



2017 - 2018 Cup Races

We are four months into the new fiscal year and the cup races are already shaping up. In the Sol Lourie Open, the Henry Mills Under 2000, and the Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master, a clear favorite has jumped out to an early lead, but in the Centurion Under 1000 category, there is already a tight race for first place.

The **Sol Lourie Open** category includes everyone who is a member of our club. And remember, only points won at our local games are included in the totals. Mohan Bali is continuing his onslaught from last year and is leading the pack with 111.22 masterpoints. Hap Neuffer and Alice Moore come in second and third, both approximately 26 points back. Jay Shahani checks in at the number four slot while Al Kirkland, Jack Wilkinson, and Carolyn Cromer are neck and neck for the fifth through seventh slots. Pat Webb, Bernetha Henry, and Brent Holcomb round out the top ten.

The **Henry Mills Under 2000** category includes, like the name says, everyone who had fewer than 2000 masterpoints as of June 1, 2017. Jack Wilkinson leads the way with just over 50 masterpoints with Bernetha Henry trailing him by 8 points in second place. The third through sixth spots are all closely contested by Frances Robinson, Beth Watson, Bill Charwood, and Mike Bitonti. Scott McPherson and Scott Dunn are vying for the seventh and eighth places while Marianne Murphy and Jack Self complete the top ten.

The **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** category includes everyone who has not yet competed the requirements for the coveted gold card. Leading the way is Beth Watson with almost 31 masterpoints followed closely by Kathy Kimmerling with over 25. Janet Sheridan and Mary Frame are in close competition for the third and fourth places while Brenda Isbell, Shelby King, and Sally McCardle are bunched together in the fifth, sixth, and seventh slots. Helen Young, Sharon Bowen, and Hillary McDonald together round out the top ten.

The **Centurion Under 100** category includes those who have not yet reached 100 masterpoints and is usually the most tightly contested category of the four. This year is certainly no exception with Myra Jaynes and Charmelle Staples leading the way with just over 16 masterpoints but separated by just a small fraction. Glen Mitchell and Eddie Crosby come in third and fourth with both having just over 11 masterpoints. Judy Sternberg and Stella Donelan are neck and neck for the fifth and sixth slots while Hilde Moore, Martha Beckman, Bob McCardle, and Ginny Carrier complete the list of the top ten.

Remember, the categories you are eligible for are based on your masterpoint holding as of June 1, the start of this fiscal year. If you feel you have been put into the wrong category, please let us here at the newsletter know so you can be properly placed.

It is too early to concede any of the cup races. Indeed, we have not even reached the halfway point of the year. So join your partner at the table and remind everyone that you might just replace them on the top ten list next month. See you at the club!

-Jack Self

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sol Lourie	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Mohan Bali	111.2	Jack Wilkinson	50.30	Beth Watson	35.60	Myra Jaynes	15.75
Hap Neuffer	85.03	Bernetha Henry	42.99	Kathy Kimmerling	25.46	Charmelle Staples	15.63
Alice Moore	82.07	Frances Robinson	36.88	Janet Sheridan	24.08	Glenn Mitchell	11.25
Jay Shahani	60.73	Beth Watson	35.60	Mary Frame	23.08	Eddie Crosby	11.15
Al Kirkland	51.34	Bill Charwood	34.87	Brenda Isbell	21.11	Judy Sternberg	10.98
Jack Wilkinson	50.3	Mike Bitonti	34.07	Shelby King	20.68	Stella Donelan	10.65
Carolyn Cromer	49.07	Scott McPherson	30.56	Sally McCardle	20.50	Hilde Moore	8.78
Pat Webb	45.03	Scott Dunn	30.32	Helen Young	19.42	Martha Beckman	8.37
Bernetha Henry	42.99	Marianne Murphy	28.21	Sharon Bowen	18.28	Bob McCardle	7.96
Brent Holcomb	40.57	Jack Self	27.21	Hillary McDonald	18.25	Ginny Carrier	7.71

New Start Time for Evening Games



With the recommendation of the director committee and with unanimous board approval, the evening games will begin at 6:30 as of November 1, 2017. This will include the Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday games evening games.

On Tuesday Evenings, the mini-lesson will begin at 6:00 PM with the game following at 6:30 PM.

The Wednesday Supervised Play session will continue with its 6:00 PM start.

The membership committee received many requests to start evening games earlier. An earlier start time did not deter those who work and would allow those playing to get home sooner. We feel this time change will benefit the entire club. We hope to see you at the games.

-Lee Webb

INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2017
12:30 PM**

Hand records and analyses provided

See your score instantly after each deal played!

Features for players include a booklet with complete analyses of the deals by national champion Larry Cohen

Get with your favorite partner for this special ACBL game!

One gold point will be awarded for section winners in each direction. The remaining awards will be ½ red and ½ black sectional-rated.

This game is similar to a STaC game, where the results are sent on to be compared to other players for this session. Additional awards are available in the Overall and District Levels.

There will only be an OPEN game for this Event.

The 31st Annual ACBL-wide ♥ Wednesday afternoon, October 25, 2017

CBC Holiday Party Save the Date - Monday, December 4th



The CBC will be having its annual Holiday Party on Monday, December 4th.

Social begins at 5:00 PM with the stratified game beginning at 6:30 PM.

More details to follow; Beth Watson is the party chair.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Columbia Bridge Club
77 Brighton Hill Road
Columbia, SC 29223
www.columbia.bridge-club.org

CLUB LEVEL QUALIFIER SESSIONS

November 16th	Thursday	12:30 PM	Single Session
January 13th	Saturday	10:00 AM/TBA	Double Session ***
February 17th	Saturday	12:30 PM	Single Session
March 29th	Thursday	12:30 PM	Single Session

ALL FLIGHTS

Open Championship Flight Unlimited
Flight A Under 6000 Masterpoints
Flight B Under 2500 Masterpoints
Flight C Non-Life Master under 500 Masterpoints

Contact:
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Snacks and Beverages Provided at all Sessions
*** Bring a Sandwich for the Saturday, January 13th Double Session



Congratulations!

*Helen Young
is the CBC's
newest Life Master!*

Masterpoint Milestones

Life Master (500+ MP)

Helen Young

Sectional Master (50+ MP)

Charmelle Staples

Club Master (20+MP)

Eddie Crosby

Annette Siebert

Junior Master (5+MP)

Caroline Jones

North American Pairs

Qualification at club level required
Eligible players may enter Saturday and Sunday events

Saturday, Nov 18

Flight A (unlimited).....1:00 & 7:00

Flight C (Non-LM up to 500 MP's).....1:00 & 7:00

Spartanburg is one of several sites for Flight C finals

Sunday, Nov 19

Flight B (0-2500 MP's).....9:30 & TBA

NAP District Coordinator: Chris Moll, (504)495-7485, chris26bridge@aol.com

St. Nicholas Hellenic Center
701 Asheville Highway
Spartanburg, SC

From Business Loop I-85, take Exit 4 (Heron Circle).
Get off circle onto Asheville Highway, SC56 E toward downtown. Hellenic Center is 2 miles on the left.

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

Oct 19	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Oct 21	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
Oct 22	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Oct 25	Instant Matchpoint Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-300 game
Oct 26	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Oct 29	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Nov 2	Eight is Enough Team Game (6:30 PM)
Nov 5	Open Pairs (1:30 PM)
Nov 6	InterClub Championship (6:30 PM) NO 0-300 game
Nov 9	Mentor/Mentee (12:30 PM) NO Open Pairs game
Nov 9	Eight is Enough Team Game (6:30 PM)
Nov 11	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
Nov 12	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Nov 15	InterClub Championship (12:30 PM) NO 0-300 game
Nov 16	Grand National Team - single session (12:30 PM) NO Open Pairs game
Nov 19	Individual Game (6:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Nov 19	Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
Nov 22	NO Supervised Play
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day - CLUB CLOSED
Nov 26	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Dec 4	CBC Holiday Party - Social/Dinner 5:00 PM Bridge game 6:30 PM
Dec 11 - 14	STaC Week

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

October 23 - 29	Charlotte Regional
November 3 - 5	High Point Sectional
November 10 - 12	Hilton Head Sectional
November 17 - 19	Spartanburg Sectional
November 18	NAP District Finals Flight A and Flight C
November 19	NAP District Finals Flight B
December 1 - 3	North Augusta Sectional
Dec 27 - Jan 2	Myrtle Beach Regional
January 26 - 28	Columbia Future Life Master Sectional

Click on Tournament for Flyer

Guide to Game Upgrades

Ever wonder why you earn more masterpoints in a game on some days and not others? Part of the reason is that the CBC is often able to offer our members games with masterpoint upgrades.

These game upgrades are available to the CBC to use monthly, quarterly or just once. Some have restrictions on what type of game can be offered (ie only OPEN game) or other requirements to be eligible to earn masterpoints. Some have no additional cost to the CBC and others are quite pricey. Charity games give back to the CBC and ACBL causes - we pay more for these games, but do so to give back to the community.

The follow is a brief description of the various upgrades, game restrictions and payouts: the highest payout ** (82% sectional rating), next upgrade* (64% sectional rating) and masterpoint pigments are included. Some of these games include hand analysis by the pros. Scheduled upgraded games can be found on the monthly calendar.

Club Championship - CC* - quarterly/session

Club Membership - CM - NEW** - yearly/session **BOTH** members of the pair must be members of ACBL to be eligible to earn masterpoints this game.

Upgraded Club Championship - UCC** - earned with 10 new ACBL memberships

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games - JJ** - October - Pairs games** and Team Games** (+ 5% gold points up to 0.25)

InterClub Championship - ICC - OPEN pairs. ACBL assigns date and session. Results are turned into ACBL and compared with all other participants in this game - additional points available**.

Charity* - monthly - includes Local and ACBL Charities, Grassroots Fund, Junior Fund, International Fund and Educational Fund.

Instant Matchpoint Game - OPEN pairs** - October - ACBL assigns date and session. One gold point to winner (each direction) pays red and black points

Grand National Team Qualifier** - September thru April - red and black points. Must qualify at club level to advance to district tournament.

North American Pairs Qualifier.** June thru August - red and black points. Must qualify at club level to advance to district tournament.

NABC Fund** - One week assigned by ACBL when an upcoming NABC will be held in the District - this is for Atlanta 2018

GNT Fund** - yearly/session

ACBL wide events - OPEN pairs. ACBL assigns date and session. These include: World Wide Bridge Contest - ACBL-wide International Flight Game - ACBL-wide Senior Pairs - ACBL-wide Charity Game. Masterpoint payout varies - the results for these games are compared nationwide with all participants with the opportunity to earn additional masterpoints**.

District and Unit games - Date and session are assigned. Payout varies.

There you have it... Although most people just attend in a session because they like to play with their partner... if you are trying to earn a couple extra masterpoints to get to the next level, try adding one of these upgraded games on a new day!

-Kathy Kimmerling

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