TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for April was hosted by Cathy Steinaker and Elaine Wade. Our charity game drew an almost full house of 15 tables. Hats off for 66+% game turned in by Butch Maybin and Harold Moore!

	11 tables Charity G	fame E/W	
1) Butch Maybin/Harold M		Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig	127.51
2) Ellie Hack/Roni Keisler		Ginny Robertson/Lil Hopkins	116.52
3) Mary Townhill/J Lauter		Ken Fasching/Fran Jenkins	116.27
4) Pat Webb/Patrick Lauter	rbach 114.29	Sue Harrington/Mary Smith	111.25

The club will be closed (no Game) Monday May 30 (Memorial Day. The club game on Tuesday May 17 will start at 10 AM so that the Center can set up for a dance.

Ellie Hack is in Baptist Hospital-room 720-No flowers allowed-staying 5 to 6 weeks.

Elections are coming! Annual business meeting and election of officers on May 16th at 6:00. Game will follow. We need a quorum to conduct the meeting so y'all come, hear?

The GNT event on March 25 was certainly gratifying. We had 19 tables for this one-session event-another record for the GNT events at CBC this year. Our 3 events (2 two-session and 1 one-session) events produced 99 session tables all together and a profit for the club of \$1325. Give yourselves a hand-and a big thank-you to **Dode DeFiori** who did most of the hard work promoting and her helpers, **Eloise Taylor** and **Brent Holcomb** on partnerships.

Top CBC Qualifiers (19 teams):	Wins	Victory pts,	Master pts.
1-2) Jay Shahani/Rosa Shaw/Carolyn Cromer/Zan Edmund	s 3	62	4.23
1-2) Frazier/Roy McCrorey/Leck Mason/Francis Robinson	4	62	4.23
Phil Mixson/Tom Balcerek/Luanne Edwards/Abduhl	3	54	2.72
1C) Bel and MaryAnn Cross/Frances Potter/M. Young	2	43	1.61
2C) Pat Blume/K Stursburg/Teri Kuhs/Loren Alexander	2	39	1.21

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. **Dues are Due by the end of May!!**

Phone(s)	Birth Month
Address	Zip
Name(s)	

The Board has formed a committee seeking comment from the membership concerning the by-laws of the club. A copy of the by-laws is on our web-site for reference. This will be the first look at a general revision since.....hmmm..way back when. Members of the committee you can deliver your observations and suggestions to are: Henry Momand, Bibs Hurt, Frazer McCrorey, Bernetha Henry, and Bel Cross.

Claims with tricks conceded: I just don't do these very often, but I have a few partners and ex-partners who can't wait to show how well they can analyze a board and claim as soon as possible. Even sooner. Claims stated as "I have the rest" are the bane of a director's existence. Any claim that concedes a trick or takes more than a few words (one sentence-tops) to clearly state the line of play, should be played out. The same goes for concessions-don't just fold your hand and go away. Granted you can't concede a trick in your partner's hand or a trick you can't lose, but who knows if you just fold? It's a simple concept-The opponents can't make a mistake if you won't let them. Why is this so hard for some people to understand? I have had opponents forget they are playing no-trump instead of suit contracts-forget there is a trump out-what's obvious to you is not obvious to them. Take this 5 card ending in No trump:

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My hand	Spades Void	Dummy	Spades	Q
	Hearts Void	•	Hearts	10-9-4
	Diamonds A-5	G.	Diamonds	3
	Clubs 8-7-3		Clubs	Void

I'm on the board with the three good hearts. The King of spades and five diamonds are out. On the last round, I watched an ex-partner claim 4 tricks at this point and concede the last one. Me? I played three rounds of Hearts and the Opponent on my left with four diamonds and the King of Spades was squeezed out of his trick-my A-5 of diamonds took the last two as he held the Spade King and one diamond. I have watched opponents unversed in defensive signaling leave their partner with pure guesses what to save-and of course those partners make mistakes in that circumstance. And sometimes they just don't watch. I usually get a good board every round or two because of this. People who claim and concede don't. Another consideration: if you claim as soon as (you think) possible-what happens on the hands you don't claim? Opponents start thinking: "He has a problem; I wonder what it is?" Too often they come up with the right answer.

These Master point totals as of APRIL 18 (1 + months to go) all games at CBC. Sol Lourie Open 1) Pat Lauterbach 157.90 2) Jay Shahani 127.60 3) Bob Webb 113.61 4) Hap Neuffer 112.36 5) Zan Edmunds 105.94 6) Alice Moore 104.56 7) Ken Fasching 102.69 8) Ellie Hack 101.94 9) Jim Chianelli 89.94 10) Pat Webb 88.02

Henry Mills 0-2000 Coleman Farrell)-Life Master		Centurion Cup 0-100		
1) Jay Shahani 127.60	Zan Edmunds	105.94	Roberta Case	43.04
2) Zan Edmunds 105.94	Arnold Levinson	74.96	Bibs Hurt	36.08
3) Jim Chianelli 89.94	Francis Robinson	66.56	Sheryl Rhoden	28.96
4) Carolyn Cromer 82.85	Leck Mason	51.97	Blake Field	24.60
5) Maryanne Murphy82.34	Everett Ness	48.73	Marcia Fletcher	23.60
6) Arnold Levinson 74.96	Roberta Case	43.04	Jerry Love	23.12
7) Harriet Blasetti 73.74	Melinda Young	39.28	James Bass	21.45
8) Tom Gabriel 67.27	Carolyn Swartout	38.52	Julie Field	20.85
9) Francis Robinson 66.56	Bibs Hurt	36.08	Lauren Alexand	er18.51
10) Bill Charlwood 66.68	Jim Willrodt	35.10	Irene Fields	17.32

May 2011

Columbia Bridge Club

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
	1	5/2-5/7 MABC Promo games	Due Date
	1	5/7 Birthday Party!!	
		5/12 Unit Game	
		5/5 8 is enough teams 7:00	
		5/12 8 is enough teams 7:00	-
		5/30 NO Game Center CLosed	
	1	5/17 0-1500 Game time 10:00!!	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Moderni			
1		2	3	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7:00 Open MABC	12:30 0-1500 MABC	4 12:30 Open MABC 6:30 Supervised play	5 12:30 MABC Open pairs 7:00 8 is enough MABC promo	0-1000 MABC Promo pairs	7 12:30 Birthday Party!! MABC Promo pairs
8		9 7:00 Open Club Championship	10 12:30 0-1500 pairs	12:30 ACBL Int'l Fund Game (Analysis books) 6:30 Supervised play	12:30 Unit Game L05160 B 1 7:00 8 is enough club Champ	13 12:30 0-100, 0-1000	14 12:30 Open Club Champ
15		6:00 Business Meeting 7:00 Open Charity (Local)	17 10:00 0-1500 club shampionship	18 12:30 Open Club champ 6:30 Supervised play	19 12:30 Open Cloub Champ 7:00 Individual (local Charity)	20 12:30 0-100,0-1000 Club Champ	21 12:30 Open Pairs
22		23 7:00 Open Pairs	24 12:30 0-1500 pairs	25 12:30 Open Charity Pairs (local) 6:30 Supervised play	26 12:30 Open Charity (local) 7:00 NO GAME	27 12:30 0-100, 0-1000 Charity (local)	28 12:30 Local Charity Pairs
29		30 NO GAME Center is closed	31 12:30 Charity pairs (local)	3 4 : 10 11 1 17 18 1	Apr 2011 T W T F S 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 2 13 14 15 16 9 20 21 22 23 6 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F	4 11 18