

TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(The calendar is On-line at columbia.bridge-club.org.)

The March Birthday party was also a celebration of St. Patrick's Day theme. The game's overall winner came down to two pairs who didn't meet in this 12 table Charity game. Ken and Harold had just a pinch more left in the tank finishing with a fine 67.36% game for the win.

N/S	12 tables Charity	E/W
1) Ken Fasching/Harold Moore	145.5	Patrick Lauterbach/Greg Garrison 142.5
2) Sallie Blackwell/Bel Cross	123.0	Phill Mixson/Jay Jacobs 133.0
3) Pat Webb/Roberta Case	121.0	Lewis and Carolyn Cromer 131.0
4) Chris and Lee Webb	118.0	Carol and Fred Clemenz 121.5
5) Brent Holcomb/Scott Dunn	116.5	Linda York/Ed Scheiblich 120.0

Our April party is Saturday April 5. The party day is always a special sanction, so bring finger food and let's party! Remember, those with April birthdays play free that Saturday.

We seem to have a hit on our hands with Over/Under game we held Monday the 3rd. We had 64 players, players from the bottom half and top half being randomly paired for the event. Feedback was overwhelming; 61 positive and 2 Neutral. The dividing line was 400 master points. This looks to be at least an annual event-if you missed it, you missed a good time. Thanks to Carolyn Cromer who started the ball rolling and all those who helped bring it off.

N/S	Over/Under 16 tables	E/W
1) Bel Cross/Pat Webb (67.48%)	178.14	Hilde Hiner/Beth Campione 165.67
2) Ken Fasching/Clarence Hopke	162.86	Cassie Jackson/Abduhl Ghaffar 157.09
3) Marcia Fletcher/DaMaris Rorie	144.0	Frazer McCrorey/Judy Small 146.27
4) Bernetha Henry/Beronica Whisnant	141.0	Ginny Carrier/Jack Self 142.14
5) Jay Shahani/Caroline Grimball	140.36	Judy Shillingham/Carolyn Swartout 141.14

We have, for a short time, a fund raiser going with Honey Baked Hams. We sell gift cards with no fees or expiration date and the club gets 20% of the sales. You can get any of their fine hams or turkey meals. We're only running this till April 4 so talk to the game director for your card as soon as the Sectional is over. We've already made the club minimum to qualify for the rebate. With Easter and Mothers' Day coming, and the card distribution to buyers starting April 6, please get your orders in early. Forms available with the game director. Get a great meal and a gift for the CBC at the same time. Flyer coming under separate e-mail cover.

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

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Harold Moore/Jack Wilkinson/Bibs Hurt/Roberta Case	4	59	1.87
2) Mary Townhill/Bruce Kenner/Scott Dunn/Jack Self	3	55	1.40

Winners in the March 13th 8 is enough teams game:

1) Chuck Kennedy/Mary Ann and Bel Cross/Patrick Lauterbach	3	59	.70
2-3) Marianne Murphy/Zan Edmunds/Jack Wilkinson/Bill Charlwood	3	46	.46
2-3) Abduhl Ghaffar/Barbara James/Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	3	46	.46

There is a link to the results of the Sectional on the club web site. Available at the ACBL.org, the District 7 and the Unit 160 web sites also if you have any of them book-marked. One highlight that doesn't show up on these sites is the induction of Lukasz Lebioda into the SCBA Bridge Hall of Fame. Lukasz is a world-class player from his days on the Polish team who has been a consistent winner at the table as well as away from it. We are very pleased he now calls Columbia home. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor Lukasz!

Lots of interesting hands at the International Fund game. Never saw so many bad breaks to play around. Oh, well, everyone had the same problem.

International Fund Game 5 tables

1) Patrick Lauterbach/Ken Fasching	68.5	2) Al Kirkland/Francis Robinson	65.5
3) Frazer McCrorey/Zan Edmunds	57.0	4) Brent Holcomb/Frances Lawton	51.39

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

Advice I read in 'Bridge World' from a world champion that is almost a duplicate of that given me lo these many years ago by Betty Voldseth and Dixie Hastings who tried to show me the difference between bridge and duplicate. "There is luck, but a minimum. There is art as well as science. Don't get tangled up in the science. Get in quick on prime cards (aces and kings) or long suits. Get out quick if partner doesn't show anything. Raise on pure values (Aces and well supported honors). Trust your partner. Be trustworthy." It's the only way to play and be consistently successful. True today as it was then.

Just a few things on Sectionals: 1) Play on Friday (or Thursdays also if they have games) and any evening Zip Swiss. The people you don't want to face are either in KO's or won't be there till Saturday and mostly just for main events 2) Be aware that what works in a point-limit game does not work in Open competition. You need experience in the Open section before you can be successful. Your first few sessions are going to be rough-they will be smoother sooner if you learn from them. 3) Don't take any crap from the 'A' players and certainly not from the B's (which, frankly, is a lot more likely) That's one of the reasons a director is there.

The points Cup races run with the club year, from June 1 through May 31 the following year. Here is an update as of **March 25**, the current standings:

Sol Lourie (Open) 1) Patrick Lauterbach (221.41) 2 Bob Webb (181.98) 3) Pat Webb 178.68
4) Joyce Lauterbach 162.02 5) Jay Shahani 153.87 6) Jack Self 125.07 7) Zan Edmunds 107.32
8) Ken Fasching 106.97 9) Mary Townhill 99.20 10) Brent Holcomb 96.30 Scott Dunn 93.87

Henry Mills (0-2000 MP)		Coleman Farrell Non-Life		Centurion Cup (0-100)	
1) Jay Shahani	153.87	Belford Cross	83.33	Sue Hopke	47.90
2) Jack Self	125.07	Greg Garrison	67.76	Sally McCardle	225.78
3) Zan Edmunds	107.32	Bruce Kenner	62.92	Shelby King	25.18
4) Mary Townhill	99.20	Jerry Love	58.33	Beth McMaster	23.00
5) Brent Holcomb	96.30	Sue Hopke	47.90	Dot Jones	21.67
6) Scott Dunn	93.87	Helen Young	42.55	Burton Case	20.55
7) Al Kirkland	93.73	Lauren Alexander	39.25	Suzy Weisman	19.54
8) Jim Chianelli	86.88	Karen Faulkenberry	36.82	Hillary McDonald	19.29
9) Belford Cross	83.33	Diana Ellis	36.19	Beth Donelan	19.04
10) Jack Wilkinson	81.81	Marcia Fletcher	34.16	Kay Stursburg	18.99