

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for April was hosted by Eloise Taylor. Great job!! Egg salad and strawberries were in season. The bridge was pretty good too, as Joyce and Alice went wire-to-wire in first E/W and eventually won it all. How about Grace and Mary 2nd Overall?

N/S	Charity game 12 ½ tables	E/W
1) Grace Bishop/Mary Smith	173.14	Joyce Lauterbach/Alice Moore 180.18
2) Jackie Strong/Hamdi Karluk	167.33	Rosa Shaw/Lil Hopkins 163.68
3) Fraizer McCrorey/Fran Jenkins	158.76	Damaris Rorie/Leck Mason 156.80
4) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	152.95	Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson 152.55
5) Henry and Anita Momand	150.10	BJ Cornelia/Dot Cole 145.00

Our May Birthday Party will be on Saturday May1. Bring a treat and enjoy!!

Our last 2010 GNT event was Friday March 26. We had an Open and a C section.
One session, four matches. Top C qualifiers:

1) Karen Hogan/Judy Sellers/Bert Shuler/Eddie Sutton	3 wins	54 VP	1.79 MP
2) Mary Ivey/Mike McKenzie/Jim Willrodt/Mary Norton	3	53	1.29
3) Lauren and Gene Alexander/Blake and Julie Fields	2	49	.97

The top Open Qualifiers:

1) Jim and Ginny Chianelli/Laura Bro/Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong	3 Win	56 VP	4.17 MP
2) Jay Shahani/Greg Garrison/Abuhl Ghaffar/Jeff Thomas	2	48	3.13
3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Arnold and Faye Levinson	3	47	2.35

It's time for election of new officers. The nominating committee slate has been posted on the board at the club. The annual business meeting and election of officers and Board members will be held at 6:30, Monday, May 10. Game will follow. Anyone who paid their dues for the 2009/2010 club year and has played 10 times in the past 12 months is eligible.

Moving Up: Jr. Master- Gene Alexander, Club Master Karen Hogan, Cheryl Paulling, Sectional Master-Dick Coulter NABC Master Teri Kuhs, Lois Ball,
We have a trio of new Bronze Life Masters: Jay Shahani, Sue Harrington, and Fred Clemenz.

Our New Life Master! Leonard Bifano.

Dues are due!! \$15/single or \$28/couple. Please pay early. Last day of the club year is May 31, 2010. Fill out the coupon so we can keep our telephone list current. Bring to the club or mail to Treasurer Pat Webb, 505 Moss Creek Drive, Cayce, SC 29033.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Birth Month(s) _____

Our sympathy to all of Etta Cashwell's friends. She was a cheerful player who really enjoyed the game. "...and I will raise you up on the Last Day."

I have to have a word with some of the people doing the King Canute bit concerning keeping the flight C and even those below 1500 MP from having to compete with 'A' players. It quite simply can't be done. For starters: You'll notice that we have 4 nominally 'C' players in the top 10 for master points in the Open Sol Lourie race for points won at the CBC. When I started directing the Wednesday night 0-50 (then 0-300 and 0-500) Wednesday night game, Ken Fasching was a regular-now his point count is what? Eighth or ninth in the club at around 3000 nine years later. When we moved here, Joyce had a little over 800 points, almost all Gold, Red or what would now be Silver plus two trips in two tries to the final two (of six) rounds of the Blue Ribbon Pairs (the first before she had 300 points for LM). I recently played against a lady who read her partner the riot act over his actions in an auction at my table: She was right on every count and delivered her remarks in a style I've been (well) known to use. She has less than 10 points but I can tell she's going to be good. There are others. There is a flip side concerning some of the nominally A players but let's not go there. The point is, **"A" is not a point count!!** Lots of "A"s just don't have very many-yet. They are always among you.

Our current policy of all special sanction games will have to change. This is not a local club policy change but comes direct from ACBL.

The motion below was passed by the ACBL National Board of Directors in Reno NV. The effective date is July 1, 2010.

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games and in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity.

We were playing the opposing captain and a 13 year old hotshot-and losing-in a second round top bracket KO. Talking about the last hand where I under led an off-suit (not bid by partner) king on opening lead. Opposing captain says "I used to do that-but results were just too bad so I don't do it unless I can't help it anymore." I wouldn't mention this except opposing captain's name was Rodwell.

For new players-a few random thoughts: If you get a lead in a suit where you are missing the Ace and Queen, the lead is from the Queen or from nothing. Good defenders don't under lead aces against suit contracts **unless** the strong hand is going down on dummy. You will underlead a king more often than a Jack. Leading partner's suit, you normally under lead the honor third. If you think you might want to switch, lead your honor in partner's suit to possibly retain the lead and have a look a dummy. Consider whether you want to continue or switch. (This is one reason why it's important not to overcall bad suits)

"Life is a game. Bridge is serious." Seen on a tee shirt in Gatlinburg. I agree.

May 2010

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/13 ACBL-wide Int Fund Game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/6 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/13 Swiss teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/20 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/31 CSC closed NO GAME	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5/10 Annual business meeting	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 7:00 Open Charity (ACBL)	4 12:30 0-1500 Charity (ACBL)	5 12:30 Open Charity (ACBL)	6 12:30 Open Charity Pairs (ACBL) 7:00 8 is enough Team Charity (ACBL)	7 12:30 0-1000, 0-100 Charity Pairs (ACBL)	8 12:30 Charity Pairs (ACBL)
9 Mother's Day	10 6:30 Annual Business meeting 7:00(ish) Open Charity (local)	11 12:30 0-1500 Charity Pairs (local)	12 12:30 Open Charity (local)	13 12:30 ACBL-wide Int. Fund Game 7:00 Swiss Team Charity (local)	14 12:30 0-1000, 0-100 Charity Pairs (local)	15 12:30 Charity Pairs (local)
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30	31 Center Closed No Game tonight					