

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Our Birthday party for April was a club Charity. I guess we should have made more of an announcement, because it was a great day for bridge. Jeff and Roni pull one out that was up for grabs all afternoon.

N/S	8 ½ tables Charity	E/W	
1) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	108.56	Jeff Thomas/Roni Keisler	112.00
2) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	106.31	Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	107.50
3) Henry and Anita Momand	101.25	Marj Edens/Margaret Hill	103.00
4) Ed and Sheelagh Young	97.88	Chuck Kennedy/Greg Garrison	94.50

May will have a charity game for each session and a few club Championships for the second quarter. There will also be an ACBL-wide International Fund game. Do not miss this one!! (although Joyce and I will be in Des Moines for it)

Winners in the April 4 '8 is enough' game:

	Wins	VP's	MP's
1-2) P. Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy/Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden	3	44	1.53
1-2) Mike Bitonti/Jeff Thomas/Scott Dunn/Jack Self	3	44	1.53

Winners in the April 11 "8 is enough" game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Mary Townhill/Scott Dunn/Jack Self/Jeff Thomas			1.63
2) Chuck Kennedy/P. Lauterbach/Lauren Alexander/MaryAnn Cross			.51

Dues are due! The due deadline is May 31, 2013. (Club year runs from June 1 to May 31) \$15 for singles, \$28/couple. Those of you who have more recently paid for part of a year, now the full year dues are due. Pay the game director or send to Pat Webb at 505 Moss Creek Drive, Cayce SC, 29033. For your dues you get, besides my deathless prose, three free plays (The two annual club parties and the first Saturday of the month Birthday party of your birth month) and you get on the phone list. So pay now while you're thinking about it!

Yes!! I did bid a Grand Slam knowing I was off the Queen fourth of trump. I'm a few months behind on my Bridge World reading so I didn't see the article explaining the reasoning behind it until I read the March issue on the way back from Gatlinburg. Since others have put it into the public domain, let's just tell everyone right now. I don't mind bidding a Grand off the Queen with a two way guess. A lot of defenders will automatically lead a trump against a slam since their teachers told them to. If the opening leader doesn't lead a trump, he's the favorite to hold the queen. If you are leading against a slam, you might try to find some other passive lead if you don't have a strong sequence to lead from.

The Board has voted to start a Sunday game. The first play date for the CBC Sunday game is May 5 at 1:30. When polled, 60 members indicated an interest in a CBC Sunday game. See you there!!

Columbia Bridge Club will hold mini classes on individual subjects and conventions. These classes will be held once a month on Friday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM and ending at 11:30 or noon in time to play in the Friday afternoon game. The sign up for each mini class will be prior to the class and the non-refundable fee for the class would be paid at the time of the signup. The fee is \$10 per person for each class to be donated to the treasury of CBC. Teaching the classes on a rotating basis are Jack Self, Chris Webb, and Mary Townhill. We will hold the class on the first Friday of the month. There will be plenty of time to know the subject matter, the date and arrange to sign up and pay in advance. I would like to do this for one year beginning June 7 and continuing to May 2, 2014. The minimum number of students per class is eight or the class for that month will be canceled. If the quota of eight prepaid students is met, more students may attend and pay at the door.

Mary Townhill

Education coordinator, CBC

Will Farrell: "You have a plan?"

John McClain: "Go down there, get my daughter, kill everyone else."

Will Farrell: "I was hoping for a little more detail..."

(The dialogue is from "Live Free or Die Hard-great action flick by the way) A lot of new bridge partnerships decide what to play about the same way. "Play 2 over 1 with inverted minors, Bergan, Drury, Roman Key and weak twos?" "Sure" You should really invest a little more time in discussion. Is five to the Jack for support and two outside aces really a weak hand? You might (or might not) surprise your partner tabling this dummy as a weak jump raise. Is a new suit over partner's weak two opener forcing? (or not? Surprise!!) What are your bids over opponents' interference with your 1NT opener? What is your asking bid over partner's weak two? (feature, shortness? Ogust? Other?) What is your NT bid over their weak two showing? Those pairs who spend a little time before the game and a little more time after the game talking over these kinds of questions do a lot better than those that don't.

The CBC year-long points races (June 1-May 31 Points won at the club, Standings are as of April 8, just 7 weeks to go. Three races are pretty much decided, Centurion up for grabs.

Sol Lourie Open 1) Patrick Lauterbach 169.06 2) Jack Self (151.39) 3) Jay Shahani 143.94
4) Joyce Lauterbach 140.66 5) Hap Neuffer 137.52 6) Pat Webb 133.53 7) Alice Moore 129.07
8) Al Kirkland 128.09 9) Bob Webb 118.44 10) Mary Townhill 117.45 11) Ken Fasching 106.65

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jack Self	151.39	Scott Dunn	90.31	Helen Young	24.76
2) Jay Shahani	143.94	Jerry Love	60.59	Karen Faulkenberry	23.75
3) Al Kirkland	128.09	Belford Cross	58.73	Beronica WHisnant	23.63
4) Mary Townhill	117.43	MaryAnn Cross	55.87	Mary Helen Woodall	23.52
5) Jim Chianelli	101.31	Greg Garrison	53.99	Bill Oswald	22.21
6) Zan Edmunds	98.84	Judy Sellers	52.69	Sue Hopke	20.06
7) Scott Dunn	90.31	Leck Mason	48.93	Hillary McDonald	14.82
8) Harriet Blasetti	85.47	James Bass	45.82	Barbara Orr	14.20
9) Bernetha Henry	84.57	Frances Potter	40.66	Clarence Hopke	13.25
10) Brent Holcomb	83.05	Diana Ellis	39.22	Beth Campiione	12.06