

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for February hosted by **Harriet Blasetti** had a Valentine theme-certainly loved the cake. Interesting hands with analysis afterwards by Frank Stewart.

N/S	International Fund game 14 tables		E/W
1) Joyce and Pat Lauterbach	188.71	Hap Neuffer/Lukasz Lebioda	201.96
2) Laura Bro/Barb Robinson	186.21	Fran Jenkins/Ellie Hack	187.12
3) Henry and Anita Momand	182.46	Jim Chianelli/Butch Maybin	183.71
4) Gwen Beckman/Lil Hopkins	174.59	Ed and Sheelagh Young	177.42
5) DaMaris Rorie/Robert Gray	160.12	Brian Lipscomb/Ellen Oliver	177.04
6) Madalyn Dybvik/Irma Murray	158.63	Alvaree Hanley/Mary Smith	171.13

We're looking for a few good hosts for the Birthday parties in 2010. We're not kidding. 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. We need YOU!!

Our first GNT event, Saturday January 30: We had 18 teams and a 7-team dogfight till rd.5 of 7. Kudos to **Dode DeFiori** and helpers **Leck Mason, Eloise Taylor**. Our top CBC finishers:

A) Pat and Bob Webb/Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	5 wins	99 VP	5.25 MP
A) Hap Neuffer-Harold Moore/Brian Lipscomb-Alice Moore	5 wins	96	4.94
B) Chris and Lee Webb/Katie Langston/Betsy Stanton	5 wins	93	5.27 (yes 5.27)
B) Frazer McCrorey/Leck Mason/Karen Coulter/Zan Edmunds	5 wins	77	4.95 (yes 4.95)
B) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich/Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson	4 win	76	2.96
C) Jayne McGirt/Becky Blanchard/Carolyn Swartout/Teri Kuhs	3 wins	63	2.27
C) Carol Brooks/Veronica Ramseur/Cathy Chiles/Harriet Garret	3 wins	57	1.70

My family and I truly appreciate all the condolences we have received from the Columbia Bridge Club. It has been a great comfort to us. Melinda Young

I was just looking around the room at a recent Friday afternoon game: 8 tables in the 0-1000 and 3 tables in the 0-100. Started counting-5 people in the 0-1000 that were still eligible to play in the 0-100, 15 of the 32 players in the 0-1000 that had started in the 0-100. I started counting up the people 'aged out' (or about to be) of the game altogether and now played on other afternoons or evenings. Those players on the other side of the room or the upper strata aren't the 'big guys' – they're you- sooner or later. Try that idea on for size!

It's time to start thinking about election of new officers. The nominating committee this year will be: (Chair) **Emily Lamphere, Joyce Lauterbach, Frances Lawton, Gwen Beckman** and **Carolyn Cromer**. They will present a slate of candidates and further nominations may be made from the floor at the annual membership meeting in May. If you're available, or know someone you believe should be on the board in some capacity-let a member of the committee know.

The Tricity Sectional kicks off Friday March 12 with Stratified Pairs at 1:00 and 7:00. There are three pairs games on Saturday at 9:00, 1:00 and 7:00. Swiss on Sunday starts at 10:00.

We will have a two-session Grand National Team club qualifying event on Saturday March 20. Starting time is 10:00. Bring a sandwich-we'll have soft drinks and chips. Event will be done about 5:30. There will be a one-session GNT event on Friday afternoon March 26 starting at 12:30-done about 4:15. We're going to try for a stand alone C-section.

Here's the best (my opinion) convention for use over opponents' opening 1NT:

A new variation on DON'T: Joyce and I use it in direct or pass out chair:

2♣- Clubs and a higher ranking suit

2♦ - Diamonds and a higher ranking suit

2♥ - Long Hearts (natural)

2♠ - Long Spades (natural)

Double- shows either one long minor or both majors. If partner doubles, you are obligated to bid 2♣. If he has a minor, he will pass if it's clubs or correct if it's diamonds. If he has both majors instead, he will bid 2♥ over your 2♣ response and you then have to pass if Hearts is your better major or correct to 2♠. The advantages of this system over Capeletti and regular DONT are obvious: 1) it allows you to play 2 clubs. (Especially advantageous at equal or adverse vulnerability) 2) You can get a single, long suit major into the auction in one step with no interference or confusion. 3) you have a better handle on major/minor 2-suiters.

At the end of February the cup races have 3 months to run (May 31). So far we have 12 players with over 100 Master Points won at the club. The top 22 are on pace to go over 100 by them. Jay, Ellie and I are on track to go for 200. Last year we had 10 (a record) over 100 before we changed the format to all special sanction events. The increased attendance also pushes up the awards. The change in format also puts rating the Sol Lourie Open contestants on an equal footing. Before switching formats, some were playing a mix of regular and special events on perhaps 2 open games while others were mostly cherry picking only the special sanctions on all five open games. Again this month there's a shakeup atop the Open race.

Sol Lourie Cup(Open): 1) Jay Shahani (149.91) 2) Patrick Lauterbach (144.24) 3) Ellie Hack (142.14) 4) Hap Neuffer (137.47) 5) Bob Webb (127.67) 6) Ken Fasching 124.54 7) Alice Moore 116.38 8) Pat Webb 114.06 9) Abduhl Ghaffar 113.97 10) Arnold Levinson 108.04

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	149.91	Jay Shahani	149.91	Francis Robinson	53.53
2) Abduhl Ghaffar	113.97	Arnold Levinson	108.04	Greg Garrison	35.75
3) Arnold Levinson	108.04	Zan Edmunds	106.74	Sam Robison	21.68
4) Zan Edmunds	106.74	Leck Mason	72.60	Belford Cross	21.68
5) Carolyn Cromer	87.45	Jack Wilkinson	70.23	Mary Ann Cross	21.37
6) Jim Chianelli	80.35	Everett Ness	55.96	Irene Fields	20.82
7) Brent Holcomb	79.49	Francis Robinson	53.53	Barbara Orr	16.42
8) Francis Lawton	75.72	Jim Willrodt	39.75	Dick Coulter	14.35
9) Karen Coulter	75.54	Susan McFadden	35.97	Mary Norton	14.34
10) Harriet Blasetti	72.34	Greg Garrison	35.75	Cassie Jackson	13.46

March 2010

Columbia Bridge club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		3-6 Birthday Party! 1 PM	
<input type="checkbox"/>		3-11 Swiss Team 7 PM	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		3-26 Fri 12:30 GNT Open	
<input type="checkbox"/>		3/12-3/14 Tricity Sectional	

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