

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

The annual club anniversary party had a lot of people who made it happen. We'd like to thank **Jim Chianelli** and **Karen Coulter** who chaired the committee, **John Menkhous** on the grill, **Chris Webb** behind the bar and all the others who made it such a good time

Our July Birthday Party had delicious cake provided by **Ellen Oliver** and **Joan Osteen** who also did pretty well on the bridge end of things. At the end it was Ken Fasching and Marj Edens who took the top prize.

N/S	North American Pairs 12 ½ tables	E/W
1) Ellen Oliver/ Joan Osteen	171.50	1) Ken Fasching/Maj Edens 184.17
2) Roni Keisler/Jack Wilkinson	169.00	2) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore 180.38
3) Brent Holcomb/Rosa Shaw	165.00	3) Bob and Pat Webb 177.67
4) Dodi DeFiori/Frances Lawton	154.50	4) Lil Hopkins/Harriet Blasetti 166.83
5) Carolyn Swartout/Elaine Wade	149.00	5) Cathy and Thurmon Bruffy 146.25

There will be a \$1 surcharge to those who have not paid their dues-Effective immediately.

Congratulations to: Bob Webb/ Joyce Lauterbach-74.58% in a 6 ½ table game in Batesburg to win the Tuesday Eve STaC event (and 13.31 Silver points) **Sylvia White/Francis Kovach** for a 67+% in an 8 table game at Tricities for 4th overall and 1st in B (7.91 Silver) in the Sunday STaC event. **Jay Shahani** leads Unit and District Mini-McKenney races and is 10th nationally in the Jr. Master division for 2008.

Thursday night will be 'Something New' starting August 21st at CBC. However, the cost will always be just the regular \$5 for the players-the club will pick up the tab for the special sanctions. **We will have a rotation of event formats:** August 21 and all Third Thursdays will be **"Over 1000/Under 1000 Pairs** and fourth Thursdays (starting August 28) will be **Individual**. First Thursdays (starting Sept 4) will be **'8 is enough' Team games**, second Thursdays (starting Sept 11) will be **Open Pairs**. **All of these games will be Charity game rated unless we have another special sanction to use!!** The team game needs a little explanation: for purposes of the event, A players count 3 points, B counts 2 points and C counts 1 point. No team can have a squad that totals more than 8 points-so 2 A players need 2 C players for teammates, 4 B players could play together or 1 A, 2 B and a C could get together. Of course you don't have to have the Maximum 8-we can stratify by team member points less than 8. Should be fun-everyone likes Swiss team.

Enclosed in your Tricks and treats is a survey. This is your club and we very much want the answers to these questions so we can make it the kind of club you want. We need the surveys back by August 15-so do them now while you think about it. Be sure to do both pages. Either mail back the survey or drop it with the game director at the club. A pre-addressed envelope is included for your convenience.

Education beat-Teachers **Mary Townhill** and **Jan Ripley** and their students have completed the 9-week course "Bridge in the 21st Century-Bidding" It was a fun class to be in and Mary and Jan had fun teaching it. They will be offering the next series "Play of the Hand" on Thursday nights starting September 11. Sessions will run from 6:30 to 9:00. This will be for fairly new players-if you know anyone interested, please let us know and we'll be happy to contact them. **ALSO**, starting the same night and time is the third course in the series, **DEFENSE**. There was a group of you who took the **PLAY** course this spring and you're waiting for this one. This promises to improve your game since we defend more than we do anything else. So join us as we become good defenders together!!

The Wednesday night supervised play class is on summer break but will resume Wednesday night August 20. No partner required, just come play and have a good time. You can get any bridge questions answered in a friendly atmosphere during these practice sessions. Great for newer players or those who would just like to 'brush up'

Chris Webb finished his 8-week advanced play of the hand seminars to very good reviews from the attendees. We plan on having Chris back for another series of seminars this fall.

The last couple months we have talked about some of the bridge situations covered in Law and it seems to be a subject of some interest. So we continue: How long do you have to revue the results of the hand? OK-Law 79A "The number of tricks won shall be agreed upon before all four hands have been returned to the board." After that you're out of luck. 79B (Disagreement) If a subsequent disagreement arises, the director must be called. No increase in score need be granted unless the director is called before the round ends. Clear enough? One exception to the "all four hands returned to the board" If your partner and the opponents agree and return their hands while you're taking the opportunity to rip your partner's play or give a free lesson, you're going to have an uphill battle to get a revue even if you still have your cards in order. Not saying you can't, but best to get the trick count squared first. **Second:** (as dummy) "Can I see that trick?" The short answer is NO even if you haven't turned your card over. The longer answer is in Law 42 (Dummy's Rights) (That isn't one of them) and Law 43 [Dummy's Limitations Part A1(c)] "Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer." For which, I'm afraid, calling for a look at the last trick would qualify. To follow the play as dummy, pay attention!!

To end the month here's a tip from Kantar. (Hate to give it out since it's been working so well for me for so long). 45) "As declarer, **when possible**, withhold any spot card lower than the one that has been led or lower than the one played on your right." If the opponents are playing standard signals, this tip is sure to screw them up. Say the 3 is led against no trump and dummy has the A-K-5 and you have the Q-6-2.. You play the King from dummy and third hand plays the 4. If you play the 6, concealing the deuce, consider the confusion you have caused: Third hand won't know that partner hasn't led from a five card suit (can't see the deuce and leader won't know partner isn't trying to signal with something like Q-4-2. (Can't see the deuce) If you play the 2 at trick one, East knows his partner lead from a 4-card suit and West knows his partner's 4 is discouraging. For shame! (Never an honest card if you can help)

"Impatience is the Mother of bad decisions." *Greg Cook*

August 2008

Monthly Planner

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<input type="checkbox"/>		8/2 Birthday Party (NAP)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/7 7 PM Palmetto Sectional at CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/8-8/10 Palmetto Sectional	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/20 Noon Unit Game	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 7 PM Open NAP	5 Noon 0-1500	6 Noon Open NAP	7 12:30 0-1000 7:00 Palmetto Sectional	8 Palmetto Sectional	9 Palmetto Sectional
10	11 7:00 Open Pairs	12 noon 0-2000 NAP	13 Noon Open Pairs	14 12:30 0-2000 NAP 7:00 Open NAP	15 12:30 0-100, 0-1000	16 1:00 Open Pairs
17	18 7:00 Open NAP	19 Noon 0-1500	20 Noon Open Unit Game	21 12:30 0-1000 7:00 Over/Under 1000 NAP	22 12:30 0-100, 0-2000 NAP	23 1:00 Open NAP
24	25 7:00 Open Pairs	26 Noon 0-2000 NAP	27 Noon Open NAP	28 12:30 0-2000 NAP 7:00 Individual	29 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Pairs	30 1:00 Open Pairs
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