

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for August was hosted by **Karen Hogan** and **Leigh Hursh**. Leigh also did the punch for the July party that was so well received. A very tight NAP game was, actually not, pulled out on the last round-We have a tie!

N/S	North American Pairs	14 tables	E/W
1) Ed Scheiblich/ Linda York	183.00	Jackie Strong/Hamdi Karluk	181.00
2) Jay Shahani/Sue Harrington	183.00	Irene Fields/DaMaris Rorie	170.50
3) Ellie Hack/Fran Jenkins	174.00	Pat Lauterbach/Sig Friedman	169.50
4) Joyce Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy	169.50	Hap Neuffer/AAlice Moore	167.50
5) Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	162.00	Thurman and Cathy Bruffey	164.50

Our **September Birthday** party will be Saturday Sept 11, the second Saturday of the month.

Our Palmetto Sectional was held at **Dent Middle School**. This was a joint production of the Webb clan, Pat, Bob, Lee and Chris-and very well done. Our table count was up to 320 and we made some money. The exact figure will be available later-somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1800. Nice neighborhood. Our chair people would like to thank all those who made such a great production possible, starting with Ms. Washington at the school, the set-up and cleanup crew, all the great hospitality and of course, all of you who came and played. A couple of sessions we had 51 tables up and, among all the concurrent events, only 1 or 2 empty. Special recognition to local club members **Lil Hopkins**, **Ardis Dalrymple** and **Annie Hawkins** for winning Open Pair events.

It's **not too soon** to mention the **Columbia Regional** coming October 18-24. We'll have Stratified Open Pairs and KO teams for Gold points. There will be Board a match Swiss, two session Open Swiss, Non Life Master Swiss teams and 0-299 pairs. Something for everybody every session. Our chairs **Elizabeth Beckwith** and **Carol Clemenz** are working hard on this-and may ask your help-please do. Flyers available at the club-line up your partners now! Partnerships handled by Karen Hansell 803-699-9340 khansell@sc.rr.com or Eldon Clayman 828-439-1283 brdgbums@hci.net It should be great-a lot of tournament experience on staff. Location will be the Radisson at exit 63 off highway 20.

Thursday September 16 is the annual **Instant Match Point** game. This is an ACBL-wide event and a perennial favorite of the players. Each board has every score graded from 0-100 match points-you know your score right there at the table. Hand analysis booklets available after the game. **Winner each direction gets one Gold point in their award.**

Congratulations on a very nice 72.69% game to **Bill Charlwood** and **Jay Shahani** at the Wednesday afternoon game (6 table Howell) August 18.

Moving Up: Junior Master-Marcia Fletcher Bronze Life Master Happy Powell (Florence)

Have a bad game? If you have six bucks, you can play again tomorrow.

Since a gadget Joyce and I play came up so frequently at the tournament and worked so well against so many local players, I've been asked to explain our defense against weak two bids. First, we don't make vulnerable takeout or balancing doubles with bad 10-counts-in that way lies minus 200 and perdition. Overcalls are good suits and opening points, doubles are shapely and at least opening strength, no-trump overcalls are 16+ HCP and 1+ stopper in the overcalled suit. Cue bids ask partner to bid 3NT with a stopper-it is NOT Michaels of any stripe. This hand is typically a one-suiter (solid) with stoppers in the other two side suits. The two-suiters are handled with **Leaping Michaels**. If opponent opens 2♠ and you hold a 14 count hand that is 2-5-5-1 you don't want to double-partner always bids Clubs. What do you do if you overcall 3♥ and opener's partner calls 4♠? You really want to bid 5♦ now if partner PASSED? (If you do-partner has an annoying habit of being 2-2-2-7) Do you really want to double 4 Spades if they have a double fit in the black suits? Well, a Leaping Michaels bid of 4♦ over the opening 2♠ call shows five of the other major plus this minor with a hand of good opening strength. You have told your partner your story and he is now well placed to pass, double the 3 or 4♠ advance or place your contract in the correct spot whether they further the pre-empt –or not.

Now that we have listed all the winners of the 2009/10 races, we're almost 3 months into the new cup races for 2010/11. These races will go through May 31 of 2011. So far, a lot of the usual suspects are riding high, though some have gotten out of the blocks a little slower than expected. The Saul Lourie Open looks to be the most exciting with maybe 8 serious contenders. Of course Jay came out of nowhere to win last year, so who knows? If Jay doesn't win the Saul Lourie, the Henry Mills 0-2000 looks to be his to lose. Past winner and perennial contender Arnold Levinson along with Abduhl Ghaffar would seem to be his main competition. In the Coleman Farrell Non Life-Master-Arnold, will you get serious about playing some Gold Point events and leave this contest to Zan Edmunds, Everett Ness and Bill Charlwood? Last years Centurion Cup winner Francis Robinson would also seem to have a shot. The Centurion Cup (0-100) is always a surprise-a pleasant one. No one knows what new player will find a handle on the game and emerge with this trophy. We have a lot of possibles.

Sol Lourie 1) Ellie Hack (43.04) Patrick Lauterbach (42.18) Jay Shahani 40.52 Bob Webb (37.70) Alice Moore (31.94) Hap Neuffer (31.81) Marianne Murphy (29.03) Arnold Levinson (28.05) Abduhl Ghaffar (27.57) Harriet Blasetti (26.63) Tom Gabriel (26.44) C Cromer (26.09)

<u>Henry Mills 0-2000 MP's</u>		<u>Coleman Farell Non LM</u>		<u>Centurion Cup 0-100</u>	
1) Jay Shahani	40.52	Arnold Levinson	28.05	Irene Fields	8.96
2) Marianne Murphy	29.03	Zan Edmunds	24.53	Blake Field	8.01
3) Arnold Levinson	28.05	Bill Charlwood	23.37	Julie Field	8.01
4) Abduhl Ghaffar	27.57	Everett Ness	17.31	Sheryl Rhoden	7.52
5) Harriet Blasetti	26.63	Carolyn Swartout	17.26	Cassie Jackson	7.18
6) Tom Gabriel	26.44	Francis Robinson	16.01	Mary Ann Cross	6.61
7) Carolyn Cromer	26.09	Missy Day	12.94	Scott Dunn	6.59
8) Jim Chianelli	25.66	Melinda Young	12.40	Jerry Love	5.77
9) San Edmunds	24.53	Iona Hunter	11.27	Roberta Case	5.31
10) Tom Balcerek	23.83	Margurete Hall	10.00	Kay Stursberg	5.30