

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for November

Club Championship 6 tables

1) Pat and Bob Webb	86.5	2) Fran Jenkins/Roni Keisler	82.5
3) Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	78.5	4) Bill Charlwood/Butch Maybin	70.5
Sue Harrington/Sylvia White	69.0	5) Ed and Sheelagh Young	66.5

.Winners in the November 8th '8 is enough' game. Lots of winners-a thundering herd :

	Wins	Victory Pts	MP.
1-2) Patrick Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy/Bel and Mary Ann Cross	3	53	.53
Bob and Pat Webb/Judy Sellers/Irene Fields	3	53	.53

Winners in the November 1st '8 is enough' teams:

1) Susan McFadden/Chuck Kennedy/Tom Gabriel/Patrick Lauterbach	2	43	1.63
2) Joyce Lauterbach/ Harold Moore/Bibs Hurt/Roberta Case	3	41	.90

Winners in the November Individual event: **Suzy Weisman**, Judy Sellers, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Jack Wilkinson, Barbara Cathey, Shelby King.

As we go to press, The Center is closed the day before the day after and Christmas Day. Looks like our last game this year will be the Saturday before Christmas. The Regional in Charleston starts right after Christmas-See you there?

The biggest lesson, quickly gone over by bridge teachers with their students and promptly forgotten by both teacher and student: This is a partnership game. You must not only consider your own assets but those of your partner as well. You must communicate. If you try to trick opponents and in the process trick your partner, he's going to do you a lot more damage than the opponents will. The better player your partner is the more damage he'll do if he's misled. Examples: You open 1 Club and partner bids 1 Diamond. If you now by-pass your 4-card major in order to be the first one to bid NT, you can wind up in an uncomfortable and inferior NT contract instead of a major suit fit. You might also wind up at the three level in competitive auctions in a 3-3 fit if on the basis of the bidding- your partner thinks you started with 4 or 5 clubs instead of 3. Bypassing a major to take the best chance at declaring for your side is not something that occurs to new players-but it will-so resist it when it does. It's losing bridge. Take a look at this position after a few tricks have been played in a Spade game contract:

S-x
H-void
D-K-Q-J-10-x
C- A-J-x

You: S-void
H-Q-x
D-x-x-x
C-K-x-x-x

Now the first four tricks were a Heart to your King and Declarer's Ace. The next three were trumps ending in your hand with the Queen. (Your Partner had one) Now what do you lead? Oh!! Now's a great time to stop and think. Several things to think about. What heart did your partner lead at trick one? (A low heart maybe showing the Jack? Or a high one showing no desire for a return of this suit?) What cards did he pitch on the two trumps he didn't follow to? (a big diamond showing the ace? A big club?) Were you watching at all? Or just waiting to score your trick? First off, if declarer has the Ace of Diamonds, this hand is over. (five diamonds, a heart ruff, ace of clubs and two trumps for the losing clubs) So figure your partner for it. If your partner discouraged a heart lead-believe him. At this point there is no way to lose the diamond ace, so lead a club into the ace/Jack. If partner holds the Queen of clubs you may actually set this contract. (He can get the diamond and lead a club through the Jack). If he shows nothing in clubs, lead the Queen of Hearts possibly setting up his Jack. (Declarer ruffs your Queen on the dummy. Partner cashes the Jack when he collects his Ace of Diamonds) I'm always surprised by how many players never even consider leading a Heart or club in this situation, but tamely lead a diamond and wonder why everyone doesn't make five on this board.

Defensive carding, analyzing partner's assets and actually watching the carding are skills you just have to learn. (this example for those who asked why Bob, Joyce, Ken and I apologize for careless or more likely awkward discards that less experienced players see nothing wrong with.)

We have our building permit for the new club. I was out on the 15th of November. The interior partitions were going up. The bathrooms were being connected to the system. Looks real good so far.

The CBC year-long points races (June 1-May 31). Leaders changed in three of the four races since last month. In the Open division, Jay now has a little daylight Points won at the club only as of November 14:

Sol Lourie Open 1) Jay Shahani (89.49) 2) Patrick Lauterbach 86.49 3) Bob Webb (83.00) 4) Jack Self (81.22) 5) Hap Hap Neuffer (73.33) 6) Al Kirkland 72.71 7) Joyce Lauterbach (68.01) 8) Pat Webb (62.11) 9) Alice Moore 60.63 10) Zan Edmunds 57.84

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	89.49	Scott Dunn	39.74	Bill Oswald	11.71
2) Jack Self	81.22	Mary Ann Cross	33.39	Beronica Whisnant	10.42
3) Al Kirkland	72.71	Greg Garrison	31.06	Mary Helen Woodall	9.14
4) Zan Edmunds	57.84	Jame Bass	29.52	Bruce Kenner	8.34
5) Jim Chianelli	56.14	Jerry Love	28.70	Helen Young	8.22
6) Bill Charlwood	49.10	Belford Cross	28.06	Adel Weathersbee	7.74
7) Tom Gabriel	48.99	Judy Sellers	25.17	Karen Falkenberry	7.71
8) Brent Holcomb	46.51	Ileck Mason	25.12	Hillary McDonald	7.67
9) Bernetha Henry	46.27	Blake Field	23.05	Barbara Orr	7.23
10) Harriet Blasetti	46.18	Melinda Young	24.71	Sue/Clarence Hopke	5.56

"Any man can make mistakes, but only an idiot persists in his error." Marcus Tullius Cicero
"I am not a psychopath. A psychopath kills for no reason. I do it for money." John Cusak as Martin Blank in the movie *"Grosse Pointe Blank"*