



Tricks & Treats

For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

From the BOARD: The next CBC Board of Director's meeting will be at 6 PM, August 11, 1999 at the Lizard's Thicket on Forest Drive across from the Richland Mall. The meeting is open to all CBC Members. Dinner is Dutch treat.

Our 1999 Columbia Sectional at the Senior Citizen Center is August 5 to 8, 1999. We are particularly encouraging all non-life masters to attend (even those with zero masterpoints!!). There are many events and special activities for those players - this is definitely THEIR tournament too. The Food Committee has been busily calling members for help with "homemade" hospitality. If you have not been called and are willing to make/buy something, please call Tournament Chairperson **Bobbi Hollingsworth**, **Gwen Beckman**, **Lil Hopkins**, or **Pat Webb**. It takes EVERYONE'S participation to continue to make our tournament one of the premier sectionals in the southeast.

Caddie Chairperson **George Nichols** asked for this last call for caddies. Those that have already agreed to caddie for this tournament are **Charlie Hopkins**, **Brandy Hancock**, **Jessica Hancock**, and **Lynn Murray**.

Club Managers and Board Members are quite pleased at the response to the Saturday and the "NEW" Wednesday night games at CBC. Over the last 4-5 months attendance at the Saturday game has run 6 to 10 tables with at least one "A" player sitting each direction. The Wednesday 0-300 game has averaged 9 tables each week. KUDOS to **Hampton Oliver** and his calling committee as the primary force behind a quite successful launch of these two games. We would also like to thank the bridge teachers who whet the interest of their students for the game of Duplicate Bridge. Lastly, special Thanks to the "Visiting Experts" **Brian Lipscomb**, **George Nichols**, **Happoldt Neuffer** and **Bob Webb** who so generously came down to the club for a half hour lesson before the Wednesday night game. For the last Wednesday night in July **George Nichols** entitled his presentation *The Second Mouse*, and a free play was to be given to the player who could figure out what that meant. Primarily the Oliver's, but many other players also have often brought food or snacks to both the Wednesday and Saturday games.

1999 NORTH AMERICAN 49er PAIRS. Win ACBL Bridge Bucks. Throughout the month of September, players with under 50 masterpoints (as of the August point card from ACBL) will be competing for ACBL Bridge Bucks. \$400 will go to the first overall pair in each of ACBL's 25 districts, and \$200 will go to the second overall pair. These events will be played during the Thursday afternoon games at CBC during September. Watch the next **Tricks & Treats** for exact dates! We have many 49er pairs who could very well be District 7's winners!!

On Sunday July 18, 1999 ACBL Field Education Liaison Betty Starzec gave a 6 hour presentation for District 7 Club Managers, Board Members, or others interested in promoting ACBL Duplicate Bridge. CBC Members in attendance were George Nichols, Bob & Pat Webb, Hampton & Ellen Oliver, Bobbi Hollingsworth, Gwen Beckman, Damaris Rorie, and Pat & Joyce Lauterbach. Topics discussed included:

- Recruitment, Recognition and Retention techniques
- IN (Intermediate-Newcomer) Programs
- Publicity, Advertising and Promotion
- Tournament Follow-up
- Teacher Accreditation Programs

Two comments pertinent for our CBC Memberships were:

- (1) It is important to enforce the **ZERO Tolerance Policy**. Inappropriate behavior drives off inexperienced players! Rude and obnoxious players are too expensive and Club Managers cannot afford to keep these players.
- (2) **Psychic bidding** can only be permitted with your peers at the table. The ACBL does not find psychic bidding in any form to be acceptable against players of less experience. In fact it is possible that the ACBL may hand down more clear cut directives on this in the future.

Our own Flight C Grand National Team **Chris Webb, Lee Webb, Elizabeth Beckwith and Andy Hurd** tied 5th through 8th at the Nationals in San Antonio.

From the Greenville Sectional: CBC Players in the overalls were:

Fri: <u>1999er's Stratified</u>	Sat: <u>Open Stratified Pairs, Evening</u>
5A: Hampton Oliver	1A: Lucas Lebioda - Happoldt Neuffer
Sat: <u>Open Stratified Pairs, Afternoon</u>	4B: Kenneth Fasching - Rodney Severson
2A: Wayne Hollingsworth	
Sun: <u>Swiss Teams - Stratum A</u>	Sun: <u>Swiss Teams - Stratum B</u>
4: Happoldt Neuffer - Lucas Lebioda	4/6: Ellen Oliver - Hampton Oliver
5: Wayne Hollingsworth	Rodney Severson

ACBL CODE OF ACTIVE ETHICS from the ACBL Web Page:

The **Actively Ethical Bridge** player does everything he can within the scope of the game to defeat his opponent at the bridge table while making that experience an otherwise enjoyable one for them.

A primary objective of the ACBL is to
 Continue the concerted effort begun at
 The Fall, 1986 Atlanta NABC to try to
 Instill in all players the concept that
 Vigorous efforts should be made to insure
 Equity and enjoyment are benchmarks of Bridge.

Every player should strive to make sure
 That opponents have in no way been
 Harmed through incomplete or misleading
 Information as to the meanings of his pair's
 Conventional calls and treatments.
 An aggressive approach along these
 Lines on the part of each and every
 Individual will do much to make sure
 That Bridge remains the game that
 You enjoy so much.

Attached with this issue of Tricks & Treats is attached the 1999-2000 CBC Membership list. Also included with your Membership list is an additional 40 names of players who on occasion play at our club.

August, 1999

TRICKS & TREATS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7 PM - 750 NAP	3 NOON - NLM NAP 7:30PM OPEN NAP	4 10AM - OPEN NAP 7:30 PM 299er's	5 1:30PM 49er's COLUMBIA SECTIONAL	6 COLUMBIA SECTIONAL	7 COLUMBIA SECTIONAL
8 COLUMBIA SECTIONAL	9 7 PM - 750	10 NOON - NLM JR FUND GAME 7:30PM OPEN NAP	11 10AM - OPEN NAP 7:30 PM 299er's	12 1:30PM 49er's 7:30PM OPEN NAP	13 SAVANNAH SECTIONAL	14 1PM - OPEN NAP SAVANNAH SECTIONAL
15 SAVANNAH SECTIONAL	16 7 PM - 750 JR FUND GAME	17 NOON - NLM 7:30PM OPEN CHARITY CLUB CHAMP	18 10AM - OPEN JR FUND GAME 7:30 PM 299er's	19 1:30PM 49er's 7:30PM OPEN NAP	20	21 1PM - OPEN
22	23 7 PM - 750	24 NOON - NLM 7:30PM OPEN JR FUND GAME	25 10AM - OPEN 7:30 PM 299er's	26 1:30PM 49er's 7:30PM OPEN CLUB CHAMP	27	28 1PM - OPEN NAP
29	30 7 PM - 750	31 NOON - NLM 7:30PM OPEN ATLANTA REGIONAL				

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Aug 31 to Sep 6: Atlanta Regional

Sep 19: Unit 2-Session Charity Pairs Game

Sep. 24 to 26: Aiken Sectional

Sept 15: ACBL INSTANT MATCHPOINT - OPEN EVENT

Sept. 29: Charity Club Championship