

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

The July Birthday party was an Open North American Pairs event and a really great 5-pair duel until the last round when the Momands (60.88%) triumphed on a difficult set of boards. We were able to console ourselves at the snack buffet since we finished before everyone else did and took their leftovers home. Even their end was very, very good.

N/S	11 ½ tables North Am. Pairs	E/W	
1) Hilde Hiner/Roberta Case	127.13	Anita and Henry Momand	131.50
2) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	125.00	Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	123.0
3) Fran Jenkins/Margaret Hill	124.31	Jack Wilkinson/Brent Holcomb	115.5
4) Pat and Bob Webb	114.5	Jay Shahani/Abdul Ghaffar	112.7
5) Brenda Gantt/Chuck Kennedy	109.5	Lewis and Carolyn Cromer	112.0
6) Jim Willrodt/Jerry Love	106.7	Kay Stursberg/Shelby King	108.0

Winners in the July 3, 8 is enough teams game):

	Wins	Victory pts.	Master pts.
1) Henry Momand, Frances Lawton, Jerry Love/Rosa Shaw	3	46	.50
2) Roberta Case/Fran Potter/Joyce Lauterbach/Harold Moore	3	42	.38

Winners in the July 17, 8 is enough:

1) Chuck Kennedy/Belford and Mary Ann Cross/P. Lauterbach	3	49	.60
2-3) Mary Townhill/Jack Self/Beronica Whisnant/Beth Campione	3	47	.40
2-3) Brent Holcolm/Tom Gabriel/Sallie Blackwell/S. McFadden	3	47	.40

In August we will try a promotion: Buy an entry to the Thursday afternoon pair game and get an entry to the team or Individual Event that same evening FOR FREE! Yep-we're running our own little tournament right here at the club on Thursdays in August-be there.

Our Sumner party Thursday June 19 also awarded trophies to those players who had the highest average percentage for all the pair games they played during the year. (Individual events and team events were not included.) Winners percentages and number of pairs rounds played:

2014 0-300 Master points

Karen Faulkenberry	55.04%	(51)
Helen Young	54.07	(65)
Scott Dunn	53.46	(93)
Martha Beckham	53.07	(27)
Francis Robinson	52.62	(132)

2014 300-1000 master points

Bill Charlwood	55.49%	(74)
Everett Ness	54.67	(28)
Jack Self	54.04	(132)
Roy McCrorey	53.77	(60)
Francis Kovach	53.47	(42)

2014 1000-2000 Master points

Jim Chianelli	53.85%	(113)
Al Kirkland	53.79	(123)
Chris Webb	53.75	(37)
Bernetha Henry	53.64	(91)
Jay Shahani	53.17	(207)

2014 Unlimited Master points

Patrick Lauterbach	56.97%	(212)
Bob Webb	56.18	(191)
Hap Neuffer	55.20	(78)
Joyce Lauterbach	54.86	(196)
Pat Webb	54.47	(222)

Elizabeth Beckwith and Lee Webb Certainly put on a very well-run Regional for us. The financials might not work out very well, but fortunately that isn't the club's problem. Just to mention a few good performances (I know I miss somebody): Scott McPherson and Bill Charlwood won the opening event, Pat and Bob Webb won two single session Open pairs and were 3rd in a two session Open, Hap Neuffer and Margaret Barksdale won a single session pairs event and 2nd in a two session event, Bill Charlwood, Jay Shahani and Abdul Ghaffar won two 2nd bracket KO's Mary Townhill, Sandy Geis, Bernetha Henry and Tom Balcerek won a 2nd bracket KO Joyce Hill won a BAM, a top bracket KO and 78 MP's overall. Francine Moring had a lot of 2nds and 68 MP overall, Bill Charlwood 53 MP, Betsy Stanton had 49, Jay Shahani 46.5, Chris Webb 44, Pat and Bob Webb 43, Bernetha Henry 41, Hap Neuffer 33, Lee Webb 32.

We will be running Open STaC events the week of August 18-25 (while Joyce and I are in Hawaii). Play well, often and win for the CBC while we're gone, OK?

Everyone plays negative doubles, right? Question doesn't even come up anymore. Trouble is, some don't play them very well. If one more partner of mine makes this &^%\$ mistake again I am coming across the *&#%@ table reaching down their *(&\$% throat and ripping out their *&%)_@ heart. Consider these actual hands, examples of a dozen or 15 butchered lately:

- A) S- A-K-x-x H- K-Q-10-x-x D- x-x C- Q-x
- B) S- A-10-x H- A-Q-J-x-x D-x-x C- K-x
- C) S- K-Q-x-x H- K-J-x-x D-A-10-x-x C- J

As I say these are your hands that you open one Heart on A and B and 1 diamond on hand C. Your left hand opponent overcalls A and B with 2 Diamonds and your partner and RHO both pass. What is your call? Come on-you know what it should be. If you say anything but "Double", you're about to lose your heart the hard way. You know your partner doesn't have a negative double and you know he has no penalty double available to him. If he wants to penalize an overcall, he has to depend on you to re-open the bidding with a double. He might also hold a hand he isn't strong enough or shapely enough for a free bid or a negative double. My hands across the table from A) and B) :

- A) S- 10-x-x-x-x-x H-x-x D- x-x C- K-J-x (makes 3 Spades)
- B) S- Q-J-x-x-x-x H- x D-x-x-x C- Q-x-x (makes 4 Spades)

Figure out who got the short end of the matchpoint score on those two hands. Now look at hand C). I held that hand and after my 1 Diamond open and 2 Club overcall by LHO-P-P to me, I doubled. We found out my partner held A-Q-10-8-7 of Clubs and the Queen of Diamonds. Yes LHO overcalled a suit that was King-nine sixth with the Ace of Spades, Queen of Hearts and King of Diamonds. Down four (making the Spade Ace, Diamond King and two trumps) was not good for him. Now, you are allowed to pass in this situation if you hold a trump stack of your own against the over caller. You know your partner does not have a negative double, he isn't waiting to penalize (you and the over caller own the trumps) and any off-suit fit you have is a poor one (partner's suit can't be that good or he'd have enough to respond over the over caller and between your suit and the trump stack against opponent, you don't have enough cards to fill partner). Now my best partner has been cured of this "No Balancing Double Syndrome". So, go now and remember to make your balancing doubles! Your partner will appreciate it.

"...never a Queen high suit. Either two top honors or one top honor and two lower ones. With partners who can't play disciplined weak two's in first and second seat, I'd rather use strong two bids." Danny Kleinman, Director of *Bridge World Master Solvers Club* June 2014