

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

Frazer McCrory will be coordinating our club Christmas party this year. It will be held on Thursday Dec. 15th at the club. Sign-up sheets for bringing side dishes, appetizers or desserts will be on the front bulletin board Dec. 1. **Please**, let us know what you're bringing. People who haven't decided need to know what's most needed. Club will furnish the entrées. Frazer could use some help-if she asks, give her a hand-or call before she asks. Social hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. Abridged bridge from @8-@10:30 (18-20 hands).

Your Board of Directors, in a special meeting Nov. 4th, voted to start a game on Friday afternoon starting January 6, 2006. The game will start at 12:30 and be a limited game 0-750. We plan to offer two sections, 0-50 and 0-750. It is hoped that our newest student players and our new-to-duplicate players will find this an attractive play option. Your director will be Pat Lauterbach.

Congratulations to our newest Bronze Life Master-**Dodi DeFiori!!**

Congratulations also to our newest Silver Life Master-**Dot Cole!!!**

STaC Schedule: Monday night Dec 12th, Tuesday Noon, Wednesday 11:59, Wednesday 7 PM and Saturday 1:00. Five sessions at CBC and DaMaris will hold two, one Friday 7 PM and then Sunday the 18th at 1:30 Entry fee is \$6/person. Exceptions are regular Wednesday night and Thursday Afternoon players (0-500) who play for \$4 each *at those sessions*. **All games that week are Stratified Open Events.**

There is a new sign-up sheet by the back door for those who will host the Birthday parties next year. Are you party people? We appreciate and can use your party skills.

Our classes on Tuesday and Saturday are going well. We are opening up the classes to any in the club who would like to attend. The Tuesday night will be Easy Bridge II with Jeff Thomas. Saturdays will be seminars with Brian Lipscomb on a variety of topics. Cost will be \$5/session whenever you attend.

Butch Maybin holds off hard-charging **Sheelagh Young** on the final night of the Thursday series event to take first place. The top finishers and their averages for the best four games (of 6) with different partners:

- 1) Butch Maybin (59.65)
- 2) Sheelagh Young (59.51)
- 3) Pat Lauterbach (59.36)
- 4) Ken Fasching (57.24)
- 5) Lil Hopkins (56.51)
- 6) Bob Webb (56.14)
- 7) Jeff Thomas (54.67)
- 8) Harold Moore (54.19)

For all our new players and a brush-up for old club members, a few words on calling the director. **First:** (and this is important) call the director anytime you feel something has gone off-track. Really, it's OK-we don't have too many thin directors and they need the exercise. Better safe. **Second:** Call at the time it happens (e.g. call at the hesitation-not when it's his partner's turn to bid or after his partner has bid) We'd rather be called early while it's still simpler to rule. **Third: Don't accept a table ruling from another player.** Some of them don't know the rules as well as they think they do. Hey, I always call-so do the other club game directors. You watch. **Fourth:** When calling, put your hand in the air and in a firm voice say "Director" or "Director, please" Don't be angry, or worse, snippy about it; just keep the hand up till the director sees you. Say 'director' rather than the first name so he knows he is being called in an official capacity not, for example, just to turn dummy's cards, sort a bid box, make coffee or fix the temperature. **Fifth:** The director doesn't need help in making the ruling. He will first listen to the person who called, then ask any questions he needs answered. Please: no interruptions or arguments that just slow things down. You're going to be ruled against sometimes when you think you shouldn't be. The director has a rule book-he can read you the applicable Law at the table or discuss with you the reason for the ruling after the round or after the game. Some rulings can be appealed though not any made as a matter of Law(s).

"A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though he knows you're a little cracked."

The Birthday Party for November, hosted by **Bernetha Henry, Sylvia White, Brent Holcomb** and **Mary Townhill**. Great cake, cookies and veggies, but I really went for the hot sauce and chips. DaMaris and Henry had a commanding lead wire to wire, but must have run low on hot sauce the last round.

N/S	Club Charity Championship Game		E/W
1) Henry Momand/DaMaris Rorie	133.81	1) Luanne Edwards/Annie Hawkins	130.15
2) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching	121.80	2) Bernetha Henry/Belle Fields	128.27
3) Marlise and Tommy Overby	119.49	3) Mary and Rick Giles	123.87
4) Betty Schneider/ Marj Edens	114.54	4) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	115.75

Our December Birthday party will be Dec. 3rd. December birthdays get their free play, but refreshments will be limited as we will be preparing for our big Club Christmas party on the 15th.

NO Games will be held on Thursday afternoon 12/15 (getting ready for the party) or on Saturday 12/24 or 12/31. For the week between Christmas and New Year, we may have a playing director at Open Games.

For those of you who didn't think they needed their math classes after school: If you're in a contract needing at least two out of three finesses to work, your chances are 50-50 (Really!! For discussion of the math, catch me anytime) The odds on winning *at least* one of two finesses is 75%. The odds of winning *two out of two finesses* is only 25%. A common situation where you need -or want-three tricks:

you hold 6-4-2 and dummy has A-J-9-3

Odds are the King and Queen are split though you have a 25% chance of finding them both on side. But wait!! What if you lead toward dummy and when LHO plays low, you put in the 9? Finessing against the 10 all of a sudden makes you 50-50 (to get *at least* two tricks)-looking to win two out of three finesses (against the King, against the Queen and against the 10) rather than having to win two out of two.

N/S	ACBL-wide charity game on Monday November 21		E/W
1) Pat Webb/Gwen Beckman	132.50	1) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	148.00
2) Ellie Hack/Jack Wilkinson	122.50	2) Mirza Baig/Mike Bitonti	137.50
3) Butch Maybin/Harold Moore	119.50	3) Bernetha Henry/Sylvia White	120.00
4) Genet Horning/Marj Edens	118.50	4) Jean Mason/Mary Bostick	107.50
5) Everett Ness/Joel Levy	115.50	5) Madalyn Dybvik/Irma Murray	97.00
Open Unit Game 11/2		Charity game 11/8 0-1000	Charity Game 11/10 0-500
1) Ginny Robertson/Ken Fasching		1) Mary Nichols/Ann Phillips	1) Jim Chianelli/Brent Holcomb
2) Elie Hack/Bob Webb		2) Mary Hayden/Beth Pyles	2) Karen Coulter/ Mrgariota Morales
3) Marlise Overby/Dot Cole		3) Melissa Day/Lou Riddle	3) Shirley Ness/Jane Temple
Club Champ Open 11/17		Charity Game 11/16 0-500	
1) Sheelagh Young/Pat Lauterbach		1) Arnold and Faye Levinson	
2) Tom Balcerek/Everett Ness		2) Helga Dodson/Diane Schrader	
3) Dave Bykowski/Butch Maybin			

Centurion Cup: 1) Jan Ripley (13.05) 2) David Bykowski (9.12) Jane Temple (8.21) 4) Margarita Morales (5.82) 5) George DeLay (5.58) 6) Faye Levinson (5.22) 7) Carolyn Swartout (4.90) 8) Ginny Chianelli (4.77) 9) Teri Kuhs (4.75) 9) Lois Ball (4.41)

Sol Lourie Open		Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell 0-Lifemaster	
Brian Lipscomb	54.35	Alice Moore	28.22	Arnold Levinson	27.53
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Ken Fasching	39.53	Lil Hopkins	26.25	Bernetha Henry	21.49
Ellie Hack	35.62	Butch Maybin	25.86	Everett Ness	18.40
Bob Webb	30.86	Brent Holcomb	22.89	Jack Wilkinson	16.67
Pat Webb	28.82	Rosa Shaw	22.48	Jim Chianelli	13.92
Alice Moore	28.22	Bernetha Henry	21.49	Jan Ripley	13.05
Arnold Levinson	27.53	John Memory	19.61	Karen Coulter	12.75
Marj Edens	26.46	Carolyn Cromer	18.61	Francis Kovach	12.63
Lil Hopkins	26.25	Everett Ness	18.40	Lou Riddle	10.88

"I've read dozens of books about heroes and crooks-and I've learned much from both of their styles"
Jimmy Buffett "Son of son of a sailor"

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