TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(Calendar On-line at columbia.bridge-club.org)

Our Birthday party for August was a NAP qualifying event. The hands were interesting in the way of the Chinese curse. In the end it was a Webb sweep. Seniors first, juniors second on a day that was really tough on the players.

N/S	Vorth	American Pair	s 10 ½ tables	E/W	
1) Bob and Pat Webb		128.71	Chris and I		125.27
2) Jay Shahani/Sue Harrin	gton	118.45			115.19
3)Fran Jenkins/Alice Moo		116.52	_	ng/Marianne Murphy	
4) Henry Momand/Al Kirl		114.35		omer/Sylvia White	111.94
5) Ed Scheiblich/Linda Yo	ork	111.34		n/Margaret Hill	111.33

Congratulations: Club Master-Judy Small, Sectional Master Beronica Whisant, Helen Young Our newest Silver Life Masters-Mary Smith and Linda York!!

Winners in the August Individual game: Patrick, Jack Wilkinson, Barbara Cathey, Suzie Weisman, Chuck Kennedy, Galen McWilliams, Harold Moore, Ann Crowder, Eloise Taylor.

.Winners in the August '8 is enough' games August 9:	Wins	Victory Pts	MP.
1) Bill Charlwood/Marianne Murphy/Jack Wilkinson/Harriet Blasetti	4	57	2.10
2) Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden/Chuck Kennedy/Patrick Lauterbach	2	51	1.58
3) Brent Holcomb/Sally Blackwell/Carolyn Cromer/Sylvia White	2	41	1.18
Winners in the August 16 '8 is enough' teams:			
1) Betsy Stanton/Chris Webb/Mike Bitonti/Bernetha Henry	3	57	.80
2) Bob and Pat Webb/Mary Ivey/Jerry Love	3	49	.60
3) Jack Self/Joyce Lauterbach/Scott Dunn/Jay Shahani	3	46	. 45

Winners in the August Individual Game:

We've found a building. We're not moving tomorrow...or the next day. There is work to be done and paperwork to push. Permission has been secured to use the lot across the street for overflow parking. That helps a lot. This from Pat Webb, treasurer of our club: Just after the 97-22 vote was counted in favor of making 77 Brighton Hill Road our new home, a generous check was handed to me by someone who had delivered it for Sig Friedman. For years and years, Sig has always been very passionate about finding our own location. He doesn't get to play as much these days, but he did play last Friday afternoon. Let's send out a big heartfelt "Thank you, Sig Friedman!"

Schedule Changes: Friday afternoon Sept. 7 game will start at 10:00 due to setting up for the big Senior Center dance that night. Com e early, play well. Dance tickets \$15 in advance \$20 that evening. **There will be no game Labor Day, Monday Sept. 3rd.**

The club will be closed Friday Sept. 28 and Saturday the 29 for the Aiken Sectional. The flier for that Sectional is available on the club web site. See you there!!

Due to the hard work of the entire club and the organization skills of the chairmen, our August Palmetto Sectional was a success. Not as much as last year, but about what it was two years ago. Table count was 350 down about 60 from last year-we're blaming the District for not getting our ad out on time. But everyone there seemed to have a good time-and CBC players did really well. Visitors took a lot of the team honors, but locals held the pairs games in hand. A link to the results is available at the club web page as well as the Unit, District and ACBL.org page.

The Schedule for Fall Classes starting: Saturday Sept 8 9:30-12:00 "Planning to win" Monday Sept. 10 3:00-5:30 "Hand evaluation for slam bidding" Wednesday Sept. 12-6:30-9:00 "Play and learn beginning bridge"

Let me show you a card combination that gave several new players a problem, why it did and what you should do about it:

Dummy A-10-6-5-3

You J-8-2

You're familiar with the finesse-making a smaller card do the work of a large card. But what is necessary for this to Happen? Here you are missing the K-Q-9-7-4. In order to make your best try at holding losers to one, you need one more card in your interior sequence (in this case the Jack and 10) than the cards you are working against- and you don't have them. You only have two and you need 3. So what do you do? Hold your losers to a minimum (probably 2). The one card you cannot lead towards your ace is the Jack. On this day the singleton Queen was on-side. Lead the deuce to the board and when the Queen appears on your left, win the ace and lead back to your hand (now J-8) covering whatever card Right hand opponent plays. If the Queen had not appeared, you would have inserted the 10. If the 10 had lost to an honor, you next play the ace hoping for a 3-2 split with an honor doubleton on your left. In this case. The 4-1 break looks bad, but if you lead the deuce, win the queen with the ace and lead back to your hand, you hold your losers to one. (Declarer in this case led the Jack, won the ace and led the 10 (his hand now 8-2) hoping to squash the 9-no luck-he lost 3 tricks in the suit K-9-7 (the 4 went on the ace) in RHO's hand)

The CBC year-long points races (June 1-May 31). Points won at the club only as of August 22:

Sol Lourie Open 1) Al Kirkland (49.76) 2) Jay Shahani (49.29) 3) Patrick Lauterbach 47.38 Jack Self (42.75) Hap Neuffer (39.70) Bob Webb (35.60) Jim Chianelli (35.02) Joyce Lauterbach 33.75 Zan Edmunds (32.12) Bernetha Henry (30.57) Brent Holcomb 29.82

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
 Al Kirkland 	49.76	Scott Dunn	23.26	Mary Helen Woodall	7.58
2) Jay Shahani	49.29	Greg Garrison	18.42	Bill Oswald	5.70
3) Jack Self	42.75	Jerry Love	14.31	Adele Weathersbee	5.63
4) Jim Chianelli	35.02	Blake Field	14.23	Mike McKenzie	5.18
5) Zan Edmunds	32.12	Melinda Young	13.92	Harriet Garrett	5.08
6) Bernetha Henry	30.57	Judy Sellers	13.72	Hillary McDonald	4.88