

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for April was a charity game. Special thanks for the deviled eggs and the wonderful cheese ball the coconut cake..OK I liked it all. Some good bridge, too. Ronnie and Fran were over-all winners with a 61% game:

N/S	Charity Game	11 tables	E/W
1-2) Harold Moore/Butch Maybin	123.5	1) Ronnie Keisler/Fran Jenkins	131.5
1-2) Roberta Case/Bernetha Henry	123.5	2) Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	128.5
3-4) Henry Momand/Jay Shahani	121	3) Sue Harrington/Sylvia White	122.0
3-4) Chris and Lee Webb	121	4) Ken Fasching/Francine Moring	121.5

Our third GNT event went off without a hitch..and since a lot of the fun in winning is not just being first but looking at the names of those who came in behind you-here are the Top Qualifiers from the 4-match March 30 event starting with Jeff and three non-duplicate playing buddies:

20 teams	wins	Victory Pts.	Master Pts.
1) Jeff Thomas/Cubby Culbertson/Jeff Wilson/Eric Ruschkey	4	63	2.5 Black/2.5 Red
2-3) Francine Moring/Ken Fasching/Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	3	52	1.64 / 1.64
2-3) Frazer McCrorey/Karen Coulter/M Murphy/Leck Mason	3	52	1.64 / 1.64
4-5) George Nichols/Zan Edmunds/Jay Shahani/Al Kirkland	2	50	.93 / .93
4-5) Mary Townhill/Jack Self/Bernetha/Henry/Betsy Stanton	3	50	1.07 / 1.07
6-7) Cynthia Cone/Brent Holcomb/Sylvia White/S Harrington	3	49	.80 / .80
6/7) Hap Neuffer/Hugh Brown/Greg Roberts/Alice Moore	3	49	.60 / .60

In five sessions of GNT qualifying, we had 96 tables-Great for the club and great for bridge.

Winners in the April ‘8 is enough’ games April 5:

1) Harriet Blasetti/Mariane Murphy/Margaret Hill/Lil Hopkins	2	56	1.98
2) Frazer and Roy McCrorey/Patrick Lauterbach/Chuck Kennedy	3	53	1.49
3) Chris and Lee Webb/Mike Bitonit/Mirza Baig	3	50	1.11

April 12:

1) Chris and Lee Webb/Beronica Whisnant/Beth Champion	3.5	68	1.88
2) Mary Ann Cross/Lauren Alexander/C Kennedy/P Lauterbach	2	46	1.40

It’s that time again!! Dues are due. They are once again \$15 for a single and \$28 for a couple. For your dues you get my deathless prose in the T & T each month and 3 free plays (Summer and winter party and the birthday party game in your birthday month) Clip this coupon and send to Or give it to a game director.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Tel. #(s) _____ Birth Month(s) _____

SCHEDULE CHANGE- Tuesday May 15 game will start at 10:00. There will be no game On Memorial Day, Monday May 28.

Moving up: Our newest Life Master-**Cynthia Cone!** Regional Master **Mike Stockdell**

Annual meeting and election of officers will be Monday May 14 at 6:00. Please come To the meeting and plan to play in the Unit game that will follow at 7:00.

This month, a little about “adaptability”. I think bridge teachers spend too little time on the importance of distribution and the placement of a hand’s assets before sending their protégés out to conquer the world. The concepts of point counts and (confirmed) stoppers is easy-how these are integrated with hand distribution is more difficult. It’s actually easier to play with a card full of conventions and partnership agreements than to play plain vanilla. When you play a pair or a team you regard as better than you-and lose-go back and see *why* you lost. What did they do that you don’t do? Were they lucky (unlikely) or did they have something going that you didn’t? Get the maximum amount of information to partner as quickly as possible, and trust him to do the best with it. Illustration: the lady has 13 points, four clubs, four hearts, the Kxx of Spades and 10-x of diamonds. She opens 1 Club and over her partner’s 1 Spade, bids 2 Spades, winding up in an unfortunate spot. I suggested rebidding 1 NT instead, and she replied “but I don’t have a Diamond stopper.” SO I went through the spiel on bidding what your hand most looks like and letting your partner have a better chance to show what he has by the rebid on her hand of 1 NT. I thought I did rather well with it, and prepared to modestly accept her thanks-as she then said “But I don’t have a diamond stopper.” Mmmm...O-o-o-kay. Another match: We’re playing a high-powered Charleston team in round 6 of 7. We lose when they get to a slam and we don’t. I judged a 7-count with K-Q-x trump support and a stiff to be a constructive raise while our opponent judged it to be a Bergen limit raise. Was I too cautious? Was the rocket scientist out of his mind but got lucky? One of the things we have to look at. Overall problems: How to get two suits into the auction? (or ONLY two suits?) There are ways-watch what the ‘A’ players do-and sometimes it’s right to pass for now.

The cup races run from June 1 2011 through May 31, 2012. As of April 24 standings:
Sol Louri Unlimited Patrick Lauterbach (146.88) 2) Ken Fasching 127.81) 3) Jay Shahani 124.82 4) Zan Edmunds (117.53) 5) Bob Webb 98.11 6) Hap Neuffer (96.91) 7) Francine Moring (95.19) **8) Joyce Lauterbach** (87.84) 9) Alice Moore (86.83) 10) Pat Webb (86.79)

Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non-LM		Centurion Cup 0-100	
1) Jay Shahani	124.82	Francis Robinson	74.94	Jerry Love	49.45
2) Zan Edmunds	117.53	Roberta Case	67.52	Marcia Fletcher	36.70
3) Francine Moring	85.19	Leck Mason	64.10	Lauren Alexander	36.61
4) Jack Self	83.89	Arnold Levinson	54.81	Sheryl Rhoden	35.56
5) Jack Wilkinson	81.21	Jerry Lov	49.45	Mike Stockdell	34.34
6) Francis Lawton	77.44	Bibs Hurt	45.81	James Bass	33.52
7) Harriet Blasetti	76.48	Jim Willrodt	44.05	Diana Ellis	30.81
8) Mary Townhill	75.06	Carolyn Swartwout	41.82	Judy Sellers	28.37
9) Francis Robinson	74.94	Mary Ann Cross	42.59	Mary Ivey	26.27
10) Jim Chianelli	73.34	Melinda Young	39.88	Scott Dunn	23.61