

CBC NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



Special Election - December 4th



The CBC Board has called a Special Membership Meeting for December 4th at 6:00 pm (during the Winter Party) to hold an election to replace the Office of Vice President.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of candidates for consideration for Vice President:
Diana Ellis and Mary Townhill

Additional nominations can be made from the floor immediately preceding the vote.

All CBC members who have participated in at least 10 games prior to December 4th are eligible to vote in this election. To see if you meet this requirement, click on this [VOTER ELIGIBILITY](#) link.

Vice President Slate

Absentee ballots are available for anyone who will not be attending the meeting, but would like to vote. The Absentee Ballot must be returned in a sealed envelope with your signature on the back side of the envelope in order to be counted. All absentee ballots must be returned to the CBC by 5:30 PM, December 4th.

Absentee ballots are available from the Game Director or by clicking on this [ABSENTEE BALLOT](#) link.

Ballots may be returned by mail:

Columbia Bridge Club
Attn: Membership Meeting
77 Brighton Hill Road
Columbia, S.C. 29223

or give to a game director.

-Lee Webb

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



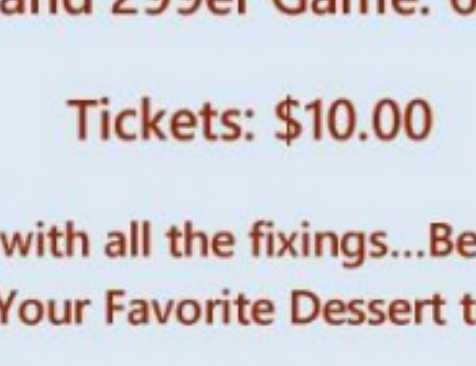
No Supervised Play Wednesday – Nov 22

No Game Thursday – Nov 23

CBC will Reopen Friday – Nov 24

CBC Holiday Party

Ticket Sales End Thursday - November 30



Columbia Bridge Club

Holiday Party

Monday, December 4, 2017

Dinner: 5:00 PM

Open and 299er Game: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$10.00

TACO BAR with all the fixings...Beer and Wine

Bring Your Favorite Dessert to Share

Stand-by Partners will be Available

2017 - 2018 Cup Races

As of Nov 1, 2017

We have completed four months of this year's cup races and, while there is no change from last month in any of the cup leaders, there is considerable moving around among the rest of the top ten.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category (and remember, EVERYONE is eligible for this cup), Mohan Bali continues his onslaught leading the pace with almost 104 masterpoints followed by Hap Neuffer, who is 30 points back in second place. Third place is held by Alice Moore with almost 100 points who is eleven points ahead of fourth place Jay Shahani. All Kirkland follows in fifth place, followed by Carolyn Cromer, Jack Wilkinson, Bernetha Henry, Mary Townhill, and Pat Webb.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category (everyone who has under 2000 masterpoints is a contender for this cup), Jack Wilkinson again leads the pack with almost 64 masterpoints but Bernetha Henry is a close second with almost 61 points. Francis Robinson and Mike Bitonti are neck and neck for the third and fourth slots, while Beth Watson and Bill Charlwood follow closely in fifth and sixth places. Marianne Murphy, Scott Dunn, Scott McPherson, and Frances Lawton round out the remainder of the top ten.

In the **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** category, Beth Watson again leads the field with just over 43 masterpoints with Kathy Kimmmerling coming in second with almost 36 points. Shelby King, Sally McCardle, and Janet Sheridan are bunched together in the third, fourth, and fifth slots followed closely by Mary Frame, Helen Young, and Myra Jaynes in the sixth through eighth positions. Hillary McDonald and Dot Jones complete the top ten for this category.

In the **Centurion Under 100** category, Myra Jaynes still leads the field with 23.24 masterpoints but Charmelle Staples is very close behind with 22.18 points. Eddie Crosby has risen in the ranks to claim the number three slot with Glenn Mitchell and Judy Sternberg close behind in the fourth and fifth places. Bob McCardle, Cynthia Heyward, Stella Donelon, Hansa Patel, and Gail Morrison join in to complete the top ten in this category.

With seven months to go there is still plenty of time for your name to appear among the top ten, so grab your favorite partner and head to the Club and join in the hunt for first place.

Remember, your membership in each category is based on your total masterpoint holding as of June 1, 2017, and only points won at our Club count toward the cup races. If you feel you have been placed in the wrong category, let the editors of this newsletter know and you will be correctly placed.

-Jack Self

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	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Sol Lourie	133.76	Jack Wilkinson	63.85	Beth Watson	43.03	Myra Jaynes	23.24
Mohan Bali	103.35	Bernetha Henry	60.67	Kathy Kimmmerling	35.22	Charmelle Staples	22.18
Hap Neuffer	99.83	Francis Robinson	50.83	Shelby King	24.91	Eddie Crosby	18.10
Alice Moore	86.42	Mike Skarr	49.58	Sally McCardle	24.41	Glenn Mitchell	18.08
Jay Shahani	86.12	Beth Watson	43.03	Janet Sheridan	24.06	Judy Sternberg	15.02
Al Kirkland	65.22	Bill Charlwood	41.28	Mary Frame	23.42	Bob McCardle	12.71
Carolyn Cromer	63.85	Marianne Murphy	38.16	Helen Young	23.34	Cynthia Heyward	10.91
Jack Wilkinson	60.67	Scott Dunn	37.02	Myra Jaynes	23.24	Stella Donelon	10.65
Bernetha Henry	54.87	Scott McPherson	36.89	Hillary McDonald	22.78	Hansa Patel	10.52
Mary Townhill	54.23	Frances Lawton	35.83	Dot Jones	22.38	Gail Morrison	10.04
Pat Webb							



Congratulations!

Hap Neuffer finished first in the North American Pairs District 7 Flight A Finals, playing with Hugh Brown from McCormick, S.C. Hap and Hugh have qualified to compete in the Philadelphia NABC in March of 2018.

Masterpoint Milestones

Advanced NABC Master (300+ MP)

Margaret Barksdale

Regional Master (100+ MP)

Judy Sternberg

Junior Master (5+ MP)

Vicki Strasler

STaC Week

COLUMBIA BRIDGE CLUB DECEMBER 11 - 17, 2017

STaC Games and Times (Open Strat: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750)

MONDAY	DECEMBER 11	6:30 PM	OPEN and 0-300** GAME
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 12	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN and 0-500** GAME 0-300 GAME
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13	12:30 PM	OPEN and 0-300** GAME
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 14	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN GAME OPEN GAME
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 15	12:30 PM	OPEN GAME
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16	12:30 PM	OPEN GAME
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17	1:30 PM	OPEN GAME

How it works: A STaC Tournament is essentially a SECTIONAL Tournament except that the individual sections of the take place at individual clubs, at or about the same time, instead of together at one large location. Every game at every participating club you attend during STaC Week may be part of the tournament. The results of the game you play in will be combined with the results from all of the other clubs playing at the same time and one giant OVERALL will be tallied. Let's say that Columbia, Charlotte, Alken and Raleigh are all playing at the same time. Scoring is first done on a club-by-club basis and SILVER points awarded for each section. Then the results of all four games are combined as if everyone were playing under one roof. The highest percentage score is first overall, next highest is second overall and so forth. Because you are competing against so many additional people, you can earn a lot of points.

All of them, whether they are section awards or overall awards, will be SILVER points.

**** (The Side Game may be merged into the Open Game if participation is low)**

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

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
Nov 30	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Dec 3	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Dec 4	Membership Meeting (6:00 PM)
Dec 4	CBC Holiday Party - Social/Dinner (5:00 PM) Bridge game (6:30 PM)
Dec 7	Mentor/Mentee (12:30 PM) NO Open Pairs game
Dec 7	Eight is Enough Team Game (6:30 PM)
Dec 9	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
Dec 10	Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
Dec 11	Board Meeting (5:00 PM)
Dec 11 - 14	STaC Week - Refer to Schedule for Game types
Dec 14	Open STaC game (6:30 PM) NO Eight is Enough Team Game
Dec 17	Open STaC game (1:30 PM)
Dec 20	NO SUPERVISED PLAY
Dec 21	Individual Game (6:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Dec 24 - 25	CBC CLOSED - Happy Holidays
Dec 26	NO EVENING GAME
Dec 27	NO SUPERVISED PLAY
Dec 28	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Dec 31	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

December 1 - 3	North Augusta Sectional
Dec 27 - Jan 2	Myrtle Beach Regional
January 19 - 21	Charlotte NonLife Master Sectional
January 26 - 28	Columbia Future Life Master Sectional

Click on Tournament for Flyer

Troubles with the ALERT Procedure

We still are having misunderstandings about when and what to **ALERT** during our Club games. This is not limited to beginner players. Those of us who have been playing for years still have occasional slip-ups in proper procedure. So this month we are going to take a look at what we should and should not do when it comes to giving an ALERT.

Your partner forgets to ALERT your bid. Do NOT say anything during the rest of the bidding. Do NOT make a face. Do NOT visibly react. Do NOT call the director. Do NOT get up and go see the director. Just sit there and act (and bid) like your partner did, in fact, ALERT. When the auction is over and your side has taken the bid (and only if your side has taken the bid), then you explain that your partner forgot to alert (and offer to explain what your bid means before the opening lead is made. If the other side takes the bid and you and your partner are defending, do NOT say anything. Go ahead and play the hand and after the hand is finished, then sometimes that your partner forgot to alert. Sometimes it won't make any difference, but explain it will.

Remember! If your side takes the bid, you explain after the bidding is over. If the other side takes the bid, wait until after the hand has been played.

Your partner ALERTS your bid but gives the wrong explanation. Treat this just like your partner forgetting to ALERT. Follow the procedure described in the above paragraph. If you are the declaring side, explain after the bidding is over. If you are the defending side, wait until the hand has been played.

Side Note Here: If you partner forgets to ALERT, you cannot bid differently because you know he has forgotten what your bid means. You MUST continue to bid as though he did ALERT.

You ALERT your partner's bid and then try to explain what the bid means. No, no, no! You do not explain the ALERT unless you are asked. If they do ask, you give a full explanation of the bid and answer any questions about the bid that are asked. If the opponents don't ask, then you don't tell! If they make erroneous assumptions about the meaning of an alerted bid without asking, that is their problem. It is an error in procedure to explain your partner's bid during the auction without being asked to explain. You could be assessed a procedural penalty for doing that (usually 1/4 of the available matchpoints for that board).

You are not sure if a bid should be ALERTED or not. This rule is simple. Either ALERT or don't. Do not say, "I think that is an ALERT." If you are not sure, the best thing to do is to go ahead and ALERT. You will seldom cause difficulty by alerting when you were not supposed to but you will quite frequently cause problems by not alerting when you should.

Side Note Here: Certain bids are NEVER alerted. If you open 2 Clubs (showing a strong hand) and your partner bids 2 Diamonds, DO NOT ALERT. If your partner makes a direct cue bid of the opponent's suit, DO NOT ALERT (unless your partner is showing that she has the suit herself - natural bid).

You realize late in the auction that you were supposed to ALERT a bid but you forgot to. As soon as you remember that the bid should have been ALERTED, you tell the opponents. This may minimize any damage done by the earlier FAILURE TO ALERT. You should also call the Director and let him or her advise the opponents of their rights.

Your partner makes some strange bid and you have no idea what it means. DO NOT ALERT just because you don't know what it means. If the opponents ask you what the bid means and you don't know, just say "We have no agreement about that bid."

Side Note Here: If your partner tells this to the opponents and you bid is really some convention that you and your partner have agreed on and she forgot, treat this like a FAILURE TO ALERT and tell the opponents at the proper time (after the auction if you are the declaring side or after the hand is played if you are the defending side).

You know that your partners bid means something that should be ALERTED but cannot remember what it means. Go ahead and ALERT and if the opponents ask what the bid means, tell them you need to think about it for a minute. Give it some thought and if it comes to you, then tell the opponent who asked. If you cannot think of what it means, then simply say, "I'm sorry, but I cannot remember."

Side Note #1: It is your obligation to remember what you are playing. If you forget and it causes the opponent damages, they may be entitled to redress by the Director.

Side Note #2: If your partner does say she cannot remember, you MUST continue to bid as if she ALERTED and gave the correct explanation. You cannot alter your bidding because you know your partner forgot.

If is your obligation that the OPPONENTS HEAR your ALERT - this is why you will see the some players using the blue ALERT card from the bidding box.

These are just a few of the misunderstandings that can happen when we use the ALERT procedure. But, if we can eliminate just a few of these occurrences, we will go a long way toward making sure the game flows smoothly.

-Jack Self

ACBL Video Resources for New Rules Changes

Have you been trying to make sense of the new ACBL Rules Changes? If so, you are in luck, because ACBL has just made available a series of videos to explain the updates.

Follow this [RULES VIDEOS](#) link or copy and paste the following url into your browser:

http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/video-resources/



hAPPY hOLIDAYS

CBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 20	Wednesday	No Supervised Play
December 24	Sunday	Club Closed
December 25	Monday	Club Closed
December 26	Tuesday	No Evening Game
December 27	Wednesday	No Supervised Play
January 1	Monday	Club Closed