

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club
(Calendar On-line at www.columbia.bridge-club.org)

Our Birthday party for December was hosted by Ellen Oliver. Great cake and three different varieties of deviled eggs. I spent most of between rounds trying to figure out which one was best. Bob's with the blueberry on each egg was interesting, don't you think?

N/S	Unit Game 12 tables	E/W	
1) Joel Levy/Jim Chianelli	140.21	Bob and Pat Webb	130.69
2) Pat Lauterbach/Ken Fasching	136.13	Roni Keisler/Ellie Hack	134.38
3) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	123.12	Jay Jacobs/Phillip Mixson	113.00
4) Aninta and Henry Momand	114.75	Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	111.80
5) Dot Cole/Lou Riddle		Ed and Sheelagh Young	109.56

Are you a party person? New signup sheet for bringing the cake for the Birthday parties in 2011 is posted on the club bulletin board. January Birthday party is Saturday, January 8th.

There will be a special membership meeting of the CBC at the Senior Center at 10:00 January 8th before the Birthday party game. The subject will be the proposed future home of the club in the vicinity of Dent Middle School. We are anticipating a large, interested crowd. For this reason the meeting will start promptly to conduct as much business as possible. There is a proposal to change the requirement to vote from 10 games played in the previous year to no play requirement.

December 16 was the evening of the party-starting with social hour at 5:30 dinner at 6:00 and bridge 7:15-ish. Our Chair-people **Mary Ann Cross** and **Pat Blume** did just a wonderful job, didn't they? Thanks to Charlie and Dick behind the bar, Mike for directing three sections and Loren and Gene Alexander at the door.

Congratulations/Moving Up New Bronze Life Master **Zan Edmunds**

The club will be closed December 24th through January 3rd. See you in Charleston for the Regional....and of course bright and early Tuesday the 4th at the club!

There will be no game Monday evening January 17.

Time to start getting your Teams together for the GNT. We have the long layoff over Christmas and the first event is early (Feb. 5th). Dode is going to be disappointed if we don't get 20 teams one of these times. Stratification is 0-500, 0-2000 and over 2000 for the player with the most master points on the team. Same as usual: bring a sandwich; the club will have chips, drinks and dessert. We'll start at 10:00, take a short lunch break and finish about 5:30.

"If something seems too good to be true, best to shoot it just to be safe." Fiona. Burn Notice (She's a nice Irish girl with an IRA background)

The question from a couple different players, in one form or another, was why the procedural penalty on late plays and why am I so slow to pick up the boards for slow play and other directors are quicker? This perception isn't quite true-one recent Tuesday I picked up 4 boards on one round and nine in the game-including two pairs who had play curtailed on 2 boards each. Things have been running a lot smoother on Tuesdays since then. I like to see the issue of winning and losing settled by players at the table rather than by computer factoring. When an adjusted score is awarded on a board, there is no cold top or bottom. You can't say definitely that that adjusted score wouldn't have been one or the other; thus the factoring on the board. This leads to situations like the following: On the Monday STaC, Ken Fasching and I had a 67.48% (9.50 Silver) game to finish second to the McLaughlins 67.50% (12.67 Silver). There was a board with a "no play" where we got a 3.88 matchpoint score instead of a top of 4. The two pairs who were slow and the director who picked up the board cost us 1st place. I hate to see that happen, but sometimes it is unavoidable. Being constantly late is just rude (Law 74) to the rest of the field (especially on the last round) as well as distorting the conditions of contest for the event (unethical by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge #90). Procedural penalties make that clear.

From the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge: Law 65 Part C) "Orderliness. Each player arranges his own cards in an orderly over-lapping row in the sequence played, so as to permit review of the play after its completion, if necessary, to determine the number of tricks won by each side or the order in which the cards were played." Part D) "Agreement on results of play. A player should not disturb the order of his played cards until agreement has been reached on the number of tricks won. A player who fails to comply with the provisions of this law jeopardizes his right to claim ownership of doubtful tricks or to claim a revoke."

Law 72 Part B section 4: "Concealing an infraction: A player may not attempt to conceal an inadvertent infraction, as by committing a second revoke, concealing a card involved in a revoke or mixing the cards prematurely."

(shuffling your cards without agreement on tricks won, not allowing a trick by trick examination, loses you the ruling if the director is called-that's open and shut)

These Master point totals as of Dec. 15 (all games at CBC)

Sol Lourie Open 1) Pat Lauterbach 105.97 2) Bob Webb 99.56 3) Jay Shahani 94.66
4) Hap Neuffer 76.21 5) Ellie Hack 75.48 6) Alice Moore 72.15 7) Zan Edmunds 71.10
8) Ken Fasching 66.15 9) Pat Webb 61.89 10) Jim Chianelli 61.83

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell)-Life Master		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	94.66	Zan Edmunds	71.10	Roberta Case	18.38
2) Zan Edmunds	71.10	Arnold Levinson	61.37	Sheryl Rhoden	18.05
3) Jim Chianelli	61.83	Francis Robinson	38.19	Blake Field	17.18
4) Arnold Levinson	61.37	Everett Ness	33.35	Jim Bass	14.68
5) Marianne Murphy	57.09	Carolyn Swartout	28.18	Julie Field	13.43
6) Tom Gabriel	53.83	Melinda Young	27.15	Bibs Hurt	12.94
7) Carolyn Cromer	52.60	Jim Willrodt	24.04	Marcia Fletcher	11.14
8) Harriet Blasetti	51.76	Melissa Day	23.13	Jerry Love	10.49
9) Bill Charlwood	49.33	John Davren	22.22	Irene Fields	10.41
10) Abduhl Ghaffar	43.16	Leck Mason	20.11	Cassie Jackson	9.56

January 2011

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Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		Jan. 1-3 Club closed no games	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/5 Supervised play resumes	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/8 10:00 General Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/8 12:30 Birthday Party	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/17 No Game	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		1/13 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/20 7:00 Individual Charity	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1/27 12:30 Open 7 PM No game	

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