

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

The February Birthday party was a Junior Fund game for the ACBL. It appeared to be a Mohon and Jay benefit as they cruised to victory with a nice 65% game.

Junior Fund 12 tables

1) Mohon Bali/Jay Shahani	139.69	Brent Holcomb/Claude McClure	125.00
2) Harold Moore/Al Kirkland	130.00	Sylvia White/Jackie Moss	122.31
3) Irma Murray/Madalyn Dybvik	122.00	Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	121.50
4) Jim and Ginny Chianelli	119.69	Chris and Lee Webb	119.81
5) Fred and Carol Clemenz	117.41	Jay Jacobs/Phil Mixon	118.00
6) Lauren Alexander/Fran Potter	116.50	Ed and Sheelagh Young	114.50
7) Blake and Julie Field	106.96	Cathy Steinaker/Elaine Wade	113.00

Our March party is Saturday the 8th since we will be having the GNT qualifying on the 1st. The party day is always a special sanction, so bring finger food and let's party! Remember, those with March birthdays play free that Saturday.

There will be no games at the club on Thursday March 20 and no supervised play on Wednesday March 19. The Wednesday March 19 Open and 0-300 game **will start at 10:00.** These things are happening so that our new floor can be installed while we're all at the Sectional and we will be able to resume our regular schedule Monday the 24th. We will make up the Individual event on Thursday March 27.

I really like the GNT event and I encourage anyone who likes to play to play it again-try it (Like I am) with new team mates! Still two sessions, March 1, starting at 10:00 and bring a sandwich.

Winners in the Feb. 6th '8 is enough' teams game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Abduhl Ghaffar/Tom Balcerek/Louise Burns/Barbara James	3	55	1.75
2) Chuck Kennedy/Bel and Mary Ann Cross/Patrick Lauterbach	3	52	1.31

Winners of the February Individual: Jack Wilkinson, Carolyn Cromer, Sallie Blackwell, Abduhl Ghaffar, Shelby King, Belford Cross, Lewis Cromer, Barbara Cathey. Foiled again! Reynolds Wrap must be making a fortune off me in these Individuals.

Congratulations!! Junior Master Martha Beckman, Bob McCardle Club Master-Burton Case, Cynthia Heyward Sectional Master Suzy Weisman Regional Master Kay Sturzberg

We have two new Life Masters! Congratulations to **Claude McClure** and **Bruce Kenner**

Joining the top 1% of master point holders in the ACBL, **Joyce Hill** our new Emerald Life Master (7500 points). Looking forward to Grand Life Master? Go Joyce!

Time for a few words about the Alert procedure: We have this procedure because Duplicate is a game of skill. Players are supposed to tell all about partner's bids which are not standard. The ACBL does allow some leeway (one point on either end of a range and one card in a suit) in using conventions. But things like the following are definitely NOT allowed: I was playing against a couple of 'B' players who should have known better; my 1NT opening was overcalled by 2 Diamonds. When asked, her partner said "Capeletti" (I accepted that but the name of the convention is not an adequate explanation-it's considered intimidation, a Zero Tolerance infraction-you must tell what the convention does as you see in a moment) They won the contract, dummy hit the table and I yelled for the director. Dummy had 4-4 in the majors. Capeletti is 5-5 or fudged a card 5-4. We got no relief, but opponents got a lecture from the director. I was playing in an Augusta Regional with Everett Ness looking for his gold in Cont. Pairs. My LHO opened 2 Diamonds alerted as 12-16, Roman distribution 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4. Everett passed and RHO bid 4 Spades. I looked at my 8 clubs headed by A-Q-9, q-x of Spades and three red cards and realized that LHO had 4 clubs behind me and RHO must have an 8 card Spade suit to bid not caring if partner had a stiff or void in Spades. I led the Ace of Clubs and dummy hit with four Spades. They did not announce 4 Spades as a requirement for that bid. This time we did get relief; director changed the score to 5C doubled down two and gave the opponents a lecture. (they tried to say they'd bid 5 Spades over 5C-but director opined that I would score a club, my partner a Heart and declarer would miss-guess the Spade finesse because of the high level overcall in clubs.) We scored our Gold. Full disclosure is necessary because opponents are barred from questions about specific suits because such questions can be used to guide further bidding and defense of the hand. Playing a team game Joyce opens our 2 D. I alert "Artificial, 14-18 HCP, 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4-0, if she has a 5 card suit, it's a minor." My LHO at his turn asked "Can she be 5-4-3-1 or hold an anchor suit?" I asked if this was his first tournament or was he just up from the 299'ers. He got huffy and called the director which saved me the trouble. After he got done talking, I told the director opponent holds himself out as an experienced player yet doesn't know a convention can be fudged a card? And just what message was he trying to get to his partner (probably about Spades and defensive carding) since I was required to fully disclose all our partnership agreements? Director lectured both of us (mostly him) and stuck around to monitor a board that was ultimately a push.

Sol Lourie (Open) 1) Patrick Lauterbach (195.69) 2) Bob Webb (181.98) 3) Pat Webb 159.43
 4) Joyce Lauterbach 152.88 5) Jay Shahani 131.13 6) Jack Self 106.62 7) Zan Edmunds 95.52
 8) Mary Townhill 87.04 9) Scott Dunn 86.96 10) Brent Holcomb 86.46 Ken Fasching 83.43

Henry Mills (0-2000 MP)		Coleman Farrell Non-Life		Centurion Cup (0-100)	
1) Jay Shahani	131.13	Belford Cross	69.27	Sue Hopke	45.57
2) Jack Self	106.62	Greg Garrison	59.79	Sally McCardle	22.88
3) San Edmunds	95.52	Bruce Kenner	55.68	Shelby King	20.50
4) Mary Townhill	87.04	Jerry Love	48.18	Beth McMaster	19.66
5) Scott Dunn	86.96	Sue Hopke	43.47	Clarence Hopke	19.13
6) Brent Holcomb	86.46	Helen Young	35.55	Dot Jones	18.72
7) Al Kirkland	82.68	Lauren Alexander	33.11	Beth Donelon	17.50
8) Jim Chianelli	77.58	Diana Ellis	31.48	Hillary McDonald	17.23
9) Bill Charlwood	74.67	Karen Faulkenberry	30.52	Burton Case	16.25
10) Belford Cross	69.27	Jim Willrodt	27.39	Kay Stursburg	15.58