

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(Calendar On-line at www.cbcbridge.com)

Our February party was the ACBL-wide Fund game. Great analysis by Frank Stewart, a great Valentine's theme by **Rosa Shaw** and a great game by Ken and Brian.

N/S	15 tables ACBL Fund Game		E/W
1) Mary Trzeciecki/Bill Fogleman	180.50	Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb	199.25
2) Mary Townhill/DaMaris Rorie	173.50	Margaret Hill/Marj Edens	189.96
3) James Chianelli/Henry Momand	172.00	Butch Maybin/Harold Moore	186.25
4) Louise Hightower/Alvaree Hanley	168.50	Ellie Hack/Fran Jenkins	183.20
5) Joan Osteen/Ellen Oliver	167.50	Mary and Rick Giles	182.46

Up the Ladder Regional Master-Anita Momand

A new Gold Life Master-Joyce Hampton!!

The game on Saturday March 15 will be held somewhere-just not at the Senior Center.
Watch the Web site and listen at the games for announcement of the location.

We continue with some more defensive help from **Eddie Kantar 37)** When defending a suit contract, there are two main techniques declarer uses to garner extra tricks: 1) setting up a long suit in dummy, 2) ruffing losers in the short hand (usually the dummy.) If dummy comes down with a long and a short suit and you have the long suit bottled up, lead trumps because the long suit is not usable. If it appears that the long suit is usable, play an attacking defense going for outside tricks quickly. If the dummy comes down balanced, declarer has no place to get rid of losers and will eventually lose them. Therefore you and your partner should adopt a passive defense. Avoid breaking new suits if possible. Let them have what they have coming.

38) (ed. note: This is one of the best tips for the advancing player he put in this collection) The best time to lead a short suit is with trump control. A-x-(x) or K-x-x are great trump holdings to lead from shortness. However, if ruffing will cost you a trump trick, leads from shortness with trump holdings such as j-10-x-x, Q-J-9-x or K-Q-9-x are counter productive.

Our Wednesday night Supervised Play that has been running since January 2007 averaged 25 students over the past 7 weeks since resuming in January this year. This group is eager to learn and has lots of fun. We provide a friendly environment where people of all levels, but especially new-comers can come and play, ask questions be mentored, brush up on the game if they haven't played for years and be successful. "The Play of the Hand" 9 week course that began 1/19 is going well. There are two groups-beginners and intermediates. We have 33 students in all who are learning and improving their game each week. Meeting at the Capital Senior Center has allowed us the space for growth and flexibility in our teaching program. Our goals of promoting bridge and getting new members for the club and the ACBL are being met as a result. We're happy to see a 0-100 game every Friday since moving to the Senior Center.

On a related note... Congratulations to **Bernetha Henry, Chris Webb** and **Sylvia White**. They got their certification as bridge teachers at the Hilton Head Regional.

For you on-line subscribers-the calendar is available at the CBC web page (see above).
Something extra for you on 'page three' (this will also be available in the web site version.)

New phone number for **Emily Lamphere** 714-6299, now in Blythewood.

In case you missed it.....

Almost everyone knows my opinion of a 2NT(8-9 Invitational) response to partner's 1 NT opening. I've expressed it in more or less trenchant terms (depending on company) for years. For those who won't take my word for it, here's an excerpt from Marilyn Hemenway in the February 2008 ACBL Bulletin's *Its just Mayhem* column.

"Rule of 16. When contemplating raising a 1 NT opening to 3NT, count the number of high card points and the number of cards that are 8 and higher. If the sum is more than 16, you should raise to 3 NT. This avoids the need for the use of 2NT as a bid showing 8 HCP and asking partner to raise if at the top of his 1 NT bid. One advantage of this method is that it frees up 2 NT for use as something other than an invitational bid."

My evaluation method is a little different-I require at least two Aces or Kings to bid 3NT (easing transportation problems) and if I only have 8 HCP-it should be two aces (one of which heads at least a 5 card holding). Those who bid 2NT on a "really good" 7 HCP are beyond hope. Those who continue to bid 2 NT invitational rather than use some evaluation method for jumping to 3NT will continue to make 3 NT often enough (or thread the needle at 2nt passed out) to keep them happy: and they will go down often enough to keep me happy. I leave it to the reader to figure out which of us is coming out ahead.

We have a host for the March birthday party. We need one for April through December 2008. If you can bring the cake, let Joyce or me know.

If you know of an ailing member or one who has suffered a loss, notify Karen Coulter-the club would like to send a message of concern and support.

Board meeting: March 3rd, 5:00. Members are invited to attend.

Points won at CBC Trophy races June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008

Centurion Cup- 1) Zan Edmunds (45.36) 2) Jim Willrodt (41.30) 3) Lib Odom (36.09)
4) Sam Robison (17.82) 5) Cynthia Cone (16.80) 6) Francis Robinson (16.37) 7) Melinda Young (13.66) 8) Faye Levinson(11.85) 9) Jay Shahani (10.85) 10) Dozier Shaw (9.30)

Sol Lourie Open		Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell NLM	
1) Brian Lipscomb	115.07	Lil Hopkins	82.15	Jan Ripley	65.60
2) Pat Lauterbach	112.60	Jim Chianelli	71.06	Arnold Levinson	55.68
3) Ken Fasching	108.89	Mary Townhill	66.86	Everett Ness	51.72
4) Bob Webb	94.36	Brent Holcomb	66.84	Tom Gabriel	51.06
5) Joyce Lauterbach	85.74	Bernetha Henry	66.32	Sue Harrington	48.42
6) Hap Neuffer	84.68	Janice Ripley	65.60	Susan McFadden	45.77
7) Lil Hopkins	82.15	Henry Momand	64.08	Zan Edmunds	45.36
8) Pat Webb	73.48	Arnold Levinson	55.68	Jim Willrodt	41.30
9) Ellie Hack	72.90	Everett Ness	51.72	Leck Mason	38.95
10) Alice Moore	72.75	Tom Gabriel	51.06	Karen Ccoulter	37.82

"What she was taught and what she learned are two different things." Greg Evans Luann

March 2008

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		3/1 GNT 1st round qualifying	
<input type="checkbox"/>		3/8 Birthday party!! Charity game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		3/3 5 PM Board meeting	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		3/20 7 PM Unit Game	

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