

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for February was hosted by... umm, actually we had no host. But we did have a good time!

N/S	Jr. Fund Game	14 tables	E/W
1) Joyce Lauterbach/ Gwen Beckman	176.5	Brian Lipscomb/Ellen Oliver	191.5
2) Luanne Edwards/Annie Hawkins	172.5	Ellie Hack/Fran Jenkins	182.5
3) Hamdi Karluk/Jackie Strong	171.5	Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	176.5
4) Pat Webb/Francine Moring	166.0	Jerry Love/Marcia Fletcher	172.5
5) Jim and Ginny Chianelli	165.0	Chris and Lee Webb	165.0

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. March party will be March 5. (We need someone to bring a cake-e-mail me if you can do it.)

Your Board has negotiated a 3-year deal to play at the senior Center-details on the club's Web page.

The GNT event was a great success! We set a new club record for this qualifying event with 21 teams entering. Once again **Dode DeFiori** did just a magnificent job-aided in her team-building by **Eloise Taylor** and **Brent Holcomb**. The results vindicate what I have been trying to tell the B and C flights for some time now. The pre-event favorite **Nichols** team (George Nichols, Joyce Lauterbach, Pat Webb, Jack Self) were blitzed (That's right-Zero victory points) by a C squad in the first round and were the highest finishing A team (8th place) The signature match was the last round when **Nichols** lost to **Townhill** by one IMP. This was a two session event which means it was plenty of time to prove my point-when I tell you B and C players that you can play with these "A" guys, you're going to believe me now? Hmmm? Next GNT 2-session is Saturday Feb 26-one session Open GNT Friday afternoon March 25.

Top CBC Qualifiers:	Wins	Victory pts,	Master pts.
B) Chris and Lee Webb/Betsy Stanton/Katie Langston	5	82	5.81
Henry and Anita Momand/Bibs Hurt/Francis Robinson	4	78	4.36
Coulter/Murray/F. McCrorey/L Mason/J and G Chianelli	3.5	73	3.27
Mary Townhill/Gwen Beckman/Jeff Thomas/B. Henry	5	72	2.58
Tom Balcerek/Abduhl Ghaffar/Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	3	68	2.21
C) Pat Blume/Kay Stursburg/Cheryl Rhodan/Jim Willrodt	3	54	1.99
Judy Sellers/Mike Stockdell/Jerry Love/Marcia Fletcher	3	54	1.99

Congratulations/Moving Up NABC Master **Carolyn Swartout**

You don't see this every month-as a matter of fact this is the first in at least 12 years:

Diamond Life Master (5000 Master points) **Joyce Hampton!!**

(and she has a National Championship to go with it-the 6 session Women's Open Swiss Team.)

I've been asked if I could run those 58 things to remember about bridge-Took me about 30 installments the first time, but I guess there's always a new group coming up that needs to know. The answer is no I can't because I can't find a copy-I know there were a lot given out and I'd run another batch of copies if someone would lend me theirs. For now, four things-two on bidding and two on bridge philosophy that aren't on those pages:

1) **The cornerstone** of bidding is establishing trump in a 4-4 fit in a major suit. Four trumps in each hand produces an extra trick over a No-trump contract against the expected (68%) 3-2 break of the outstanding trumps in opponents hands. If your trump fit is 5-3, the advantage is not so great (unless you hold a singleton with the 3-card support) and you might want to try for an against-the-field matchpoint score in a NT contract. 2) Bidding 5 of a minor is almost always wrong. Aim for 3 No Trump without an 8-card major suit fit.. If you and your partner go past 3NT with big minor suits-you are aiming at slam-cue bid aces-see if you can get there. 3) **Learn to recognize STOP signs.** If your partner shows a six card suit, and you don't have any, or just one, it's usually best to let him play across from minimum values rather than digging a hole any deeper. (He doesn't have any better fit for you than you have for him-trust me) side observation-3 NT is where misfits go to usually die a messy, horrible death. Bidding your own suit more than twice is WRONG. You play the fits, let opponents play the misfits 4) If your hand has all hard values such as Axx, xx, Axxx, KQJx, and you have established no Major suit 8 card fit but game level assets-try to get your partner to bid 3 NT. This protects his soft values from attack on the opening lead: say he holds Qx, KQTx QTx Axxx, you'd really rather have the lead come to him rather than through him. That's called right-siding the contract and a lot of times the difference between making and going down. With the first hand, after partner opens 1 club, I respond 1 Diamond-he bids 1 Heart and I bid a fourth suit force 2 Spades. Players who can't wait to bid 3 NT instead of 2 Spades just irritate me no end. Get a Spade on the opening lead through the Q and you have 6 or 7 tricks if the King is over the Queen. With a Spade through the ace on opening lead you're about 90% to make 9 tricks.

Of course he plays the contract while you watch from dummy-but wouldn't you really rather win?

There is an on-line poll at the club web site concerning the elimination of the percentages shown on Bridgemate during the game. People I talk to are pretty evenly split. The directors are most interested in the comments you would care to make on the subject.

These Master point totals as of Feb. 20 (all games at CBC)

Sol Lourie Open 1) Pat Lauterbach 127.14 2) Jay Shahani 112.15 3) Bob Webb 108.36
4) Hap Neuffer 97.80 5) Alice Moore 92.24 6) Ellie Hack 89.23 7) Zan Edmunds 82.03
8) Ken Fasching 81.42 9) Pat Webb 75.17 10) Jim Chianelli 73.88

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell)-Life Master		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	112.15	Zan Edmunds	82.03	Roberta Case	29.62
2) Zan Edmunds	82.03	Arnold Levinson	66.56	Bibs Hurt	27.73
3) Jim Chianelli	73.88	Francis Robinson	48.88	Cheryl Rhoden	23.76
4) Marianne Murphy	71.97	Everett Ness	40.43	Blake Field	20.84
5) Arnold Levinson	66.56	Carolyn Swartout	35.66	Marcia Fletcher	20.69
6) Harriet Blasetti	62.86	Leck Mason	34.10	Jerry Love	20.63
7) Tom Gabriel	62.60	Melinda Young	32.38	James Bass	18.38
8) Carolyn Cromer	62.38	Jim Willrodt	30.47	Julie Field	17.09
9) Bill Charlwood	60.55	Roberta Case	29.62	Irene Fields	13.29
10) Abduhl Ghaffar	53.15	Bibs Hurt	27.73	Cassie Jackson	12.34

March 2011

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		3/18-3/20 TriCity Sectional	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		3/25 12:30 1 session GNT	
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