



The month of May brought a flurry of attempts to catch the leaders of the cup races, but in each case, the leaders at the end of April continued their dominance thru the end of May. In the Sol Lourie Open category, Jay Shahani capped a superb year winning just over 24 masterpoints during the final month to end up in first place with 238.14 points. Pat

Webb was just behind him with 223.92 points followed by Hap Neuffer, Al Kirkland, and Bob Webb.

In the Henry Mills Under 2000 category, Al Kirkland claimed the top spot with 206.18 masterpoints followed by Mary Townhill, Jack Self, Jack Wilkinson, and Mohan Bali. In the Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master race, Dot Jones continued her winning ways ending the year with 92.90 masterpoints to claim first place, followed by Sue Hopke in second place and Helen Young in third (only 0.05 masterpoints separated Sue and

Helen). Fourth and fifth places were held by Kathy Kimmerling and Janet Sheridan. In the Centurion Under 100 contest, Janet Sheridan kept her lead to take home the trophy with 54.74 masterpoints, followed by Brenda Isbell, Craig Lemrow, Kenyon

Stevenson, and Mary Frame. Congratulations to all the winners.

2015 - 2016 Columbia Bridge Club - Cup Races Finals Sol Lourie Open Coleman-Farrell (Non-LM) Centurion (Under 100) Henry Mills (Under 2000) Shahani 238.14 Shahani ** Jay 238.14 Dot 92.90 Sheridan Janet Jay Jones 75.29 Webb 223.92 Kirkland 206.18 Hopke 50.56 Pat Al Sue Isbell Brenda Neuffer Hap 210.63 Self Jack: 158.26 Young Helen 75.24 Lemrow Craig 48.71

Kirkland Al 206.18 Townhill Mary 157.39 Kimmerling Kathy 69.06 Stevenson Kenyon 46.01 Mary Webb Bob 195.11 Wilkinson Jack 131.59 Sheridan Janet 54.74 Frame 39.81 Alice 185.69 Mohan 124.69 McCardle 54.67 McCardle 34.42 Moore Bali Sally Robert Fasching Ken 160.56 Robinson Francis 111.74 Isbell Brenda 50.56 Smith Olivia 33.28 Beth Self Jack 158.26 Scott 105.24 Faulkenberry 49.88 Donelan 29.23 Dunn Karen

99.33

93.29

** Jay Shahani was ineligible due to winning the Sol Lourie Open

Lemrow

Love

Craig

Jerry

48.71

48.66

Small

Isbell

Judy

Jerry

Jack Self

27.50

23.39

And Now on to the 2016 – 2017 Cup Races

Harold 133.58

157.39

Charlwood Bill

Jim

on the first of June and are no longer eligible for that category).

So, we'll see you at the bridge table. Good luck!!

Chianelli

Townhill

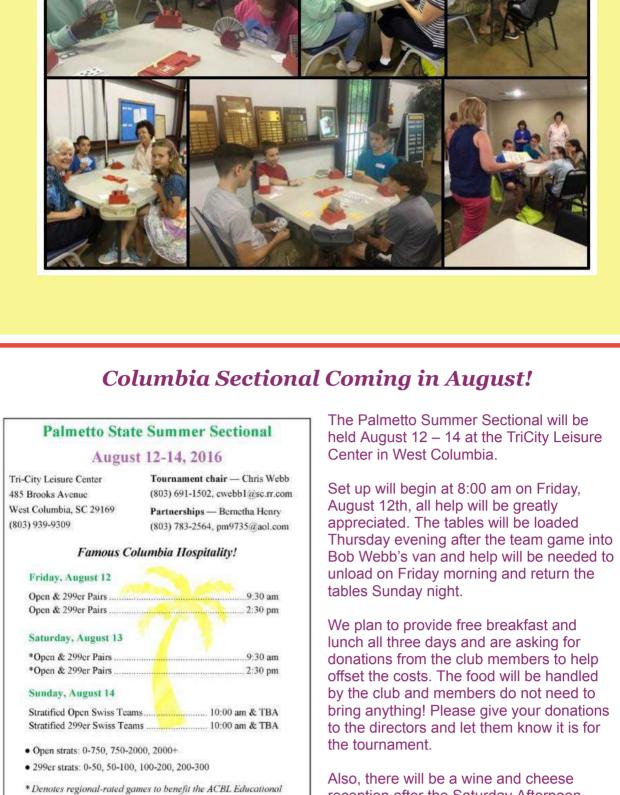
Moore

Mary

races for the new fiscal year beginning ere are several people who are going to our monthly newsletter will start reporting the ewsletter.

ced in is determined by his or her total ir (and don't forget that only members who The Centurion Under 100 Cup is always a toss up as any new member can jump in and start winning masterpoints (one of the side effects of winning the Centurion Cup is that the winners and second and third places usually wind up with more than a 100 masterpoints

2016 Youth Bridge Camp Lots of Learning! Lots of Fun!



The Longest Day Donation Exceeds \$500

Coming Soon.....

As players progress up the ranks, their name gets moved to the appropriate rank on the bulletin board. We will be excited to see your progress!

Masterpoint Milestones!

Club Master (20+ MP) Elizabeth Glazebrook

Junior Master (5+ MP)

Glenn Mitchel

The team has won a subsidized trip to play in the Nationals in Washington, DC this July, representing District 7. All the members of the Columbia Bridge Club wish Francine and the entire team, Ovunc Yilmaz of Columbia, Richard Smith of Spartanburg, S.C., and George Russell of Moore, S.C. the best of luck at the Nationals! Francine's team earned 30.00 gold points for winning this one event! All those seeking

weekend of May 21-22, 2016.

reception after the Saturday Afternoon session to honor Hap Neuffer, who recently

So - come play, celebrate Hap and support

Chris Webb, Sectional Tournament Chair

Due to the popularity of this game, the

Thursday evening,. Please refer to the

Come join us - you do not need a partner.

The game is very relaxed and it is a great

way to meet other players and improve

monthly calendar for dates.

your game.

CBC is now offering it three times a month: twice on Sunday afternoons and once on a

achieved the level of GRAND LIFE

our tournament. See you there!

MASTER.

Distirct 7 Flight A GNT winners!

Congratulations to Francine Moring of the Columbia Bridge Club, who was on the

winning team for Flight A Grand National Teams, District 7 finals in the Greenville, S.C, the

Now Peter bids 5D After appropriate time, partner passes I cannot X, we cannot make 6C, so I hope partner is 6/5 and I bid 5H Ace of S lead and dummy is X AKJxx X AKQxxx There are only 3 hands left; Peter under leads his AQ of D finds partner with the K and a club is put on the table -

certainly with 5 trumps!!

July 14 July 15

July 17

July 19 July 21

July 24

July 28

July 29

Aug 18

Aug 25

July 22 - 24

August 4 - 7

August 12 - 14

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August 22 - 28

benefits.

Aug 22 - 28 STaC Week

Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game) Aug 2 Aug 4 Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game) Aug 6 August Birthday Party - August babies play Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed Aug 12 - 14 NO GAMES AT THE CBC - Join us at Tri City for the Columbia Sectional Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Hi-Low STaC Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

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Barry Crane insisted his partners play "his way" or they would not be his partner for long. Jeff Meckstroth played with him and tore his convention card up after just one event, stating he was impossible. Here are his top 12 commandments at bridge I thought you would find interesting to read.

minus 2220. First, let us recall the first of two basic principles. When declarer leads an honor (such as the Queen) from dummy or his hand, it is right for the defender to cover that honor with

1. Never pull partner's penalty double 2. Always take a sure gain 3. Watch out for the three level

Play Along with Jack More on Covering and Honor with an Honor Jack Self

Now, declarer leads the ♦Q. If you have not read the previous column from the May newsletter, you might think, "Gee, I better cover that Queen with my King because I was taught to cover and honor with an honor." If so, you just gave away the contract, because declarer held ♦A32 and won your ♦K with her ♦A and then lead a low diamond and finessed your partner right out of his ♦10 by playing dummy's ♦9 when partner played low. But, if you did read last May's column, you are going to let declarer win his ♦Q and wait to

about. I am only going to give you your cards and dummy's cards in one suit since that is all that is important. Suppose your opponents bid their way to a vulnerable 7NT. Your partner leads and declarer quickly takes the first ten tricks. With three tricks to go, dummy

CDs can be purchased at the director's

The CBC is grateful for the talent he shares

each rank: http://www.acbl.org/masterpointsresults/masterpoint-ranks-effective-january-

make a couple of close games.... but it's not over... Partner opens 1C* (15+ either 15-17 NT, unbalanced with clubs or Game Force hand). Then bids 1H* (shows 4+ spades); Peter goes to bid but then passes Now partner bids 2H (unbalanced with clubs)

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments Special Games at the CBC

Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)

Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

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Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1000 game)

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Savannah Sectional Tournament

Charlotte Sectional Tournament

Columbia Sectional Tournament

District 7 STaC Tournament

Hendersonville Sectional Tournament

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

Two hands later, I lead the suit my partner X against 3NT (KQJxx) instead of my natural spade lead and again with careful declarer play, Alex makes the hand - 10 imps So we

Take home: They never gave up, nothing to lose when you are down, so going for the set

Lee Webb The Barry Crane Top 500 is a list of ACBL high masterpoint winners named on a yearly

He was known for taking uninhabited chances during the bidding auction and reaping the

Crane was a television producer and directed shows such as "Mannix", and "Mission Impossible". His other credits included "Hawaii Five-O," "Bionic Woman" "Police Story," "Trapper John, M.D.," "Chips" and one episode of "Dallas". He was preparing for a final round of bridge in Pasadena, Calif., when at age 57; he was bludgeoned to death in his home. There were no signs of forced entry to his house but his wallet and his 1984 Cadillac were missing, both recovered the next day 60 miles away in a park. Over 100

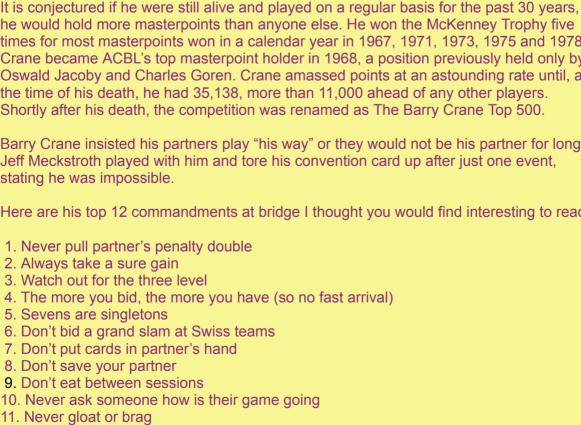
people gave statements to the police but the crime was never solved.

11. Never gloat or brag 12. The queen is over the jack in the minors, and under the jack in the majors Read the full story: ACBL Bridge Bulletin, 2016, Volume 82, Number 2, February 2016.

your partner's cards (pay attention to that boldfaced part). If there is no way you or your partner can possibly gain a trick from covering, it is usually wrong to do so. The second principle says that when declarer is leading a series of touching honors from the dummy (such as the Q J 10), it is usually right to wait until he leads the last of the

cover the ♦J with your King. Now declarer will win his Ace but your partner's ♦10 will take

offer both RED and BLACK points to winners! Refer to the calendar for game dates and times.



Last time I wrote about how we are taught to always cover and honor with an honor and why, sometimes, it is wrong to do this. This month I am going to show you a hand where covering an honor at the wrong time can make the difference between scoring plus 100 or

He is sharing 17 of his favorite whistlin'

accompaniment on a CD for our club's

John has graciously donated his CDs to

the Columbia Bridge Club. They are available for purchase at \$3.00 each and the entire profit will benefit the CBC.

tune compositions with guitar

enjoyment.

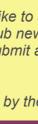
5. Sevens are singletons 6. Don't bid a grand slam at Swiss teams 7. Don't put cards in partner's hand 8. Don't save your partner 9. Don't eat between sessions 10. Never ask someone how is their game going Two Columbia Bridge Club Members listed on the Barry Crane Top 500 for 2015 Francine Moring placed 209, having won 735.05 points and is joined by Betsy Stanton, who finished in place 480 with 509.50 total points. This is a great accomplishment and we are proud to have them representing CBC.

her own honor (such as the King) as long as it is possible to promote one of your or honors to cover (after all, declarer may have a singleton Ace and is trying to trick you into covering early and giving him two extra tricks. Okay, so here's the hand I was talking

4. The more you bid, the more you have (so no fast arrival)

the setting trick. You might want to get a deck of cards lay out this three card ending to see how it works. By the way, of course your partner is going to compliment you on your good play of waiting to cover the second honor (away from the table, of course. It is bad manners to congratulate each other on setting the opponents contracts while they are still sitting at the table with you).

> Looking for some Red Points? Play in July and August! NAP games



Clarion Inn - 500 Chris Drive (803) 794-9440 Hampton Inn - 1094 Chris Drive (803) 791-8940

Host Hotels

July 10th - Sunday **Individual Game Sets** Attendance Record

This past Sunday, there were 7 full tables -

The previous record of 25 players was set more than five years ago at Maxcy Gregg

The Open Charity Game paid out well for

2nd - John Memory, 3rd - Diana Ellis and

4th - Burton Case! More than 10

masterpoints were shared by the 14

players who scratched in this event!

the top four finishers: 1st - Sallie Blackwell,

28 players for the Individual Game!

Senior Center.

Look for a new addition to the bulletin board.

Gold, remember team games are a good source of these if you play in the Grand National in the Grand National Teams

With J10xxx Qxx X 10xxx - I bid 5C. RUFFED - other table was allowed to play 5C (2D and no raise by his partner with Kxxxx of D-5D makes) So this costs us 10 imp swing

won the semi's by 3, the two skinny games early in the set coming into play

Click on Tournament to download Flyer History Behind The Barry Crane Top 500 basis. Barry Crane was widely regarded as the most successful bridge player of all time.

A Talent and a Gift John Memory, a CBC member, retired criminal justice professor and avid bridge player has composed about 50 tunes.

desk.

and his gift to us.

has the ♦QJ9 left and you (sitting next after dummy) have the ♦K64 (Remember! Declarer needs all three of the remaining tricks to make her contract). You have also counted correctly and know declarer has three diamonds left.

2016-2017

cbc.news.sc@gmail.com. This is your Club newsletter and all suggestions or submissions for future articles are welcome! Please submit articles by the 5th of the month. All articles are subject to editorial approval and edit. The CBC Newsletter is published monthly by the Columbia Bridge Club - Columbia, SC

This was the CBC's first year participating in the Longest Day - and it was a success, yielding a \$508.00 donation to support the Alzheimer Association. The contribution breakdown: \$ 92.00 (23 tables at \$4.00) \$ 150.00 (3 games director fees) \$ 20.00 (private donation) LONGEST DAY \$ 246.00 (accrued local charity funds) The CBC would like to thank everyone who participated! You are part of a global fight to end Also, if anyone would like to chair this Alzheimer's event next year, please see Lee Webb..

To recognize new and advancing player ranks at our club, we will be putting all nonlife master member names on a 3x5 card. To access the masterpoint requirements for

1-2010/

events at sectionals. Our club is stellar in providing ample opportunities to qualify and play Lee Webb **Never Give Up!** (Recap from Francine Moring from the Flight A GNT Finals) We are in a tough match with Alex Hudson and Peter Boyd-Bowman, after a 17 IMP deficit (we had to spot them in advance), then a 22 IMP lead at the half, 12 boards to go, we

Congratulations!

of 5H and only hope. And always bid with 4 trumps (unless 4333 and no points) but Francine Moring Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game)

times for most masterpoints won in a calendar year in 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1978. Crane became ACBL's top masterpoint holder in 1968, a position previously held only by Oswald Jacoby and Charles Goren. Crane amassed points at an astounding rate until, at the time of his death, he had 35,138, more than 11,000 ahead of any other players. Shortly after his death, the competition was renamed as The Barry Crane Top 500.

You, of course, will just shrug modestly and say, "Thank you."

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