

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for October hosted by Elaine Wade, had the Halloween theme. Severely fell off my diet somewhere between shrimp toast and the olive spread.

N/S	10 Tables Unit Championship	E/W
1) Bob and Pat Webb	132.50	Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb 132.50
2) Eleanor and Joel Levy	130.50	Jackie Strong/Hamdi Karluk 125.50
3) Fran Jenkins/Ellie Hack	120.50	Joyce Lauterbach/Alice Moore 123.00
4) Rosa Shaw/Brent Holcomb	117.00	Margaret Hill/Marj Edens 117.50

Oct. 1 in our "8" is enough semi-monthly charity team game (6 matches-120 VP possible):

- 1) Bill Charlwood/Harold Moore/Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson 4 wins 80 VP 2.33 MP
- 2) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwood/Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig 4 wins 69 VP .92 MP

Results of the last few months will necessitate changing the name of this event to "8 is way more than you need"

Oct. 15 (4 matches 80 VP possible)

- 1) Pat and Bob Webb/Jim and Ginny Chianelli 3 wins 52 VP 2.50 MP
- 2) Sue Harrington/Ken Fasching/Chuck Kennedy/Pat Lauterbach 3 wins 51 VP 1.88 MP
- 3) Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden/Fred and Carol Clemenz 2.5 wins 43 VP 1.73 MP

As Frances Lawton observed: "This is a fun event-it's even more fun with more teams."

The second Thursday of each month will now be an Open Swiss team

Congratulations Silver Life Master-Abduhl Ghaffar Regional Master- Samuel Robison Junior Master- Lauren Alexander, Blake and Julie Field.

GNT Teams: (two sessions) Saturdays 1/30 and 3/27 (one session) Friday 3/12

DaMaris Rorie's only phone # 446-4642

No Game Wednesday Nov.25 or Thursday November 26-Happy Thanksgiving!!

In the last 30 days I've had 6 A partners, 6 B partners and 8 C partners. A hand came up that illustrated a lot of issues faced by partnerships and shows some of the differences in how the game is played on different levels. First the auction (both Vulnerable):

Partner	RHO	You	LHO
1 Spade	Pass	Pass	Double
Re-double	2 Diamonds	Pass	3 Diamonds
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So your partner has shown a great Spade hand-probably off shape 18-19 at the top right? What would you expect him to do with ♠ A-K-J-x-x-x ♥ K-Q-x ♦ K-x-x ♣ x over 3 Diamonds? Let's return to the question after looking at three hands you might hold:

- A ♠ 10-x-x-x ♥ x-x-x ♦ x ♣ Q-x-x-x-x
B ♠ Q-x-x ♥ x-x-x ♦ x-x ♣ J-x-x-x-x
C ♠ x ♥ x-x-x ♦ x-x ♣ K-9-x-x-x-x-x

Very bad hands, right? But what you do with them is key to what your partner will do over three Diamonds. So what did you do with those hands? My regular partners know that with hand A at my first opportunity I would bid 3 Spades (that's right: 0-6 and I'm serious about the zero) With hand B I would pass the first chance and over 2 Diamonds, offer up 2 Spades (raise with 3 card support-I've already shown this hand is no where near 6 points by passing first). With hand C (the actual hand I held) I pass both times and would expect my regular partners to pass 3 diamonds like a shot. My partner that day was someone I'd never played with before and he bid 3 Spades just like he would in the Limited games. With a Club lead, both minor aces wrong (predictable on the auction) a 5-1 trump break behind him and leading from his hand the whole time, he was lucky to get out down 3, doubled. I ran this hand in on a Limited game sit out and watched the results. No one played less than 3 Spades-some not even doubled!! Let us draw the curtain of charity over those who persisted to 4 diamonds. Lessons: A) **hand evaluation**-all three hands I gave you are dreck. B) **Re-evaluation** after partner bids- Hand A and B have improved to a level where support can be shown C) Hand C is still dreck-Pass. (Those who would do a weak jump shift, please start your next session at my table) D) "Oh, but I can't bid on so few points! (A and B)" Well, you better. As Jerry Helms (and other experts) saying goes "Support with support" Partner knows all he needs is 3 spades and the Jack of Hearts from you to have a decent shot at 9 tricks (you can't hold more than 2 diamonds). Unless he knows you show support with 3 cards some how, he is always going to walk into that swinging door and get hammered when you hold something like hand C. E) **Partnership trust**-Partner won't go off the deep end (OK, OK-someone else's partner with a modicum of sanity won't) because you showed 0-4 by your first pass. If you pass twice, **partner knows you're short of support and can defend accordingly**. Partner has to trust you to show support with 3 or more trumps and you have to be able to trust partner to realize your (lack of) strength on the auction. F) If you insist on playing every good hand you're dealt, I hope you had fun playing this one across from hand C (or 4 Diamonds going the other way). "It may not be wise; Watson, but I assure you it is essential." Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes "The Lady in Green"

In case you missed District 7 news: A Spingold match was lost when one of the players' cell phones went off during the match. Another player was put on probation by a Conduct and Ethics committee for chronic slow play. The ACBL is serious about conditions of contest.

Sol Lourie Open: Abduhl Ghaffar (73.78) Ellie Hack (73.52) Jay Shahani (73.46) Bob Webb (71.69) Patrick Lauterbach 66.00 Ken Fasching 65.75 Arnold Levinson 62.92 Hap Neuffer 59.68 Zan Edmunds 59.06 Pat Webb 58.07 (4 of the top 10 are "C" players)

Centurion Cup 0-100		Coleman Farrell NLM		Henry Mills 0-2000	
1) Francis Robinson	30.55	Jay Shahani	73.46	Abduhl Ghaffar	73.78
2) Greg Garrison	16.66	Arnold Levinson	62.92	Jay Shahani	73.46
3) Irene Fields	14.28	Zan Edmunds	59.06	Arnold Levinson	62.92
4) Sam Robison	11.82	Leck Mason	38.14	Zan Edmunds	59.06
5) Barbara Orr	9.99	Jack Wilkinson	36.93	Brent Holcomb	44.20
6) Sheryl Rhoden	9.75	Everett Ness	32.66	Carolyn Cromer	43.25
7) Barbara Norris	8.59	Francis Robinaon	30.55	Harriet Blasetti	43.11
8) Mary Ann Cross	7.21	Jim Willrodt	21.08	Jim Chianelli	39.31
9) Belford Cross	6.32	John Davren	19.98	Leck Mason	38.14
10) Mary Norton	6.17	Eleanor Levy	18.53	Marianne Murphy	37.21

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Eleanor Roosevelt

November 2009

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/5 8 is enough team	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/12 Open Swiss Teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/16 Unit Game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/19 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		No game Wed. 11/25	
<input type="checkbox"/>		No Game Thursday 11/26	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/30 5 PM Board Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/30 7 PM ACBL-wide Charity	

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