

## TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(The calendar is On-line at [columbia.bridge-club.org](http://columbia.bridge-club.org).)

**The October Birthday party** was a Club Appreciation gift from the ACBL. The four top scoring pairs sat E/W as the hands seemed to run heavily that way. But there was no shortage of master points or cake or deviled eggs, so it all worked out. **Tom and Susan's 63% WINS.**

N/S	8 ½ tables Club Appreciation		E/W
1) Jack Self/Scott Dunn	103.5	Susan McFadden/Tom Gabriel	117.5
2) Brent Hplcomb/Ed Scheiblich	100.13	Phil Mixson/Jay Jacobs	112.5
3) Belford and MaryAnn Cross	99.56	Chuck Kennedy/Henry Momand	110.5
4) Fran Jenkins/Margaret Hill	97.5	Pat and Joyce Lauterbach	107.5
5) Barb Cathey/Jerry Love	93.5	Bibs Hurt/Elaine Wade	85.5

**Winners in the Oct. 2 8 is enough teams game:**

	Wins	Victory pts.	Master pts.
1) Harold Moore/J. Lauterbach/Bibs Hurt/Fran Robinson	3	52	3.00
2) Mary Townhll/Dot Jones/Scott Dunn/Jack Self	2	46	2.25

**Winners of the Oct. 9 8 is enough team game:**

1) Tom Balcerek/Abduhl Ghaffar/Jay Shahani/Al Kirkland	2	49	2.57
2) Frazer/Roy McCrorey/Jack Wilkinson/M. Murphy	3	48	1.93
3) Beth Campione/Beronica Whisinant/S. Dunn/Jack Self	3	44	1.45

**0-300 Club Appreciation winners:**

1) Judy Small/Mary Ivey/Karen Hogan/Marcia Fletcher	2.5	42	1.34B/.07G
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It was great to see 12 teams out on the 9<sup>th</sup>, four in the 0-300 section.

**October 16 was the Instant Match Point Game.** Winners in each direction got to take home a Gold point as part of their award. In this game, the match points do not have to balance. Joyce and I once actually won a section in a Miami club with less than average. We almost did it again. Our visiting friends from Des Moines had 68.57% and may be in line for District honors.

N/S	Instant Match Point Game 6 ½ tables		E/W
1) Bud and Kay Stowe	1920	Patrick and Joyce Lauterbach	1457.4
2) Hap Neuffer/Alice Moore	751	Jay Shahani/Ken Fasching	1230.6
3) Brend Gantt/Margaret Hill	1619	Janet and Tracy Vickers	1228.35
4) Henry Momand/Frances Lawton	1554	Ed and Sheelagh Young	1211

**November 27 is Thanksgiving** and there will be no games at the club.

**The "Take a new partner to the game"** on the third or fourth Thursdays of the month has been a rousing success. However, the placement of the Holidays this year means we have no organized way of doing this event in November and December. Some of us plan to continue on other Thursdays, but we'll be back to the formal promotion of the event come January.

**Vic DeFiori Memorial "Bring a Sandwich" raffle:** winner gets a free team entry to the January GNT qualifier, lunch catered by May Ann Cross and a bottle of wine. Tickets \$5-see a director.

**Thinking on Offense: Here's a hand** I played where, as the English would say, I was "too clever by half." An uncontested auction and play against a pretty decent pair.

My hand:	Ken's hand	Ken	Me
S- 10	A-Q-J-9-3	1 Spade	2 Clubs
H- K-9-8-5	7	4 Clubs	4 NT
D- A-10-9-8	Q-5	5 Spades *	6 Clubs
C-K-J-9-7	A-Q-10-5-4	All pass	

\*two key cards and the Club Queen

I was aiming for 3 NT, maybe even if Ken showed a 4 card Heart suit, but in any case trying to entice an opening lead into Diamonds at NT. This 11 count is better than just 11. Ken foxed that with the 4 Club call but you have to go with partner. So even when we are an ace control short, 6 clubs is the only real option to 3 NT. The opening lead was a diamond and I guessed right to play the Queen. (LHO is good enough that he is going to under lead a King more readily than a Jack. It took three rounds to draw trump and the ace of diamonds drew two small cards from opponents. I have to play that the ace of hearts is in front of my King. I'm missing 7 Spades to the King-odds are upwards of 70% they split 4-3. I can make the hand with the Spade King stiff, second or third on-side. I can't ruff out King fourth on-side with only one trump left in hand (and it leaves me one discard short) but I can if it is fourth (or shorter) behind the ace, so play it for being offside it is. I lead the 10 to the Ace and the Queen off the table. RHO takes the suspense out of the play early by dithering but finally covers. Ruff the king away and ruff a diamond to the table where we find the Spades do indeed split 4-3 and a diamond and two hearts are discarded. A Heart lead from the dummy draws the Ace from RHO and the slam is home. Without a diamond lead the hand is simpler. Just make the Heart and then the Spade plays right away and after ruffing out the King, draw trump ending on the table and pitch 3 diamonds from your hand after pitching the board's second diamond on the Heart King. This was for those of you who wanted an example of how an "A" player thinks and plays. Make a plan people. What's not just your bid on this round, but your rebid after partner shows something? If you're in an unlikely contract, what's going to bring it home for a match point top? (If you're out there in the heavy rough, you're usually playing for top or bottom. How are you going to get a better score than the par contract the field is playing?)

**The Cup races** run from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. Only points won at the CBC are included in the race totals. Classification of players is point total as of June 1, 2014. Standings as of 10/19/2014:

**Centurion Cup (0-100 MP)** 1) Janet Sheridan 24.94 2) Dot Jones 23.61 3) Shelby King 21.23  
4) Burton Case 18.85 5) Beth McMaster 17.52 6) Kathy Kimmerling 16.34 7) Sallie McCardle 15.46  
8) Beth Donelan 15.36 9) Hillary McDonald 15.26 10) Karen Hansell 14.17 Suzi Weisman

Sol Lourie Unlimited		Henry Mills 0-2000		Coleman Farrell Non Life Master	
1) Jay Shahani	98.20	Jay Shahani	98.20	Bel Cross	39.98
2) Patrick Lauterbach	93.68	Jack Self	75.35	Lauren Alexander	31.42
3) Bob Webb	92.01	Mary Townhill	69.37	Jerry love	26.70
4) Hap Neuffer	85.37	Fran Lawton	61.24	Janet Sheridan	24.94
5) Pat Webb	81.15	Tom Gabriel	52.93	Dot Jones	23.61
6) Jack Self	75.35	Scott Dunn	52.84	Sue Hopke	23.34
7) Jack Self	60.46	Sallie Blackwell	43.15	Kay Stursberg	21.55
8) Joyce Lauterbach	74.16	Belford Cross	39.98	Helen Young	21.46
9) Mary Townhill	69.37	Jim Chianelli	39.64	Shelby King	21.23
10) Brent Holcomb	68.27	Zan Edmunds	38.24	Karen Faulkenberry	19.26