

## 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 July** saw the return of Lil Hopkins-and evidently Lil's playing well.

N/S	14 tables NAP	E/W
1) Abduhl Ghaffar/Lil Hopkins	199.50	Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore 217.00
2) Joyce Lauterbach/Gwen Beckman	194.00	Pat Lauterch/Chuck Kennedy 185.50
3) Fran Jenkins/Ellie Hack	171.00	Rick and Mary Giles 179.00
4)Carolyn and Lewis Cromer	170.50	Ken Fasching/Marj Edens 170.00
5) Leck Mason/Frazer McCrory	158.00	Sarah Clingman/Lou Riddle 153.50

**We were happy to see** seven teams in our "8" is enough monthly charity team game:

- 1) Jim Chianelli/Bernetha Henry/Bob and Pat Webb 60 VP 2.83 Master points
- 2) Ken Fassching/Harold Moore/Jay Shahani/Sue Harrington 2.13
- 3-4) Bill Charlwood/Henry Momand/Sig Freidman/Abduhl Ghaffar 1.40
- 3-4) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Arnold and Faye Levinson 1.73

**Don't forget our sectional August 6 - 9 at Dent Middle School on Decker Blvd.** See the flyer on our website. All CBC members, regardless of whether you have any master points at all, are encouraged to play. There are events for all levels of play. **IMPORTANT!!** We expect to have record-breaking attendance and may not have enough tables. Please bring a card table or two from home (with your name written underneath) to the Thursday events in case we need more tables than the club owns. Great hospitality - we are serving breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday!! Call Pat Webb for more information: 796-1114 or e-mail at [lathropwebb@hotmail.com](mailto:lathropwebb@hotmail.com).

Effective August 1, all afternoon games (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday) will begin at 12:30.

The entry for all games is \$6-but every game will carry a special sanction as a Charity event. Every game that carries a more expensive sanction will still be only \$6 such as STaC, World-wide Match Point or ACBL-wide events.

There are three lots in front of the Senior Center, Upper and Lower tier plus the Pool lot. The Center asks that we fill up the lower tier first, leaving the Upper for those with the most mobility problems.

The 8 is enough team game will be held on two Thursday nights, the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, starting in September. Due to the tournament, the August team game will be on August 13.

If you know of any ill, hospitalized or bereaved member of the club, let Brent Holcomb know. We would like to send a card to show our support.

After many years, Jack Wilkinson is stepping down as quartermaster for the club. The Board thanks him for his service. These duties will now be carried out by Patrick Lauterbach.

**We've sold the old club!!** After consideration for the shape it's in, the sale was \$150,000 minus the fees-call it \$135-140,000 net to the club.

Some of my recent discussions concerned a rash of distributional hands:

**How do you handle 5-5 in the majors when your partner opens 1 NT?** Like this beauty from Batesburg? ♠ 9-8-6-5-2 ♥ J-7-4-3-2 ♦ K ♣ 7-6. Your partner has 3 cards in at least one of the majors and, believe me, he does not want to play 1NT. Start with Stayman-if he shows a 4-card major, fine-Pass. If he responds 2♦, then bid 2♥. He will then pass or correct to 2♠ if he has 3 Spades and only 2 Hearts. (This also handles bad 5-4 hands) With a little better hand that you want to invite a major suit game, 2♥ transfer to Spades and then re-bid 3♥. If you want to force to game, you have two routes: a 2♥ transfer to Spades and then re-bid 4♥ or 2) A 2♦ transfer to Hearts and re-bid 2 Spades. The first is a sequence where you're only interested in game-the second leaves open a slam try. With a hand 5-4 in the majors, there is the Smollen convention: start with Stayman-if you get a 2♦ response, **bid three of your 4-card major**. This allows partner to play a 5-3 fit in your other major or 3 NT. Don't ever open 1 NT with 2-2 in the majors or (God help you) a singleton.

**How do you bid a hand that is 5-5 (or longer) in the black suits if you're opening bidder?** I would prefer to open 1♣ with 5-5 and re-bid Spades twice. My favorite partners can't handle that so I don't. But this beauty (unforgettable by anyone who played it) is one I open 1♣: ♠K-J-9-5-4 ♥ -- ♦ 10 ♣ K-Q-9-8-7-5-4. Don't let anyone tell you this is a nine count and not an opening hand. Most players will provisionally rate it at 16 (some who count length and shortness will tell you 23-25-just back away from them slowly) Opening the lower ranking suit saves bidding room and you'll need a lot of it. If your partner's next call is a preemptive 2♥, your call of 2♠ immediately gives him the picture. (He's denied 4 spades so you aren't bidding a four card suit-so your clubs must be even longer or you'd have opened 1♠). Note that if your distribution is 5-5 (or more) with at least one red suit-you should open the major first unless the disparity is at least two cards or there is a material difference in the quality of the suits. (eg: ♠J-8-7-5-3 ♥ A ♦ A-K-Q-6-4-3 ♣ 10 >open 1♦ ) You want to bid a lot with this kind of distribution, but it's important that your high cards are in the suits. In the previous example, the ace-jack fifth of spades and a stiff heart gives the same point count but a much better hand. You'll also need at least a minimal fit with partner.

**Sol Lourie Open:** Bob Webb 30.73 Hap Neuffer 29.19 Abduhl Ghaffar 26.70 Jay Shahani 25.57 Arnold Levinson 25.29 Pat Webb 24.95 Ellie Hack 23.19 Ken Fasching 22.60 Patrick Lauterbach 20.27 Zan Edmunds 16.78

<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell</b>	<b>NLM</b>	<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>	
1) Francis Robinson	10.20	Jay Shahani	25.57	Abduhl Ghaffar	26.70
2) Irene Fields	7.26	Arnold Levinson	25.29	Jay Shahani	25.57
3) Sheryl Rhodan	5.46	Zan Edmunds	16.78	Arnold Levinson	25.29
4) Mary Norton	4.77	Jack Wilkinson	13.10	Zan Edmunds	16.78
5) Sam Robison	4.74	Tom Gabriel	12.06	Harriet Blasetti	16.38
6) Barbara Norris	4.25	Sue Harrington	10.22	Sylvia White	14.66
7) Barbara Orr	4.25	Francis Robinson	10.20	Jim Chianelli	14.11
8) Leigh Hursh	2.45	Leck Mason	7.77	Joel Levy	13.60
9) Mary Ann Cross	2.43	Anita Momand	7.75	Jack Wilkinson	13.10
10) The Smitheys	1.78	Irene Fields	7.26	Dodi DeFiori	12.83

**Hideous Hog:** "When Rabbit and I play, it's necessary to right side the contracts."

**Oscar the Owl:** "Meaning you play them all?" **H.H.** "Exactly."



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