

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our condolences to Tootsie Holland on the death of her husband **Bruce Holland**. He was a Player/member of this club and a Board member before health concerns limited his outside activities. "I go before you always. Come, follow Me and I will give you rest."

Our August Birthday Party had delicious cake (I'm sure) by **Harriet Blasetti**. How can I miss another party? Someone owes me a piece of cake! We're all glad to see Butch back and playing well.

N/S	North American Pairs 10 tables	E/W
1) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	143.38	1) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore 146.31
2) Jay Shahani/Arnold Levinson	131.08	2) Mary and Rick Giles 128.44
3) Roni Keisler/Ellie Hack	125.81	3) Chris and Lee Webb 124.94
4) Jan Harrison/Carolyn Floyd	115.69	4) Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson 120.69

THANK YOU to all who completed the recent survey. The board appreciates your taking the time to give us some feedback. The results are tallied and posted on the club bulletin board at the CSC. Along with the results is a typed copy of all comments made on the surveys. Survey results will also be posted on the CBC website. Feel free to check this out!

SUPERVISED PLAY RESUMES!!!! We are back in the swing of things on Wednesday nights at 6:30. Join us for an informal setting of fun and learning! Invite your friends who may be curious about the game of bridge or perhaps have not played for many years and need to brush up. For info: Mary Townhill 359-7640 Prospective mentors welcome!!

NEW CLASSES OFFERED: Two new courses will begin on Thursday, September 11 @ 6:30 PM. The second and third courses in the ACBL series will be taught simultaneously. Course #2 is "Play of the Hand" and course #3 is "Defense" - the courses will run for 9 weeks, and the cost is \$70 which includes textbook. Checks payable to Mary Townhill and can be mailed to her at 424 Oak Haven Drive, Lexington 29072. Registration is recommended but not required. Please join us!

Wasn't that a great Palmetto Sectional? Up 50 tables on attendance-great! Chris and Lee Webb as chairs and all the rest of you people who made it happen deserve a round of applause. Madelyn, Irma-all the stand-byes, cleanup, set-up hospitality-great job all around. **We are now looking for the chair(s) of next year's tournament.** Can you handle this challenge for the Club? If you can, see Chris Webb or any member of the CBC Board.

To end the month here's a tip from Kantar. 46) **"When leading from the dummy to take a finesse with a number of equal honors in your hand, finesse with the higher or highest equal."** Say you have the A-Q-J-10 in your hand and x-x on dummy. When you lead low from dummy and second hand plays low, play the queen. You give away too much information if you play the 10. If the 10 loses to the king, second hand will **know** you still have the Q-J. If the queen loses to the king, second hand won't **know** you have the J-10. If the 10 wins, and second hand has the king, second hand knows you still have the Q-J. However, if the Queen wins, second hand can't be sure you have the J-10.

Everyone will be getting their Tricks and Treats, a September calendar and a new club phone list by mail this month. You e-mail subscribers will get the usual first look on the internet. The T & T and calendar (minus the phone listings) will be available on line at the CBCbridge.com web page as usual.

Applause: new Sectional Master: **Jay Shahani.**

Our new Life Master: **Betsy Stanton**

New Silver Life Masters: **Mary Giles and Chris Webb**

What is the Fund of the Future? This is an account in CBC's books to which the extra \$1 entry has been recorded since June 1, 2007. It has been specifically earmarked by your Board for building a new facility. Last year there was \$11,101 in that account; for the two months of this fiscal year, there is \$2,053. The Board is very eager for everyone to have easy access to the club's financial position. A detailed Income Statement and Balance Sheet are posted monthly on CBC's bulletin board as CSC. A recap of the month's activity will be given in T & T. In July we had income of \$5,701 with expenses of \$4,123 giving a net increase in club funds of \$1,578; YTD \$5,804. Bob Webb is the Treasurer; give him a call with any questions, at 796-1114.

OK, serious talk folks. What is the big deal about playing North/South anyway? What are you thinking? You want a table, stake out some territory? Sorry-N/S or E/W-either way the seat is only temporary whether it's one round or one session. If you're switched, the director is trying to accommodate those who range from unsteady on their feet or with rebuilt knees or hips to those with canes, walkers and wheel chairs. Sometimes I can look down the N/S positions and it's just as long and just as battered as Pearl Harbor's battleship row on December 8th. Can't you just thank God you're more mobile than those the director is trying to replace you with? Don't you *like* the other players? Room Temperature-It's not as bad as at the old downtown club, but we do have hot and cold spots. If you come early for a N/S and aren't wearing anything warm, for God's sake *don't pick the N/S under the A/C vent!!* (Others will want it) If we make it just right for you playing under the vent, others will find it intolerably stuffy. (One of the reasons I always ask for an E/W-never a bad seat for more than one round). Come on-a little reason, please!! **Note:** two (2) exclamation marks. (Opposing views? I'll print one of equal length next month by anyone who will take public credit for it.)

No game at the Senior Center on Labor Day Sept. 1 or Saturday Sept 27.

Start making plans for the Aiken Sectional October 10-12. Club closed Saturday Oct 11.

The ACBL Instant Match Point game is Thursday night Sept 11. This game awards you and your opponents match points from 0-100 on every deal-played ACBL wide. It's one of my favorite events all year. Section winners get a gold point as part of their award. This game is an exception to \$5 Thursday nights. Entry will be \$8/person.

We've been playing NAP games for the first two months of this quarter. All of the third quarter club championships have been scheduled for September. Since there is no extra sanction for these games, I believe the only game you pay extra for is the ACBL-wide Instant Match point event. You can't miss any of these. The Open games are all stratified.

