, you just know what your partner will say) We are not itching to levy penalties, we just want the conditions of contest to be fair and congenial.

OK, ok...a few quick fixes for your game. Most of these are not mine-they come from articles on bridge by published experts. First you should read some articles as soon as your ACBL bulletin arrives. Billy Miller and Bidding with Bergen are just excellent. Don't miss Jerry Helms either. Incorporate the thinking into your game and talk it over with your partners. 2) Common situations: You hold a string of cards such as KQJT and your partner's lead is a small one-Play the **Queen** to force declarer. Don't worry, your partner knows where the King is. **Do not play the ten.** Play the second of touching cards in these situations (KQJ, QJT, T9xx, KQxx, QJT9, JTxx...) making it difficult for declarer to fool partner with a false card. 3) Don't lead the Queen from any holding worse than QJ9x unless it's your partner's suit. (and if it is, why are you on lead?) Lead the low card from QJxx(x) at No trump. 4) Consider leading **short suits** against no trump contracts. **Especially if you have no entries.** Think about the bidding and likely distribution. Did Stayman find no fit? If you hold a doubleton major, your partner holds at least 4, maybe 5 or six. **Don't sleep through auctions where they are doing all the bidding.** 5) The odd numbered levels of bidding belong to the opposition. Especially the five level, but also the one and three level. **Double** in these 3-level competitive auctions when you know it's your hand. 6) **Any bid over a freely bid 3 NT is a slam try.** (We'll except Jacoby transfer sequences from this rule.) No other reason to overrule your partner on this decision. 7) **Pulling a penalty double at the five level shows extras and is a slam try.** Again, you don't overrule partner without this reason. 8) It is a partnership game folks. When considering your bid or your play, consider what your partner is likely to hold, not just your own hand. Consider penalty doubles particularly (strongly) when opponents overcall your strong No Trump bids.

Visit **www.onent.com**. This Web Page was created by Fred Ferguson of Charleston. We can post messages for our membership on the Columbia Calendar and you can read those messages by pressing on the game you are interested in. This could be particularly useful during winter months when inclement weather forces the closing of a game.

Dues are coming due again. It's the usual deal \$15 single, \$28/couple. Looking for address and phone updates to get a new roster out as quickly as possible. Help us (and yourselves) here folks. **Due by June 1.**
CBC membership dues 2004/2005 due June 1 2004 (\$15 for single players, \$28 for couples)

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Birth Month _____

There will be an ACBL-wide fund game on Thursday afternoon May 13th. The game at the club will be Open. The under 500 players will be able to play for \$4/player, all others entries will be \$6/player. Hand records and analysis will be handed out after the game.

A snapshot from new Life Master, Mary Nichols. "Thanks to the CBC for a great Life Master party. In 1996 Dode, Frances, Sybil and I played in CBC's Novice game. Now each of them is one of my favorite partners on Tuesday afternoons and in other games."

We'll be saying "good-bye" to one of our favorite players soon. The "Queen of the Daytime" **Bea Nelson** will be moving to North Carolina. She's won a lot of traveling trophies and made a lot of friends here. We'll miss you Bea! May you be just as successful in your new home.

GNT first round qualifying 3/27 (two sessions)

- 1) George Nichols, Robert Woodham, Joyce and Pat Lauterbach
- 2) Henry Momand, Bill Fogleman, Rosa Shaw, Carolyn Sanders
- 3-4) Ellen Oliver, Frazer McCrory, Ardis Dalrymple, Virginia Robertson
- 3-4) Chris, Lee and Pat Webb, DaMaris Rorie

Congratulations to a great guy we don't see at the club enough. **Joel Levy** makes **Silver Life Master**. Also to New Jr. Master **David Bykowski** 1230 on your AM radio dial 3 to 6 PM., and New Club Master **Sandra Wesley**. And finally, congratulations to, well, me. That win with Bob, George and Joyce in the GNT first round makes **Patrick Lauterbach** a **Gold Life Master**. It was fun guys. Thanks for a great time.

Club Champ 0-500 3/25

- 1) Bernetha Henry/Mary Townhill
- 2) Lou Riddle/Missy Day
- 3) Bea Hordych/Jan Mandeville

Charity Game 0-500 4/1

- 1) Jan Mandeville/Sylvia White
- 2) Wendy Carlson/Marianne Murphy
- 3) Bea Hordych/Dode DeFiori

Charity Game Open 4/6

- 1) Hap Neuffer/Lukasz Lebioda
- 2) F. Moring/Butch Maybin
- 3) J Lauterbach/Pat Webb

Charity Game 0-500 4/7

- 1) Pat Austin/Terry Moore
- 2) Jan Mandeville/Pat McNeely
- 3) Victor Li/Joe Somebody

Charity Game 0-500 4/8

- 1) Chuck Weight/Mary Trzeciecki
- 2) Renee Bergeron/Iona Hunter
- 3) Bea Hordych/Dode DeFiori

Birthday Party Club Champ Open 4/10

- 1) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb
- 2) Fred Chisholm/Ellie Hack
- 3) Lil Hopkins/Marj Edens

Over/Under Open 4/15

- 1) Bea Nelson/Ed Scheiblich
- 2) Hap Neuffer/Bill Fogleman
- 3) Marika Hallosy/Etta Cashwell

Charity 0-1000 4/19

- 1) Bernetha Henry/Mary Townhill
- 2) Rosa Shaw/Mary Trzeciecki
- 3) Sally Blackwell/Dodi DeFiori

Fund raiser 0-500 4/22

- 1) Francis Kovach/Brent Holcomb
- 2) Lou Riddle/Bea Hordych
- 3) Sandra Wesley/Helga Dodson

The **Centurion Cup** will be awarded to the player winning the most points who started the 2003 to 2004 year with under 100MPs. The leaders: 1) Francis Kovach (34.88), 2) Elaine Wade (25.33), 3) Leck Mason (18.22), 4) Sylvia White (17.55), 5) Mary Hayden (17.37) 6) Wayne Hackler (14.07) 7) James Chianelli (13.69), 8) Jan Mandeville (13.11), 9) Renee Bergeron (11.72) 10) Victor Li (11.23)

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| 1) Ken Fasching | 91.66 |
| 2) Hap Neuffer | 86.79 |
| 3) Ellie Hack | 83.00 |
| 4) Pat Webb | 65.03 |
| 5) Joyce Lauterbach | 62.47 |
| 6) Pat Lauterbach | 61.03 |
| 7) Bea Nelson | 60.72 |
| 8) Rosa Shaw | 57.11 |
| 9) Bill Fogleman | 56.18 |
| 10) Alice Moore | 56.10 |

Henry Mills 0-2000

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| 1) Ken Fasching | 91.66 |
| 2) Joyce Lauterbach | 62.47 |
| 3) Bea Nelson | 60.72 |
| 4) Rosa Shaw | 57.11 |
| 5) Bill Fogleman | 56.18 |
| 6) Alice Moore | 56.10 |
| 7) Brent Holcomb | 54.97 |
| 8) Everett Ness | 49.95 |
| 9) Butch Maybin | 47.58 |
| 10) Marika Hallosy | 47.25 |

Coleman Farrell

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| 1) Brent Holcomb | 54.97 |
| 2) Everett Ness | 49.95 |
| 3) Bernetha Henry | 45.90 |
| 4) Lou Riddle | 36.26 |
| 5) Francis Kovach | 34.88 |
| 6) Bea Hordych | 34.58 |
| 7) Dorothy DeFiori | 34.40 |
| 8) Mary Townhill | 28.62 |
| 9) Jean Mason | 27.84 |
| 10) Arnold Levinson | 25.46 |

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You can take the measure of a person by what it takes to discourage him.

May 2004

Columbia Bridge Club 771-4988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 PM Unit Charity for the ACBL
2	3 7 PM 0-1000 Pairs	4 Noon 0-1000 pairs 7 PM Open Pairs	5 10 AM Open Pairs Club Champ 7 PM 0-500 pairs	6 12:30 0-500 pairs Charity 7 PM Open Pairs Club Champ	7 get ready for it!	8 1 PM Open Pairs Jr. Fund game Birthday Party
9	10 7 PM 0-1000 pairs	11 Noon-0-1000 pairs Charity Game 7 PM Open Pairs Club Champ	12 10 AM Open Pairs 7 PM 0-500 Pairs	13 12:30 OPEN PAIRS ACBL wide Fund Game 7 PM Open Pairs	14	15 1 PM Open Pairs
16	17 7 PM 0-1000 Pairs	18 Noon 0-1000 Club Champ 7 PM open Pairs	19 10 AM Open Pairs 7 PM 0-500 pairs Club Champion	20 12:30 0-500 Pairs Club Champ 7 PM Open Pairs	21	22 1 PM Open Pairs
23	24 7 PM 0-1000 pairs Club Champ	25 Noon 0-1000 Pairs 7 PM Open Pairs	26 10 AM Open Pairs 7 PM 0-500 Pairs	27 12:30 0-500 Pairs Charity for ACBL 7 PM Open Pairs	28	29 1 PM Open Pairs
30	31 7 PM 0-1000 Pairs					

June

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April

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Play the OPEN ACBL Fund game Thursday afternoon May 13