

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for January was hosted by **Ed Scheiblich** and **Linda York**. Great way to start the New Year! Thanks to Ed and Linda and all who brought such great food. The 14 tables in play for the charity event shows we threw off the December preoccupation with the holidays. I for one gave away enough tricks to qualify as charitable, how about you? Congratulations to **Jim and Ginny Chianelli** on a great (and very close) win.

N/S	Club Charity Game	14 tables	E/W
1) Zan Edmunds/Francis Robinson	195.5	Jim and Ginny Chianelli	196.0
2) Henry Momand/Al Kirkland	189.5	Chris and Lee Webb	186.5
3) Arnold Levinson/Abduhl Ghaffar	187.0	Bob and Pat Webb	177.0
4) Ken Fasching/Marianne Murphy	181.0	Joyce and Patrick Lauterbach	175.5
5) Chuck Kennedy/Gwen Beckman	176.0	Luanne Edwards/Annie Hawkins	170.0

We are now once again looking for party people. If you can host a monthly Birthday party, please sign up on the sheet posted on the club bulletin board. The only requirement is to bring the Birthday cake. (So we don't have everyone bringing cake) Decorate if you like.

SCHEDULE CHANGE- The Friday games on Feb. 3 **and** Feb.10 will be 10:00 starts.

February is Junior Fund Month-every game is a Jtr. Fund game-so don't miss any of them!

The last Saturday of February is a GNT qualifying event-two sessions starting at 10:00. Bring a sandwich for lunch and come early to pick up your entry.

Complete Batesburg Sectional results link can be found on our club web page. Also on the Unit 160 and the ACBL.org (tournaments) web pages. Special Congratulations to **Ken Fasching** and **Francine Moring** on winning two Open Pair events.

Winners in the January '8 is enough' games:

January 5th

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| 1) Mary Townhill, Jack Self, Ken Fasching, Francine Moring | 60 VP |
| 2) Brent Holcomb, Sally Blackwell, Roy and Frazer McCrorey | 56 VP |

January 12

- 1) Bob and Pat Webb, Susan McFadden, Tom Gabriel
- 2) Al Kirkland, Marianne Murphy, Jack Wilkinson, Harriet Blasetti
- 3) Zan Edmunds, Jack Self, Joyce Lauterbach, Ken Fasching

Winners in the monthly Individual Game: Patrick Lauterbach, Brent Holcomb, Sallie Blackwell, Jack Wilkinson, Jim Chianelli, Chuck Kennedy, Ginny Chianelli

Our newest Life Master-**Francis Robinson!!**

Congratulations to our new Silver Life Master-**Jay Shahani!**

"He's got the action, the power and the glory-hey yeah the boy can play!" Dire Straits

Moving up: Jr. Master-Linda Spence. Hillary McDonald Club Master Beth Campione
Regional Master Lauren Alexander, Jerry Love

Our sympathy is sent to Brent Holcomb on the death of his mother and to the family and friends of Ellen Oliver and Ellie Hack on their passing in early January. "Beyond the darkness there is a Light." Jimmy Webb All I Know.

Sooner or later, someone at your table is going to fail to alert a conventional bid or give the wrong explanation of a partnership agreement. Here's what you should do and what the director will do. **If you are declaring:** call the director, inform the opponents *before the opening lead*, of the mistake or omission in the alert process. (If the partnership agreement was correctly explained but you or your partner made the wrong bid, there is no redress for opponents) The director will say "Play the contract and call me back if you feel you have been damaged." Just because they make the contract doesn't mean you weren't injured!! **Always call back!!** **If you are defending:** Don't say anything until the board has been played. Then call the director and inform opponents (if they haven't already noticed) of the failure to alert or the mistaken explanation. Do not inform them before the play as this is more of an aid to the defense than to the declarer. The director will ask if the declarer feels like he was injured and make a ruling. Once again, if the understanding was correctly explained, but you just forgot and made the wrong bid, there is no redress. (example: your agreement is Capaletti but you're thinking DON'T and bid 2 Diamonds for Diamonds and a higher suit instead of having both majors-if declarer or the defense thinks your hand has both majors and you don't, that's the breaks-no adjustment so long as your partner alerted and explained your agreement as Capaletti)

The cup races run from June 1 2011 through May 31, 2012. As of January 24 standings:

Sol Louri Unlimited Patrick Lauterbach (99.62) 2) Bob Webb (94.94) 3) Zan Edmunds (84.32) 4) Ken Fasching 81.33) 5) Hap Neuffer 76.06 6) Jay Shahani 72.93 7) Francine Moring (69.18) 8) Francis Robinson (63.17) 9) Alice Moore (62.99) 10) John Wilkinson (62.47)

Henry Mills 0-2000

1) Zan Edmunds	84.32
2) Jay Shahani	72.93
3) Francine Moring	69.18
4) Francis Robinson	63.17
5) Jack Wilkinson	62.47
6) Jack Self	57.94
7) Harriet Blasetti	55.78
8) Mary Townhill	54.22
9) Frances Lawton	52.83
10) Bill Charlwood	49.63

Coleman Farrell Non-LM

Francis Robinson	63.17
Jack Self	57.94
Roberta Case	48.60
Leck Mason	48.27
Arnold Levinson	43.15
Jerry Love	37.77
Jim Willrodt	33.27
Bibs Hurt	30.68
Marcia Fletcher	30.45
Mike Stockdell	29.81

Centurion Cup 0-100

Jerry Love	37.77
Marcia Fletcher	30.45
Mike Stockdell	29.81
Jim Bass	23.97
Judy Sellers	23.97
Sheryl Rhoden	23.23
Lauren Alexander	21.35
Mary Ivey	19.90
Beronica Whisnant	13.30
Mary Woodall	12.72

"If you take a dog out of the gutter and make him prosperous, he will be grateful. This is the principle difference between a man and a dog." Mark Twain Condolences to the friends, fans and alumni of Penn State on the death of Joe Paterno.