

## TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

**Our Birthday party for September** was a club Championship hosted by **Bob and Pat Webb**. It was a **Gamecock happening**. Wonderful fruit balanced by my favorite veggie-carrot cake.

N/S	12 1/2 Tables Club Championship		E/W
1) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	139.63	Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong	130.06
2) Bob and Pat Webb	136.08	Pat Lauterbach/Ken Fasching	126.63
3) Alvaree Hanley/Mary Smith	123.56	Ardis Dalrymple/Dode DeFiori	121.44
4) Jay Shahani/Zan Edmunds	121.29	Chris and Lee Webb	120.00
5) Lou Riddle/Sylvia White	119.96	Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	113.19

**Sept. 3** in our "8" is enough semi-monthly charity team game (4 matches-80 VP possible):

- 1) Harold Moore/Jay Shahani/Chuck Kennedy/Pat Lauterbach 3 wins 55VP 2.50 MP
- 2) Bob and Pat Webb/Dick and Karen Coulter 2 wins 49 2.00
- 3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Lewis and Carolyn Cromer 2 wins 47 1.73

**Sept. 17**

- 1) Harriet Blasetti/Gwen Beckman/Jeff Thomas/Dodi Defiori 3 wins 2.33 MP
- 2) Bob and Pat Webb/Everett Ness/Jim Chianelli 2 wins

**Congratulations**-to our newest Life Master-**Susan McFadden!!** She made it in Atlanta. The team was the lowest ranked team in their bracket and they went to the finals.

**Moving Up:** Silver Life Master-**Carolyn Cromer**

Bronze Life Master- **Carol Clemenz**,

NABC Master-**Anita Momand**, Regional Master-**Dan Casey**, Sectional Master-**Irene Fields**  
Club Master-**Sheryl Rhodan**

Jr. Master- **Suzy Weisman**, **Roberta Case**, **Barbara Cathey**, **Karen Hogan**, **Bibs Hurt** and **Henry Nechemias**

**Congratulations:** to **Bob and Joyce Hampton** on their performance at the recent Nationals. Bob picked up 260 Platinum points for winning in two National events. He has 824 points in the recent Barry Crane standings and Joyce has 639.

New Columbia arrival **Laura Bro** who is tearing up the fields with another new arrival **Greg Garrison**, has 146 points in 2009 and currently stands third in her Unit 160 mini-McKenny.

**Congratulations:** **Roni Keisler** and **Ellie Hack**-a 74.16% game on Wednesday afternoon!

Just one more word about the recent Columbia Sectional tournament: We had a great group of sponsors again this year. Everyone likes Starbucks coffee. Joyce and I love both the Hybrids we drive bought from Jim Hudson. New York Butcher and Desserts and More for anyone in the neighborhood on Hard Scrabble are well worth a visit. We do our gardening at Publix. The tournament committee did a wonderful job. Patronize our sponsors-they're all first rate. Speaking of patronizing our sponsors: That beautiful quilt on the wall across from the ballroom is being raffled off. It's \$5/chance at the front desk and they're only selling 100 chances-get yours today!!

**Questions to ask before you lead:** for starters, you are entitled to ask about opponents' bidding during the auction anytime it is your turn to bid. You may also examine opponents' convention card any time (but not your own). **WARNING:** These privileges should be used sparingly in uncontested auctions. Consider 1♠-P-3♦ to you. Without an alert, that is presumed to be a strong jump shift. If it isn't strong and not alerted, you have a claim for damage. If it is alerted, you may or may not want to ask-it could be weak, or a Bergen raise (limit or constructive) or a mini-splinter depending on style. **There is no slam convention system that is alertable.** For good reason. It's too easy to screw up. How many times have you sat there and watched opponents get to the wrong contract because one was playing Roman Key card and the other was 1430? (I was recently in 7 Spades off a cashing Ace in just this situation) Asking questions during the auction allows them to get it right. This is without considering Blackwood or other exotics in the mix-Minorwood (Exclusion Blackwood) regular Blackwood and cue bidding sequences. **BUT AFTER THE AUCTION IS OVER:** yes ask what the 5♠ response to 4NT was. It could have been three aces-or two aces with the Queen of trump or two key cards and a queen. The player who opens 1♣ and then bids 4♣ over his partner's major response may be showing lots of clubs (bad), playing Gerber (inferior) or showing a hand with four of his partner's major and a solid 6-card club suit. It obviously makes a difference on your lead if you hold red suits.

**A toy for your convention card:** Your right hand opponent opens one of a minor and you hold 4 spades and five hearts. Do you double, bid the five card Heart suit or use Michaels? How about this: a 2♦ overcall of 1 of a minor shows exactly 4 spades and 5 or more Hearts. This keeps partner with ♠ A-Q-x and ♥ x-x-x from bidding 1 Spade over your double or 2 Spades with ♠ A-Q and ♥ x-x over your (4-5 off-shape) Michaels. It also keeps you from 'losing' the Spade suit when you are 4-6 and would overcall Hearts. With a bad Hearts and 4-5 you can still double. Michaels with 5-5 is still available over their 1♣ openers. With 5-5 over 1♦, you can start with a 1♠ overcall and bid hearts later.

**Sol Lourie Open:** Jay Shahani 69.99 Bob Webb 63.65 Patrick Lauterbach 56.00 Abdul Ghaffar 53.56 Ken Fasching 52.01 Ellie Hack 51.51 Pat Webb 50.46 Arnold Levinson 50.24 Zan Edmunds 48.38 Hap Neuffer 44.65 (4 of the top 10 are "C" players)

<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell NLM</b>		<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>	
1) Francis Robinson	23.28	Jay Shahani	69.99	Jay Shahani	69.99
2) Sheryl Rhoden	9.75	Arnold Levinson	50.24	Abduhl Ghaffar	53.56
3) Sam Robison	9.70	Zan Edmunds	48.38	Arnold Levinson	50.24
4) Irene Fields	9.61	Leck Mason	29.15	Zan Edmunds	48.38
5) Greg Garrison	8.75	Jack Wilkinson	28.28	Carolyn Cromer	35.33
6) Barbara Orr	7.17	Francis Robinson	23.28	Harriet Blasetti	32.14
7) Barbara Norris	7.17	Everett Ness	22.23	Brent Holcomb	30.26
8) Mary Norton	6.17	Jim Willrodt	16.75	Jim Chianelli	29.29
9) Mary Ann Cross	4.83	John Davren	15.11	Leck Mason	29.15
10) Cassie Jackson	4.15	Eleanor Levy	13.07	Jack Wilkinson	28.29

**"That's the great thing about fried possum innards. They's just as good the second day."** Buddy Ebson as Jed Clampet uttering a sentiment I'm sure we can all agree with.



October 2009

*Columbia Bridge Club*

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<input type="checkbox"/>		10/15 -8 is enough Teams	
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