

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for October was an **International Fund game**. The hands were wicked and almost all pairs were clustered within a board of average. Actually kind of fun. It's the kind of round where good technique and defense tells.

N/S	International Rund game 9 tables		E/W
1) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	144.00	Phil Mixson/Jay Jacobs	132.00
2) Jack Self/Mary Townhill	117.50	Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	117.00
3) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	115.5	Pat and Bob Webb	110.50
4) Blake and Julie Field	115.00	Ed and Shelagh Young	110.50

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

Winners in the September Individual game : 1) Mary Ann Cross, Laura Bro, Bel Cross, Harold Moore, Bruce Kenner, Alice Moore, Jack Wilkinson, Jim Bass

.Winners in the September 6th '8 is enough' games :

	Wins	Victory Pts	MP.
1-2) Jack Self/Mary Townhill/Jeff Thomas/Scott Dunn	4	57	1.84
1-2) P. Lauterbach/C. Kennedy/Susan McFadden/Tom Gabriel	3	57	1.84
3) Brent Holcomb/Sallie Blackwell/Judy Sellers/Irene Fields	3	49	1.18

Winners in the Sept. 13 '8 is enough' teams:

1) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore/Irene Fields/Judy Sellers	3	50	1.73
2) Jack Self/Mary Townhill/Scott Dunn/Jeff Thomas	2	49	1.30
3-4) Jack Wilkinson/H. Blasetti/Bill Charlwood/Marianne Murphy	3	45	.36
3-4) P. Lauterbach/C. Kennedy/Belford and Mary Ann Cross	2	45	.24

From the company of his family and many friends, to the hands of a loving and generous God, we commend our friend Joel Levy.

The club also lost another popular member, Sig Freidman. Sig knew the people who got us set up at the old club and was always a big booster of our legacy to newer members and having a place of our own. I'm really sorry he won't be here to see us move into our new location.

We've closed on a building. Now all we have to do is make it habitable. Think of it: our own climate control, our own playing space. No more carts! It's going to be wonderful!!

October 4th is one of the most popular games in the ACBL calendar. The instant Match Point game will be held at 7:00 that evening. The score sheet gives you the match points for every possible contract (and a few really unlikely ones) right there at the table. Analysis books and hand records after the event. Our monthly 8 is enough teams and Individual events are pushed back one week but will definitely be held.

October is Jane Johnson Club Appreciation month and also another month of International Fund Games. These all carry a special sanction so grab the big master points while you can!

I've done this before, but there is always a new crop of players coming up who haven't heard it yet: Talking to your partner as you put down the dummy is not illegal as long as you aren't trying to tell him or her how to play the hand. It's just a bad idea on two counts: 1) it gives your opponents a slant on the hand that they might not have been thinking about if you hadn't said anything. 2) It distracts your partner from counting tricks and losers and planning the play of the hand. Do it if you want but it is a handicap.

Bridge is a game of mistakes-the better the player you are, the more you realize this. Everyone is faced with the same problems sometime during the round. The only players who don't face opponents who make mistakes are players who don't give them a chance to make mistakes. A couple months ago, I wrote about a hand where several players made the mistake of a quick claim with a concession of a trick. In a close game, that's the difference between winning and losing. I sit there and (silently I hope) laugh at players who claim on trick three or four conceding one on the end when I see the squeeze play even they might have accidentally stumbled into that would make them all. This is without considering the mistakes in discarding, signaling, and even keeping track of whether it's a suit or NT contract you're playing. These things happen, but not if you never give them the chance to happen.

If you are third hand (playing to your partner's lead) and you hold touching cards, force the fourth hand to go high by playing the lower of the touching cards. Example: partner leads a deuce and you hold KQxx. Play the Queen, not the King. Partner sees the Ace win and can figure out you hold the King-but if you play the King, he can't know you have the Queen. If you have a string of touching cards, still play the **second** highest of those cards. If you are on lead of course (first hand) lead the **highest** of touching cards promising at least the next card **lower**. Generally speaking, it is better to play low if you are second to play to a trick. **Major exception:** if you hold Kx or Qx in front of an AJ(9)x or AJ(10)x or longer combinations. Your partner needs to know when to take his honor or have a chance to score two tricks with Honor, ten and small card in the suit. In these cases you play your King or Queen.

The CBC year-long points races (June 1-May 31). Points won at the club only as of Sept20:

Sol Lourie Open 1) Al Kirkland (62.78) 2) Jack Self (62.67) 3) Jay Shahani (61.14) 4) Patrick Lauterbach 60.56 5) Bob Webb (56.68) Hap Neuffer 53.39 Joyce Lauterbach 45.09 Zan Edmunds (44.55) Jim Chianelli 44.28 Alice Moore 43.21 Pat Webb 42.78

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Al Kirkland	62.78	Scott Dunn	30.59	Mary Helen Woodall	9.14
2) Jack Self	62.67	Greg Garrison	26.87	Bill Oswald	8.12
3) Jay Shahani	61.14	Jim Bass	24.75	Karen Falkenberg	7.71
4) Zan Edmunds	44.55	Jerry Love	19.47	Helen Young	7.71
5) Jim Chianelli	44.28	Judy Sellers	19.31	Adele Weathersbee	7.13
6) Brent Holcomb	37.38	Mary Ann Cross	18.78	Hillary McDonald	6.38
7) Bernetha Henry	37.06	Blake Field	18.17	Beronica Whisant	5.11
8) Mary Townhill	36.23	Julie Field	17.20	Mike McKenzie	5.18
9) Tom Gabriel	35.56	Belford Cross	16.74	Harriet Garrett	5.08
10) Bill Charlwood	35.33	Diana Ellis	16.70	Barbara Orr	4.65