

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

The Birthday Party for September was helped by contributions from Bob Woodham. The Webb's 66+% game was the highlight; the low light was the director (me) screwing up the board sequencing. My apologies to the players involved who took adjusted scores and thank you for your patience while I sorted it out. The battle for second overall was, again, most interesting. Our hostesses were Irma Murray, Rosa Shaw and thank-you Louise Hightower for the deviled eggs.

N/S	Unit 160 Game	E/W
1) Bob and Pat Webb	127.00	1) Fran Jenkins/Ken Fasching 103.50
2) Lukasz Lebioda/Hap Neuffer	105.19	2) Marj Edens/Lil Hopkins 102.86
3) Jeff Thomas/Dodi DeFiori	97.99	3) Ellen Oliver/Brian Lipscomb 101.81
4) Louise Hightower/Carolyn Floyd	96.31	4) Rosa Shaw/Carolyn Cromer 101.25

Congratulations to our newest Life Master: **Bob Hampton**. Bob made it with a very successful visit to the Nationals in Atlanta. Way to go Bob!!

Congratulations to our newest Gold Life Master-Roni Keisler. I believe she went over 2500 points playing in a club game right here in Columbia

Best game in town: The duo of **Joan O'Steen** and **Ed Catalano** playing 27 boards in a 9 ½ table movement on Tuesday 8/16 scored 70.50% Good Game you two!!

Great events for September:

- 1) Bridge is a partnership game. How true it is-prove it in the Fun- Individual event 7 PM Sept. 8.
- 2) **The ACBL-wide Instant Gold Match Point Event Wednesday Evening 9/14**. Like it says-winners get a Gold Point. Analysis books and pre-dealt hands. Entry is \$14/pair. Like to see everyone there-a club Gold point event with Richard Pavlichek (world champ now living in Fort Lauderdale) doing the analysis. Scoring is 0-100, hands are always interesting.

DOUBLE ALERT - TIME IS SHORT!!!

We're having an Open House on Sunday September 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 to encourage new members to join our club. This will be preceded by some media advertising. Your Board and committee members need your help and participation. If you would bring just one new bridge player to the open house or otherwise help out, it would make a big difference. See Alice, Irma, Brent, Sheelagh or Karen Coulter. Get in to the box at the front of the playing area, the name and address-phone number-of those who might like to join us.

Bridge is a great game with the scope for strategy that it has. Last month I discussed the asking bids that Joyce and I used as two-over-one players. Our 2S or 2NT asks give a minimum away to interference bidding or subsequent defensive strategy. Standard American bidders find short suit or help suit game tries more useful. Big Club (and even more exotic systems) have their own conventions. It is possible to make very sophisticated (and expensive) mistakes in any system. What you want to do is work out with your partner which you want to play. What you don't want to do is *never* turn down an invitation. That's fine for opponents-I expect my partners to use some judgment. People who always bid on are going to stick you with bad results sometimes-it happens-but generally they will be with the field when it's right to bid and you won't lose much if anything. When it's wrong-and it will be wrong lots more often than the number of times they stuck you for bad results-you are going to make a ton of points. (If you can play defense-that's how good players win) Generally experts suggest a partnership stretch to get to a game. You get best results if it is stretched on only one side of the table-stretch your assets to **invite a game-only accept the invite** if you are comfortable in the range of your bidding-not dead minimum for what you've shown.

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." John Wooden basketball coach at UCLA

How about that Palmetto Sectional!!!? Hats off to our chairman, Henry Momand and his hardest worker, Pat Webb. Many thanks to Dodi DeFiori and the rest of the food crew. Bob Webb and his SUV came in very handy. And of course, Harold Moore who stayed to vacuum after everything was cleared. I had a good time-how about you? We were down a little on attendance, but not on enjoyment.

Palmetto Sectional results: Thursday IMP pairs-3)Bobbi Hollingsworth/Ellie Hack 4) Jack Wilkinson Butch Maybin 5) DaMaris Rorie/Sylvia White 6) Margaret Hill 3B)Dot Cole/Joan O'Steen 4B) Rosa Shaw Abdul Ghaffar 1C) Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry 6B) Harold Moore/Terry Moore 2C) Lou Riddle/Melissa Day 3C) Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig

Friday 3) Tom Balcersek/Abduhl Ghaffar 4) Frances Lawton/Mary Nichols 5) Eleanor and Joel Levy Genet Horning/Marj Edens 4B) Irma Murray/Madalyn Dybvik 5B) Bernetha Henry/Mary Townhill 4C) Henry Momand/Bill Fogleman **Evening 2)** Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb 6) Bob and Pat Webb 1B) Tom Balcersek/Abdul Ghaffar 2B) Bob Woodham 3B) Thurman and Cathy Bruffy 5B) John Memory/Sig Friedman 4C) Frances Lawton/Mary Nichols 5C) Sallie Blackwell/Elizabeth Beckwith

Saturday 2B)Gwen Beckman/Jeff Thomas 3B) Madalyn Dybvik/Fred Chisholm 5B)Harold Moore 2C)Thurman and Cathy Bruffy 3C)Mary Townhill/Sandy Gies **Evening 2)** Joel Levy/Patrick Lauterbach 3) Brian Lipscomb/Ellen Oliver 5) Marj Edens Genet Horning 6) Hap Neuffer/Joyce Hampton 1B)Mary Bostick 3B)Harold Moore 4B) Jan Ripley/Bernetha Henry 6B) Sallie Blackwell/Alan Brooks/Ed Scheiblich/Linda York

Swiss 1) Bob Hampton 6) Gwen Beckman/Ellie Hack/Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching 2B) Bob Woodham/Ed Scheiblich 3B)Harold Moore 4B)Sig Friedman/Rosa Shaw/Marianne Murphy/Henry Momand 4C)Chris and Lee Webb 5) James Chianelli/Karen Coulter/Ann Phillips/Leonard Bifano

A few additions to the phone lists coming out with this issue of the Tricks and Treats:

Velma Lamp remains on our mailing list at her new address: 4520 Trenholm Rd. Apt 321 Columbia, SC. 29206-4476

Ann Phillips. (sorry Ann) 221 Aiken Hunt Circle Columbia SC 29223 Home phone 736-9222

Sue Harrington (Sorry-forgot to wait for your info) 401 Patio Dr. Columbia 29212 Home 781-4566

Vote of thanks from the club to the donor of the new curtains in the rest rooms. Very nice.

With a little prompting from Alice, we will have bridge pointers from **Lukasz Lebioda, Hap Neuffer and Brian Lipscomb** here in future months. Need the copy by the 20th and I will run sequentially. Everyone encourage them in their literary endeavors, please. (Anywhere from 2 lines to @220 words/14 lines guys) Remember: **All the news that fits.....we print.**

In the mean time: Edwin Kantar: "Partner is more apt to stay the course if he knows your distribution rather than your point count." (Tip #503 of "540 tips to improve your partners game")

"Let the opponents make the 'genius' bids. Keep yours down to a minimum. Partner never seems to work them out." (Tip # 516) (resisting the temptation to specially dedicate this one)

"When partner opens the bidding and you have two sure tricks outside of his suit, double any game they bid." (tip #537)

"Don't expect to set every contract you double. If you do, you aren't doubling enough." (Tip #538)

NAP-- B and C 7/20

- 1) Sue Harrington/George Delay
- 2) David Bykowski/Brent Holcomb
- 3) Arnold and Faye Levinson

NAP-- B and C 7/28

- 1) Jan Ripley/Bernetha Henry
- 2) Iona Hunter/Francis Kovach
- 3) Bruce and Tootsie Holland

Open NAP 8/16

- 1) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching
- 2/3) Bob Webb/Ellie Hack
- 2/3) Ellen Oliver/Hap Neuffer

NAP B and C 8/18

- 1) Beth Pyles/Henrietta Cashwell
- 2) Bruce and Tootsie Holland
- 3) Elaine Wade/Brent Holcomb

NAP Open 8/22

- 1) Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig
- 2) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb
- 3-4) Pat Webb/Butch Maybin
- 3-4) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson

Promptness is the courtesy of Kings.

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Gold Point at the club!! Instant Matchpoint event Wednesday night 9/14