

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 Charity Pairs event. Tough hands bunched the field at the last round. But Joyce and I hung on for the win with 62%.

N/S	9 1/2 tables Charity	E/W
1) Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	133.88	1) Hap Neuffer/Margaret Barksdale 128.50
2) Irma Murray/Madalyn Dybvik	126.00	2) Marj Edens/Margaret Hill 123.50
3) Bob and Pat Webb	122.06	3) Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson 107.50
4) Diane Ellis/Greg Garrison	118.50	4) Jay Jacobs/Phil Mixson 106.50

Our next birthday party will be Saturday August 3rd.

Winners in the July 18th '8 is enough' game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Mary Townhill/Diana Ellis/.Jack Self/Scott Dunn	3	54	1.98
2) Harriet Blasetti/Jack Wilkinson/Margaret Hill/Bill Charlwood	2	49	1.49
3) Roberta Case/Frances Potter/Joyce Lauterbach/Harold Moore	3	46	1.11

There will be NO GAME at the club on Thursday evening 8/22 or 8/29.

There will be no Open Afternoon game on the Fridays 8/23 and 8/30

All NAP games scheduled for limited point games will be 0-2000 games.

These are the winners of the Bob McMahon trophies for the best average percentage of all the pair games they played at the club during the 2012-2013 club year. These do not necessarily line up with the winners of the points races that were in last month. Watch out for anyone whose name appears on both lists. (Lists are available on the club web-site)

2013 Bob McMahon trophy 0-300 MP's 2013 Bob McMahon trophy 300-1000 MP's

Karen Faulkenberry	55.07%	26 games	Bill Charlwood	57.07%	66 games
Helen Young	54.32	29	Mike Bitonti	56.39	46
Scott Dunn	53.31	112	Mirza Baig	56.16	35
Bill Oswald	52.15	29	Francine Moring	55.06	63
Margarita Morales	52.10	27	Jack Self	54.78	160

2013 Bob McMahon trophy Open 2013 Bob McMahon trophy 1000-2000 MP's

Patrick Lauterbach	56.92%	149 games	Jay Shahani	55.01%	182 games
Bob Webb	56.80	119	Jim Chianelli	54.43	128
Hap Neuffer	56.70	142	Bernetha Henry	54.23	122
Joyce Lauterbach	55.88	140	Jeff Thomas	53.79	56
Pat Webb	54.60	152	Chris Webb	53.72	39

At least 6 of these names will be moving on next year. Will we see your name take their place?

Our Sectional Tournament was down a little on attendance, but not on fun. Our up-and-coming 299'ers were especially good at holding our home court. Pat Webb at 20+ and Bob Webb at 18+ MP were top CBC players on the Open side. Complete results are available at the club web-site via a link on the front Page. To all of you who helped make this a wonderful event, Thank-you. Food, drink, set-up and cleanup. (You did notice we were ready to play Monday night after the tournament, right? Thanks Burton Case, Clarence Hopke, Bob Webb and Jack Self) A big Thank-you to the Co-chairs Chris and Lee Webb for putting on the event again. If you forgot a dish or utensil, we have some at the club. Cake servers anyone?

Congratulations!! to our newest Life Master **Scott Dunn**.

Another Hand from Master Solvers: ♠ A-K-3 ♥ A-K-8-4-2 ♦ A-9-3 ♣ 7-4

You open 1 Heart and partner responds 1 Spade (no bidding from opponents) What is your next call? A sampling of expert opinion:

Darrin Wolpert:2NT. "Of course if partner regularly bids 2NT hands like these, responder needs to check back for 3-card Spade support when he has a 5-card suit." (my choice and my reasons I like this guy)

Rowntree & Waslker 2NT, "The right strength and shape. A low doubleton isn't so bad and partner can find 3-card Spade support."

Marty Bergan 3 Diamonds. "With (approx. 20) count, what else can I do?"

Bobby Wolfe 3 Spades. "If partner has 4 spades and 3 hearts, he can bid 4 Hearts (choice of contract) to cater to me only having 3 Spades."

David Berkowitz "2 Diamonds. Partner will strain to bid and then I will be OK."

Billy Eisenberg & Jeff Rubens similarly "3 Spades. Best of a bad lot of choices."

Danny Kleinman, the guy who scores these questions points out along the way that 2NT risks "wrong-siding" the contract when it should be played from your partner's side of the table. Two Diamonds risks being left there when game is very available on a wide range of hands. Three diamonds risks getting a diamond raise when the contract belongs in 3 NT. Well, 26 experts gave their opinion and here's the breakdown as to how many and how the editor (Kleinman) scored it:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>
3♠	100	6
3♦	90	2
2NT	80	12
2♦	60	6

There is a slight mistake on the calendar-the Tuesday games scheduled as NAP games are 0-2000 rather than the regular spread.

A lot of newer players have asked about the difference (if any) between playing for IMPs in a team format and playing for matchpoints in a pairs competition. The difference lies mainly in the mindset and sensitivity to safety plays. Too long for a T & T-but I'll try in a separate e-mail to show a few examples. Hope my partners, team mates and opponents don't mind. Well, forget the opponents, but we'll try real soon.