

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

The annual club anniversary party Wednesday June 4 was a good time with a picnic theme. We had well over a hundred for supper and 22 ½ tables for bridge after. The club Championship game was won by **Lewis and Carolyn Cromer**.

N/S	Club Championship 16 ½ tables	E/W
1) Carolyn and Lewis Cromer	198.64	1) Zan Edmunds/Leck Mason 195.62
2) Bob and Pat Webb	194.33	2) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach 193.39
3) Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry	181.71	3) Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson 188.13
4) Betsy Stanton/Katie Langston	169.61	5) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York 174.31
5) Jim and Ginny Chianelli	168.54	6) Chris Webb/Everett Ness 164.69
6) Henry and Anita Momand	168.20	7) Jan Ripley/Emily Lamphere 162.75

There will be no game on Friday July 4 or Saturday July 5- Cleaning the floors. Be neat.

Our most prestigious trophies, awarded for consistent excellence were awarded to two ladies who have been consistent contenders and played a significantly large number of games at the club. **Joyce Lauterbach** wins the Robert McMahan Trophy in the Open division with 96 games played. **Bernetha Henry**, our out-going President, wins in the Invitational category after playing 66 of her 159 sessions in the 0-1000 games. The top ten in the Open McMahan:

Joyce Lauterbach 56.65% 2) Patrick Lauterbach 55.75 3) Brian Lipscomb 55.67% 4) Bob Webb 54.65% 5) Ken Fasching 54.11 6) Mike Bitonti 53.94 7) Pat Webb 53.64 8) Chris Webb 53.62 9) Hap Neuffer 53.32 10) Arnold Levinson 53.04. The top 10 in the limited games: **Bernetha Henry 55.42%** 2) Jan Ripley 55.25% 3) Ed Scheiblich 54.93 4) Mary Townhill 54.32 5) Frazier McCrorey 54.18 6) Jim Chianelli 54.03 7) Marianne Murphy 54.00 8) Henry Momand 53.71 9) Leck Mason 53.61 10) Madalyn Dybvik 53.59

The June Birthday party had 13 tables and some really great chocolate frosted cake from Joyce. The other one didn't last long enough for me to get a piece so I don't know how good that one was. We have a Party for July 12th and need a volunteer for the cake. See the club Bulletin Boards.

N/S	NAP Game 13 tables	E/W
1) Alice Moore/Joyce Lauterbach	187.75	Brian Lipscomb/Harold Moore 185.54
2) Tom Balcerek/Bernetha Henry	186.92	Bob and Pat Webb 183.92
3) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson	183.96	Ellie Hack/Roni Keisler 182.13
4) Lil Hopkins/Gwen Beckman	173.38	Margaret Hill/Marj Edens 178.33

This month let's talk about the STOP card. Whenever you skip one or more levels in the bidding, you should use this card. Also, announce "Skip bid, please wait." You don't have to use the card, but if you have one-please do so. Opponents must wait 10 seconds before making their next bid **whether or not the card is used.** If you make a skip bid, the opponents are entitled to take a pause **whether or not you make the announcement or use the card.** Do not audibly count off the seconds and pass-the director, if summoned, will not be amused.

Another practice the directors want stopped immediately: Since when did this practice of saying "Play" meaning "play low" come into vogue? NO more. Law 45B: "Declarer plays a card from Dummy by naming the card, after which the Dummy picks up the card and faces it on the table." Two illustrations why: recently a practitioner had Q-8 on dummy and wanted to play to the 4 to the Queen-got a catch in his throat after "Play"-Dummy picked up the 8 and RHO produced the 10 before he could get out "the Queen" (Decide that one) Second illustration: Fifth hand of my first Open KO with Hap and Virginia Shealy at the other table: Declarer is missing A-Q-x_x and leads toward the King-Jack in dummy. He leads, I play low and he says "Play", Dummy goes for the Jack and Joyce produces the Queen. He continues- "The King" That cost us 6 IMPs in a match we lost by 4. Sorry, Hap. Back then I wasn't ready enough to call an Open Flight player on something like that. **SO don't you do it!!**

Thursday July 10 is the last weekly \$5 seminar on declarer play with Chris Webb.

We will be raising the limit on the Tuesday afternoon game to 1500 master points effective July 1. This is an experiment which will run through the end of September-we would appreciate player feedback on this. **We will also give a free play in the 0-1000 game on Friday** to any player who tries to play in a 0-100 game that we don't get enough tables to hold.

Up the Ladder: Jr. Master-Jackie Hatch, Patricia Wills Regional Master-Zan Edmunds

Points won during the year-trophies in various point categories for points won at CBC in the period June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Sol Lourie Open

1) Brian Lipscomb	153.57
2) Patrick Lauterbach	149.50
3) Ken Fasching	135.54
4) Bob Webb	117.94
5) Hap Neuffer	112.10
6) Alice Moore	106.10
7) Brent Holcomb	103.21
8) Lil Hopkins	101.25
9) Eleanor Hack	99.94
10) Marjorie Edens	99.38
11) Joyce Lauterbach	95.45

Henry Mills 0-2000

1) Brent Holcomb	103.11
2) Lil Hopkins	101.25
3) Janice Ripley	88.71
4) Jim Chianelli	87.36
5) Bernetha Henry	85.12
6) Arnold Levinson	83.28
7) Mary Townhill	81.93
8) Henry Momand	78.88
9) Sue Harrington	75.43
10) Sylvia White	70.30

Coleman Farrell 0-Life Master

1) Janice Ripley	88.71
2) Arnold Levinson	83.28
3) Sue Harrington	75.43
4) Everett Ness	66.87
5) Zan Edmunds	63.78
6) Tom Gabriel	62.05
7) Karen Coulter	61.58
8) Leck Mason	56.74
9) Susan McFadden	56.67
10) Jim Willrodt	54.99

Centurion Cup 0-100

1) Zan Edmunds	63.78
2) Jim Willrodt	54.99
3) Jay Shahani	33.36
4) Sam Robison	24.55
5) Cynthia Cone	21.15
6) Faye Levinson	18.92
7) Francis Robinson	18.58
8) Melinda Young	17.92
9) Belford Cross	12.88
10) Naomi Freedman	10.90

From the archives of *Bridge World*- a discussion on how to play suit combinations. The ground rules are: Declarer has sufficient transportation and control to operate and nothing is known about opponents' distribution beyond the probabilities of the original deal. The number of card combinations in the two defenders' hands we are dealing with is a power of 2 equal to the number of cards missing. (if missing one card its two to the first or two combinations, missing two cards it's two squared or four combinations, three cards would be two cubed or 8 combinations...)

This month's problem has a little different slant. Two slightly different combinations, but the ratty 6-card suit you'd rebid over your partner's 1 NT response. I can't count how many times I've played 2-level contracts in this kind of situation: North-South need four tricks **and have only one entry to the dummy.**

North 3-2

South a) K-J-7-6-5-4
b) K-J-8-7-6-5

I've been playing this one wrong forever-see if you can do better. Scroll down for the answer.

In each case, the best play is to lead low from the South hand, later using your dummy entry for a second-round play (and using your best guess if necessary).

In (a) either low-first-guess-later or guess-first-and-low-later picks up these 3-2 breaks: East holds Ace-Queen, ace-queen-low, high honor-low, guessed high honor-low, guessed high honor-low-low or three low. The advantage to leading low first arises from the possibility that West has the singleton ace.

In b) the result is analogous, but the analysis more complex. Suppose you first lead low from dummy and East plays the ten or nine, you an honor, West wins with the next higher honor. On round two, your percentage play would be low, giving up East's ten-nine doubleton, but picking up his other-high honor-plus -ten-or-none- doubleton (two cases) as well as ten-nine tripleton. So, the results in (b) will parallel those in (a), with low first gaining against West's singleton ace. East's ten-nine doubleton is a layout declarer cannot afford to win.

July 2008

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		NO GAME Friday July 4	
<input type="checkbox"/>		NO Game Saturday July 5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Birthday Party July 12	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Board meeting 5 PM July 14	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Unit Game 0-1500 July 29	
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