

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

♪♪♪ **Our Birthday party for February will be on Saturday the 14th.** That is Valentine's Day. We have had entertainment at our Christmas parties before. On Valentine's Day the Heart of Columbia Sweet Adelines chorus has agreed to sing a few songs. These ladies will be our guests, and will sing from 12:15 to 12:45 pm. Bring your treats before 12:15 pm or after 12:45 pm; then sit back and give the Heart of Columbia chorus your respectful attention for a while and enjoy some women's barbershop style of music. We appreciate the group agreeing to appear and hope to have a good appreciative crowd show up. Even if you are not playing that day, come and enjoy a little entertainment – but we would like you to play also.

Thanks to hosts **Ed Scheiblich, Linda York and Ed and Sheelagh Young** for January cakes. We need volunteers to bring birthday cakes for 2009-sign up sheet on the club boards.

Tommy Overby, who 24 hours earlier didn't know if he would feel well enough to play, had a huge 70.99% game to claim the first quarter club Championship for the Saturday session.

N/S	Club Championship 14 tables	E/W
1) Bob and Pat Webb	197.50	Tommy Overby/Pat Lauterbach 221.50
2) Joyce Lauterbach/Gwen Beckman	191.50	Rosa Shaw/Brent Holcomb 189.50
3) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	176.50	Ken Fasching/Marj Edens 186.50
4) Butch Maybin/Harold Moore	170.00	Bill Fogleman/Margaret Hill 170.00
5) Cathy Steinaker/Elaine Wade	159.00	Lil Hopkins/Harriet Blasetti 168.50

Kantar **bonus tips. 53)** When dummy is expected to have a long strong suit at a suit contract and there are two unbid suits, lead from the stronger. **However...**if one of the suits is headed by the ace, lead from the other. If the two unbid suits look like: K-J-x-x and K-x-x-x, lead from the K-J-x-x suit. If the two suits look like A-J-x-x and Q-x-x lead from the Q-x-x suit.

54) If you can see that there are no possible defensive tricks coming in the side suits, give declarer a ruff and slough. This often promotes a defensive trump trick.

The list of club members who scored at the Charleston Regional and Batesburg Sectional is rather long-the tournament results are available at the CBC website. There is also an update as of January 9 on the year-long (6/1/2008-5/31/2009) trophy races.

Club members doing well scoring Master Points in their class during 2008:

Jay Shahani	151.57	leading Unit Mini McKenney 0-5 category (8 th nationally)
Tom Gabriel	121.83	10 th in the 200-300 Unit mini McKenney
Bob Hampton	930.17	leads the 1000-2500 Unit Mini McKenney (3 rd nationally)
Joyce Hampton	768.53	second in the 1000-2500 Unit mini McKenney (7 th nationally)
Pat Lauterbach	290.72	9 th in the Unit mini McKenney 2500-5000
Hap Neuffer	187.36	3 rd in the 7500-10.000 Unit mini McKenney
Lukasz Lebioda	544.33	6 th in the over 10,000 Unit McKenney

Notes: Bob Hampton finished #102 on the Barry Crane Top 500, Joyce was #161 and Lukasz was #351. Bob also set the ACBL record for number of points won at a regional with over 230!! **Congratulations to all on the 2008 campaign-and good luck to all in 2009**

January brings our first Grand National Team Qualifying event. Last call for the Jan. 31, 10 AM event. Need a team? Maybe Dode at 738-0725 can help. Bring a sandwich.

Camden Club will hold a charity game on First Tuesdays each month starting in **March**. **February brings us another STaC from the 2nd to the 8th.** The last event is on Sunday at TriCity. There will also be an event at Batesburg that Tuesday night.

There will be a one-session GNT event of Friday February 13. If we get at least three 0-500 Non-Life Master teams, we will have a separate section.

Classes start off w/ a bang! Three new courses are now being taught at CBC, and we have 54 students enrolled! Wow – it's exciting to see folks interesting in learning, improving, and fostering their love of the game. We have 16 in the beginner class. The Open House and word of mouth have been instrumental in getting new people to our club, and in fact 7 new members joined in January alone! Wednesday night supervised play is going very well (5 or 6 tables each week) and a BIG thank you to Mike Bitonti and those of you who have volunteered to be mentors for that. If you'd like to help or get involved in education, please contact Mary Townhill (359-7640) and we will get you "plugged" in where you feel most comfortable.

Everett Ness suffered a heart attack January 4-5. He's back at home as of now-hope to see you down at the club real soon!!

There is a misconception that a break in tempo-a 'hesitation'-is a bar to the partner's continued participation in the auction. Law 73: "... inadvertently to vary the tempo or manner in which a call or play is made does not in itself constitute a violation of propriety, but inferences from such variation may appropriately be drawn only by an opponent, and only at his own risk." Inexperienced players get some slack here because it takes some time to process the information in a complex, competitive auction or defense. However, the partner of a hesitator does have a heavier burden of proof that he does have his bid if he carries on. Call the director and that's essentially what he will tell the table..."and call me back after the play if you feel you've been damaged." Now the hesitator's partner may indeed have his bid with or without the break in tempo-but if he doesn't...don't think just because they made their contract that you weren't injured. Call the director back and ask-can they get there without the help of the tempo break? Has the partner met the higher threshold to make his subsequent bid? If the call was marginal-you are due relief-if not, well, nothing lost. No call back-no ruling.

On a related note: If a level of bidding is skipped, you should tell opponents "Skip bid please wait" (use the stop card if you have one). **After this notice, opponent has not only the duty but the right to pause in the auction.** Even if opponent skips the auction without using the skip bid warning or the stop card, you have the right (and obligation) to pause and consider your options. If you skip, don't call the director and tell him "I didn't use the stop card or warning after the (inverted minor raise, jump overcall, etc) but he hesitated anyway and we've been injured." He will (probably) have the good manners not to laugh at you. But you will not be getting a ruling in your favor. **Likewise-do take a pause over the skip bid by your opponents (warned or not) lest you be guilty of conveying information to your partner by a quick pass and causing an injury to your opponents.** Directors get called on that one too.

"Make sure you get all your tricks-then start thinking about how to get some of theirs."
Sam Stayman

February 2009

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		2/2-2/8 STaC events	
<input type="checkbox"/>		2/14 12:15 Sweet Adelines	
<input type="checkbox"/>		2/14 1:00 Birthday Party	
<input type="checkbox"/>		2/11 Noon Unit Game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wednesdays 6:30 supervised play	
<input type="checkbox"/>		2/3 7:00 Charity game-Camden	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:30 Tricity Jr. Fund	2 7 PM Open STaC event	3 Noon Open STaC event 7PM Camden Charity game	4 Noon Open STaC 6:30 supervised play	5 12:30 Open STaC event 7 PM Open STaC event	6 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 pairs	7 1 PM Open STaC event
8 1:30 Tricity Open STaC event	9 7 PM Open Jr. Fund	10 Noon 0-1500 Jr. Fund	11 Noon - Open Unit Game 6:30 Supervised play	12 12:30 Open, 0-500 Jr. Fund 7:00 "8 is enough" teams	13 0-100, 0-100 Jr. Fund	14 12:15 Sweet Adelines 1:00 Birthday party Jr. Fund
15 1:30 Jr. Fund Tricity	16 7 PM Open Pairs	17 12:30 0-1500 Jr. Fund	18 Noon Open Jr. Fund 6:30 supervised	19 12:30 0-500, Open Jr. Fund 7PM Open Jr. Fund	20 12:30 0-100,0-1000 Jr. Fund	21 1:00 Open Pairs
22 1:30 Open Jr. Fund Tricity	23 7:00 Open Jr. Fund	24 Noon 0-1500	25 Noon Open Jr. Fund 6:30 supervised	26 12:30 0-500, Open pairs 7:00 Jr. Fund	27 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Jr. Fund	28 1:00 Open Jr. Fund

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