

## CBC NEWSLETTER MAY 2019



### It's Tournament Time! Let's Play Bridge!

The **CBC Sectional** will be held at Tri-City Leisure Center - May 31 – June 2

**\*\* Friday and Saturday** will be pair events with both an Open game and a separate 0-499 event.

**\*\* The 499ers** will be stratified as 0 – 100, 100 – 300, 300 – 499. This is an excellent chance to win Silver Masterpoints.

**\*\* Sunday** will be the traditional 2-session Swiss teams for the Open game.  
**\*\* A single session** Swiss team for 0-499 (plan to be out by 1:00pm).

**Grand National Teams (GNT)** finals are being held in Columbia for the first time.

Championship (unlimited Masterpoints) & Flight B (under 2500 Masterpoints) will be held on Saturday & Sunday. The double session event pays Red and Gold MPs to finalists. Get your team together!

Columbia is known for its "Famous Hospitality". If you can help, please call or email me: 803-331-6894 or [LeeWebb1@sc.rr.com](mailto:LeeWebb1@sc.rr.com) and we will work together to host another great CBC tournament. Donations for hospitality can be given to any director.

*The best thing members can do is come and support the tournament by playing.*

Thanks so much!

Lee and Chris Webb  
 Sectional Tournament Co-Chairs

### CBC Announces New Board Members

A big thanks all who attended the Annual Membership Meeting. The newly elected officers and board members of the CBC:

At Large Board Member: Scott McPherson (3 year term)

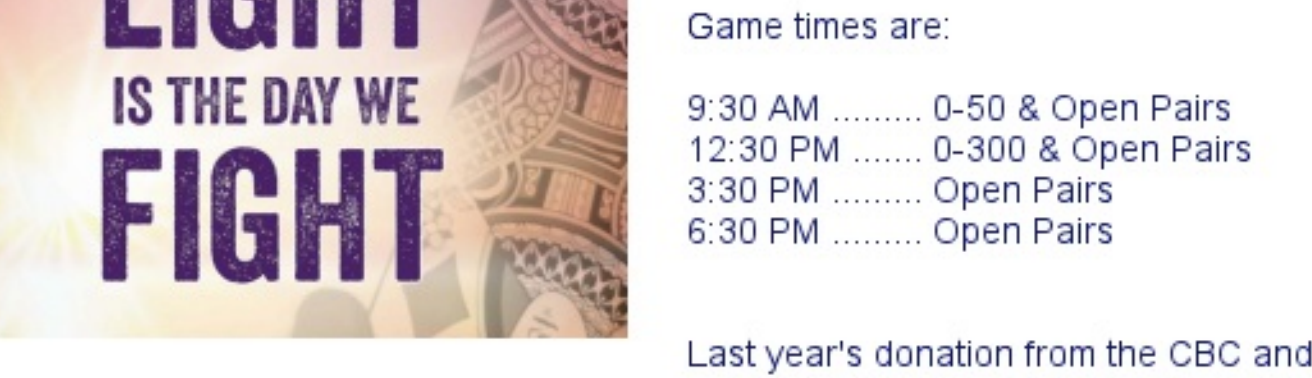
At Large Board Member: Hansa Patel (3 year term)

They will take office June 1, 2018. We are grateful for those who so willingly submitted their names for consideration.



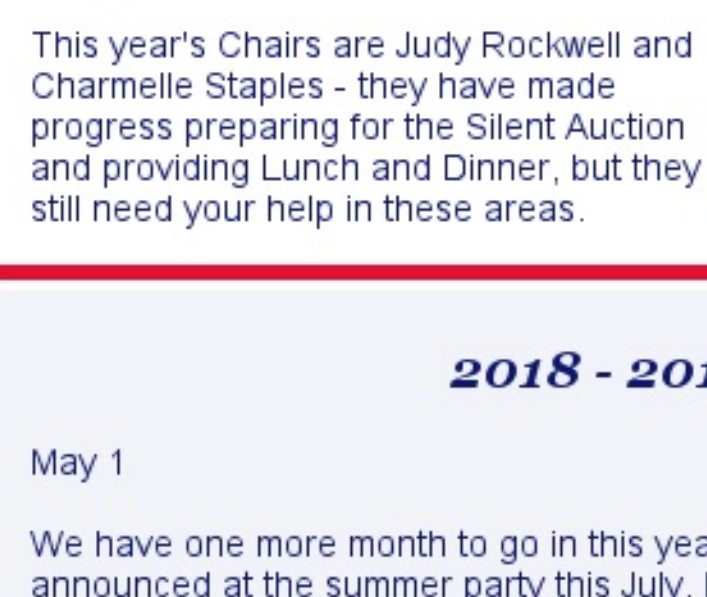
We welcome the new board members and look forward to their contributions and vision for the future of the Columbia Bridge Club.

## Join or Renew Your Membership



2019 - 2020 CBC Memberships are on sale now!

The CBC Membership year begins on June 1. Perks include FREE ENTRY for the Birthday Game (for your Birthday month), the Holiday Party Game and the Summer Party Game. Please see any director to renew your membership or join the CBC.



Join us for the ACBL's 7th annual **The Longest Day** fundraising event supporting Alzheimer's disease, care and research.

Held during the week of the Summer Solstice – the longest day of the year – the event symbolizes the difficult journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

This year's Chairs are Judy Rockwell and Charmelle Staples - they have made progress preparing for the Silent Auction and providing Lunch and Dinner, but they still need your help in these areas.

### The Longest Day June 17

The CBC will be holding 4 - 18 board games on Monday, June 17th.

Game times are:

9:30 AM ..... 0-50 & Open Pairs  
 12:30 PM ..... 0-300 & Open Pairs  
 3:30 PM ..... Open Pairs  
 6:30 PM ..... Open Pairs

Last year's donation from the CBC and its' members was in excess of \$2,900.00! The goal this year is set at \$3,000.00. Please plan to help make this year more successful than ever.

Donations may be made by cash or check or online by clicking on the Longest Day logo on the CBC's webpage.

Please come support this event and wear your **PURPLE!**

### 2018 - 2019 Cup Races

May 1

We have one more month to go in this year's cup races with the winners to be announced at the summer party this July. In all four cup races, the winners are all but certain, with the leader in each category holding a commanding lead, but....you never know. Anything is possible since the month of May is Grass Roots month with every game being an extra masterpoint game.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, Mohan Bali has an overwhelming 73 point lead over second place Jay Shahani with Pat Webb coming in a solid third. Alice Moore and her frequent partner Hap Neuffer are neck and neck at the fourth and fifth positions followed by Mike Bitonti in sixth place and Joyce Lauterbach in seventh. Mary Townhill is hanging on to the number eight slot followed by Harold Moore and Francis Robinson in ninth and tenth.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** race, Mike Bitonti has an impressive 47 point lead over second place Francis Robinson, who is followed very closely by third place Beth Watson, fourth place Mirza Baig, and fifth place Bill Charlwood. Eddie Crosby is not far behind in the sixth slot with Scott McPherson, Jim Chianelli, and Chuck Kennedy rounding out the top ten.

Right now the **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** category is the most closely contested of the four races, but, even at that, leader Beth Watson holds a 16½ lead over second place Eddie Crosby. Myra Jaynes is a distant third followed by the trio of Brenda Isbell, Charmelle Staples, and Shelby King, who are bunched up together in the fourth through sixth slots. Janet Sheridan and Daniel Heath are vying for the seventh and eighth places while Mary Joseph and Judy Rockwell come in at numbers nine and ten.

Usually the **Centurion Cup** is the most closely contested of the four races but first place Eddie Crosby is running away with it holding a 53 point lead over second place Judy Rockwell. May Mayfield continues to hold down the third slot with Jim Bull and Stella Donelan coming in at fourth and fifth. Hansa Patel is in sixth place with Charles Williams claiming the number seven slot. Vicki Strasser is sixth place with Charles Williams claiming the number seven slot. Vicki Strasser is sixth place with Charles Williams claiming the number seven slot. Vicki Strasser is sixth place with Charles Williams claiming the number seven slot.

Remember, nothing is official in the cup races until the last trick is turned on May 30 this year, so no one can rest on his or her laurels. May is a beautiful month to play bridge, so ring up your favorite partner and head over to the Club and spend an afternoon (or morning or evening) playing one of the best games ever invented (and win some masterpoints, too!).

See you there.

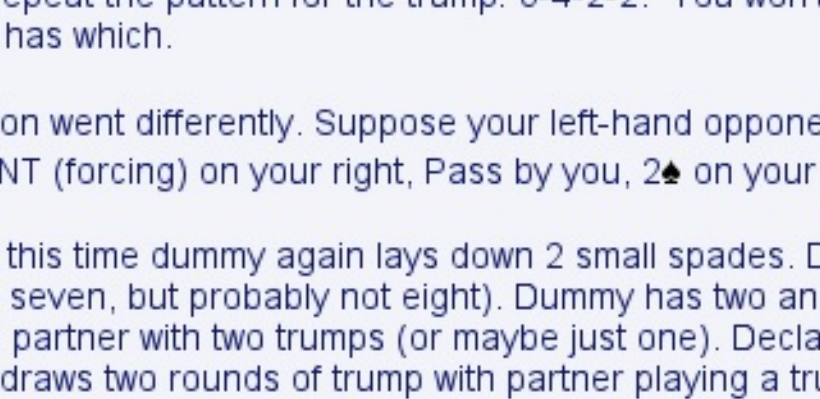
~Jack Self

MAY 2019	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Sol Lourie	296.80	Mike Bitonti	184.89	Beth Watson	117.58	Eddie Crosby	101.02
Mohan Bali	223.09	Francis Robinson	117.72	Eddie Crosby	101.02	Judy Rockwell	47.84
Jay Shahani	197.26	Beth Watson	117.58	Myra Jaynes	79.06	Mike Mayfield	39.39
Pat Webb	179.86	Mirza Baig	111.88	Brenda Isbell	66.38	Jim Bull	33.69
Alice Moore	178.09	Bill Charlwood	111.08	Charmelle Staples	66.02	Stella Donelan	28.93
Hap Neuffer	184.89	Jack Wilkinson	105.39	Shelby King	65.25	Hansa Patel	28.34
Mike Bitonti	152.05	Eddie Crosby	101.02	Janet Sheridan	60.92	Charles Williams	26.76
Joyce Lauterbach	132.99	Scott McPherson	96.63	Daniel Heath	60.72	Vicki Strasser	24.39
Mary Townhill	122.81	Jim Chianelli	96.87	Mary Joseph	58.54	Karen Replogle	22.49
Harold Moore	117.72	Chuck Kennedy	94.44	Judy Rockwell	47.84	Gail Morrison	21.53
Francis Robinson							

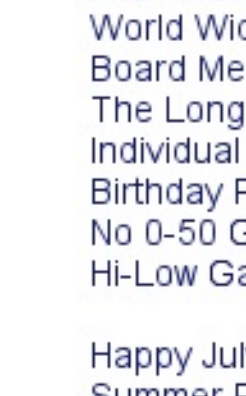
### The CBC Summer Party - Saturday, July 13

#### Hold the Date !!

Karen Hansell and Suzy Weisman are the co-chairs. Tickets for the luncheon will go on sale mid June. The luncheon will be \$10.00 There is no charge for the Open and 0-300 Pairs game for 2019-20 members



### Supervised Play - Summer Break



**Congratulations!**

### Masterpoint Milestones

**Sectional Master (50+)**  
 Vicki Strasser

**Junior Master (5+)**  
 Madeline Long

### One Thing You Can Do to Improve Your Game

~ by Jack Self

I often hear beginner players ask what they can do to improve their games.

Some are looking for the magic potion that will turn them into stellar players overnight. Unfortunately that magic potion does not exist (if so, I would have swallowed it long ago). Becoming a top player requires a lot of hard work and concentration along with having played thousands of hands. But there are many things that a player can do to become a better player. In this article, I will discuss on of them that has to become routine but takes a conscious effort at first and that is counting out the hand. You need to be able to figure out the distribution of each of the players at the table. Notice that means two people. You already know your own distribution and you know dummy's cards.

If you have not developed the habit of counting, start simple with counting trumps for all four hands. Usually you will have some idea of the distribution at the start but may have to refine your count as the hand progresses.

Suppose the auction goes: 1♥ on your left, Pass by partner, 1NT (forcing) on your right, pass by you, 2♣ on your left, pass by partner, 2♥ on our right, Pass (Pass, Pass.

Already you have a preliminary count. Declarer almost surely has exactly five trumps. When dummy comes down with two hearts, look at how many you have, and you will know how many partner has. Suppose you have two trumps. That means partner has four. Now silently repeat the pattern for the trump: 5-4-2-2. You won't have trouble remembering who has which.

Suppose the auction went differently. Suppose your left-hand opponent opened 1♠, Pass by your partner, 1NT (forcing) on your right, Pass by you, 2♣ on your left, all Pass.

Partner leads and this time dummy again lays down 2 small spades. Declarer has at least six trumps (maybe seven, but probably not eight). Dummy has two and you have three. That leaves partner with two trumps (or maybe just one). Declarer wins the opening lead and draws two rounds of trump with partner playing a trump on the first round and showing out on the second. Now you have the complete count. You have three, dummy has two, partner had 1, so that means declarer must have had seven. Silently repeat the trump pattern: 7-3-2-1.

Now you can concentrate on declarer's other six cards.

Next time you go to the bridge table, resolve that you will count out trump every time you play or defend a hand. Make a note on your convention card (a little check mark) if you did count and figured out the trump distribution. At the end of the game, count how many check marks you have. Yes, sometimes you will forget to do that, but most of the times you will (those little check marks become your own reward. And, yes, sometimes, you will be playing No Trump).

Then the next time, resolve again to do the same thing. You will find it easier this time. Soon you will be on your way to counting the trump suit automatically. And that is a step forward to becoming a better bridge player. Next month, we'll talk about what to do when you've established the habit of counting out the trump distribution.

### Upcoming Special CBC Club Games and Area Tournaments

#### Special Games at the CBC

May 31 - June 2	Club Closed - West Columbia Sectional
June 4	Inter Club Championship Game: 0-300 (6:30 PM)
June 8	World Wide Bridge Game (12:30 PM)
June 10	Board Meeting (5:15 PM)
June 17	The Longest Day - see calendar for game schedule
June 20	Individual Game (6:30 PM) No partner needed (signup required)
June 22	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
June 24	No 0-50 Game today
June 27	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
July 4	Happy July 4th - Club Closed Today
July 13	Summer Party (11:00 AM)
July 13	Party Pairs Game: Open and 0-300 (12:30 PM)
July 18	Individual Game (6:30 PM) No partner needed (signup required)
July 25	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
July 26	Unit Championship Game: Open and 0-1000 (12:30 PM)
July 30	Inter Club Championship Game: Open and 0-500 (12:30 PM)

#### Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

May 30 - June 2	<a href="#">West Columbia Palmetto State Summer Sectional</a>
June 1 - 2	<a href="#">DISTRICT 7 GNT FINALS: Flights B and Championship</a>
June 10 - 16	<a href="#">Greenville Regional</a>
June 27 - 30	<a href="#">Flat Rock Blue Ridge Spectacular Sectional</a>
August 2 - 4	<a href="#">Myrtle Beach Non Life Master - Silver on the Strand Sectional</a>
August 7 - 8	<a href="#">Barbara Seagram Land Cruise - Asheville, NC</a>
August 27 - 11	<a href="#">Hendersonville Non Life Master Sectional</a>
August 27 - Sept 2	<a href="#">Atlanta Labor Day Regional</a>

**Click on Tournament for Flyer**

### Columbia Palmetto State Summer Sectional

May 31 – June 2, 2019

Tri-City Leisure Center    485 Brooks Avenue    West Columbia, SC 29169

*Famous Columbia Hospitality!*

**Friday, May 31**  
 Open and 0 - 499 Pairs ..... 9:30 am  
 Open and 0 - 499 Pairs ..... 2:00 pm

**Saturday, June 1**  
 Open and 0 - 499 Pairs ..... 9:30 am  
 Open and 0 - 499 Pairs\*\* ..... 2:00 pm

**Sunday, June 2**  
 0 - 499 Single Session Swiss Teams ^^ ..... 10:00 am  
 Open Swiss Teams (includes catered lunch) ..... 10:00 am & TBA

**\*\* Denotes regional-rated games to benefit the ACBL Educational Foundation**  
**^^ Session Completed by ~1:00 pm – Lunch NOT included.**

**Open Strats: 0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+    499er Strats: 0-100, 100-300, 300-500 NLM**  
**Strats determined by average MP**  
**All Strats by team/pair average - 499er players may not have 500 MP nor be a Life Master.**  
**Stratifications may be adjusted at Director's discretion.**  
**ACBL Members: 0-5 MP Play Free in the 9:30 am Sessions!**

**Tournament Co-Chairs:**  
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**Partnerships:** Bernetha Henry    (803)-783-2564    [pm9735@aol.com](mailto:pm9735@aol.com)

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[www.bridgewebs.com/columbiabridgeclub](http://www.bridgewebs.com/columbiabridgeclub)    (Go to **SECTIONAL** tab)

**Host Hotels:**  
**ALCOT - Columbia Downtown**  
 Rate: \$129.00 (Walk to Vista Restaurants!)  
 823 Lady Street  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: (803) 445-1900  
 Ask for: BRIDGE RATE

**Courtyard by Marriott - Cayce**  
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 1125 Fort Congaree Trail  
 Cayce, SC 29033  
 Phone: (803) 794-7033  
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### THE DAY WITH THE MOST LIGHT IS THE DAY WE FIGHT

ALZHEIMER'S association

Join bridge players across North America as they come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's disease.

Learn more and join a team at [alz.org/acbl](http://alz.org/acbl)

**CBC June 17, 2019 - MONDAY - 18 Board Games**

**9:30 AM    0-50 and Open Pairs**  
**12:30 PM    0-300 and Open Pairs**  
**3:30 PM    Open Pairs**  
**6:30 PM    Open Pairs**

**Upgraded Masterpoints / Raffle / Silent Auction**

**Play well in your district and compete in the Columbus NABC finals!**

It all starts with a special NAB game at your club. District-level champions will then win a monetary award to be used for the competition at the 2020 Spring NABC in Columbus.

**Flight Requirements:**  
**A (Open)**  
**B (less than 2,500)**  
**C (NLM with less than 500)**

Clubs may hold two NAP qualifying games per sanctioned session per month during June, July and August.

**Games award half red/half black points.**

**NOTE:** When there is NAP game scheduled for **TUESDAY** or **FRIDAY** - there will not be a additional Limited Masterpoint game - only the Open game.

During **WEDNESDAY NAP** sessions - there will be a 0-300 game but it will not be an upgraded game and will only award black masterpoints.

Please check the CBC calendar for more details.

Have a comment or an article you would like to submit? Reply to this email or send to [cbc.news.sc@gmail.com](mailto: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 3rd of the month. All articles are subject to editorial approval and edit.

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