

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

The November Birthday party was a Club Appreciation game given to us by ACBL to show their gratitude to the members of ACBL. Congratulations Chuck and Ken on a fine 60% game.

N/S	7 tables Club Appr. game	E/W
1) Pat and Bob Webb	97.75	1) Chuck Kennedy/Ken Fasching 100.75
2) Irma Murray/Madalyn Dybvik	89.92	2) Pat and Joyce Lauterbach 95.50
3) Hap Neuffer/Arnold Levinson	83.58	3) Chris and Lee Webb 92.08

Congratulations!! Our newest Silver Life Master-**Fred Clemenz!!**

Winners in the Oct. 3rd '8 is enough' game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Bob and Pat Webb/Scott McPherson/Greg Garrison	4	58	1.87
2) Belford and MaryAnn Cross/Abduhl Ghaffar/Tom Balcerk	3	53	1.40

Winners in the October 10th '8 is enough game:

1) Lee and Chris Webb/Francine Moring/Bernetha Henry	3	49	.60
2) Harriet Blasetti/Marianne Murphy/Bill Charlwood/ Jack Wilkinson	3	46	.45
3) Mary Townhill/Jack Self/Frazer McCrory/Scott Dunn	2	43	.18

Winners of the October Individual: Abduhl Ghaffar, Barbara Cathy, Deborah Moss, Shelby King, Sylvia White, Roberta Case, Sue Hopke, Gail Morrison. (Yes I did play as did two other "A" players and once again, no, we did not make the top half of the field of 24-any of us A's)

A special ACBL-wide Instant match point game was held at 7:00 Wednesday Oct 2. This game has all the possible scores already match-pointed. Congratulations to Chuck, Bernetha, Tom and Susan for winning a Gold point in their master point award.

N/S	ACBL-wide	Instant Match point game	E/W
1) Chuck Kennedy/ Bernetha Henry	1552	1) Tom Gabriel/Susan McFadden	1301
2) Pat and Bob Webb	1440	2) Al Kirkland/Pat Lauterbach	1241
3) Karen Hogan/Mary Ivey	1299	3) Irene Fields/Sam Robison	1024

Moving on up: Jr. Master Linda Gresham, Beth McMaster, Regional Master Sue Hopke.

Anita Momand won the contest to name our carbouy we hope to fill with your loose change for club improvement. Very apt-"The Wishing Well." OK-so fill it up!!

November 7 is a Unit game-please play in it to support Unit 160 here in South Carolina.

November 25th Monday night is an ACBL wide Charity game for the national charity-we're still trying to re-build bridge clubs along the Gulf coast-please play this one if you possibly can.

Differences in bridge mechanics: I've heard some bridge teachers advocate looking at opponents' card during an auction. I don't necessarily agree that you have to 'protect' yourself like that. I try never to interrupt my opponent when he's making a mistake. I would never pick up a convention card in a live auction. I would especially not do it if I had no intention of bidding. They are liable for alerts if their bidding is non-standard and if they don't alert, you have a case for damages (call the director!) Depending on when you do pick up their card, it could even be called "unauthorized information" by the other side. If you are just curious, save questions for the end.

There are no alerts during ace-asking sequences. The reason is because it is so easy to mess up an auction like that that alerts and questions do more to clear up misunderstandings than to advance the rights of opponents to know what's going on. Examples: One partner thinks they are cue-bidding while the other thinks he's using some exotic form of Exclusion Blackwood. One partner thinks they are playing regular Roman Key Card and the other thinks 1430 or just Standard Blackwood. **But after the bidding closes, the ace asking partnership must tell the opponents what form of ace asking they used and what the responses showed before the opening lead is made.** Good reason to make those leads face down-you can't recover a face up lead if you make it before those explanations.

Joyce and my card is re-worked constantly towards three goals in our use of conventions:

- 1) Deliver the most information to partner with one bid possible while using the opponents' bidding space. This is why the Meckwell version of DON'T is so effective. A major suit overcall is in the auction right now-one step instead of the usual 2-steps. Also Leaping Michaels, mini-Roman 14-18, two asking bids (2NT or 3Clubs) over weak twos-and so on.
- 2) Use conventions that simplify your bidding structure. These free up other bids for other uses. This is why big club bidders have a head start on a lot of auctions.
- 3) Use conventions that allow you to compete aggressively and help on defense if you don't wind up declaring. RosenKrantz doubles and redoubles (or their lack), our 2 diamond 'Flannery' overcall of opponent's minor open, two suited overcalls (or their absence) and others fit in this category. If you have them on your card, USE THEM! Don't expect to make every contract you bid for with them, if you don't go down (sometimes badly) you aren't bidding enough.

The points Cup races run with the club year, from June 1 through May 31 the following year. Here is an update as of August 22 on the current standings (Wow!-Look at Bob Webb go!):

Sol Lourie (Open) 1) Bob Webb (114.49) 2) Patrick Lauterbach (99.57) 3) Pat Webb 96.51 4) Joyce Lauterbach 78.75 5) Jay Shahani 75.50 6) Hap Neuffer 72.99 7) Jack Self 63.67 8) Alice Moore 57.35 9) Zan Edmunds 57.32 10) Jim Chianelli 55.99 Brent Holcomb 53.04

Henry Mills (0-2000 MP)		Coleman Farrell Non-Life		Centurion Cup (0-100)	
1) Jay Shahani	75.50	Greg Garrison	40.95	Sue Hopke	27.36
2) Jack Self	63.67	Bel Cross	36.86	Karen Falkenberry	19.29
3) Zan Edmunds	57.32	Leck Mason	35.19	Clarence Hopke	12.18
4) Jim Chianelli	55.99	Roberta Case	31.44	Margaret Barksdale	11.35
5) Brent Holcomb	53.04	Bruce Kenner	27.89	Shelby King	10.00
6) Bill Charlwood	48.27	Sue Hopke	27.36	Beronica Whisnant	9.98
7) Mary Townhill	45.95	Jerry Love	21.90	Olivia Smith	9.55
8) Harriet Blasetti	45.63	Jim Willrodt	21.89	Dot Jones	9.07
9) Jack Wilkinson	44.89	Helen Young	18.29	Burton Case	8.76
10) Scott Dunn	43.36	Karen Faulkenberry	18.29	Beth McMaster	8.49