TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for February on Saturday the 14th Valentine's Day featured pregame entertainment by the **Heart of Columbia** Sweet Adeline's group. This was a memorable performance. Thanks to hostess, **Rosa Shaw**, and all who brought the treats. Congratulations to **Jack and Joan Moyes** in flight 'C' on a fine 65.38% game.

N/S	Jr. Fund 13 tables		E/W	
1) Lil Hopkins/Carolyn	Floyd	185.50	1) Brian Lipscomb/Alice Moore	205.00
2) Mary and Rick Giles		175.50	2) Jack and Joan Moye	204.00
3) Fran Jenkins/Ellie Hack		174.50	3) Jean Mason/Etta Cashwell	181.50
4) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin		173.50	4) Gwen Beckman/Joyce Lauterbach178.5	
5) Pat Lauterbach/Tomn	ny Overby	163.50	5) Ken Fasching/Marj Edens	174.50

The March Birthday Party, due to scheduling conflicts, will be held on Saturday, March 21. Your Hostess will be Alice Moore and it will be a club Charity event. Go Green!!

We will have our 3rd GNT qualifying session on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00. This is a two session event chock full of points that so far are mostly being claimed by the "B" and "C" flight teams. If we play seven matches, we're done about 5:30. Eight matches would let out a little after 6:00. Need a team? Maybe Dode at 738-0725 can help. Bring a sandwich we'll have chips, cookies and drinks. In our two events so far we have only had two 'A' teams in the first and one in the second. Top qualifiers in the two events so far:

January 31 (8 matches) (Wins/ Victory Points) team members (19 teams)

- 1) (7/110) Hap Neuffer, Arnold Levinson, Alice Moore, Marj Edens
- 2) (5/101) Frazier McCrorey, Leck Mason, Karen Coulter, Ginny Robertson
- 3) (5/100) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach Pat Webb, Brian Lipscomb
- 4) (5/97) Linda York, Ed Scheiblich, Ed and Sheelagh Young
- 5) (5/95) Tom Balcerek, Luanne Edwards, Bernetha Henry, Abduhl Ghaffar

Feb 13 (one Session 4 matches) An Open Section and a 'C' section. (16 teams)

- 1) (4/55) Hap Neuffer, Alice Moore, Ken Fasching, Brian Lipscomb
- 2) (3/49) Tom Balcerek, Luanne Edwards, Sig Friedman, Abduhl Ghaffar
- 3) (2/46) Jim and Ginny Chianelli, Mike Charles, Jay Shahani
- 1C) (3/56) Belford and Mary Ann Cross, Jim Willrodt, Susan McFadden
- 2/3 C) (3/49) Irene Duheme, Sam Robison, Barbara Orr, Cassie Jackson
- 2/3 C) (2/49) Carol Brooks, Harriet Garret, JoAnn Brown, Veronica Ramsuer

Close on the March events on your calendar is the Tricity Sectional at the Leisure Center starting Friday April 3rd. Look to your partners soon and if you can help-contact DaMaris Rorie now. She would sincerely appreciate the assist.

Our coffee pot went down. But thanks to Mike Bitonti, Mr. Fix-it, it is back on line. When disconnecting, please pull on the plug and not on the cord. Next up on Mike's list is the interface between Bridge-mate and our computer.

Congratulations! Regional Master Morris Mitchem, Shirley Ness, Carolyn Swartout, Melinda Young Sectional Master-Faye Levinson, Francis Robinson. Club Master-Patricia Blum, Mary Anne Cross, Ann Langtry

Bill Fogleman scored his 1000 master point at the GNT event 1/31 making him the clubs newest Silver Life Master! Way to go Bill!!

Sue Harrington-our club's newest Life Master! Way to go Sue!!

Something you don't see very often: The team captained by Brent Holcomb turned in a minus 2000 on one board and still won their GNT match.

Kantar **bonus** tip **55**) When declarer bids two suits, particularly if the first suit is a major, a 'tentative count' is available. Using that tentative count along with partner's opening lead often allows you to get a complete count on declarer's hand at trick one!

Example:	Opener	Responder
	1♥	1♠
	2♦	3♦
	3NT	Pass

Declarer is presumed to have 5 Hearts and 4 Diamonds. If partner's lead (\$2 say) gives you a count on that suit, you will have a count on the hand (including partner's cards) at trick one! "In planning operations, good intelligence is more precious than rubies." David Weber

Kantar bonus tip #56: Defenders take tricks with the lower or lowest equal. If you can take a trick with a Jack or the queen, take it with the jack. Taking it with the queen denies the jack and can screw partner up.

Next month I will complete the entire list of Kantar tips (all 58). It's taken over two years. They take up 12 type written pages. I hadn't realized how many of you have joined in that time till I read the phone and mailing lists. These tips aren't a bridge course-more like what a 'table coach' would tell you during a round with him. If you would like the complete setlet me know. Sorry, no, I can't start over at the beginning in the T and T.

The Thursday night '8 is enough' team game is back to the first Thursday in March. Just a reminder, but this game is stratified and a team with one 'B' and three 'C' players has won the event outright. You don't have to have 'A" players on your team.

The Thursday afternoon game is supposed to run two sections; an Open and a 0-500, both sections stratified. We need more players in both sections. The last two weeks, I've had to combine them to make the game work. When that happens, I change the lowest stratification to 500. However, this hasn't been any favor to the Open players, 2/12 Teri Kuhs/Lois Ball and the next week Zan Edmunds/ Francis Robinson were first overall. You can look it up.

"The ultimate effect of shielding men from the results of folly is to fill the world with fools." Herbert Spence, English philosopher 1820-1903

March 2009

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Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
		3/2 Unit game Monday 7 PM	
		3/5 8 is enough teams	
		Supervised Play Wed 6:30	
		3/14 10:00 two session GNT	
		3/19 12:30 Unit Game	
		3/19 7 PM Unit Game	
		3/21 1:00 Birthday Party!!!	
		4/3-5 Tricity Sectional	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	7:00 Unit Game	Noon 0-1500 Charity	A Noon-Open Pairs 6:30 Supervised Play	5 12:30 0-500, Open Pairs 7:00 8 is enough teams	6 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Pairs	7 1:00 Open Pairs
8	7:00 Club Championshir	10 Noon 0-1500 Pairs	Noon Open Pairs 6:30 Supervised Play	12:30 0-500 and Open Pairs 7:00 Open Club Champ	13 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Pairs	14 10;00 and TBA (two sessions) GNT Swiss Teams
15	16 7:00 Open Pairs	17 Wear Green!! 12:00 0-1500 St. Patrick's Day!!	Noon Open Pairs 6:30 Supervised Play	19 12:30 0-500 and Open Unit Game 7:00 Unit Game	20 12:30 0-100. 0-1000 Charity Pairs	1:00 Birthday Party!! Charity Pairs
	23 7:00 Open Pairs	Noon 0-1500 Pairs	Noon Open Charity Pairs 6:30 Supervised Play	26 12:30 0-500 and Open Club Champ 7:00 Charity Open Pair	27 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Pairs	28 1:00 Open Pairs
29	30 7:00 Open Pairs	31 Noon 0-1500 Pairs	1 2 8 9 15 16	Feb 2009 T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 10 11 12 13 14 17 18 19 20 21 24 25 26 27 28	S M T W T F 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 19 20 21 22 23 24 26 27 28 29 30	4