

## 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 March hosted by **Joyce Lauterbach** and **Grace Bishop** had a St. Patrick's theme-Thank you very much. My favorite-double chocolate cake with fudge frosting.

N/S	International Fund game 14 tables		E/W
1) Frazer McCrorey/Fran Jenkins	126.50	Ken Fasching/Brian Lipscomb	132.63
2) Hap Neuffer/Jim Chianelli	122.69	Roni Keisler/Ellie Hack	132.13
3) Pat Webb/Leigh Hursh	122.38	Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong	121.13
4) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	119.81	Jeff Thomas/Jay Shahani	115.50

**Our second GNT event** was Saturday March 20. The popular winners were an undefeated 'B' team who notched victories over both 'A' squads in the event. 17 teams-Top qualifiers:

1A/B) Joel and Eleanor Levy/Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong	6 wins	102 VP	6.75 MP
2-3A/B) Tom Balcerek/Abduhl Ghaffar/Jay Shahani/Greg Garrison	4	81	4.43
2-3A/B) Joan and Jack Moye/Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	5	81	4.43
1C) Mary Ivey/Karen Hogan/Jerry Love/Marcia Fletcher	2	50	2.27
2-3C) Carol Brooks/Veronica Ramseur/Harriet Garret/Cathy Chiles	2	46	1.49
2-3C) Belford and Maryanne Cross/Blake and Julie Field	2	46	1.49

I wish to thank the members of the duplicate bridge club for the many kindnesses they have shown me through my recent sadness. Margarita Staugler

2725 Cypress Street is no longer ours. The deed was transferred on March 15 and almost \$117,000 has been added to our funds. Everything of value has been stored. A special thank-you goes out to those faithful generous members who helped with the packing process: Joel and Eleanor Levy (who really spearheaded the move - were there until 8:00 Friday night!), Charlie Kwiatkowski (Frances Lawton's husband who isn't even a member of CBC! was the first to arrive), Frances Lawton, Tom Gabriel, Susan McFadden, Mike Bitonti, Barbara Cathy, Laura Bro (a new CBC member who had never even been in the old building), Brent Holcomb, Sally Blackwell, and Pat Webb. One last hand of bridge was ceremoniously played in the old building (shuffled and dealt a hand with a 6-0 trump split!).

**It's time to start thinking about election of new officers.** The nominating committee is meeting April 7 to come up with their slate. Please have suggestions in the box conveyed to the committee by then.

**New Bronze Life Master: Sue Harrington, Fred Clemenz, NABC Master: Lois Ball, Teri Kuhs. Sectional Master Dick Coulter Club Master: Karen Hogan, Cheryl Paulling**

Contrary to some people's belief, directors are not just eagerly awaiting the chance to levy a procedural penalty on your game. Our job is to make sure everyone-not just you-has a good time. This DOES mean that we MUST enforce the conditions of contest. We want to see the issue of winning and losing settled by the bridge that's played-but if you're taking too much time-you're taking away from someone else's chances of winning to unfairly increase your own. And that isn't fun at all. No cell phones!! That comes directly from ACBL-that isn't just a local rule. Duplicate is a game of skill, not unfair deception (although there is legitimate deception allowed). This is why we have the requirement that conventional bids must be alerted-AND ALERTED IN A TIMELY MANNER. This means you pay attention and "alert" before the player on your right calls. Waiting for her to bid, then saying 'Alert' is not acceptable. Trying to peek at their bidding like that is like trying to peek at their hand. Mike Flader in the ACBL Bulletin this month has a good article on this. **Law 16(b)**

**(Unauthorized extraneous information from partner):** "...After a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as for example by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected Alert or a failure to Alert...the partner may not choose from logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information." **The director is to redress this situation to provide equity.** From my experience as a player, I can tell you that when this situation is inadequately addressed by a game director, it leaves a lot of very hard feelings. So stay Alert.

I previously made mention of the big club system played by Meckstroth/Rodwell with 137 pages of system notes. That 137 was a number I picked out of thin air-turns out the real number is "over 200 pages". (It varies as they refine the system) These notes have to be turned over to opposing teams before the matches in top national and international team events. And they still have the occasional partnership misunderstanding!! And sometimes the agreements force them into some bad spots (because bidding on would make it worse).

**Sol Lourie Cup (Open):** 1) Jay Shahani (173.30) 2) Hap Neuffer (170.33) 3) Ellie Hack (162.91) 4) Patrick Lauterbach (162.04) 5) Ken Fasching 142.00 6) Arnold Levinson (135.48) 7) Alice Moore 132.55 8) Bob Webb 127.67 9) Abduhl Ghaffar 127.27 10) Pat Webb 122.04

<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell Non-LM</b>		<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>	
1) Jay Shahani	173.30	Jay Shahani	173.30	Francis Robinson	56.67
2) Arnold Levinson	135.48	Arnold Levinson	135.48	Belford Cross	33.47
3) Abduhl Ghaffar	127.27	Zan Edmunds	121.51	Mary Ann Cross	33.06
4) Zan Edmunds	121.51	Leck Mason	80.31	Sam Robison	23.88
5) Carolyn Cromer	99.73	Jack Wilkinson	76.53	Irene Fields	20.82
6) Jim Chianelli	95.55	Everett Ness	60.00	Mary Norton	17.89
7) Brent Holcomb	86.26	Francis Robinson	56.67	Barbara Orr	17.21
8) Karen Coulter	83.80	Jim Willrodt	48.95	Bibs Hurt	17.17
9) Frances Lawton	83.47	Greg Garrison	41.13	Roberta Case	17.17
10) Laura Bro	81.98	Susan McFadden	39.51	Blake Field	14.67

Enjoy your life while you can-it does come with an expiration date.



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