

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(Calendar On-line at columbia.bridge-club.org)

Our Birthday party for May was hosted by ...um, maybe it wasn't. **But I'm sure everyone had a good time anyway** while I was away. We had a good time but it's nice to be back after spending much of the time since April 9 away from Columbia.

N/S	7 tables Charity Game	E/W	
1) Chris and Lee Webb	104.50	Sue Harrington/Sylvia White	99.50
2) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	87.50	Bob and Pat Webb	98.50
3) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	87.00	Ken Fasching/Francine Moring	92.00

The Birthday party game June 4 will be the **World-Wide Bridge** contest-always a player favorite. Pre-dealt hands and analysis books by Frank Stewart. Still only \$6/person.

The game Friday June 17 will start at 10:00 due to the CSC dance that evening.

Congratulations: Sectional Master-**Lauren Alexander, Pat Blume, Scott Dunn, Jerry Love, Kay Stursburg**

New Silver Life Master: **Chuck Kennedy!**

The business meeting and election of officers was short this year. New at-large directors **Bernetha Henry** and **Carolyn Cromer** were welcomed to the board. The new Treasurer will be **Pat Webb**. President Momand thanked the outgoing members: **Bob Webb, Sam Robison** and **Leck Mason** for their service to the club. Full minutes of the meeting are on the web-site under reports. The game afterwards had 9 ½ tables in the Open and 6 tables in the 0-200.

We now have enough sets of boards that we can do hand records for almost every game of the week. We might not be able to handle it-but **Mike Bitonti** is going to give it a try. On the subject of improvement: The 0-200 on Monday night with the hand records and the 0-100 game on Friday seem to be good ideas. I was looking over the fields on a Friday afternoon and saw that all but 10 of the 36 players in the 0-1000 section had started play in the 0-100 section over the last 5-6 years that we've had the game. (Some of them were still eligible for 0-100 and one of those still eligible pairs won the 0-1000 event that day) So when you move up, nothing to be afraid of, you're just re-joining the people you played at a the 0-100 level.

The summer Anniversary party will be Thursday evening June 16. **You need to make a reservation if you plan to attend the dinner.** The social hour is 5:30, dinner at 6:00 and Bridge at 7:00...ish. The bridge is free with at least 2 sections divided by master points. The dinner is \$10 and we need your RSVP to give the caterer a hard number on the guests we will be serving. Invitations with RSVP's attached are available at the club-or contact Pat Blum or Mary Ann Cross, our hostesses. Return RSVPs to them or the game director. **No game that afternoon June 16.**

It's annual dues time again! Pay now and make our assembly of the phone list easier! (Available probably in late July/August). Turn in your dues to the game director who has membership apps at the desk 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!!**

“Yesterday’s over my shoulder, so I can’t look backward too long..” These words from Jimmy Buffet (Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes) should be taken to heart by all bridge players. I recently played a Swiss match against a pair that hashed over the last board while trying to play the current one all through the match. I sat there amazed: one inferior bid, play and defense after another. You’d think at least the dummy would try not to distract declarer while she’s playing a ticklish contract. What a waste of energy that should go into the project at hand. Since defense is usually the last thing a player learns though the most useful, here is a list of questions players should ask themselves as they await their partner’s opening lead. (This list is from Danny Kleinman, one of the best teachers and player/coaches today, printed in The Bridge World January 2011) After the auction: a) How many cards does declarer have in each suit? (Some auctions are more revealing than others-but try) b) How many cards will dummy have in each suit? (ibed) c) How many points does declarer have? (And where are they likely to be?) d) How many points does dummy have? (ibed) e) How many points does that leave for partner? (And –Where are/could they be?)

Now anticipating the opening lead: f) How many cards do you expect partner to have in each suit? g) What suit do you expect partner to lead?

Now he makes the opening lead and you see dummy: h) Did partner lead the suit you expected? If he didn’t, can you guess why not? i) From what holding might partner’s lead be from? (Think: count and/or attitude or top of sequence) j) What can you infer from partner’s lead about his holdings in other suits? k) Are there any surprises in dummy? l) How should you plan the defense? (Consider your partner’s likely distribution and point placement)

m) How do you expect declarer to play the hand? n) If he plays as you expect, what should you do? o) **If you obtain the lead, what do you play?** p) Is there a special situation that needs immediate consideration (such as whether to duck a high card, cover an honor or split honors or false card) to prevent a tell-tale huddle later.

Of course as declarer you’re asking yourself mirror image questions about the defense. Some advancing players think we can see through the backs of the cards. No, it’s just that this list is so automatic that it just seems that way. Try it yourself and see how your game improves.

These Master point totals as of May11 (3 weeks to go) all games at CBC.

Sol Lourie Open 1) Pat Lauterbach 165.49 2) Jay Shahani 142.39 3) Bob Webb 129.72 4) Hap Neuffer 122.07 5) Alice Moore 117.81 6) Ken Fasching 116.32 7) Zan Edmunds 114.06 8) Ellie Hack 101.94 9) Pat Webb 98.34 10 Jim Chianelli 93.84 11) Carolyn Cromer 89.78

Henry Mills 0-2000

Coleman Farrell)-Life Master

Centurion Cup 0-100

1) Jay Shahani	142.39	Zan Edmunds	114.06	Roberta Case	49.38
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3) Jim Chianelli	93.84	Francis Robinson	70.05	Sheryl Rhoden	33.24
4) Carolyn Cromer	89.78	Everett Ness	55.00	Blake Field	29.39
5) Maryanne Murphy	85.93	Leck Mason	54.21	Jerry Love	27.16
6) Arnold Levinson	78.52	Roberta Case	49.38	Marcia Fletcher	26.83
7) Harriet Blasetti	76.98	Melinda Young	45.64	Julie Field	25.64
8) Tom Gabriel	75.45	Bibs Hurt	40.12	Scott Dunn	21.58
9) Francis Robinson	70.05	Jim Willrodt	39.91	Jim Bass	21.45
10) Bill Charlwood	68.89	Carolyn Swatout	39.83	Lauren Alexander	21.39

“The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits.” Plutarch

June 2011

Columbia Bridge Club

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<input type="checkbox"/>		6/4 World Wide Bridge Contest!!	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wednesdays-Supervised Play	
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