## TRICKS AND TREATS

## For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for August saw Gwen Beckman and the return of Lil Hopkins as our hostess and also obviously playing well. Love coconut cake. Sorry about missing Roni Keisler last month. Congratulations to Margaret Hill and Marj Edens, ahead at the wire

N/S	12 tables NAP	<b>E/W</b>	
1) Chuck Kennedy/Alice Moore	128.00	Margaret Hill/Marj Edens	129.50
2) Brian Lipscomb/Ellen Oliver	125.00	Lil Hopkins/Gwen Beckman	124.00
3) Henry and Anita Momand	124.00	Pat Lauterbach/Marianne Murphy	119.00
4) Alvaree Hanley/Mary Smith	124.00	Ardis Dalrymple/Dorothy DeFirori	117.00
5) Madalyn Dybvik/Irma Murra	y 111.50	Edward and Sheelagh Young	113.00

We were happy to see seven teams in our "8" is enough monthly charity team game though we seem to have fewer and fewer 'A' players:

- 1) Jay Shahani/Ken Fasching/Chuck Kennedy/Pat Lauterbach 59/80 VP 2.83 MP
- 2) Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig/ Bill Charlwood/Abduhl Ghaffar 58/80 2.12
- 3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Carolyn and Lewis Cromer 50/80 1.59

Two 8 is enough team games starting September-The first and third Thursday nights.

Congratulations-it's official-Two new life Masters: Tom Gabriel and Cathy Steinaker. Cathy also became a Bronze Life master at the same time.

Up the ladder: Jr. Master-Sarah Clingman. Regional Master-Faye Levinson NABC Master-Jay Shahani

Wasn't that Columbia Sectional a great time? Congratulations to Janice Ripley (16.70) and Ken Fasching (16.61) who were the CBC players winning the most points and made the top ten list. Our 299'ers did well also: Belford and Mary Ann Cross (8.29) and Irving and Ellen Kuperman (6.09) made 299'er top ten. Complete results link is available at CBCbridge.com.

New partnership chairman for the 0-100 – Karen Hansell 699-9340

There will be no game on Labor Day Monday Sept. 4.

There will be no games at the club Friday/Saturday September 24-25. See you all at the Aiken Sectional. They have a really great place to play-don't miss it just an hour down the road. Saturday games at 9:30 and 3:00. Flyers are at the club. I recommend the Atlanta Bread Company for meals in-between sessions. (Someone in Aiken send me more flyers)

ACBL courses begin this fall: "Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and "Defense" Thursdays 6:30 to 9:00 PM beginning Sept 10 for 9 weeks Contact Mary Townhill (359-7640 or <a href="maryt915@aol.com">maryt915@aol.com</a>) to register or for more info.

<sup>&</sup>quot;It is never too late to be what you could have been" George Elliot

Musings of an idle mind: We can teach you anything...Bidding, play, even defense. But you have to also have the right attitude. The game rewards the most aggressive who don't go overboard. Partnership skills are at a premium. This shows up starkly on defense and to a slightly lesser extent in the auction where what your partner tells you (or doesn't) must be respected. Think about the last ten times your partner tried to 'rescue' you-or you tried to rescue partner. How many of those times did you wind up getting butchered? Nine? Or ten? Do you watch the cards your partner pitches on defense? Or your own? When you're declaring against a good pair, do you watch the cards they play? The short message is: Be a partner, half of a bridge team at the table. Don't be a hero trying to do everything yourself. Don't mistake me: a hero can beat you by himself on any given board and they do win-but a partnership is a better bet in any event and more enjoyable to play in.

The races below are for just the people who play at the club. They just count points won at the CBC events at the Senior Center, not tournaments or other clubs. It's one way of recognizing our best, most frequent players. (The standings do tend to parallel attendance.) The most prestigious awards are the McMahon awards for the highest percentage in all the games played in either Open or Limited games. Some of the numbers geeks like to figure the points per session ratio for an estimate of excellence. For a yardstick, last year there were three players with over 70 appearances that averaged over 1 master point won per appearance. Since we've gone to an all charity format, this number may be higher this year. Since the awards for Limited games are 80% or 64% of Open awards, that benchmark is more difficult to achieve for those who play only 0-100, 0-1000 or 0-1500 sessions. The award for winning the B stratification of an Open event is the same as winning overall in a 0-1500 event as is the award for winning the C stratification of an Open event of the same table count. The A scores are irrelevant to your award.

**Sol Lourie Open:** Bob Webb 52.40 Jay Shahani 52.24 Abduhl Ghaffar 47.35 Patrick Lauterbach 43.20 Pat Webb 41.21 Ken Fasching 41.00 Arnold Levinson 40.35 Ellie Hack 38.20 Hap Neuffer 36.97 Brian Lipscomb 30.75

Centurion Cup 0-100		Coleman Farrell	NLM	Henry Mills 0-200	0
1) Francis Robinson	12.73	Jay Shahani	50.24	Jay Shahani	
2) Sheryl Rhoden	9.75	Arnold Levinson	40.35	Abduhl Ghaffar	47.35
3) Irene Fields	8.60	Zan Edmunds	29.03	Arnold Levinson	40.35
4) Samuel Robison	6.99	Jack Wilkinson	21.13	Zan Edmunds	29.03
5) Mary Norton	6.17	Leck Mason	16.08	Harriet Blasetti	28.18
6) Barbara Orr	5.02	Bill Charlwood	16.02	Carolyn Cromer	25.96
7) Barbara Norris	5.02	Sue Harrington	14.11	Brent Holcomb	24.34
8) Mary Ann Cross	4.60	Jim Willrodt	13.18	Jim Chianelli	22.05
9) Belford Cross	3.71	Francis Robinson	12.73	Jack Wilkinson	21.13
10) Hamdi Karluk	2.94	Ginny Chianelli	11.40	Marianne Murph	y 19.57

<sup>&</sup>quot;My old Pappy used to say: You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time-and son, those are pretty good odds." James Garner as Bret Mayerick

## September 2009

Columbia Bridge club

Done	Priority	Priority Description			
		9/3 8 is enough teams			
		9/4 0-100,0-1000 Club Champ			
		9/5 Birthday Party!!!			
		9/7 NO GAME			
		9/11 Unit Game			
		917 7:00 8 is enough team			
		9/19 Talk like a pirate day			
		9/24 No game-Sr. Center Closed			
		925-26 No Game-Aiken Sectional			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		12:30 0-1500 Jr Fund	12:30 Open Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Jr. Fund	12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Club	12:30 Birthday
		Tunu		7:00 8 is enough teams	Champ	Party Club Champ
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day-No Game	12:30 0-1500 Club Champ	12:30 Open Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Jr. Fund 7:00 Open	12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Unit game Remember!!	12:30 Open Jr. Fund
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	7:00 Open Jr. Fund	12:30 0-1500 Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Club Champ	12:30 0-100 0-1000 Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Jr Fund "Talk like a
* #				7:00 8 is enough team		Pirate Day"
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7:00 Open Club Champ	12:30 0-1500 Club Champ	12:30 Open Jr. Fund	No Games Sr. Center Unavailable	No Game-See you in Aiken!	No Games-See you in Aiken!!
27	28	29	30	A.: 2000		
	7:00 Open Club Champ	12:30 0-1500 Jr. Fund	12:30 Open Club Champ	Aug 2009 S M T W T  2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27 30 31	F S   S M T   T   T   T   T   T   T   T   T   T	1 2 3