

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 a Club Championship won handily by **Bob and Pat Webb** with a 62% game. This was the kick-off for the last month stretch run of the club trophy races

N/S	Club Championship	Game	9 tables	E/W
1) Ken Fasching/Joel Levy	130.5		Bob and Pat Webb	133.5
2) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	120.5		Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	120.5
3) Susan McFadden/Tom Gabriel	109.5		Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	117.5
4) Madylin Dybvik/Irma Murray	108.0		Mike Bitonti/Alice Moore	108.0

The June Birthday party will be the **World wide Match-point game**. Always a player favorite-analysis books-on line checking for a 5000 top-still only \$6/player.

Our Summer Party will be on Thursday June 28. Bridge is free-start time about 7:00. There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Dinner is \$10/head. Make reservations for dinner now!! Give your \$10 to Jerry Love or the director at the club games.

.Winners in the April '8 is enough' games May 3:

	Wins	Victory Pts	MP.
1) Jack Self/Francine Moring/Zan Edmunds/Ken Fasching	4	64	2.22
2) Bill Charlwood/Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson/M. Murphy	3	52	1.67
3) Scott Dunn/Sheryl Rhoden/Mike Bitonti/Mirza Baig	2	46	1.35
4) Chuck Kennedy/Patrick Lauterbach/Carol and Fred Clemenz	2	38	.94

May 10

1) Joyce Lauterbach/Ken Fasching/Sheryl Rhoden/Scott Dunn	4	61	2.67
2) Pat and Bob Webb/Susan McFadden/Tom Gabriel	3	53	2.00
3) Abduhl Ghaffar/Sylvia white/Bernetha Henry/Jerry Love	3	44	1.83

Winners of the Individual on May 17 were (tie) **Mary Helen Woodall** and **Alice Moore** who scored 1.33 Master points for their efforts. Also in the master points in order of finish: Brent Holcomb, (tie) Harold Moore and Patrick Lauterbach, George Rast, Abduhl Ghaffar, Chuck Kennedy and Dixie Ham.

Congratulations to our two newest Life Masters, **Bibs Hurt** and **Roberta Case** who picked up their last few points needed at the Highlands Sectional. They were second in a KO with **Laura Bro** and **Carolyn Cromer**. Owing the Highlands Tournament were **Roy** and **Frazer McCrorey**. They were first in an Open pair, a KO bracket and a BCD Swiss. Way to go!!

It's that time again!! Dues are due-by May 31. They are once again \$15 for a single and \$28 for a couple. For your dues you get my deathless prose in the T & T each month and 3 free plays (Summer and winter party and the birthday party game in your birthday month) Clip this coupon and send to me or Pat Webb (505 Moss Creek, Cayce) Or give it to a game director.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Tel. #(s) _____ Birth Month(s) _____

Schedule change: because of the party, there will be no afternoon game on June 28.
 The Friday, June 15 game will have an early start. Game time is 10:00
 Welcome to Margaret White-Life Master moved here now at 803-465-0262

This month, a little about "attitude": Bridge is a partnership game. You have assets or knowledge that your partner needs to know about. Bridge has to be played as a partnership game or you are at a severe disadvantage. It's a bidder's game, but you do best if you look for ways to help your partner make decisions than if you go the "Hero" route and try to win by yourself. This confuses partner and leads to mistakes. Further, partner is not an idiot and they're on your side (really). It is better to be deceived by our partners than to mistrust them. (You'll score better) To this end-stay with your system! Don't bid a four card suit when pard will look for five or skip over a 4-card suit to bid NT first-then try to blame them for playing the wrong contract or on the wrong side or both. Know also that in a competitive auction, partner will frequently go wrong at the 3-level holding K-10 tight in your suit if you've tried to be the Lone Ranger. Don't open 1NT with a singleton-and then try to get out of playing a 5-1 fit on a transfer sequence. On defense-have a carding agreement-this is the biggest partnership aspect of the game and you can't be playing by yourself. Imperative- think about what the hand looks like from partner's point of view. Don't overcall at the two level with a Q-x-x-x-x suit that is likely to draw doubles in the auction or the wrong lead from partner on defense. Last-be willing to work on your game.

II've been asked for a few explanations, so here goes: The cup races are year-long events. They run from June 1 to May 31-trophies awarded at the summer party in June. The race for all the players (Unlimited number of master points) is the **Sol Lourie**. The next race for all players with less than 2000 master points is the **Henry Mills**. The third race is for all players that started the club year (last June 1st) as Non-Life Masters-the **Coleman Farrell** race. The last trophy is the **Centurion Cup** for players who last June 1st had less than 100 Master points. Some people claim these are 'attendance awards'. Maybe-but you still have to win when you play to make a run at the trophy. You can look at these running results on-line at the CBC web page along with the attendance numbers. It's interesting to divide the number of points won by the number of times played. The bigger the number, the better it is of course. There are also the **Robert McMahon** trophies which parallel the categories of the point awards. These results are done by **Mike Bitonti** at the end of the club year. These awards are for the players with the highest average percentage scores of all the games they played at the club. We only show the top five – and these are your toughest competition, obviously. You need 36 Open games for the top two **McMahon** and 24 Limited games (0-100,0-200, 0-1000, 0-1500) for the next two. **Only games played at the club count for all of these awards!!** No tournament points are counted.

The cup races run from June 1 2011 through May 31, 2012. As of May 22 standings:
Sol Louri Unlimited Patrick Lauterbach (156.96) 2) Ken Fasching 139.95) 3) Jay Shahani 139.82 4) Zan Edmunds (129.36) 5) Bob Webb 111.04 6) Joyce Lauterbach 110.81 7) Hap Neuffer 107.97 8) Pat Webb (**102.48**) 9) Alice Moore (99.72) 10) Jack Self 99.50

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	139.82	Francis Robinson	82.92	Jerry Love	55.56
2) Zan Edmunds	129.36	Roberta Case	70.95	Sheryl Rhoden	45.12
3) Jack Self	99.50	Leck Mason	64.10	Lauren Alexander	41.63
4) Francine Moring	99.04	Arnold Levinson	57.87	Marcia Fletcher	37.83