

TRICKS AND TREATS

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

Our Birthday party for May was an 11 table Charity event. Chris and Lee win a 4-way tug of war on the last three boards with a 62.27% game.

N/S	11 tables Charity	E/W	
1) Mary Townhill/Jeff Thomas	133.00	Chris and Lee Webb	134.00
2) Bernetha Henry/Sylvia White	130.00	Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	128.50
3) Ginny and Jim Chianelli	123.50	Jay Shahani/Abduhl Ghaffar	116.50
4) Anita and Henry Momand	122.50	Carolyn and Lewis Cromer	115.50
5) Susan McFadden/Tom Gabriel Wilkinson	115.00 108.50	Harriet Blasetti/Jack	

Still on May events: There **will** be a game at 7:00 on Monday Memorial Day!! Yes!! Come and play! There will be a game on Sunday at 1:30 though Francis seems to be trying to tell everyone an earlier time. 1:30 folks for the Sunday game.

June is the start of North American Pairs qualifying. For the next three months we will have two NAP games for each sanctioned session we run. Stratification will be 0-500, 2000 and Open. Any NAP game held on Limited game days Tuesday and Friday will have a top limit of 2000 instead of 1500 or 1000.

Saturday June 8 is the ECATS Instant Match point game. This is a World-wide event sponsored by a British organization. Local ACBL master points are awarded-and you can tune in to the site to find out how your score compared to scores at 5,000-6,000 tables playing the same hand world-wide. I hate to tell you what the sanction fee is, but the cost to you is still only \$6/player.

Dues are due! Honest! Right now!! The due deadline is **May 31, 2013**. (Club year runs from June 1 to May 31) \$15 for singles, \$28/couple. Those of you who have more recently paid for part of a year, now the next full year dues are due. Pay the game director or send to Pat Webb at 505 Moss Creek Drive, Cayce SC, 29033.

June Parties-June 1 will be our Birthday party-everyone with a June Birthday plays free. We'll have an NAP game-extra master points-so don't miss it-Especially if you were born in June.

June 20 will be the Club's Anniversary party. There will be no afternoon game on that Thursday!! There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Bridge will follow.

Winners in the May 2 '8 is enough' game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Mary Townhill/Jack Self/Scott Dunn/Jeff Thomas	3	54	1.87
2) Brent Holcomb/Frances Lawton/Sallie Blackwell/Henry Momand	4	53	1.40

Winners in the May 9 "8 is enough" game:

	Wins	VP	MP award
1) Mary Townhill/Scott Dunn/Jeff Thomas/Jack Self	3	67	

Winners in the May Individual game: **Harriet Blasetti**, Cathy Chiles, Brent Holcomb, Mike Bltonti, Mary Helen Woodall, Bob Webb, Jack Wilkinson, Kathy Kimmerling.

Congratulations: Jr. Master-**Kathy Kimmerling** Club Master: **Buddy Cullum, Beth Donelon, Clarence Hopke**, Sectional Master: **Karen Hansell, Henry Necheimias** Regional Master: **Bill**

Oswald, Margarita Morales, Helen Young, Beronica Whisnant NABC Master: **Bruce Kenner, Judy Sellers.**

The Club's newest Silver Life Master: **Jack Self!**

Here's a hand from the Master Solver's Club printed in the April edition of Bridge World. There are 3 passes to you in 4th seat. What is your call? Decide and read samples from 26 experts' comments and scoring on the next page:

♠ Q-J-10 ♥ K-Q-10-9 ♦ K-Q-J ♣ 9-8-6

David Berkowitz: 1♥-the suit I want led, the suit I want raised. The suit I want to play in.

Billy Eisenberg- 1♥. One club looks sick.

Rowntree and Walker: 1 Club. Does not misdescribe in any way. This feels like a No Trump hand but we can't see upgrading with flat distribution and no aces. The diamonds are much better than the clubs, but we are discouraging an opposing club lead. One heart would put us in hearts on a lot of hands we'd rather be in NT.

Bart Bramley: 1 Club-playing in a 4-3 heart fit with 23 HCP and two balanced hands is unlikely to score better than NT. Given opponents silence, a strong (ed: 3-card Heart) raise (of a 1 heart opening) by partner is not unlikely.

Mark Lair: 1 Club. Why distort the hand by starting with 1 heart on a reasonable 14-count?

Mike Passel: 1 diamond. Good diamonds, bad clubs, opening hand.

Ross Grabel: 1 diamond. This does not look like a hand worth upgrading but it is strong enough to think that it may be our deal. Some would open a lead prohibitive 1 Club, but I prefer a lead directing 1 diamond to hedge our bets in case we wind up defending.

1♥ 100 chosen by 14 experts

1♣ 90 chosen by 7 experts

1♦ 70 chosen by 5 experts (hmmm...my choice-predictable)

The CBC year-long points races (June 1-May 31 Points won at the club, Standings are as of **May 19-just 2 weeks to go.** Three races are pretty much decided, Centurion up for grabs.

Sol Lourie Open 1) Patrick Lauterbach 183.41 2) Jack Self (170.74) 3) Jay Shahani 168.52
4) Hap Neuffer 157.28 5) Joyce Lauterbach 149.22 6) Pat Webb 142.38 7) Alice Moore 139.09
8) Mary Townhill 137.23 9) Al Kirkland 130.56 10) Bob Webb 125.76 11) Ken Fasching 121.56

Henry Mills 0-2000

Coleman Farrell Non-LM

Centurion Cup 0-100

1) Jack Self	170.74	Scott Dunn	106.48	Beronica Whisnant	28.24
2) Jay Shahani	168.52	Jerry Love	67.21	Sue Hopoke	27.52
3) Mary Townhill	137.23	Belford Cross	64.02	Helen Young	26.90
4) AL Kirkland	130.56	MaryAnn Cross	62.94	Karen Faulkenberry	25.89
5) Jim Chianelli	115.34	Greg Garrison	61.38	Mary Helen Woodall	24.57
6) Zan Edmunds	111.84	Leck Mason	59.45	Bill Oswald	24.40
7) Scott Dunn	106.48	Judy Sellers	54.38	Clarence Hopke	18.39
8) Harriet Blasetti	102.07	James Bass	48.58	Hillary McDonald	16.35
9) Bernetha Henry	101.90	Frances Potter	44.43	Barbara Orr	16.32
10) Brent Holcomb	93.78	Diana Ellis	43.56	Beth Campione	13.28

“As you go through life make this your goal: Watch the donut, not the hole.” (chorus from a kids song that we sometimes too soon forget.

“Blind leads are for deaf players” Irascible Al Shenken to partner. Don’t depend on bromides-bridge is not a ‘cookbook’ game. You can remember the bidding long enough to make your opening lead. Once again-I make a pitch for the David Bird/Taf Anthias books on leads-certainly changed some of my opinions.