

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for March on Saturday the 21st (close to **St. Patrick's Day**). Thanks to hostess, Alice Moore, and all who brought the treats. **Congratulations to Mary Townhill**, a fine round after a lengthy lay-off. Welcome back!!

N/S	Charity Game 11 ½ tables	E/W
1) Mary Townhill/Pat Lauterbach	132.02	1) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb 132.40
2) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	127.70	2) Jack Wilkinson/Roni Keisler 125.32
3) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	121.10	3) Ginny Robertson/Frazer McCrorey 124.83
4) Lee Webb/Abduhl Ghaffar	119.28	4) Alice Moore/Marj Edens 116.35
5) Brent Holcomb/Rosa Shaw	117.05	5) Tommy Overby/Arnold Levinson 113.10

Moving Up! Sectional Master: Dozier Shaw

Our Newest Life Master: **Ginny Chianelli**. Way to go Ginny!!

Congratulations! The most recent ACBL-wide Charity had 1197 tables in all. CBC's **Joyce and Patrick Lauterbach** were 1st in District 7 and 4th ACBL-wide with 71.67% game. There was an added award of 5 Black and 5 Red Master Points.

Kantar bonus tip #57) After partner has described his hand and you know what the final contract should be, bid it!! The one who knows, goes! Say your partner opens 1NT (15-17) and you have 18 HCP, balanced. There are at least 33 points between the two hands so bid 6NT! If leaping so high scares you, go to a mirror and say 6NT out loud. Do it!

58) Best Bonus tip of all: Don't bid the same values twice. Don't play with someone you don't like. Don't scream at your partner and don't forget to use these tips unless you want to spend the rest of your life struggling to get to first base....Amen

Copies of all 58 tips available on request.

If you have a sit out, and want to discuss your game-or anything else-the directors would like to 'suggest' that you use one of the very comfortable sitting areas away from the game.

We are coming to the end of the club year (May 31) and dues are due again. For those of you who joined recently and paid a fraction of the \$15 for single or \$28/couple, our year runs from June 1 2009 to May 31 2010. Please fill out the coupon and return to the game director or mail to Pat Webb, 505 Moss Creek Drive, Cayce, SC 29033. For your dues-you get on the phone list, my deathless prose each month, and free plays at the Christmas and summer Anniversary Party and the Saturday Birthday party of your birth month. Early does it!!

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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Birth Month(s) _____ e-mail _____

"You don't get better by getting bigger; you get bigger by getting better." Dick Kovacevich, CEO Norwest (Wells Fargo) in his annual letter to shareholders circa 1999

Our hostess for the April Birthday Party will be Harriet Blasetti. She wants to have a 'Cat' theme. Will everyone bring a favorite Cat picture along with their treats on Saturday, April the 11th.

The Thursday night '8 is enough' team will be carried on on first Thursdays each month. The Thursday afternoon game will revert back to 0-1000 on the first Thursday in April. For those Open players who may want another game to play in, there is a game in Camden Tuesdays at 7 PM (first Tuesday Charity game each month) and Batesburg at 6:30 Tuesdays. There is a Sunday afternoon game at Tricity Leisure Center Sundays at 1:30.

We will **NOT have a 4th GNT** qualifying session on Saturday, April 18. We will be having our regular pair game instead.

The Tricity **Sectional** is at the Leisure Center starting Friday April 3rd. Look to your partners soon. There are no games at the club on Friday the 3rd or Saturday the 4th.

The **Camden Sectional** is **April 24-26**-no games at the club that weekend either.

One of the most common rulings is opening lead out of turn. If it is the opening lead, declarer has five options, subsequent violations have (obviously) only four:

- A) Declarer may face his hand and let partner play the contract.
- B) Declarer may accept the lead and have the dummy tabled before he plays as second hand to the opening trick.

(Director Harry Goldwater opined that if opponents didn't know who's lead it was, they probably didn't know what to lead either, making one of these first two options attractive)

- C) Offender's partner may be required to lead the suit. (Illegal lead is picked up and any card offender has in that suit may be played.)
- D) Offender's partner may be prohibited from leading that suit so long as he retains the lead. (Illegal lead is picked up and played at offender's option)
- E) Offender's partner may be allowed to lead anything they wish including the suit of the illegal lead. (Illegal lead stays on the table and is played at first legal opportunity)

If defender has a penalty card on the table (say a low spot) it is entirely ethical for you to use the provisions of this rule to your advantage. Examples: If you think he also has the ace of that suit, you can cash a king that lies underneath that ace he's prohibited from playing till the penalty card is gone. If you have A-x-x in one hand and K-J-x(x) in front of the penalty card, a finesse for the queen is a winner. (Honest to God, some people are such rote players that I've seen them play the ace first and then lose to the queen sitting behind the jack.)

Bridgemate scoring: The score will always be in relation to the side playing the contract. If E/W is in 4 Hearts down one vulnerable, the result will read "4H -100 40%"-that's 40% for E/W and thus 60% to N/S (so far). If a N/S pair on the same board was in 4 Spades down one vulnerable, it would read on the traveler as "N 4S -100" Those scores would be on opposite sides and thus not be getting the same percentage. The "No Play" key is the "0" or 10 key. The director will usually make this entry for you. **This is not the same as a "Pass Out"**. If you pass a board out, that contract is the "K" key. (See the green "Pass"?)

Goldfish in an aquarium never get bigger. Somehow, they have a message not to outgrow their surroundings. But remove the limits on their environment and they can get huge.

April 2009

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		4/3-5 TriCity Sectional	
<input type="checkbox"/>		4/11 Birthday Party-Cats!	
<input type="checkbox"/>		4/24-26 Camden Sectional	
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