

## TRICKS AND TREATS

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

We have celebrated the lives and passing of two CBC members recently. **Leck Mason** and **Harriet Blasetti** are surely missed by their many friends at the Club.

Folks, seriously, we have a number of members with respiratory problems. Some just won't complain, but it has been policy of the club for many years to keep from aggravating these problems by being a scent-free place for cerebral recreation. Please, no perfume, after-shave, scented body wash or hair dressing when you come to play. Thank-you.

The January Birthday party was a Grass Roots Fund game for the ACBL. This one went down to the wire among three pairs. Congratulations to the Webbs with a 62% game.

### Grass Roots Fund 9 tables

1) Pat and Bob Webb	133.5	Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	129.0
2) Ed Scheiblich/Linda York	128.0	Jay Jacobs/Phil Mixson	121.0
3) Francis Robinson/Roberta Case	111.5	Harold Moore/Al Kirkland	118.0
4) Zan Edmunds/Mary Ann Murphy	109.5	Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	114.0

Our February party is Saturday the First-if February is your birth month-you play free that Saturday. The party day is always a special sanction, so bring finger food and let's party!

It's not a February event, but our next Grand National Team event is Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>. A lot of teams figure they've qualified and don't need to play again-but I really like the event and I encourage anyone who likes to play to play again-try it with new team mates! Still two sessions, starting at 10:00 and bring a sandwich.

### Winners in the Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> '8 is enough' teams game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Mike Bitonti/Scott Dunn, Mary Townhill/Jack Self	3	53	1.98
2) Carolyn and Lewis Cromer/Abdul Ghaffar/Belford Cross	3	46	1.49

### Winners in the Jan 9th '8 is enough' teams game:

1) Joyce Lauterbach/Ken Fasching/Ed and Sheelagh Young	4	57	2.33
2) Bob and Pat Webb/Scott McPherson/Claude McClure	3	56	1.75
3) Mary Townhill/Bruce Kenner/Jack Self/Scott Dunn	2	46	1.28

Winners of the January Individual: **Jim Bass**, Brent Holcomb, Jack Wilkinson, Sylvia White, Susan McFadden, Tom Gabriel, Dot Jones, Kathy Kimmerling. I had Jim for a partner on round one for two good results, he was ahead after 12 boards (half-time)-a wire-to-wire winner. Good game, Jim! A good five-table game, but you'll note Joyce and I were well down the list.

**Congratulations!!** Club Master-Sally McCardle, Hilde Moore Sectional Master Jacquelyn Moss-Williams  
New Bronze Life Master-Francis Robinson

**February** is Junior Fund month. All the games will be awarding master points at 70% of Sectional Tournament rating.

**Our first club qualifying** GNT event drew 19 tables. I'd like to congratulate Jay Shahani's team who got their 'Q' the hard way handing us our only loss of the day. The top teams are unlikely to return for March 1, (work, tourney commitments) so plenty of room at the top for enterprising players to fill. Results by wins, Victory points (VP), and master points awarded:

Team	Wins	VP	MP
1) Pat and Bob Webb/Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	7	121	7.25
2) Mary Townhill/Scott Dunn/Bruce Kenner/Jack Self	5	105	5.68
3-4) Francine Moring/Ovunch Yilmaz/Richard Smith/George Russell	5	104	3.57
3-4) McLaughlins/Hawkes	6.5	104	3.57
5) Tom Balcerek/Bernetha Henry/Abduhl Ghaffar/Emily Lamphere	4.5	99	4.26
6) Jay Shahani/Zan Edmunds/Bill Charlwood/Jim Chianelli	5	92	3.20
4B) Frazer/ Roy McCrorey/F Jenkins/Buddy Cullem/Francis Robinson	4	87	2.40
1C) Belford and Mary Ann Cross/Bibs Hurt/Roberta Case	4	83	2.44
2C) Jerry Love/Marcia Fletcher/Karen Hogan/Judy Sellers	4	79	1.83

**A couple of scenes from recent games:** I hold S-J-x H- A-10-x-x D-J-x-x-x-x-x c.-x  
My partner opens one diamond and my RHO says double. Now, who do you think holds the Spade suit? My guess is the opponents with the obvious 2-1 odds-so what do you bid with my hand? I tried 4 diamonds and my RHO did some whining. (Probably should have bid 5-Pard likely has 4) second scene: we're playing against a fairly good 'C' squad and they wind up in an inferior contract because my RHO felt he didn't have enough HCP (he had 4) to rebid his king seventh Spade suit. There have been too many of those lately: folks if you never believe anything else believe this: **Distribution trumps point count**. (The pun is intentional) Anyone who has had their two NT opener cut to ribbons by an 8-card pre-empt knows this. Point count gets you started playing the game-come over to the dark side, distribution rules!

**Sol Lourie (Open)** 1) Bob Webb (174.73) 2) Patrick Lauterbach (168.30) 3) Pat Webb 147.09  
4) Joyce Lauterbach 130.36 5) Jay Shahani 110.28 6) Jack Self 91.17 7) Zan Edmunds 84.95  
8) Ken Fasching 77.28 9) Hap Neuffer 77.02 10) Mary Townhill 73.99 Brent Holcomb 75.14

<b>Henry Mills (0-2000 MP)</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell Non-Life</b>		<b>Centurion Cup (0-100)</b>	
1) Jay Shahani	110.28	Belford Cross	60.53	Sue Hopke	42.30
2) Jack Self	91.17	Greg Garrison	53.63	Shelby King	19.39
3) San Edmunds	84.95	Bruce Kenner	48.35	Beth McMaster	18.96
4) Mary Townhill	75.99	Jerry Love	44.30	Sally McCardle	17.64
5) Brent Holcomb	75.14	Sue Hopke	42.30	Clarence Hopke	17.59
6) Al Kirkland	72.10	Helen Young	32.07	Dot Jones	16.62
7) Scott Dunn	71.44	Lauren Alexander	30.37	Hillary McDonald	15.57
8) Bill Charlwood	67.08	Karen Faulkenberry	29.33	Kay Stursburg	14.78
9) Jim Chianelli	66.84	Diana Ellis	27.76	Hilde Moore	14.21
10) Belford Cross	60.53	Jim Willrodt	26.71	Burton Case	13.29