TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club (Calendar On-line at www.cbcbridge.com)

The annual club anniversary party will be Wednesday June 4. An RSVP was requested, remember? Bring a side dish or desert.. There will be no game at noon on Wednesday June 4!! Bridge that evening will be free and it will be a club Championship with Open and 0-299 sections.

The May Birthday party had 13 tables. Gwen Beckman and Lil Hopkins provided delicious cake.

We will hold the World Wide ECATS Match-point Game on Saturday June 7. There will be local master-point awards as well as National and Regional. You will also be able to see how you match-pointed against the entire world wide field as a percentage of the boards. Entry is \$9/player and the game will be our June Birthday party. Everyone bring a treat to share.

Up the Ladder: Jr. Master-Mary Ann Cross Regional Master-Lois Ball, Teri Kuhs, Jim Willrodt

Our newest Gold Life-Master-Joyce Lauterbach!!

We continue a few playing tips from Eddie Kantar: 43) There is nothing more important than counting your sure tricks before you begin to play. At No Trump count your sure tricks outside the suit you plan to establish. This tells you how many tricks you need in your main suit and then play accordingly. (ed. note: suit combination drill anyone?)

44) As declarer, when you can take a trick with one of two equal honors, take the trick with the higher equal. It is far more deceptive. Say you are playing no trump with the *KQx*. If a low card is led, and RHO plays the Jack, assuming you want to take the trick, take it with the King. Do the same with the A-Q-J. If a low card is led, take it with the Queen not the Jack! If you take tricks with the lower of equals you might as well be playing with your cards face up on the table. Major exception: With A-K-x-(x) at No Trump take the first trick with the King. If you win with the Ace, it is too suspect. If your only stopper is the ace, why aren't you holding up?

Charlotte Sectional starts Thursday June 12-15. See the flyers at the club.

It's that time again. **Dues are almost past Due!!** You know you're going to renew, so do it while you think about it now that you've run up against the deadline (6/1). Single memberships are \$15 and couples are \$28. Attach the member info on the coupon below.

Name(s)	Home #		
Address		Zip	
Birth Month(s)	Web Address		

June 2008

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
		6/4 no 12:30 game	
		6/4 6:00 Anniversary party	
		6/7 ECATS World Wide Match-po	
		6/23-6/29 STAC	
		6/9 5 PM Board meeting	
		June NAP qualifying	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	7 PM Open Game	3 0-2000 NAP	No 12:00 game Anniversary Party!	5 12:30 0-2000 NAP 7:00 Open NAP	6 12:30 0-100,0-1000	7 1:00 ECATS Game Birthday Party!
8	9 5PM-Board meeting 7:00 Open NAP	10 Noon 0-1000	11 Noon Open NAP	12 12:30 0-1000 7PM Open NAP	13 12:30 0-100, 0-2000 NAP	14 1PM Open NAP
15	16 7:00 Open Pairs	17 Noon 0-2000 NAP	18 Noon Open NAP	19 12:30 0-2000 NAP 7:00 Open	20 12:30 0-100 NAP 0-2000 NAP	21 1:00 Open NAP
22	23 7:00 Open STaC	Noon Open STaC 6:30 Batesburg STaC	25 Noon Open STaC	26 12:30 Open STaC 7:00 Open STaC	27 12:30 0-100 STaC 0-1000 STaC	28 1:00 Open STac
29 !:30 Last Chance Open STaC Tricities	30 7:00 Open NAP		May 2008 S M T W T 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	F S S M T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 3 4 5 9 10 11 12 5 16 17 18 19 2 23 24 25 26	