

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for July was a NAP qualifying event-notable for almost not happening due to double booking by the Center. **Congrats to AL and Francis** on a great game.

N/S	North American Pairs 12 ½ tables		E/W
1) Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden	166.00	Francis Robinson/Al Kirkland	180.92
2) Bernetha Henry/Harriet Garrett	159.50	Chris and Lee Webb	163.58
3) Fran Jenkins/Roni Keisler	153.00	Joyce and Patrick Lauterbach	152.75
4) Bob and Pat Webb	149.00	Sue Harrington/Sylvia White	150.04
5) Linda York/Ed Scheiblich	146.50	Elaine Wade/Cathy Steinaker	149.50

Winners of the year-long average percentage races (points those eligible started with on 6/1/2011) These are the more prestigious awards made by the club to those players in each category with the highest average percentage in all pair games played at the club. Number of games played is in parentheses. Players in the two lower categories use limited (0-100, 0-1000, 0-1500) games. Those in the top category (Unlimited) use only Open games.

Bob McMahon (Unlimited Master points)

Bob McMahon (1000-2000 MP)

Patrick Lauterbach (145)	56.52%	Joel Levy (37)	54.73%
Hap Neuffer (128)	55.79	Tom Balcerek (62)	54.46
Joyce Lauterbach (108)	55.69	Jay Shahani (169)	54.04
Bob Webb (134)	54.60	Fran Jenkins (32)	53.01
Ken Fasching (147)	54.33	Al Kirkland (108)	52.64

Bob McMahon (300-1000 Masterpoints)

Bob McMahon (0-300 MP)

William Charlwood (61)	56.57%	Francis Robinson (113)	52.69%
Jack Self (84)	55.70	Melinda Young (81)	52.64
Francine Moring (92)	54.46	Carolyn Swartout (81)	52.03
James Chianelli (114)	54.45	Margarita Morales (34)	51.69
Zan Edmunds (147)	54.43	Roberta Case (118)	51.19

Our Palmetto Sectional will kick –off at 1:30 August 2 at the Dent Middle School. There will be Stratified Pairs and Stratified KO's. We're hoping for the same (or better) turnout for the 299'er events that run alongside the Pair events. The Swiss will have a 299'er event alongside also. Event Coordinators are Chris and Lee Webb. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the tournament Friday, Saturday and on Sunday. Got to be there!! Great BBQ last year!

Congratulations: Club Master-**Hilary McDonald** Regional Master-**Jim Bass**
NABC master **Belford Cross**

"In a misfit auction, the first partner with a chance to pass should do so." Jerry Helms

.Winners in the July '8 is enough' games July 5:

	Wins	Victory Pts	MP.
Chris Webb//Francine Moring/Betsy Stanton/Judy Sellers	4	59	.80
Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden/Chuck Kennedy/P.Lauterbach	3	49	.60
Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Fred and Carol Clemenz	3	48	.45

Winners in the July 12 '8 is enough' teams:

Chris and Lee Webb/Jack Self/Bernetha Henry	4	70	.70
Mary Ann and Belford Cros/Chuck Kennedy/P. Lauterbach	3.5	50	.53
Frances Lawton/Rosa Shaw/Marcia Fletcher/Karen Hogan	2	42	.39

If July 12 results look strange, it's because the vagaries of setting up a 4-match 7-team event did not have the two top teams meet each other. But 70 of a possible 80 is a great game.

It looks like we've found a building. Don't miss the general meeting August 6 at 6:00 when we vote on whether to make this building our new home. **THIS IS NOT A VOTE ON WHETHER WE STAY AT THE CENTER.** This was always viewed as a temporary place until a new site of our own was found. We've stayed a lot longer than we intended already.

A few words on bridge club etiquette:

- 1) We know you are just thrilled to death to get a good board from a good pair-please refrain from dancing on the table after doing so. (As Vince Lombardi once observed to rookie who had an outlandish TD celebration after his first score, "Try to act like you expect it to happen again.")
- 2) Many members are scent sensitive-just one of the reasons we are a non-smoking sport-but this includes perfume, cologne, body powder, etc. Not at the club please.
- 3) If you want a N/S-get to the game early. If you have to have one-we'll get you one-but it would be a courtesy to get there early.
- 4) All you princesses of all ages and both sexes who figure the directors are your maids-CLEAN UP YOUR OWN TABLES AT THE END OF THE GAME. N/S is ultimately responsible for the clean table and the proposal at the last game director's meeting was that any N/S that didn't leave a clean table wouldn't get to play N/S for a while. No action taken so far-the other directors don't like it, but aren't as irritated (again, so far) as I am.
- 5) This one for experienced players since newer players almost always get it right: When the director is making announcements or has been called for a ruling-be silent while (s)he is talking as (s)he is saying something you NEED to hear. I promise the director will not waste your time. Don't you waste theirs by not hearing necessary instructions or causing someone else to not hear.
- 6) It appears I can't say this often enough as some people just don't get it.. On the last round, players don't have unlimited time to finish just because it's the last round!! Really! It is incredibly rude to keep the whole room waiting for their scores. Really, truly, incredibly rude. It also (I have checked this with tournament directors) is almost always the 8th place pair one direction playing the 11th place pair the other direction that are the last to finish. (Still trying to get one hand right I guess.)