

## TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(Calendar On-line at [www.cbcbbridge.com](http://www.cbcbbridge.com))

**Our Birthday party for May** had of course a Derby theme-and our hosts **Frazier McCrorey** and **Ginny Robertson** made sure we had some fine cake. Good luck to the members who went off to the GNT-but we had ten tables for the Charity event that went down to the last hand between eventual winners and second over-all..

N/S	Charity Game	10 tables	E/W
1) Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb	138.50	Pat Lauterbach Chuck Kennedy	132.50
2) Henry and Anita Momand	124.00	Joel Levy/Bob Webb	128.50
3) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	123.50	Joyce Lauterbach/Alice Moore	118.50
4) Pat Webb/Jack Wilkinson	113.00	Jay Shahani/Tom Balcerek	113.50

**We were happy to see** eight teams in our “8” is enough monthly charity team game.

- 1) Pat Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy/Ken Fasching/Sue Harrington 56 VP 3.00 Master points
- 2) Harold Moore/Bill Charlwood/Abduhl Ghaffar/Toom Balcerek 48 VP 2.25 Master points
- 3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden 43 VP 1.73 Master points

**Our annual business meeting** had over 70 attendees. President Chris Webb thanked the outgoing at-large directors **Jim Chianelli** and **Karen Coulter** for their three years of service. The officers were re-elected and new at large directors, **Mary Townhill** and **Ann Langtry** were elected. Ten tables stayed for the Charity event that followed:

1) Ellie Hack/Marj Edens	126.94	1) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	139.13
2/3) Janice Ripley/Emily Lamphere	115.38	2) Bob and Pat Webb	124.00
2/3) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson	115.38	3/4) Bill Charlwood/Harold Moore	122.13
4) Bernetha Henry/Marika Hallosey	108.00	3/4) Mirza Baig/Mike Bitonti	122.13

**Remember Valentines Day?** The Heart of Columbia Sweet Adelines Chorus will be doing a 3 pm matinee, and a 7 pm evening show (both with a dessert intermission) on Saturday June 13, 2009 at Lexington Baptist Church. If this is something you are interested in see Joyce, or call at 216-9320. Adult tickets \$15, Tickets for students and seniors 65 yr and older \$10.

**The World-Wide Bridge contest is Saturday June 6.** Play boards with 6,000 tops! Pre-duplicated boards, analysis books-one of the great events all year. Entry is \$9, \$18/pair.

**Our annual anniversary party will be Thursday June 18.** **Margaret Hill, Gwen Beckman** and **Lil Hopkins** will be our hosts. **Social Hour 5:30-6:30, Dinner 6:30 Bridge @ 7:30.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board-please sign up for Veggies, salad, appetizers or dessert. If you can help, see Margaret, Gwen or Lil. **No game that Thursday afternoon.**

**We are coming to the end of the club year (May 31).** Please fill out the coupon and return to the game director or mail to Pat Webb, 505 Moss Creek Drive, Cayce, SC 29033

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” Benjamin Franklin**

## **Our new Silver Life Master: Ed Scheiblich!!**

Bronze Life Master: **Lewis Cromer**

Meet your club's "A" stratified players with their Master point (totals):

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Hap Neuffer (7838)    | 2) Brian Lipscomb (4273) | 3) Lucas Lebioda (4164)     |
| 4) George Nichols (4057) | 5) Pat Lauterbach (3629) | 6) Joyce Hampton (3495)     |
| 7) Ellie Hack (3457)     | 8) Pat Webb (3358)       | 9) Bob Webb (3287)          |
| 10) Marj Edens (3055)    | 11) DaMaris Rorie (3001) | 12) Roni Keisler (2933)     |
| 13) Bob Hampton (2792)   | 14) Ken Fasching (2760)  | 15) Joyce Lauterbach (2696) |
| 16) Alice Moore (2375)   | 17) Harold Moore (2275)  |                             |

People with a passion for the game. Several of these players don't play at the club - a couple more only play occasionally or seasonally. If you want to discuss a bridge, ethics or club problem, catch one of the other 11. We're happy to do it. Some of my recent discussions:

1) **How do we find out about conventions and other things besides talking to you if we can't make the lessons all the time?** Your ACBL bulletin has whole sections of just that kind of article. Go through your back issues-they do a great job! 2) **What's the big deal about why a 1NT response to a major opening is forcing or not?** The answer alludes to something I said last month about what happens when you find a better way to handle some hands: you can't do just one thing. If you make that change, you have a lot of bids that are now 'out of work' that you can assign new, more precise meanings. That goes for any other conventional call. Again, the ACBL Bulletin just did a series on 2/1 that was very helpful. 3) **You play with Mr. X who leans back on his right shoulder and shows the right side of his hand to his Left Hand opponent and Mrs. Y who has a tendency to lay her hand flat: But you don't get after these people for their bad habits anymore like you used to. Why?** Hmm... Well I guess it's because I'm their opponent more than I am their partner. Sooner (I hope) or later (I fear) it will dawn on these two (and others) "Hey, I know I should score better than this! Why do the opponents always make the best switch (or bid)? Why do they never throw the wrong card when I run a suit? Why do they always find the missing Queen? Why do these players never make a mistake at my table?" And they'll fix it.

4) **You look at their hands?** I don't need to, (but my partner might☺) the bidding and play to the first couple tricks settle most hands-peeking also ruins your stroke. That crutch won't be there when you are playing the people you have to beat in order to win. 5) **Isn't it cheating?** When I started, a club director/owner told me "If they are showing you their cards, they're showing everyone else-better look or you'll lose out. Actively trying to get a look is unethical-but if they show you-it's OK. But like I said, it's a crutch you can't depend on-better to develop analytical skills. 6) **You sort your cards funny.** No, I just don't use the alternating reds and blacks and rank order. Usually both reds are together and both blacks are together (if you DO inadvertently tip your hand, it's harder to count distribution.). Keep the honors and short suits to the interior with the small cards and long suits to the outside. I also fold and re-fan the hand a lot so there isn't obviously one card here, three cards there and two on the other end after 7 tricks. At least make opponent work to count the hand! 7) **Hey! I think the club should...can you get the Board to...?** I direct a lot of games and I write this letter, but I'm not on the Board any more. I'll be glad to take your suggestions, complaints, whatever to an appropriate officer or Board member though. The officers and at large directors are very approachable-their pictures are on the Web site maintained by Ed Young. There is probably at least one Board member in the game you're playing in-they come from all strata of the club. Let them hear from you directly-they will appreciate it!



June 2009

*Columbia Bridge Club*

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