Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

I have agreed to publish your Tricks and Treats newsletter, and although I can't understand any of this computer lingo, or move calendars and text from a graphics file into a text file, I will do my best to keep you informed and current with events at the Columbia Bridge Club. I hope you have had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas, and wish each of you a *Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year*. I also hope to see you often at the Club. Joyce A. Lauterbach

From the BOARD: Minutes of the December meeting are posted on the CBC club bulletin board. The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in February at Gwen Beckman's home, and is open to all members.

Speaking of seeing you at the Club, Hampton and Ellen Oliver have worked very hard to get a Saturday game started. We can all start the New Year off right with a good turn out on January 2, 1999. Rumor has it the Olivers are providing lunch for this *gala*.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS - Most of you know what this event is all about, but let's remind everyone again. This is an annual event of the ACBL: which has its beginning at the local clubs. We hold local qualifying events. Three are planned at CBC beginning January 9, February 6, and sometime in March (watch your TRICKS & TREATS). They will be stratified events for the flights A. B, and C. Flight A is open to all players; Flight B is open only to players who have fewer than 1500 masterpoints as of the last point confirmation card received prior to September 1; Flight C is open only to players with fewer than 500 masterpoints and who have not attained the rank of Life Master of as the last point confirmation card received prior to September. The top half of the field will qualify to play at the next level of competition. For Flight A teams this will be a direct leap to the District Final. For Flight B and C teams the second level of competition is the area semifinal. Columbia will hold one of these area semifinal events on Saturday, April 3, 1999. The top half of this field in each flight will earn the right to play in the District Final. The District Finals for all Flights will be at the Anderson Sectional May 1 and 2, 1999. The winning teams in all three flights will earn the right to compete in the ACBL GNT Finals in San Antonio, TX next summer. The cost of your trip will be generously subsidized by District 7.

Hats off to **ROSA SHAW** for that wonderful Christmas party on December 10, 1998. I am told that this was the best attended event in the history of the Columbia Bridge Club. Please remember to Thank Rosa for all her work.

Hats off also to our excellent "CHIEF OF DIRECTORS" - I wonder how many of you CBCer's realize just what a thorough and dedicated job is being done by our Chief of Directors, Mike Bitonti. He does all the game scheduling, and with all the special games, events, and tournaments to juggle, this is no small task! He assures that all games are properly staffed. Any time this is no director available, he gives up his game that night to direct. And what a fine director he is too! Here's another "good-CBC-Member" thing you can do: let Mike know how much we appreciate him. If anyone would like to become a directory, let Mike know. He is willing to help prospective directors study for the ACBL directors exam.

OVERALL RESULTS OF SPECIAL GAMES IN DECEMBER

Tues. Afternoon, Dec 8; Club Championship Bracket A

- 1 N/S Dubose Egleston Edward Catalano
- 2 N/S Wendell Bruce Jr Frances Lawton
- 3 N/S Diane Finan Betty G. Warren
- 1 E/W Bea Nelson Jean Mason
- 2 E/W Marianne Murphy Jean Mason
- 3 E/W Grace Bishop Mary Smith Bracket B
- 1 N/S Diane Finan Betty G. Warren
- 2 N/S Margarita Morales Henrietta Cashwell
- 1 E/W Mary Chester Hank Warth

Tues Eve. Dec. 22, Upgraded Club Championship

- 1 Bea Nelson Rodney Severson
- 2 Arthur Maybin III Eleanor Hack
- 3 Patrick & Joyce lauterbach
- 4 Gwendolyn Beckman Barbara Hollingsworth

Tues Eve. Dec 15. Charity Club Champ. Flight A

- 1 Brian Lipscomb Alice Moore
- 2 Rose Watson Velma Lamp
- 3 Eleanor Hack Joel Levy
- 4 Happoldt Neuffer Richard McCombs
- 5 Edna Lee James Blackwell Flight B
- 1 Everett Ness Kenneth Fasching
- 2 Joyce Lauterbach Chuck Kennedy
- 3 Emily O'Boyle Betty Caddell

MASTERPOINT RACES

COLEMAN FARRELL 0-50	HENRY MILLS 0-Life Master	SOL LOURIE 0-Unlimited		
Bea Nelson 28.02	Bea Nelson 28.02	Harold Phillips 67.03		
Melissa Day 13.81	Abdul Ghaffar 22,39	Velma Lamp 52.85		
Diane Finan 11.59	John Wilkinson 20.60	Happoldt Neuffer 49.74		
Frances Lawton 11.33	Elizabeth Beckwith 19.98	James Blackwell 44.58		
Sybil Pratt 9.27	Ognyan Trifonov 19 12	Eleanor Hack 43.24		
Cathy Gordon 6.37	Kenneth Fasching 18.83	Harold Moore 40.52		
Mary Chester 5.71	Mary Smith 18.09	Pat Webb 39.68		
George DeLay 5.20	Edison Fairey 17.86	Alice Moore 38.43		
Carla Davis 5.20	Jean Mason 16.71	Marika Hallosy 37.73		
Sally Blackwell 4.78	Everett Ness 14.70	Bob Webb 36.35		

COMING IN FEBRUARY: February is Junior Fund Month. All CBC games will benefit ACBL's Junior Fund and will be sectionally rated. Also in February:

Feb 6: GNT Qualifying at 11 AM and TBA

Feb 8-14: Myrtle Beach Regional

Feb 22: ACBL Senior Game

Feb 26-28 Charleston Sectional



TRICKS & TREATS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1:30 PM OPEN
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7 PM OPEN UNIT GAME	NOON - NLM JR.FUND GAME 7:30 PM CLUB CHAMP	10AM OPE JR. FUND 7:30 PM 299 er'S	1:30 PM 49 er's CLUB CHAMP 7:30 PM OPEN		GNT QUALIFY ABC STRATA 11:00 & TBA
10	11 7 PM 49er's JR.FUND GAME	12 NOON- NLM CHARITY CLUB CHAMP 7:30 PM	13 _{0 AM OPEN} 7:30 PM 299 er's	14 1:30 PM 49 er's 7:30 PM OPEN	15	16 NO GAME
	AUGUSTA REGIONAL	AUGUSTA REGIONAL	AUGUSTA REGIONAL	AUGUSTA REGIONAL	AUGUSTA REGIONAL	AUGUSTA REGIONAL
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30 _{NO GAME}
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BATESBURG SECTIONAL ALERT! ALERT! The masterpoint limitations for certain of our weekly games are in force for all the special games listed above UNLESS there is an indication of OPEN beside that special game. In other words, the January 5 JUNIOR FUND game at noon is just for those players eligible to play in the Tuesday noon games (i.e. you are not yet a life master). On the other hand, the January 4 UNIT GAME is open to all players even though it is being played on a Monday night which is usually limited to 750 masterpoints. The only times we open up restricted games are for UNIT GAMES and ACBL special events which might fall at the times of our restricted games.

NOTE: The team game at the Batesburg Sectional will be a regular Swiss team event - NOT bracketed!