

## 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 March** was an interesting time-good to see Lukasz out at the club again. He and Joyce Hampton had a winner in a fine 67.8% game.

N/S	Charity Game	11 1/2 tables	E/W
1) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	135.07	Lukasz Lebioda/Joyce Hampton	146.44
2) Patrick Lauterbach/Pat Webb	122.83	Roy McCrorey/Warren Holland	141.90
3) Zan Edmunds/Francis Robinson	120.72	Ken Fasching/Francine Moring	125.08
4) Harold Moore/Jeff Thomas	120.60	Chris and Lee Webb	120.56
5) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	115.20	Margaret Hill/Marj Edens	116.53

**Our second GNT event** went off without a hitch.. Another great job **Dode DeFiori!!** We had a good turnout- 16 teams. Master points awarded for the two session event were half red and half black. We have a third (a one-session) GNT event 12:30 Friday March 29. Top Qualifiers from the 8 match February 25 event MP's half red/half Black:

Team	wins	Victory Pts.	Master Pts.
1) George Nichols/Dimesh Doshi/Al Kirkland/Jim Gentry	6	111	6.50
2) Scott Dunn/Jack Self/Laura Bro/Frances Lawton	6	103	5.06
3/4) Jay Shahani/Zan Edmunds/Emily Lamphere/Jeff Thomas	6 ½	99	3.80
3/4) Ken Fasching/Patrick Lauterbach/Joel Levy/Pat Webb	6 ½	99	3.20 (sic)
5) Henry Momand/Lauren Alexander/Phil Mixson/Jay Jacobs	4	89	2.85
6) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich/Ed and Sheelagh Young	4	86	1.13

### Winners in the March '8 is enough' games:

#### March 1<sup>st</sup>

1) Pat Webb/Joel Levy/Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden	67 Victory points
2) Ken Fasching/Jack Self/Mary Townhill/Francine Moring	61
3) Henry Momand/Marianne Murphy/Al Kirkland/H.Blasetti	42

#### March 8th

1) Francine Moring/Ken Fasching/Zan Edmunds/Jack Self	56 Victory Points
2/3) B Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/P. Lauterbach/C Kennedy	41
2/3 Pat Webb/Joel Levy/Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden	41

**Winners in the monthly Individual Game:** 1) Eloise Taylor 2) Harold Moore 3) Abdul Ghaffar Patrick Lauterbach Pam Harpootlian Harriet Blasetti Laura Bro Pat Colgan

**SCHEDULE CHANGE-** because there are no special events conflicting, all Friday games will be starting at 12:30. Because of the Gatlinburg Regional, the Individual event will be held on the fourth Thursday, April 26. **All games in April will be Charity events-special sanction so don't miss any of them if at all possible.**

**Seriously, if you're looking to try an Open event,** come play any game in the week of April 16-22, the week of the Gatlinburg Regional. Or if you want to play a huge game-see you in Tenn.!

**Our Spring Sectional Tournament** was held St. Patrick's Day weekend. A great time with 270 tables! Thanks to Chris and Lee Webb who managed the project, all the kitchen helpers and contributors and our sponsors-especially Pepsi who donated so many drinks. Complete results are on a front page link at the club web site.

**Moving up: Regional Master-Mike Stockdell**

DaMaris Rorie has a new land line: 803-760-6133

**Joyce would like to thank all** for your cards, e-cards, phone calls, food, flowers and visits during her convalescence from recent knee replacement surgery. Your encouragement and caring was overwhelming and very much appreciated. She's back to playing and feeling just fine.

**The question was** "What can I do to make the jump to competitive in Open competition." Most of it is in one word-Experience. The rest is in two words-Attitude and Adaptability. Let me give you some of my experience (Warning! It takes a while to get the right 'feel' for the play). Most of you are familiar with the Law of Total Tricks. (If you have 9 trumps between you, you're safe enough at the three level for example) Well....it works best in competitive part score situations where each side has between 17 and 23 High card points. It doesn't work as well there as its adherents claim. Also important is your second fit. Suppose you have S-Qxxx H-QJx D-xx C-KQxx. Your partner opens a diamond, you bid one Spade and LHO doubles. Partner bids 2 Spades and RHO bids 3 Hearts. Take the push to 3 Spades? You've got most of the points (23 unless I'm your partner and we may only have 21) Your spades are 4-4-a plus-but look- your fit with partner's best minor is only two small. AND they have no second fit either-DOUBLE! This serves several good ends: 1) It gets you a lot of tops. 2) If you don't play sharp defense now-you're going to learn in a hurry 3) long range plus-it stops these turkeys from messing with your auction. You're going to eat a few doubles-that's the price of doing business-but the very favorable ratio of the ones that work will serve to keep you in games where you might think you have nothing going. Especially if they are Vulnerable (makes no difference if you are or not in a part score) if they interfere, they are offering you a chance for a top board-take them up on it!

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

**Sol Louri Unlimited** Patrick Lauterbach (128.30) 2)) Zan Edmunds (113.65) 3) Jay Shahani (110.50) 4) Ken Fasching 108.70 5) Bob Webb 95.64 6) Hap Neuffer (93.37 7) Francine Moring (84.45) **8) Pat Webb** 82.33 9) Alice Moore (80.62) 10) Jack Self 77.08

**Henry Mills 0-2000**

1) Zan Edmunds	113.65
2) Jay Shahani	110.50
3) Francine Moring	84.45
4) Jack Self	77.08
5) Jack Wilkinson	74.77
6) Francis Robinson	73.05
7) Frances Lawton	69.72
8) Harriet Blasetti	68.44
9) Jim Chianelli	63.75
10) Mary Townhill	59.83

**Coleman Farrell Non-LM**

Jack Self	77.08
Francis Robinson	73.05
Rroberta Case	59.02
Leck Mason	57.68
Arnold Levinson	53.97
Jerry Love	44.93
Bibs Hurt	42.97
Jim Willrodt	37.21
Carolyn Swartwout	36.08
Marcia Fletcher	35.32

**Centurion Cup 0-100**

Jerry Love	44.93
Marcia Fletcher	35.32
Mike Stockdell	33.71
Sheryl Rhoden	33.42
Jim Bass	31.40
Lauren Alexander	30.75
Dianna Ellis	26.82
Judy Sellers	25.54
Mary Ivey	23.78
Scott Dunn	20.77