

## Tricks & Treats

### For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

**The Birthday party for October** will be late in the month. Our organizers will hold it Saturday Oct 22.

**The Birthday Party** for September with Hostess' **Pat Webb** and **Gwen Beckman** had nine tables vying for the club championship. Just throw a blanket over the top three finishers separated by .35 at the end. Great game to sit back and watch as director with some really good eats by Pat and Gwen.

N/S	Club Championship	E/W
1) Mary and Rick Giles 124.00	1) Marjorie Edens/Alice Moore 124.10	
2) Fred Chisholm/Ellie Hack 117.35	2) Ellen and Wade Oliver 123.75	
3) Gwen Beckman/Lil Hopkins 116.31	3) Butch Maybin/Harold Moore 114.19	

**Congratulations** to our newest Life Master: **Bernetha Henry** grabbed a second in a KO event in Charlotte that had enough Gold points to put her over. Her team was Archie Hardy, Mary Townhill and Sylvia White.

**Best game in town:** The duo of **Ken Fasching** and **Brian Lipscomb** put together a 73.75% game in a 6 ½ table, Howell movement, game on Labor Day. That's working hard guys!!

**District 6 and 7** will both contribute \$20,000 to the bridge clubs in the stricken areas of the Gulf Coast. **The MABC** will also contribute \$20,000 to the effort. Playing cards have already been sent to shelters.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of **Alice Morris** recently. She was a long time member who hadn't been able to play much in recent years. Mostly she played on Wednesday mornings. Rest in Peace.

**It was a great Open House.** It was a success before the event even came off-all those members working together to make it happen. 25 enrollees in Easy bridge-over 50 came to check us out. Too many people to thank and not miss anyone- But a huge portion of the work and motivation was due to **Irma Murray**. **Dodi DeFiori** seems to always show up when we need her to doesn't she? **Karen Coulter**, **Brent Holcomb**, **Carolyn Floyd**, **Ed and Sheelagh Young** and of course the voice of the event **Patricia Webb**. The follow up is being done lead by **Jeff Thomas** who will be teaching a course on Easy Bridge on Tuesday nights starting 9/27. If you're looking at the pics on the front board, we have proof ex-tank driver **Ken Fasching** and sailor **Brian Lipscomb** can still use a shovel -also pruning shears, saw and leaf blower. If you can, check out the video **David Bykowski** made for the event. Our Fearless Leader **Alice Moore** put quite a good team together didn't she? Now it's up to us to carry through.

**As promised** words of wisdom from **Brian Lipscomb**: When to re-bid a bad 5-card Spade suit as responder holding 6-10 High Card points after your partner opens one of a minor and re-bids one no trump: We're talking suits that are five to the ten, five to the Jack or five to the Queen. **The Auction:**

partner	Opp.	You	Opp.
1 Minor	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
1 NT	Pass	?	

**The key is your holding in partner's minor suit.** If you hold 2 cards in partner's suit-pass. If you hold 3 or more-bid 2 Spades. Now why is that? If you hold only a two card fit with his minor, you have more cards in the unbid suits. That's better for no trump. This applies to hands that are 5-3-3-2 and 5-3-2-3 and 5-2-3-3. Don't be afraid to defend if they try to outbid you on these hands. (Ed. Note: passing 1NT will many times tempt opponents to bail you out as they try to play a two level contract on hands that fit no better than yours and 20 HCP - or less. You are now where you want to be-on defense and probably going plus-if partner has 3 good spades with you-he may raise to 2 Spades if opponents compete. If he doesn't-you are better off on defense)

**There will be a Unit game Wednesday noon 10/12 sanction # UC 510160A1. Everyone come.**

**The Instant Matchpoint** event is the best test of bridge around. Everyone can get a bad board-and everyone can get a good board. Matchpoints are already awarded, you have to measure yourself against the possible results. It delivered the winners' Gold points to pairs who didn't really need them, but the event also delivered an analysis book to all the participants that's worth its weight in gold (points) to its readers. There might have been better analysis of an event than Richard Pavlicek delivered the last 19 years, but I can't think of when. For instance Board 16: He effortlessly made the point on game tries we picked up playing the south Florida pros while we lived in Miami-also lead strategy against them (as well as fourth suit forcing auctions). Board 7: In E/W spade contracts, you're always going to lose one trump trick, you have to guard against 4-1 breaks. When to raise responder's suit. (If he'd been at my table, he might also have made a point about using cards you can't afford to let go of as signals) The running joke is Mad Cow bids. Check Board 29 you inverted minor fans. Very effective. The entire booklet is informative, entertaining and will amply repay the time you spend to read it. Oh, yeah, the game results:

N/S	ACBL-wide Instant match point/Gold point game	E/W
1) Bob and Pat Webb	1579.50	1) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach 1624.00
2) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson	1479.38	2) Brian Lipscomb/Butch Maybin 1493.00
3) John Memory/Jackie King	1470.38	3) Everett and Shirley Ness 1407.00
4) Harold Moore/Jeff Thomas	1453.50	4) David Bykowski/Alice Moore 13.48.00
5) Carolyn and Lewis Cromer	1409.63	5) Joan O'Steen/Dot Cole 1332.00

**Hoist** on my own petard. Tip # 524 by Edwin Kantar "Don't be afraid to bid against experts. That's one reason why they win so often-opponents are beaten before they get to the table. Also, experts don't like defending against preempts any more than you do." So-a recent Monday night as my best partner and I were headed to fourth place: **Tootsie Holland** allowed as she didn't like our preemptive style-but that didn't keep her from correctly electing to defend my first preempt and enjoying the fruits of her own aggressive bidding as I made the wrong decision at the slam level on a second hand. Later, over my partner's 1 diamond opening, **Sheelagh Young** sticks in "4 Hearts", I look at a flat 14 and elect a double-minus 590. **Sallie Blackwell** did the same a few hands later-she collected three over tricks as we went minus 890, partner holding an 18 count!! No call carries a guarantee, but you bid like champs, ladies. I saw John, Ed and Brent smiling as their partners cleaned our clocks. A tip of the hat and- "Another day".

**Get well soon:** Goes out to **Jan Mandeville** fighting a respiratory infection and **Genet Horning** who's getting a heart blockage repaired. Really-get well soon. We miss you-get back here.

#### NAP Open 8/27

- 1) Ellen Oliver/Brian Lipscomb
- 2) Gwen Beckman/Lil Hopkins
- 3) Alice and Harold Moore

#### NAP B & C 8/30

- 1) Wendy Carlson/Marianne Murphy
- 2) Rosa Shaw/Carolyn Cromer
- 3) Jean Mason/Dot Cole

#### Club Champ 0-1000 9/6

- 1) Bucky Bruce/Frances Lawton
- 2) Rosa Shaw/Carolyn Cromer
- 3) Iona Hunter/Francis Kovach

#### Open Club Champ 9/7

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

#### NAP Open 8/25

- 1) Bob and Pat Webb
- 2) Hp Neuffer/Joyce Hampton
- 3) Bobbi Hollingsworth/Ellie Hack

#### Open Individual 9/8

- 1) John Memory
- 2) Abduhl Ghaffar
- 3) Jack Wilkinson
- 4) Pat Webb
- 5) Joel Levy
- 6) Bob Webb

#### Club Champ Open 9/19

- 1) Sylvia White/Bernetha Henry
- 2) Mirza Baig/Mike Bitonti
- 3) Joel Levy/Everett Ness

#### Club Champ 0-500 9/21

- 1-2) George Delay/Sue Harrington
- 1-2) Lois Ball/Teri Kuhs

#### Club Champ Open 9/22

- 1) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching
- 2) George Nichols/Mary Townhill

**"It ain't braggin' if you can do it."** Dizzy Dean

**"A difference of opinion is what makes a horse race."** Damon Runyon **"and a stock market"** J.P. Morgan **"and duplicate bridge."** Obvious

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