TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club (Calendar On-line at www.cbcbridge.com)

Our Birthday party for January, hosted by Ed Scheiblich and Sylvia White kicked off our New Year in style. Seven months into our club cup races, perennial champ Ellie Hack with partner Fran Jenkins stakes a strong claim (4.33 master points) to the Open lead.

	ame 16 tables	E/W		
1) Fran Jenkins/Ellie Hack	198.79	Bob and Pat Webb	182.71	
2) Gwen Beckman/Joyce Lauterbach	179.25	Sylvia White/Ed Scheibli		
3) Pat Lauterbach/Marianne Murphy	177.50	Hap Neuffer/Harold Mod		
4) Madalyn Dybvick/Irma Murray	175.88	George Nichols/Mary Town		
Sue Harrington/Jay Shahani	156.92	Irene Fields/Belle Fields	169.37	

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.

Our first GNT event will be Saturday January 30. It is a two session event starting at 10:00. There will be a short break for lunch-bring your own sandwich. We will have chips, drinks and dessert. Second session is TBA but the finishing time will be about 5:30.

Congratulations: Made Life Master in Myrtle Beach:

Jay Shahani- played with Sue Harrington and Jackie Strong/Hamdi Karluk in the finals of a Knockout team event.

Alvaree Hanley-played with Mary Smith and Sallie Blackwell/Brent Holcomb in a two session Open Swiss.

Jo Westbury-6.48 Gold-second in a second bracket KO with Ed Schieblich/Linda York Tom Balcerek- Our newest Silver Life Master!

Also making their mark: Bibs Hurt and Roberta Case playing with Lewis and Carolyn Cromer made the finals of a Knockout event scoring their first 4+ Gold points

Katie Langston/Betsy Stanton won a bracketed KO

Chris and Lee Webb won a two session Open Swiss with a Charleston pair.

Milestones: Club Master-Bibs Hurt Sectional Master-Belford Cross

The CBC's best performers in the 2009 Mini-McKinneys:

Starting with 100-200 MP-Jay Shahani 283.64 MP Zan Edmunds 173.83 MP 300-500 MP Laura Bro 201.53 500-1000 MP Abduhl Ghaffar 262.82 2500-5000 MP Bob Hampton 1026.91 Joyce Hampton 929.15

Patrick Lauterbach 341.04
7500-10,000 Hap Neuffer 245.29

[&]quot;Bridge is a game of mistakes. Experts make fewer of them." Paul Soloway

We will miss our friends, Jean Brady, Ken Staugler and Dr. Royal Smithey. Our condolences go to Margarite Stuagler, Felicia Smithey and the family of Jean Brady. "Lord, remember Your servants and grant them Your salvation."

Thursday Night Swiss team- 7 teams, four matches:

1-2) Betsy Stanton/Katie Langston/Harold Moore/Barbara James
2.5 wins
49VP
2.48 MP
1-2) Jay Shahani/Ken Fasching/Patrick Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy 3 wins
3) Jeff Thomas/Gwen Beckman/Joyce Lauterbach/George Nichols
2 wins
44VP
1.59 MP
1B) Jackie Strong/Hamdi Karluk/Sig Friedman/Abduhl Ghaffar
2 wins
40 VP
1.73 MP

I posted the total points won at the club and the attendance for the top 50 in each category next to the monthly report of master points won for December. Interesting reading.

A man stood playing in the subway station, his open violin case beside him. He played for 45 minutes. Very few people stopped to listen; mostly children who persuaded their parents to stop for a while. When he packed up to leave, there was \$36 in his open case. The man was J. Bell, one of the great violinists of our day. He was playing the same program he'd played the previous week in a Boston music hall where the tickets were \$100 apiece. This had been an experiment by the local paper to see if the people would recognize, appreciate and enjoy something of beauty and substance. Bridge is a game of beauty and substance. and medical benefits are well documented. When a player finally sees how the bidding, play, defense and scoring table all fit together, he realizes that Mr. Vanderbilt wrought better than he knew. Bridge is a manifestation of artistic as well as competitive expression. I know I can't do a whole lot in limited space to improve your game. What I try to do is show you something that will inspire you to work on your own game. Read the Bulletin each month, do the daily bridge column-or more than one if you're a library devotee. Play the Open games and watch the "A" team tackle the hands-ask questions. Talk it over with your partners. Try new conventions. You say you'll just forget and mess them up? Well, how are you scoring now? Isn't it worth it to straighten out a few problem situations or get a better line on a whole class of hands? Yes it is. You play better, you enjoy the game more. Really, it's possible. Really. "I can show you what's possible. I stand beside the open door. YOU must walk through." Dialogue from movie "The Matrix"

Sol Lourie Open Cup: 1) Ellie Hack 121.65 2) Bob Webb 117.79 3) Jay Shahani 117.55

4) Patrick Lauterbach 113.64 5) Ken Fasching 110.14 6) Hap Neuffer 107.40

7) Abduhl Ghaffar 104.56 8) Alice Moore 98.32 9) Pat Webb 97.75 10) Arnold Levinson 92.26

Henry Mills 0-2000) Col	leman Farrell Non	-LM	Centurion Cup 0-10	
	117.55	*	117.55	Francis Robinson	48.37
2) Abduhl Ghaffar	104.56	Arnold Levinson	92.26	Greg Garrison	33.65
3) Arnold Levinson	92.26	Zan Edmunds	91.94	Sam Robison	
4) Zan Edmunds		Jack Wilkinson	63.76		22.62
5) Carolyn Cromer		Leck Mason	60.57	Irene Fields	20.82
6) Jim Chianelli	68.45	Everett Ness		Mary Ann Cross	15.97
7) Marianne Murphy			50.77	Belford Cross	15.08
8) Brent Holcomb		Francis Robinson		Barbara Orr	13.81
	65.87	Greg Garrison	33.65	Cassie Jackson	12.20
9) Frances Lawton	65.48	Susan McFadden	32.17	Roberta Case	11.75
10) Harriet Blasetti	64.84	Jim Willrodt	29.64	Bibs Hurt	11.75

February 2010

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
		Feb 1-7 STaC Week	
		Feb 6-Int'l Fund Game	
	,	Feb 6-Birthday Party	
		2/4 7PM 8 is enough teams	
		2/11 7PM Swiss Teams	-
		2/18 7PM 8 is enough Team	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7 PM Open STaC	2 12:30 Open STaC	3 12:30 Open STaC	4 12:30 Open STaC 7PM 8 is enough Team game	5 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 STaC	6
7	8 7 PM Open Jr. Fund	9 12:30 0-1500 Jr. Fund	10 12:30 Open Jr. Fund	11 12:30 Open Jr. Fund 7:00 Swiss Team	12 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Jr, Fund	13 12:30 Open Jr. Fund
14	15 7:00 Open Jr. Fund	16 12:30 0-1500 Jr Fund	17 12:30 Open Jr. Fund	18 12:30 Open Jr. Fund 7:00 8 is enough Teams	19 12:300-100, 0-1000 Jr. Fund	20 12:30 Open Jr. Fund
21	7:00 Open Jr Fund	23 12:30 0-1500 Jr Fund	24 12:30-Open Jr. Fund	25 12:30 Open Jr. Fund 7:00 Open Jr. Fund	26 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Jr. Fund	27 12:30 Open Jr. Fund
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