

Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

The big events of 2006 will kick-off this year on Saturday, January 21. We will hold a two-session qualifying event for the Grand National teams. Categories are: C-0-500 (NLM), B-0-2000 and A-over 2000. This well-attended event is not only good for the club finances, it's a great "mixer" that the members enjoy. Entries are \$44/team for a 4,5, or 6 man team. Bring a sandwich for your lunch. We will have dessert and drinks. **Start time is 10AM.** We should be done around 6:30.

Starting Friday January 6, we will have a new session. 12:30 for 0-750. Also a 0-50 section if we have at least 3 tables 0-50 players. However, **no games** this month on Friday 1/13 or Saturday 1/14. **See you in Batesburg!!!**

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. **Eleven months still available.**

Easy bridge, presented and directed by Jeff Thomas, assisted by his wonderful wife Deborah (Who wrote this copy?) held their first classes each Tuesday starting in October. The first lessons were free for those under 20 points and little or no experience playing. Attendance was high and we began charging and giving out masterpoints at lesson five. You can check out the results on the bulletin board. We have had 45 visitors to Easy bridge with a usual attendance of 16 players each week. The class started with "this is a deck of 52 cards" and has progressed through many popular conventions. This is a diverse group whose enthusiasm makes it a pleasure to work with. The quiet during the presentation contrasts with the vigorous post mortems of hands that are played. The holidays have disrupted the schedule, but after review, Easy Bridge I will be finished and Easy Bridge II will start. Special Thanks go to **Irma Murray** and the ladies who provided refreshments for our classes and those who came to round out a table. Kick-off 7 PM Jan. 3.

Things your mother taught you that just aren't so. Consider the suit combination:

You hold: xx

Dummy holds A-K-J-10-x

Your mama told you play one big honor in case the Queen is offside single. Sorry Mom. It's aggravating when it happens, but if the suit goes out badly, the queen is 10 times likely to be on-side fourth than it is to be offside single (if you have 6 in dummy and 2 in hand it is still 4 times more likely)-and you still lose to an original offside Q-x if you play Ace, then a second round finesse. If you play one top honor first, you can't even pick up (Q-x-x-x) on-side by taking a second round finesse. So just plan on taking two finesses.

Knowing things like the above is helpful often enough to make it worthwhile remembering. But if you remember the following, **it will save you a whole lot more tricks.** I cannot, as director, call attention to an irregularity I see as I walk around the floor. (This is straight from ACBL folks) I've seen declarer lead from the wrong hand, revokes, wrong defender leads. One memorable hand I watched first my declarer partner-then both defenders-revoke. No one notices. Today I also saw a declarer concede the last three tricks in a no trump contract when the Heart in her hand (on lead) was the only red card in the four hands to the last three tricks. I watched opponent rise on dummy on the third lead of a suit, declining to finesse against my partner-even though I showed out on the second round. Partner claims at trick eight one more for the A in dummy, conceding the rest-but the King drops stiff offside setting up two more in his hand-tough (his other cards are losers). Another partner wants to concede a trick to a card that defenders mistakenly covered with early. (Fortunately she couldn't) Saw one poor player leave three tricks high and dry in dummy because he wasn't watching when he dropped the stiff queen offside and he thought they weren't good. (Imagine what his partner said?) Watch the cards folks. Pay attention or pay the piper.

Congratulations to our newest Bronze Life Master, **Bob Hampton!!** Bob is currently running second in the Sectional Master mini-McKenney race with 499 Master Points garnered so far in 2005.
Congratulations to new Silver Life Masters, **John Memory** and **Rosa Shaw!!!**

Congratulations new Jr. Master **Tom Gabriel**, Susan McFadden, Shari Wilenborg, Club Master **Judy Holiday**, Faye Levinson, Mary Norton.

Late Flash!! Our newest Life Master **Joyce Hampton**. Joyce has now won almost 300 points in 2005. Welcome to new member **Scott McPherson**. Eligible for Open games, 736-8441. Columbia address.

Frazer McCrorey with **Roy McCrorey** behind the bar hosted quite a Christmas party this year. **Butch Maybin** brought us really delicious turkeys and a ham. A great meal and time was had by all. We were glad to see new faces-people from our open house that came to the party.

N/S		Christmas Party Game 16 1/2 tables		E/W	
1)	Ed and Sheelagh Young	120.86	1)	Frazer and Roy McCrorey	108.61
2)	Ken Fasching/Harold Moore	114.96	2)	Madalyn Dybvik/Irma Murray	107.73
3)	DaMaris Rorie/Margaret Hill	110.12	3)	Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	107.55
4)	Grace Bishop/Mary Smith	105.92	4)	Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry	105.17
5)	Genet Horning/Marjorie Edens	99.86	5)	Brent Holcomb/David Bykowski	103.73
6)	Alice Moore/John Mac Gregor	99.66	6)	BJ Cornelia/Henrietta Cashwell	99.47

The Birthday Party for December hosted by **Ginny Robertson** drew 12 tables for the charity event. Also thanks to Joyce for the raisin bars. Butch and Roni rally on the last round for the victory.

N/S		Club Charity Championship Game		E/W	
1)	Alice Moore/Joyce Lauterbach	144.50	1)	Butch Maybin/Roni Keisler	146.81
2)	Bill Potts/Betty Luther	127.00	2)	Bob and Pat Webb	131.63
3)	Rosa Shaw/Mary Trzecieski	123.50	3)	Virginia Robertson/Frazer McCrory	122.00
4)	Hap Neuffer/Betty Warren	118.50	4)	Annie Hawkins/Luanne Edwards	115.50
5)	Marj Edens/Ellie Hack	113.50	5)	Mary and Rick Giles	108.50

Open Club Champ 11/28

- 1) Joyce and Pat Lauterbach
- 2) Henry Momand/Margaret Hill
- 3) Pat Webb/Ken Fasching

Open Club Champ 11/30

- 1) Karen Coulter/Frazer McCrorey
- 2) Bob Webb/Ellie Hack
- 3) Bernetha Henry/Jan Ripley

Club Champ 0-500 12/1

- 1) Lib Odom/Sam Robinson
- 2) Carol and Fred Clemenz
- 3) Jim and Ginny Chianelli

Open Club Champ 12/1

- 1) Butch Maybin/Pat Lauterbach
- 2-3) Bob and Pat Webb
- 2-3) Harold Moore/Bill Charlwood

Open Charity 12/5

- 1) Henry Momand/Mirza Baig
- 2) Butch Maybin/Jack Wilkinson
- 3) Ellie Hack/Joel Levy

0-1000 Charity 12/6

- 1) Leck Mason/Frazer McCrory
- 2) Mary Townhill/Jan Ripley
- 3) Sue Evans/B. Jay Cornelia

Open STaC 12/12

- 1) Harold Moore/Jack Wilkinson
- 2) Frances Lawton/Jeff Thomas
- 3) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach

Open STaC 12/13

- 1) Bob and Chris Webb
- 2) Mary Nichols/Ann Phillips
- 3) Ken Fasching/Marj Edens

Open STaC 12/17

- 1) Roni Keisler/Butch Maybin
- 2) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching
- 3) Harold Moore/John Mathis

Centurion Cup: 1) Jan Ripley (17.59) 2) David Bykowski (10.04) 3) Jane Temple (8.71) 4) Ginny Chianelli (6.70) 5) Faye Levinson (6.59) 6) George DeLay (6.27) 7) Margarita Morales (5.82) 8) Carolyn Swartout (4.90) 9) Teri Kuhs (4.79) 9) Lois Ball (4.41)

Sol Lourie Open

Brian Lipscomb	56.69
Ken Fasching	50.37
Ellie Hack	47.31
Hap Neuffer	45.28
Bob Webb	40.28
Pat Webb	38.15
Butch Maybin	38.15
Pat Lauterbach	37.03
Alice Moore	36.73
Joyce Lauterbach	34.62

Henry Mills 0-2000

Butch Maybin	38.15
Alice Moore	36.73
Arnold Levinson	29.22
Brent Holcomb	28.84
Rosa Shaw	28.76
Bernetha Henry	28.57
Lil Hopkins	27.55
Harold Moore	26.26
Jack Wilkinson	24.45
John Memory	21.63

Coleman Farrell 0-Lifemaster

Arnold Levinson	29.22
Brent Holcomb	28.84
Bernetha Henry	28.57
Jack Wilkinson	24.45
Everett Ness	20.28
Jan Ripley	17.79
Jim Chianelli	16.39
Sylvia White	15.33
Karen Coulter	14.83
Francis Kovach	13.51

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