

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for November was hosted my **Anita Momand**. The game saw the triumphant return of **Carolyn Floyd** ably partnered by **Lil Hopkins**. Hope you all enjoyed the refreshments, pre-duplicated boards and analysis by Deep Finesse as much as I did.

N/S	Charity Game 13 tables	E/W
1) Carolyn Floyd/Lil Hopkins	186.75	Frazer McCrorey/Ginny Robertson 184.00
2) Roni Keisler/Ellie Hack	184.08	Bob and Pat Webb 176.00
3) Brian Lipscomb/Ken Fasching	183.46	Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong 166.00
4) Butch Maybin/Jack Wilkinson	181.63	Belle Fields/Irene Fields 165.54
5) Mary Townhill/Gwen Beckman	168.50	Pat Lauterbach/Jo Westbury 163.38

We're looking for a few good hosts for the Birthday parties in 2010. As host you bring a cake. (The Cake) And if you feel like it-a centerpiece or a few decorations-don't go overboard. Sign up on the sheet on the club bulletin boards. So many cakes, so little time. All Good.

Club Christmas Party. Thursday night Dec. 17. Social hour 6:00 followed by catered dinner and then bridge. Let Pat Webb know by phone, e-mail (lathropwebb@hotmail.com) or signup sheet at the club that you are coming **BY DEC. 31!** Meal is \$6 at the door-bridge is free.

Remember the ACBL-wide Charity Game on Nov. 30, 7:00 right after the end of the Board meeting. Still only \$6 per player. Pre-duplicated hands and analysis books will be available.

STaC games Dec. 14-20. Yes there is a Thursday aft Open STaC Dec. 17-day of the party. All STaC games are \$6/player. Friday is 0-100 and 0-1000 Only! All others are Open.

November 5th in our "8 is enough" semi-monthly charity team game (4 matches):

1) Patrick Lauterbach/Jay Shahani/Chuck Kennedy/Ken Fasching	3 wins	55 VP	2.67 MP
2) Margaret Hill/Lil Hopkins/Sue Harrington/Alice Moore	3 wins	50	2.00
3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	2 wins	48	1.50

November 12 Open teams: with 4 ties it seemed like all 8 teams had a 'coulda been' story

1) Pat and Bob Webb/Joel Levy/George Nichols	4 wins	61 VP's	3.00 MP
2) Pat Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy/Ken Fasching/Harold Moore	2.5 wins	50	2.25
3) Frazer and Roy McCrorey/Karen and Dick Coulter	2 wins	37	2.00
4) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	1 win	36	1.50

November 19 "8 is enough" teams:

1) Bill Charlwood/Harold Moore/Jack Wilkinson/Harriet Blasetti	4 wins	63 VP	2.67 MP
2) Ginny and Jim Chianelli/Bob and Pat Webb	2 wins	46 VP	2.00 MP

Need a partner daytimes? Belle will help find you one. With all the new people we have, it's a problem sometimes. Call her at 738-9020.

CBC cell phone-running late? Call the director: 803-348-4265

Congratulations Life Master in Atlanta: Jack Wilkinson, Elaine Wade, Francis Kovach.
Jr. Master: Judy Sellers Club Master: Blake Field, Julie Field. NABC Master: Zan
Edmunds Bronze Life Master: Bill Charlwood, Jack Wilkinson

"If you keep doing what you've always done, you're going to keep getting what you've always gotten." This applies to bridge players as much as to anyone else it seems; even with the mind stretching that the Open field game requires. What brought this to mind was listening to a group of 'C' players who've met with some success talk about how they never double anyone. If you don't double, people push you around and steal you blind. Watch the balancing on the part scores. Quick 2/1 fix for this: If your partner opens 1 of a major, use the forcing 1NT and a delayed raise with either 2 or 3 card support and 5-7 HCP. Raise immediately with 8-9 HCP and 3 card support. If they balance with a double, drop a Redouble card if you hold prime cards (Ace or Kings) for your bid or pass if you hold mostly Queens and Jacks for your 8-9. Partner now knows whether to go quietly, take the push or exact a penalty double. Some players have their partners trained to never let a two of a major contract play. You can't keep them out of an auction-so invite them in!! For them I suggest using weak sounding auctions with an extra King or Ace and when they get in with their balance, use the ax. You'll eat one once in a while, but on balance (pun intended) you'll be way-y-y-y ahead. Especially effective when they are red. Notes on the match point logic: 1) If you let them play their balance bid, you're looking at minus to a strong minus match point result. 2) If you take the push all the time, you're losing on hands where you're one too high-there's no way to gain. 3) Doubling beats all the pairs that beat the balancing bid undoubled. If they are red you probably get a top. If the doubled contract makes-you completely lose your bad board MP's. That's anywhere from a 2-1 to a 4-1 payoff. Of course, you have to be able to play defense. Some have told me this is really mean and nasty-to them I say "Thank-you-I try". Of course if opponents were playing nice, they wouldn't have come in over your 2-level bid now would they? That's the way the game is played. **"The only way this doesn't work is if one of them is honest-and I make that 10 to one against."** Walter Matthau as Sorrowful Jones *"Little Miss Marker"*

Sol Lourie Open: Jay Shahani (91.40) Ellie Hack (87.13) Bob Webb (84.43) Patrick Lauterbach 83.74 Ken Fasching 81.68 Abduhl Ghaffar 79.60 Hap Neuffer 77.12 Arnold Levinson 75.45 Zan Edmunds 74.86 Alice Moore 74.33 (1 "B" and 3 "C" in the top 10)

Centurion Cup 0-100		Coleman Farrell	NLM	Henry Mills 0-2000	
1) Francis Robinson	40.57	Jay Shahani	91.40	Jay Shahani	91.40
2) Greg Garrison	21.25	Arnold Levinson	75.45	Abduhl Ghaffar	79.60
3) Irene Fields	18.56	Zan Edmunds	74.86	Arnold Levinson	75.45
4) Barbara Orr	11.83	Jack Wilkinson	44.14	Zan Edmunds	74.86
5) Cassie Jackson	10.07	Leck Mason	44.08	Carolyn Cromer	55.46
6) Mary Norton	9.79	Everett Ness	41.10	Brent Holcomb	51.60
7) Sheryl Rhodan	9.75	Francis Robinson	40.57	Marianne Murphy	49.39
8) Barbara Norris	9.64	Jim Willrodt	27.10	Jim Chianelli	48.93
9) Mary Ann Cross	9.08	Eleanor Levy	24.56	Harriet Blasetti	48.38
10) Belford Cross	8.19	John Davren	24.13	Frances Lawton	47.42

There are 10 kinds of people in this world: Those who understand binary and those who don't. (If you don't get it, ask your grandkids.)

December 2009

Columbia Bridge Club 803-348-4265

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		No Games Dec. 23 through Jan. 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11/30 ACBL wide Charity	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Dec. 3 - 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/5 December Birthday party	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Dec 8 0-1500 Unit Game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/10 - 7:00 Open Swiss	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/14-19 STaC	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12/17 6:00 Christmas party!	

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