

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Thanks to **Pat Webb** for our November cake. Thanks to Brian Potter who made his debut as a director at CBC at the game. To our hostess go 3+ points for winning, but notice second place? That's not the first time George and Irene have won a special sanction Open game-won't be sneaking up on anyone from now on!!

We need volunteers to bring birthday cakes for 2009-sign up sheet on the club boards.

N/S	Club Charity	Game 10 tables	E/W
1) Brian Lipscomb/Pat Webb	144.21	1) Irene Fields/George Davey	131.64
2) Frazer McCrorey/Ginny Robertson	112.79	2) Marj Edens/Lil Hopkins	129.39
3) Brent Holcomb/Sylvia White	105.83	3) Chris and Lee Webb	127.09
4) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	105.06	4) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	117.24

7:00 Thursday December 4- 8 is enough team game-2000+ players count 3 points, 1000-2000 point players count 2 points and under 1000 players count 1 point. 8 points max per team.

The ACBL is changing the rules: You are no longer necessarily barring your partner from the auction if your insufficient bid if made sufficient would be a conventional call. Call the director of course-he'll explain the options. If your partner asks a question during the bidding or while on opening lead, you may **not** ask a follow-up question until it is your turn. If the question you ask is answered in a way that you feel has put unauthorized information into the auction, you will get little sympathy from the directors of this club. After all, especially in an uncontested auction, hey, you just had to ask. Wait till it's over. Irregular tempo during the auction: It is no longer necessary to call the director at the point of irregularity-merely say "I reserve the right to call the director at a later time." If there is any disagreement, call immediately. **An opponent is not automatically barred by his partner's slow call.**

President's Corner: We had a wonderful membership event on Wed. November 12. There were 58 prospective members present. We had people sign up for our January beginners and Intermediate classes and seven people joined the club with several others expected to join soon. This event did not happen by chance. Many people worked long and hard to put on the Open House. From Dode and Frances planning all of the food and clean-up, Frazer and Leck handling the registration, Karen and Dick doing the marketing Mary and Janice preparing class information and many Board members who helped monitor the 25 tables of bridge-it was a super event. Thank-you to all who helped and to those who brought guests. Involvement in club events is everyone's privilege and responsibility. If you were unable to participate in the Open House; well, we could use your help in the next event. We need you.

The Minutes of the last Board meeting also contain items of interest on the new classes in January. That one on Conventions is a must for all advancing players. You don't have to use them-but you should know them. After all, it's said that the winners are the people who can count to 13 the best-if you know what your opponents are using, you can count better.

There is nothing to be feared, only things to understand." *Madam Curie* (Two Nobel prizes for early work on atoms, x-rays and radiation.)

You have all received a special mailing concerning the Christmas party. Remember-5:30 social hour, 6:00 dinner and 7:00 bridge. Bridge is free and will be a club championship event with an Open section as well as a Limited section. **There will be a short membership meeting at the Christmas party concerning changes to the by-laws.**

To end the month here's tips from Kantar. **50)** When fortunate enough to have a powerful trump suit and being forced to ruff, tend not to ruff with your lowest trump. That tiny trump might be your only way to get to dummy. **51)** When drawing trumps, try to keep a flexible entry position after trumps are drawn. (Ideally you want to be able to enter dummy in the trump suit and also be able to enter your hand with a trump. Say you have the K-Q-J 4-3-2 and dummy has the A-10-5. If you play the ace and king, you have an entry to dummy with the 10 and you can get back to your hand by overtaking the 10. If you play the k-Q you block the trump suit. You can get to dummy with the ace, but you can't get back to your hand in trump.)

Mary and Janice could use a little help in mentoring the supervised play on Wednesday nights come January. If you can help out, call Mary Townhill at 359-7640.

Congratulations: to those advancing in rank: Sectional Master **Barbara Norris**. A new Gold Life Master!! Congratulations to **Bob Hampton!**

December brings us our Winter STaC event. Games will be held starting Monday the 15th through Sunday the 21st. Events will also be at Batesburg on the evening of the 16th and TriCity the afternoon of the 21st. All events of STaC week will be open except **Friday the 19th**. That game is tentatively scheduled to be 0-1000 and 0-100. Entry will be \$7/person for this Silver point event.

Musings of an idle mind: I was watching a House re-run the other night when a line of dialogue jumped at me: "Life isn't about how good a hand you hold, it's about playing well the cards you're dealt." Amazing how life imitates bridge isn't it? I remember my Epiphany on defense: I was holding a near Yarborough (couple of 10's) defending 3NT. I gave my partner count-kept four to the 10 where declarer might have length, partner knew to take the second round of dummy's long suit and we held the contract to 4. It was only an 8 on a 12 top (9 way tie)-but lose interest and it could have been a 2 if partner is out there by himself. Defense, once you're into it, is just as interesting as declarer play. It is harder work though-which is why the return on good defense is so high. (In this case 4-1) Likewise sharpening up your bidding with new conventions will pay off. Some say "I won't remember and we'll get a bottom." Well, how're you doing now? Trust me-you'll have a few glitches-but you will be able to make them part of your system if you choose. There are many fine players who use a minimum of conventions-but they still know many more than they use. Knowing conventions used against you gives you a leg up on defense-and in judging a competitive auction.

"Heavenly Father, Who brought forth mana in the dessert to feed your people, bless this food before us and call to our minds the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us this year. Make us aware of those in need. Bless this company gathered before You and, as we go forth, let us be instruments of Your will. We ask these things in Your Name and by Your Name. Amen. Traditional family Holiday blessing.

December 2008

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		12/1 5PM Board meets (Open)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/4 7PM 8 is enough Team	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/6 Birthday Party!!	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		12/15-12/21 STaC Week	
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