

## TRICKS AND TREATS

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

**Our Birthday party for March** was our monthly charity game-and Butch and Harold kind of made a shambles of it-nice set guys (66.26%).

N/S	Charity game 11 tables	E/W
1) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	143.12	Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig 127.51
2) Ellie Hack/Roni Keisler	128.19	Ginny Robertson/Lil Hopkins 116.52
3) Mary Townhill/Joyce Lauterbach	126.02	Ken Fasching/Fran Jenkins 116.27
4) Pat Webb/Pat Lauterbach	114.29	Sue Harrington/Mary Smith 111.25

**Elections are coming!** Two three year board member terms and the Treasurer positions are up this year. Nominations may be made to the nominating committee in the box on the game director's table. Check with the person you're nominating first to see if they want to serve.

**The GNT event on Feb 26 was a great success!** The 19 teams were the most we ever had for a second GNT event. The 'A's did better this time, but plenty of points to pass around. The two session event was won by George Nichols team (George and some imported talent). We will have one, last event; a one-session GNT qualifier on Friday, March 25. So far Dode tells me we have 16 teams ready to play. It is an open event though so far none of the 16 teams looking to play is an "A" team. Results of the Feb. 26 event:

Top CBC Qualifiers (21 teams):	Wins	Victory pts,	Master pts.
A) George Nichols, Jim Gentry	5	99	7.25
Bob and Pat Webb/Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	3.5	82	4.08
Ronnie Keislar/Ellie Hack/Marj Edens/Fran Jenkins	4.5	79	3.06
B) F. McCrorey/L Mason/R. Case/F.Robinson/Z.Edmunds	4	72	5.27
Phil Mixson/Scott Dunn/Annie Hawkins/L. Edwards	4	71	3.97
Mary and Rick Giles/Fred and Carol Clemenz	3	60	1.99
C) Karen Hogan/Mary Ivey/Morris Mithcem/Bill Cress	1.5	51	2.44
E. Taylor/I. Duheme/Mary Ann Madden/H Nechemias	2	44	1.83

It's annual dues time again! Pay now and avoid the rush! We need your information for the new player directory (Available probably in August). Turn in your dues to the game director with this stub or mail to Pat Webb, 505 Moss Creek Dr. Cayce SC 29033. It's \$28/couple or \$15/single.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month \_\_\_\_\_

**“So,” I’ve been asked. “what do you mean by bidding the partnership assets instead of just the 13 cards in front of you?”** OK, here are a few examples: you hold ♠ 8 ♥ Q-10-8-4 ♦ K-J-6-4-2 ♣ A-7-3. The bidding:

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1 Spade	Double	Pass	?

You have a really good hand with that stiff Spade-10 HCP-what do you do? The general guideline is jump with 5 cards and 8 or more HCP or 4 cards and 10 count. On this hand you **DO NOT** bid 3 Diamonds. Your partner has Hearts for his take-out double-he wants to hear about that 4-card Heart suit-not the diamonds! Bid 3 Hearts.

**Here’s a sequence I see butchered almost every time I play:**

<b>You</b>	<b>LHO</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>RHO</b>
1 of a minor	1 of a major	Pass	Pass
?			

Or another similar but more obvious situation:

<b>You</b>	<b>LHO</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>RHO</b>
1 of a major	2 something	Pass	Pass

Notice I haven’t given you any hands. Wonder why? It’s because with very few exceptions your bid is the same-**double!** **Your partner has no penalty double available to him!** He has to let you balance back in with a double and then he passes for penalty. What if he doesn’t have the penalty hand to pass? If he doesn’t have the penalty pass he bids a long suit of his own without a fit for yours or makes a minimum raise of your suit with at least a small doubleton. This is what you have to do when you play negative doubles. Oh-the exceptions: when you have a long (6+) SOLID suit or a very distributional 2-suiter, or hands where you hold the trump stack against over-caller (you know partner is busted and not holding a stack)

Congratulations/Moving Up- Jr. Master **Mike Stockdale** Club Master **Henry Nechemias** Sectional Master **Julie Blake** Regional Master **Bibs Hurt, Irene Fields, Roberta Case** New Silver Life Master (1000 points) **Mary Townhill!!**

**These Master point totals as of March 15 (2 ½ months to go) all games at CBC.**

**Sol Lourie Open** 1) Pat Lauterbach 141.58 2) Jay Shahani 112.88 3) Bob Webb 112.44 4) Hap Neuffer 104.53 5) Alice Moore 98.86 6) Ellie Hack 97.23 7) Zan Edmunds 91.08

8) Ken Fasching 88.36 9) Pat Webb 80.56 10) Jim Chianelli 80.20

<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell )-Life Master</b>		<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>	
1) Jay Shahani	112.88	Zan Edmunds	91.08	Roberta Case	35.28
2) Zan Edmunds	91.08	Arnold Levinson	67.76	Bibs Hurt	29.67
3) Jim Chianelli	80.20	Francis Robinson	58.03	Cheryl Rhoden	27.99
4) Marianne Murphy	77.11	Everett Ness	44.41	Blake Field	23.74
5) Carolyn Cromer	71.90	Leck Mason	41.16	Marcia Fletcher	23.24
6) Arnold Levinson	67.76	Carolyn Swartout	38.44	Jerry Love	22.86
7) Harriet Blasetti	64.38	Melinda Young	36.75	James Bass	21.19
8) Tom Gabriel	65.14	Roberta Case	35.28	Julie Field	19.99
9) Bill Charlwood	62.49	Jim Willrodt	32.97	Lauren Alexander	14.51
10) Francis Robinson	58.03	Bibs Hurt	29.67	Irene Fields	13.91