



Thru May 1

2016 - 2017 Cup Races

by Jack Self

We have one more month to go in this year's cup races, and, in each category, a clear favorite has taken the lead. But, as sports fans often say, "It ain't over til it's over," so anything can happen in the closing days.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, Mohan Bali has widened his lead over second place Hap Neuffer by just over 65 masterpoints. Jay Shahani trails Hap by less than two points in third place, while fourth place Pat Webb and fifth place Alice Moore follow behind Jay about 20 points. Bob Webb is in sixth place while Mary Townhill, Al Kirkland, Ken Fasching, and Harold Moore each retain spots seven through ten, respectively.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** race, Al Kirkland has maintained his 28 masterpoint lead over second place Jack Wilkinson follows in third by Carolyn Cromer. Jack Self moves up a notch to fourth place followed by Scott McPherson in fifth place. Francis Robinson is in sixth place followed by Mike Bitonti who bumps up one slot to seventh place. Bernetha Henry, Helen Young, and Bill Charlwood all round out the top ten.

In the **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** category, Helen Young has increased her lead over second place Kenyon Stevenson to just over 12 masterpoints, while Mary Frame comes in third trailing Kenyon by only three points. Janet Sheridan claims the number four slot while Dot Jones comes in at number five. Karen Faulkenberry, Kathy Kimmerling, and Brenda Isbell are bunched up together at the sixth through eighth spots while Shelby King and cup race newcomer Beth Watson round out the top ten.

In the **Centurion Under 100** race, Brenda Isbell has a solid 10 point lead over second place Myra Jaynes with Olivia Smith coming in third followed by Sue Kline in fourth place. The next three slots go to Doug Rice, Charles Williams, and Jerry Isbell, while, Craig Lemrow, Bob McCordle, and Judy Sternberg round out the top ten.

As mentioned earlier, we have only one month to go, but the month of May has plenty of charity games and is also Junior Fund month, meaning most every game is an extra masterpoint game, so anything is possible. So grab your partner and head to the table and help make the race to the finish line an exciting one.

MAY 2017

	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Sol Lourie	271.59	Al Kirkland	135.49	Helen Young	83.37	Brenda Isbell	57.22
Mohan Bali	205.16	Jack Wilkinson	106.71	Kenyon Stevenson	70.90	Myra Jaynes	47.36
Hap Neuffer	203.18	Carolyn Cromer	104.67	Mary Frame	67.48	Olivia Smith	44.03
Jay Shahani	182.99	Jack Self	102.48	Janet Sheridan	64.57	Sue Kline	38.00
Pat Webb	180.57	Scott McPherson	93.65	Dot Jones	62.82	Doug Rice	27.55
Alice Moore	160.44	Francis Robinson	92.24	Karen Faulkenberry	61.44	Charles Williams	26.09
Bob Webb	139.08	Mike Bitonti	89.33	Kathy Kimmerling	60.28	Jerry Isbell	25.39
Mary Townhill	135.49	Bernetha Henry	84.47	Brenda Isbell	57.22	Craig Lemrow	24.24
Al Kirkland	123.26	Helen Young	83.37	Shelby King	49.72	Bob McCordle	20.92
Ken Fasching	121.84	Bill Charlwood	81.25	Beth Watson	49.15	Judy Sternberg	20.66
Harold Moore							

Board of Director Elections

Monday - May 15



The Columbia Bridge Club is pleased to announce and welcome our two new at large board members: Scott Dunn and Mary Frame. They will both serve a three-year term. Please welcome to the board when you see them at the club.

The CBC calendar year begins on June 1 and the directors are collecting yearly membership dues now.

2017 - 18 Memberships Available Now

For \$20.00, CBC members receive a free play in the Birthday Game (for their birthday month), the Summer Party and the Winter Party.

You must have your dues paid prior to the Summer party on June 24, to receive a Free Play.

From the Club Manager



Summer Saturdays

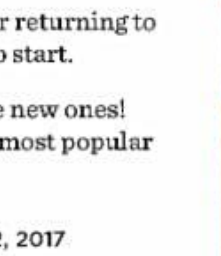
by Craig Lemrow

If you would be interested in having the Saturday game start at 9:00 AM, 9:30 AM or 10:00 AM (one of the three) instead of 12:30 PM for the months of July and August please let one of the directors or board members know.

The format would be Open and a 0-300 side game. Of course if you like the game at 12:30 PM, be sure to let a director or board member know that too.

Thanks for your continued support of CBC.

2017 Youth Bridge Camp



Learn to Play Bridge this Summer!

Columbia Bridge Club
2017 Youth Bridge Camp

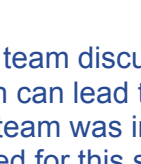
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Ages: 9 thru 17

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
June 26 - 30, 2017

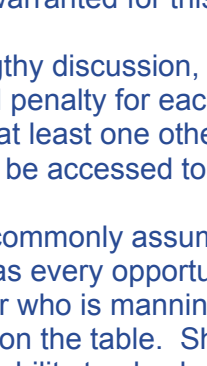
77 Brighton Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Bring Your Friends and Join Us for a Week of
Bridge Lessons at the Columbia Bridge Club!
\$20.00 Includes Booklet, Snacks and Pizza Party
Space is Limited Registration Ends June 20

For More Information or to Register visit -
<http://www.columbia-bridge-club.org/>
or Scan our QR code with your smartphone!



www.acbl.org/unions



GNT Regional Finals

Kathy Kimmerling and Craig Lemrow finished 2nd in the Flight C GNT in Morganton on May 7th. This is a great accomplishment and they are now qualified to participate in the Mini Spingold at the Toronto Nationals this summer. They will receive a stipend from District 7 for the trip.

Their partners were Kay McCarthy and Diane Monroe from the Charleston area.

Congratulations!

Big Thanks to Dodi

The three GNT events netted the club a nice \$1,298. We had 45 teams in play this year. The club is so fortunate to have all your promotion, hard work, and generous breakfast and lunch snacks and desserts. Thank you so very much!

Learn Bridge in a Day?

August 2nd at the Columbia Regional



Can you Learn Bridge in A Day?®

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Whether you are a beginner or returning to bridge, it's the perfect place to start.

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See why bridge is the world's most popular card game.

Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

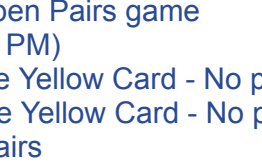
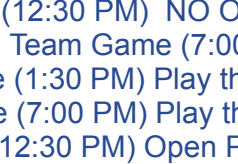
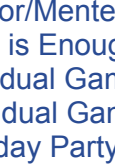
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Double Tree - Columbia
2100 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Cost: \$25 includes class materials and a light lunch
Please Preregister (see below)

Registration:

Website: www.columbia-bridge-club.org
Questions: Email: cbc-news.sc@gmail.com
or call Kathy at (734) 476-4046 All Ages Welcome!



The State newspaper will have an ad in the GO section on Thursday, May 18, and watch for upcoming ads in other neighborhood newspapers to share with potential students!

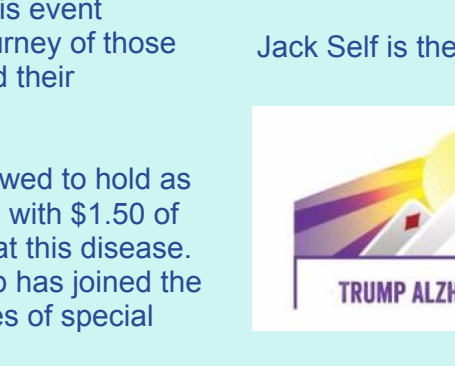
Flyers and Postcards are available to distribute to anyone you think would be interested in participating. . Please post in churches, neighborhood newsletters, Facebook, etc. This session is for true beginners as well as those coming back to the game. Parent and child partnerships would be exciting for the game! All ages are welcome!

The event is listed on the ACBL, District 7 and the CBC websites. It can also be found on the CBC Facebook page!

Helpers will be needed at the session - registration link for Volunteers is on the CBC webpage.

Registration for the session is on the CBC webpage and available now.

From the Head Director....



The CBC Director team discussed the issue of players playing the wrong boards at a table, which in turn can lead to other players being unable to play those boards at the proper time. The team was in unanimous consent that some form of procedural penalty is warranted for this situation.

After a lengthy discussion, the CBC Director team came to an agreement that there will be ½ board penalty for each board that is played by the incorrect players which results in denying at least one other pair the opportunity to play that board. This procedural penalty will be accessed to both the N/S and E/W pairs.

While it is commonly assumed that the N/S pair oversees the table, we feel that the E/W pair has every opportunity to help avoid such situations by confirming with either the N/S pair who is manning the Bridgeteam unit, or by checking the pair listing on the guide card on the table. Should this situation occur, the non-offending pairs who were denied the ability to play board(s) when they were supposed to will be awarded "No Plays" on each board. A "No Play" result does not affect a pair's score positively or negatively, and is viewed as the fairest result that can be obtained to avoid "unjust enrichment" of their score. The offending pairs will keep their results (good or bad) they obtained for the boards in question.

In a separate procedural related matter, the CBC Director team discussed the issue of players playing the correct set of boards at a table, however playing them in the incorrect direction. This is common when pairs at a table which flip-flops N/S to E/W forgets to check their guide card for seating orientation. While this is less destructive to the game, it is still disruptive and involves the game configuration to be changed.

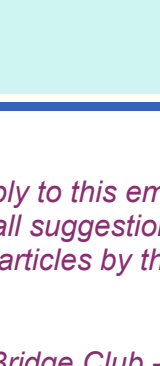
After some discussion, the CBC Director team feels that a ¼ board penalty be accessed to both pairs at a table where all the boards of an entire round have been played in the incorrect orientation. If the players at that table alert the Director-in-Charge to the issue prior to the last board of the round being played, then the ¼ board penalty will be waived. Regardless of whether the ¼ board penalty is issued to the players, all results for that round will stand.

The ¼ "improper direction" and the ½ board "improper boards" procedural penalties are being accessed to help cut down on the increased number of these infractions, and to get both pairs coming to table to verify that they are seated not only at the correct table, but also in the correct direction. The CBC Director team hopes that all players will take more time at the start of a round to validate their seating, which in turn will cause less disruption for the game.

2017 OURGAME WORLD WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST

SATURDAY JUNE 3 12:30 PM

It's the event playing around the world! Join us for the Worldwide Bridge Contest sponsored by the World Bridge Federation. This international competition is scored across the world using the Internet to give an overall winner. Each participant receives an electronic souvenir booklet. The WBF will award prizes based on world matchpointing. The two top district winners by percentage receive bonus awards. Additional recognition comes from the WBF.



Masterpoints:

- 50/15 red and black at 81.8% sectional rating

The top ACBL winners will be recognized on the website and the Bridge Bulletin.



CBC Summer Party!

June 24

The annual CBC Summer party will be held on June 24th.

The luncheon will begin at 11:00 AM and the game will follow at 12:30 PM.

We'll be serving up loads of delicious food and drink and plenty of excellent bridge. So, grab your favorite partner and come spend the day with us. If you don't have a partner, don't worry, we'll have someone there on standby. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Tickets for the party will go on sale soon!

The game is included in the 2017-18 membership.

Beth Watson is chairperson for this event. More details will follow by email....

Lighting for Sale



The old club lighting, 11 fixtures, is for sale. If anyone knows an electrical contractor, commercial builder, or architect who might be interested in our old lighting please have them contact the club manager, Craig Lemrow at 803-960-3572.

We are asking \$500 for the 11 fixtures and bulbs. The fixtures are designed for low bay lighting. Cooper Lighting - 400 Watts, Model No SS, part number 3607497, manufactured in January 2007.

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

May 18	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
May 21	Individual Game (12:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
May 25	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
May 28	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

June 1	Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
June 3	World Wide Bridge Contest (12:30 PM)
June 4	Open Pairs (1:30 PM)
June 8	Mentor/Mentee (12:30 PM) NO Open Pairs game
June 11	Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
June 15	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
June 17	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
June 17	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
June 18	Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
June 15	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
June 21	The Longest Day: 3 Games 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM
June 21	NO SUPERVISED PLAY (Come Play! - 6:30PM 99'er Longest Day game)
June 22	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
June 24	Summer Party 11:00 AM - Game 12:30 PM
June 25	Open Pairs (1:30 PM)

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

May 25 - 29	Atlanta SuperSectional
June 5 - 11	Greenville Regional
June 22 - 25	Blue Ridge Spectacular - Flat Rock Sectional
July 31 - Aug 6	Columbia Regional

Click on Tournament to download flyer

The Longest Day

June 21st



Join us for the 5th annual The Longest Day fundraising event supporting Alzheimer's disease care and research. Held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, the longest day of the year, this event symbolizes the difficult journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

On this day, clubs are allowed to hold as many games as they wish with \$1.50 of each entry going to combat this disease. The Columbia Bridge Club has joined the fight and is hosting a series of special games on that day.

There will be three games scheduled with 18 - 21 boards per round:

9:30 AM OPEN game
1:00 PM OPEN game
6:30 PM OPEN and 99'er game

There will be a short lunch break between the 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM games.

So on June 21, come and play in one, two, or all three games and enjoy a day of bridge while contributing to a worthwhile charity.

Players are encouraged to wear purple on that day to show your support for the fight against Alzheimer's.

Jack Self is the chairperson for this event.



Strictly for Beginners

by Jack Self

Sometimes new players feel overwhelmed when they start playing bridge. It seems like there is so much to learn and every time you learn one thing, three more things pop up that need learning. Sometimes you feel that you have no chance to win because the people you are playing against know so much more than you do.

Okay, so let me let you in on a few secrets. One of these secrets is that everyone you ever meet playing bridge felt the same way you do when they started playing. I certainly did. I distinctly remember the first day I went to learn to play bridge (at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina). I left thinking that there was way too much for me to learn in order to play this game. I had no idea what I was doing when I was told to respond 5 Hearts to my (experienced) partner's bid of 4NT. And when I was told to count my points, I wondered how I had any points when I had not even played the first hand. But, with the arrogance of youth, I went back for a second lesson and a third and a fourth, and slowly I began to understand what the game was all about. And let me emphasize the word "slowly."

A second secret is that, yes, every time you learn something, indeed, there are three more things that need learning, BUT you do not have to learn them all at once. Learn what you can when you can at your own pace. It is better to learn two things and know them well than learn 10 things and just barely understand them. And do not let anyone try to teach you too much at one time. Politely tell them thank you, but you are not ready to learn that. If they still try to make you learn it, repeat your message but this time be less polite (You can always say, "Jack said...." and let them come to me. I certainly do not mind arguing with them).

A third secret is not really a secret at all. You probably are NOT going to win at first playing against people who have been playing for years. I know I didn't. When I started playing bridge, I cannot tell you how many times I came in last. I was lucky. I had people who encouraged me, who offered constructive criticism of my bids and plays (and there was lots of it!!!), and who taught me a few things along the way. It was four years before I came in first at a duplicate game. I remember the day well. It was at the Marion, NC, Duplicate Bridge Club game. When my name was called out as the first place winner, it was one of the happiest days of my bridge life.

As an aside to this third secret, you should not be afraid to play against "good" players. You should not only be willing to play but actively want to play against them. Those better players will help you learn. They will not let you make a mistake and get away with it. Most of them will be willing to point out what you did wrong and how you can avoid it in the future if you are willing to listen. And do not go into a round against a "good" pair thinking you are going to get creamed. Every hand is a new hand and every hand is a chance to do well no matter who is sitting opposite you.

Be gentle with yourself, you're doing the best you can.

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