

## TRICKS AND TREATS

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

**Our Birthday party for September** was hosted by **Lil Hopkins**. White coconut cake by Phil Mixson. Thanks to all who brought such delicious finger food. Oh! The bridge? Well Ken and Maryann seemed to have that in control from start to finish-nice game you two.

N/S	International Fund Game 9 tables		E/W
1) Maryanne Murphy/Ken Fasching	135.69	Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry	127.38
2) Brian Lipscomb/Ellen Oliver	126.94	Jack Wilkinson/Harriet Blasetti	123.56
3) Ellie Hack/Roni Keisler	118.38	Dode DeFlori/Rosa Shaw	120.06
Sylvia White/Sue Harrington		Marj Edens/Margaret Hill	113.81

**Although I doubt we broke even financially**, the Instant Match Point game was a huge playing success. Interesting hands, analysis by one of ACBL's top Pros, Larry Cohen and the play format made for a great evening.

N/S	Instant Match Point Gold point event 11 ½ tables		E/W
1) George Nichols/Al Kirkland	1620	Jay Shahani/Jim Chianelli	1682
2) Joyce and Patrick Lauterbach	1419	Zan Edmunds/Francis Robinson	1599
3) Tom Gabriel/Melinda Young	1366	Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	1594
4) Jim Bass/Bill Oswald	1365	Bob and Pat Webb	1563
5) Mary Townhill/Bernetha Henry	1356	Carolyn and Lewis Cromer	1460
6) Jerry Love/Judy Sellers	1351	Mike Stockdale/Sig Friedman	1392

**Winners** in the monthly Individual Game: 1) **Sylvia White** 2) Chuck Kennedy 3) Gwen Beckman, Sig Friedman, Bob Webb, Jim Bass, Mary Helen Woodall **General observation:** I know you were taught to make a plan for the orderly cashing of your tricks at trick one-but some of you are forgetting this. It may seem like the "A" players don't plan also-but not true! They are just much faster because of a gazzilion hands of experience. So take your time at trick one-plan your play.

Congratulations **Chuck Kennedy** had a sterling 70.33% game in the first event of the Aiken Sectional (two 12-table sections). Several CBC pairs were doing well in the second session-Frances should have a link on the home page to full results by Tuesday.

**Flyers for the upcoming Charlotte Halloween Regional available at the directors' desk.**

**Also available at the directors' table** are forms for joining (or renewing) membership at the Senior Center. We're looking for at least 75 of our members to join **through the CBC**. It is important that you get the form and return it to the club game director rather than the front desk of the Senior Center. We want them to know it is us. Questions? See the game director.

Every so often we run into a spate of contention over who gets to turn the boards after a hand, or who controls this or that aspect of the play and playing area. So-relevant sections of **Law 7:** Section B2 "No player shall touch any cards other than his own during or after the play except by permission of the director." Section C: "Each player shall restore his original thirteen cards to the pocket corresponding to his position. Thereafter, no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present." Section D: "Any contestant remaining at a table throughout a session is primarily responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table." (This does NOT mean N/S get to play domination games or that they are the only ones to turn the boards-if you're going to do that, turn with all due haste after the completion of the previous hand. It DOES mean that N/S are responsible for environmental concerns-keep the trash from overflowing the E/W area. Also, at the end of the game, N/S are the ones on my (adjective deleted) list if the table and playing area around it are not completely clear. If I had my way, you couldn't play N/S for period of time if you failed in this)

**Sometimes you need an extra trick** and sometimes you just want one (like all the time!) Experience will teach you the best way to look for those extra chances. Here's one:

A-Q-10-4-2      K-3  
A-Q-4-3-2      K-10

Consider these two suit combinations, what is your best shot at the most tricks? Most will play the first one King, Ace, Queen and hope the Jack falls. Close enough-it covers all the 3-3 breaks and any time the Jack is doubleton on either side. On the second, this play would be wrong. Remember "even numbers split badly, odd numbers split well." The outstanding six cards are more likely to break 4-2 or worse, than 3-3. The extra chance (about 12%, 1 in 8) is to hook the 10 on the first lead. 3-3 is about 37 1/2 % while the finesse is 50%. Here's one I see misplayed all the time:

A-K-J-10-4      8-2

It seems people can't resist playing a top honor first before going over to take a finesse against the Queen. Singleton Queen off side is 3%. Queen fourth on-side (thus needing two finesses which you don't have available if you play a top honor first) is about 10 times more likely than the stiff Queen off-side. Even if it's Queen fifth or sixth, you still get 4 instead of 3 tricks. (another 18%) So taking 2 finesses beats playing ace and one finesse by 16-1.

The cup races run from June 1 2011 through May 31, 2012. As of **September 20** standings:

**Sol Lourie Open** 1) Bob Webb (52.46) 2) Jay Shahani (50.59) 3) Zan Edmunds 45.11  
4) Hap Neuffer (43.43) 5) Patrick Lauterbach (42.99) 6) Jack Wilkinson 42.30 7) Alice Moore (39.96) 8) Ken Fasching 36.48 9) Pat Webb (35.91) 10) Harriet Blasetti 35.40

<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell Non-LM</b>		<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>	
1) Jay Shahani	50.59	Francis Robinson	33.14	Jerry Love	20.86
2) Zan Edmunds	45.11	Jack Self	28.53	Mike Stockdale	16.46
3) Jack Wilkinson	42.30	Leck Mason	27.85	Jim Bass	15.72
4) Harriet Blasetti	33.40	Arnold Levinson	26.10	Mary Ivey	13.89
5) MaryTownhill	33.18	Jim Willrodt	23.78	Bibs Hurt	12.88
6) Francis Robinson	33.14	Roberta Case	22.30	Marcia Fletcher	12.31
7) Francine Moring	31.54	Jerry Love	20.86	Sheryl Rhoden	11.81
8) Marianne Murphy	30.01	Mike Stockdell	16.46	Julie Field	10.87
9) Jack Self	28.53	Jim Bass	15.72	Judy Sellers	10.86
10) Leck Mason	27.85	Melinda Young	16.46	Mary Woodall	8.31



October 2011

Monthly Planner

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		10/1 Birthday Party! Club Appr. game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		10/5 8 is enough team	
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<input type="checkbox"/>		10/17 Board meeting 5 PM	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Individual game-club appr.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		10/27 No evening game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Charity games-one per session	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Club Appreciation-one per session.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Supervised play every Wed. 6:30	

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