

## Tricks & Treats

### For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

The Birthday Party for August was helped by contributions from Jackie King and Katie Langston and Pat Webb. Our hostesses were Alvaree Hanley, DaMaris Rorie and Joyce Lauterbach. At the end, Hap and Betty pulled away, but it was a real fight among 7 pairs for second over-all.

N/S	North American Pairs	E/W
1) Hap Neuffer/Betty Warren	135.50	1) Rosa Shaw/Marianne Murphy 125.00
2) Joyce Lauterbach/Ellie Hack	123.00	2) Genet Horning/Margaret Hill 123.50
3) Robert Woodham/Pat Webb	121.50	3) Butch Maybin/Harold Moore 123.00
4) Alice Moore/Roni Keisler	117.00	4) Mary and Rick Giles 122.00
5) Luanne Edwards/Annie Hawkins	114.00	5) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb 122.00

Congratulations-change of rank in July-Cathy Chiles Jr. Master, Bobbie Stricklin, Club Master, Karen Coulter and Terry Moore Regional Masters.

Our newest Silver Life Master- Ellen Oliver. Way to go-cap off a good 2004/5 in the McMann races.

Great events for August: The Palmetto Sectional at the Scottish Rite on August 12-14. There will be a kick off game on Thursday night August 11 at the club. Then event will be an IMP Pairs contest.

Many thanks to Jan Mandeville for sponsoring/coordinating our over/under game July 11.

N/S	Over/under 700 points 14 tables	E/W
1) Chris and Pat Webb	198.38	1) Mary Townhill/George Nichols 189.50
2) Brent Holcomb/Ellie Hack	174.88	2) Carolyn and J. Lewis Cromer 182.75
3) Bernetha Henry/DaMaris Rorie	174.63	3) Leck Mason/Genet Horning 172.50
4) Roni Keisler/John Wilkinson	166.75	4) Naomi Friedman/Arline Polinsky 170.38
5) Eleanor and Joel Levy	165.38	5) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson 168.54

### ALERT!!!

We're having an Open House on Sunday September 18 to encourage new members to join our club. We need your help and participation. If you would bring just one new bridge player to the open house it would make a big difference.

While playing in the Charlotte Club Championship last month, Joyce and I ran into three auctions by opponents that went "one of a major, two of the same major-four of the major" A fourth auction where Joyce slipped in a two level overcall belongs in the same category-they all went down at least one. I see it in over/under games, also. This is one auction every advancing player should drop like a bad habit. If you are willing to commit to game over any 6 (or maybe less?) point hand your partner has to respond, why aren't you opening 2 Clubs in the first place? Talk it over with partner and use an asking bid next time. We use over 1 Heart-two Hearts, an artificial 2 Spades to ask for a cue bid of the lowest ranking suit responder would accept a game invitation in (a 2 NT response to the 2 spades asking would show Spade help) Over 1 Spade-Two Spades, 2 NT is the artificial ask. We ask with an off shape 15+ opener and respond positively with only the top end of our minimum two level response. (good 7 or 8-9) It limits damage when we won't make and gets us to game when we need to be there. Criteria for positive response should be agreed before hand-usually include a quick trick requirement, distribution and support elements. A hand including an ace and a king is a lot better than one holding 4 Queens and a Jack for instance. Will a stiff qualify as help? Or are you looking for a high card placement only? In limited games you have "field protection" for 1-2-4 auctions-but you won't have that in an open game. Practice will hone your judgment in these auctions. "What's goin' on!!!? I ain't got a clue!!!" Jimmy Buffet "Fruitcake"



**We are adding** to our library in memory of **Joy Wilkinson**, Marty Sez... Volume 2. It is 158 quick ways to improve your game written by 10 time national Champion Marty Bergen, author of Points-Schmoints.

**Charlotte Labor Day Regional-Starts Wednesday, August 30-runs through Monday, Sept. 4**

**August is your last chance to qualify** for the North American Pairs second round. Of course if you've already Q'ed, no problem, come out and play again just for the points. **Last Chance Open Qualifying Saturday August 27. Last chance B&C Tuesday noon 8/29**

**Birthday party will be Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>-a Unit Championship game-so y'all come!!**

**Next Board meeting of the CBC will be 10 A.M. Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> preceding the Birthday party.** Board members have to be there-all club members are welcome to attend.

**You may have heard** (or may not) about the pro golfer recently who after teeing off, just went to his ball and played it through without regard to whether he or his playing companion was "out". This broke about sixty-eleven different rules of conduct and etiquette and the rules committee wanted to talk to him. He showed up at a press conference first and just lambasted his partner for playing so slow that he lost the rhythm of his game as he had reached a point where he was in contention-he was angry slow play probably cost him six-possibly 7 figures and a shot at a major tournament. He didn't care who he ticked off in return. Well, the stakes may be lower, but the feelings are just as intense at a bridge game. It is unsportsman-like to be *consistently* late-even by as little as a minute-leaving your table at the end of the round. **The time element is part of the conditions of contest.** Even if you're not done talking yet-be ethical enough to realize your time is up and leave at the end of the round. Last reminder: Don't keep the whole room waiting for results at the end. That is rude and inconsiderate. (The last round is no longer than any other round)

**Missing in action:** the club's set of white table cloths. No one has seen them since the Anniversary party and no one seems to know where they are. Did some Good Samaritan take them home for laundry and not bring them back yet? Let us know.

**"With a broken six card minor and 15 points, open One No Trump if you have stoppers in the other three suits."**

You hold: Spades K5 Hearts K4 Diamonds KJ8 Clubs AJ 7652

**"Open 1 NT-live a little."** Eddie Kantar "Bridge tips (540 ways to improve your partner's game)" (tip #28)

**"Unless you fear the Heavens will part, open 1 Heart or 1 Spade in third or fourth seat with a strong four card suit and a minimum hand."**

You hold: Spades 52 Hearts AKJ10 Diamonds !0-9-8-7 Clubs A-10-3

**"Open 1 heart in third or fourth chair"** Eddie Kantar "Bridge Tips " (tip # 26)

**NAP&C 6/28**

- 1) Joan O'Steen/Ed Catalano
- 2) Bill Fogleman/Henry Momand
- 3) Elaine Wade/Brent Holcomb

**Open NAP 6/28**

- 1) Brian Lipscomb/Francis Kovach
- 2) Carolyn Floyd/Emily O'Boyle
- 3) Deborah and Jeff Thomas

**B&C NAP 7/5**

- 1) Carolyn Cromer/Rosa Shaw
- 2) Bill Fogleman/Henry Momand
- 3) Missy Day/Lou Riddle

**NAP Open 7/13**

- 1) Ellie Hack/Butch Maybin
- 2) Alice Moore/Marj Edens
- 3) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching

**NAP Open 7/14**

- 1) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach
- 2) Bill Charlwood/Harold Moore
- 3) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching

**NAP Open 7/18**

- 1) Ellie Hack/Jack Wilkinson
- 2) Alice Moore/John Mac Gregor
- 3) Mary Townhill/George Nichols

**"My partner is 20 years behind the times. Nowadays you pay your money to bid. My partner still thinks you need cards."** Charles Goren



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**PLAY THE PALMETTO IMP PAIRS AT THE CLUB 7 PM 8/11**