

# Tricks & Treats

## For Members of the Columbia Bridge Club

**From the BOARD:** The last regular CBC Board meeting was held on August 11, 1999.

- **Kibitzing** - The rationale behind the Board's decision to bar kibitzing at any game higher than locally rated games includes: It is against ACBL law to discuss hands during an event, but players almost always compare notes when kibitzing. This discussion is apt to be heard by other players. Players could alter their play based on information gained as kibitzers. Players could mistakenly kibitz a hand they have not yet played. The biggest defense for barring kibitzing by participants in an event is that the ACBL does not allow it at tournaments. Why would the Columbia Bridge Club want to counter-ACBL policy. If you still feel strongly about CBC's barring kibitzing, then submit your objections **IN WRITING** to one of the officers or board members of the club. This policy barring kibitzing does not apply to one who is not playing in the event.
- **Annual Proficiency Awards** - Having added two more weekly games to the club's schedule, the minimum number of times a member must play to be eligible for this award was addressed once again. It was moved that the open proficiency race be based on having played fifty (50) times during the year, and a member must have played a minimum of 32 times in the invitational proficiency race. Motion carried.
- The Board has authorized the purchase of new **bidding boxes** for twelve (12) tables. If you would like to place such an order through CBC's sanction number for your own personal use please let secretary **Pat Webb** know. The cost through the club is \$26.00 per set of four boxes plus shipping and SC sales tax. The cost of ordering directly through ACBL is \$29.95 plus tax and shipping.

**SPECIAL GAMES:** Occasionally special games have to be scheduled at the same time as our limited-point games. One such game is the **ACBL Instant Matchpoint Event** at 7 PM on Wednesday September 15, 1999. When this happens, we still have a limited-point section which plays independently of the open section, but there will also be a second section of open players with no point restriction. Such games are Unit Games and ACBL sponsored events such as Charity, International Fund and Senior Pairs games. This does not happen very often. It is especially encouraging that the Wednesday night game is going so well as this means that with the current participation in that game there are sufficient tables so that **IN** Players have a wonderful opportunity not only to participate, but also to have their own section.

Other special games which may be set by CBC (rather than ACBL) are Club Championships, Charity Club Championships, NAP events, GNT events, Junior Fund games. These games include only the players qualified to play at the time they are scheduled. In other words, if a Junior Fund game is scheduled for Wednesday evening, only players with fewer than 300 points may play that night.

Speaking of special games **1999 NORTH AMERICAN'er PAIRS**, throughout the month of September, players with under 50 masterpoints (as of the August point card from ACBL) can compete 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.



**Unit NAP Flight C Finals** will be at the Aiken tournament on Saturday October 2, 1999. **Unit NAP Flights A & B Finals** will be on Sunday October 10, 1999 at the Tri-City Leisure Center at 11 AM & TBA. As lunch will be served, call **Pat Webb** to make a reservation. The District final will also be at Tri-City later in the year.

**From Your Directors:** Members will have noticed that your directors are enforcing time limits more vigorously lately. This is because Duplicate is a *Social* rather than a *Sociable* event. That's the difference between a competition and a past-time. Not only is *habitual* slow play a discourtesy to your friends in the competition, it is also against the rules like revoking or lead out of turn. After more than one warning, match points penalties can be imposed. So, leave all discussion of the hands and *socializing* until all boards for that round are played. And from your directors, Thank You.

Attached with this Newsletter you will find a brightly colored **EASY BRIDGE** flyer that you are encouraged to post at an area you frequent, such as your Church, Library, your place of employment or your developments' club house. CBC, Unit 160, and the ACBL is actively trying to generate interest in the game of Bridge. Lessons and play at CBC begin on Sunday September 12, 1999. Speaking of *Easy Bridge*, **George Nichols** has requested volunteers to help with Name Tags, Refreshments, Parking, or as a Greeter. It would be nice to have three or four volunteers every week, so if you can participate in any way please give **George** a call.

CBC is very saddened to hear of the death of **Joseph Wyatt**. We wish the family of **Joseph Wyatt** to know that you have been in our thoughts and Prayers:

#### MASTERPOINT RACES

##### COLEMAN FARRELL 0-50

Mary Nichols 12.93  
Sybil Pratt 12.27  
Melissa Day 10.12  
Bea Hordych 9.59  
Beth Pyles 9.24  
Dorothy Difiori 7.90  
Shirley Ness 7.50  
Diane Finan 7.41  
Catherine Gordon 6.09  
Bill Nixon 4.59

##### HENRY MILLS 0-Life Master

John Wilkinson 23.66  
Everett Ness 15.94  
Joan Osteen 14.24  
Amelia Nelson 13.88  
Jean Mason 13.78  
Mary Nichols 12.93  
Sybil Pratt 12.27  
Marianne Murphy 11.31  
Melissa Day 10.12  
Bea Hordych 9.59

##### SOL LOURIE 0-Unlimited

Eleanor Hack 38.02  
James Blackwell 29.98  
Harold Moore 28.58  
Pat Webb 27.33  
Velma Lamp 25.50  
Bob Webb 25.38  
John Wilkinson 23.66  
Happoldt Neuffer 22.52  
Joyce Lauterbach 22.43  
Gwendolyn Beckman 18.16

#### Columbia Sectional (1st & 2nd Overall Winners)

Flight A: Wayne Hollingsworth, Happoldt Neuffer, Alice Moore, Damaris Rorie, Gwendolyn Beckman

Flight B: Lillian Hopkins, Ardis Dalrymple, Joan Osteen, Dorothy Cole, Thomas Balcerek, Nathan Fain

Flight C: Catherine Bruffey, Thurman Bruffey, Christopher Webb, Lee Webb, Jeffrey Wagner, Abdul Ghaffar, Henry Momand


Flights D,E,F: Frances Potter, Marion Spagnalo, Jayne McGirt, Sophia Blanchard, Syble Romanstine, Tootsie Holland, Brian Maloney, Bill Nixon, Judy Mobley, Arthur Kent, Frances Lawton, Dorothy Difiori, Helga Dodson, Beth Pyles, Melissa Day, Diane Finan

99er's Swiss Team: Bruce Holland, Eunice Holland, Beth Pyles, Mary Hayden



September, 1999

# TRICKS & TREATS

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

COMING IN OCTOBER

OCT 1-3: AIKEN SECTIONAL

OCT 7: ACBL MEMBERSHIP GAME - SECTIONALLY RATED

OCT 9, 19, 28: UPGRADED CLUB CHAMPIONS

OCT 25: OPEN UNIT GAME



*Please tell your friends!*

To our bridge-playing friends,

You know how much enjoyment and mental stimulation you get from playing bridge.

You also know good friends who have not yet experienced the fun to be had from playing.

--Perhaps they are rubber bridge players who think bridge is too intense, complicated, demanding, intimidating, or rule-bound--or all of the above.

--Maybe they have never been exposed to bridge in any form.

--Maybe they can't tell a spade from a no-left turn sign.

--They may think they are too old, young, lazy, dense or smart to start learning a new game.

--Perhaps they are just afraid to venture into unknown waters.

Well, maybe we have good news for all of these underprivileged people. Starting

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 12<sup>th</sup> at the COLUMBIA  
BRIDGE CLUB** 2725 CYPRESS, COLUMBIA SC . It's called

"Easybridge!" It was developed by Edith McMullin, the noted Novice/Intermediate Director, Author and Teacher from Maryland.

So what's so wonderful? It's a 15-week program and **the first six weeks and the book are FREE!** Participants will play actual bridge hands from the first session. After week four, they will be able to earn ACBL masterpoints. They are actually in a novice duplicate bridge game. By the time the first lesson set is completed, these folks will be playing as well as about 25 - 50% of duplicate players. After this first 15-week lesson set, Intermediate Lessons are given, and after that lesson series on Conventions and Duplicate Bridge. All of these lesson series precede the sanctioned novice duplicate game and new folks are welcome at any time.

Along the way, your friends may want to sign up for more in-depth bridge classes to learn the finer points. In any case, they will have put to rest any objection to duplicate bridge they may have had before they started as they will be actually playing in one with their new friends before they really learn to play bridge!

So, talk to your friends who don't play. Convince them this is a fabulous opportunity. Tell them to call **GEORGE NICHOLS 803-788-4517** to register with no obligation or just to come to the first lesson. This program has resulted in huge turnouts wherever it has been held.

Don't let your friends miss out!