

CBC NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019



STaC Week			
COLUMBIA BRIDGE CLUB			
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(Open Strats: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750) * * (Win determined by the Masterpoint AVERAGE of the Pair.)			
MONDAY	AUGUST 19	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	0-50 PAIRS OPEN PAIRS
TUESDAY	AUGUST 20	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN and 0-500 PAIRS 0-300 PAIRS
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 21	12:30 PM	OPEN and 0-300 PAIRS
THURSDAY	AUGUST 22	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN PAIRS OPEN PAIRS (Sign-up Requested)
FRIDAY	AUGUST 23	12:30 PM	OPEN PAIRS
SATURDAY	AUGUST 24	12:30 PM	OPEN PAIRS
SUNDAY	AUGUST 25	1:30 PM	OPEN PAIRS

CBC Summer Party

The CBC Summer party was held on Saturday, July 13. A big thank you to the party hostesses: Karen Hansell, Suzy Weisman, Beth Donelan and Hillary McDonald.

Winners:
OPEN game: Hap Neuffer and Alice Moore
0-300 game: Hillary McDonald and Beth Donelan

More than sixty-five members and guests enjoyed the afternoon featuring a luncheon catered by 'The Other Store'. Award for the various contests were announced at this time, see following articles for winners.



2018 - 2019 Cup Races – Final Standings

May 31

Another year of competition for masterpoints has come to an end with this year's winners in each category trouncing the rest of the field.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, **Mohan Bali** once again wins the crown by amassing a staggering total of 311. A 54 masterpoint lead over second place Jay Shahani who earned 245.87. Pat Webb garnered over 200 points herself to take third place.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category **Mike Bitonti** raced ahead of the rest of the field earning a total of 182.82 masterpoints. Beth Watson trailed behind in second place with just over 134 points. Francis Robinson collected 128 points to finish third.

In the **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** division, **Beth Watson's** 134.3 masterpoints allowed her to take the honors, leading second place Eddie Crosby who totaled 110.90 points. Myra Jaynes came in third with 80.04 points.

In the **Centurion Under 100** category, **Eddie Crosby's** 110.90 masterpoint total enabled him the win the championship followed by second place Judy Rockwell with 51.14 points and third place Mike Mayfield with 42.37 points.

Remember, a new cup year race started on June 1 of this year, so right now, everyone is in contention for the top prizes to be awarded at the summer party in 2020. So pair up with your favorite partners and head on down to the club to claim your share of the masterpoints to be awarded this coming year. Remember, your category in the Cup Races is determined by your total masterpoint holding as of June 1 of this year. See you at the Club!

~Jack Self

JUNE 2019	FINAL						
Sol Lourie	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Mohan Bali	311.54	Mike Bitonti	182.82	Beth Watson	134.30	Eddie Crosby	110.90
Jay Shahani	245.87	Beth Watson	134.30	Eddie Crosby	110.90	Judy Rockwell	51.14
Pat Webb	220.31	Francis Robinson	128.26	Myra Jaynes	80.04	Mike Mayfield	42.37
Alice Moore	196.90	Mirza Baig	124.23	Brenda Isbell	78.98	Jim Bull	36.54
Hap Neuffer	196.42	Bill Charlwood	118.69	Shelby King	74.85	Stella Donelan	34.53
Mike Bitonti	182.82	Jack Wilkinson	113.41	Charmelle Staples	73.10	Hansa Patel	32.84
Joyce Lauterbach	160.07	Eddie Crosby	110.90	Daniel Heath	67.04	Vicki Strassler	29.18
Mary Townhill	155.21	Scott McPherson	106.99	Janet Sheridan	96.72	Charles Williams	28.34
Beth Watson	134.30	Jim Chianelli	105.27	Mary Joseph	58.71	Karen Replegle	23.86
Harold Moore	132.62	Chuck Kennedy	102.11	Judy Rockwell	51.14	Gail Morrison	22.30

Attendance Award

Each year, the Columbia Bridge Club recognizes the one member of our Club who has participated in the most number of games during the fiscal year from June 1 to May 31. This year's winner is Brent Holcomb who has played in 342 games during the year. Second place goes to Mohan Bali who has made 283 appearances, and third place goes to Eddie Crosby with 249 games played.

~ Jack Self

Bobby McMahon Cup Winners

The Bobby McMahon Cup Races recognize those individuals in their respective masterpoint categories who have finished with the highest average percent game for the entire cup year from June 1 to May 31. This year's winners have all achieved remarkable results in the face of stiff competition.

In the **Over 2000 Masterpoints** category, **Francine Moring** takes the honors with a staggering 58.92% average. Joyce Lauterbach finished second with 56.12%, and Hap Neuffer finished third with 56.02%

In the **1000 – 2000 Masterpoints** category, **Mike Bitonti** finished atop a close race with a 56.54% average with frequent partner Mirza Baig following closely in second place with 56.10%. Scott McPherson finished third with a 55.34% average.

In the **300 – 1000 Masterpoints** category, **Beth Watson** garnered a 54.321% average followed by second place Scott Dunn with 52.92%. Bucky Bruce finished a close third with 52.13%.

In the **0 – 300 Masterpoints** category, **Daniel Heath**, with a 54.16% average, narrowly edged out second place Glenn Mitchell who had 54.01%. Charmelle Staples finished third with a 53.74% average.

Remember, your category is determined by your total masterpoint holding as of June 1 of this year, so get ready for another tough year of competition.

See you at the table.

~ Jack Self

Gold Dust Games in October

Team games in October pay fractional gold points to match and overall winners.

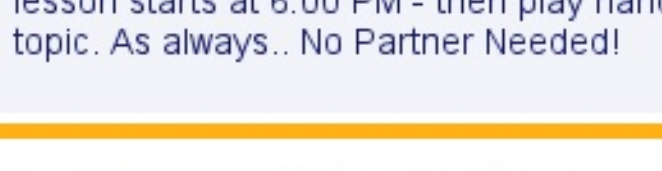
Mark your calendar for the following:

TUESDAY: 6:30 PM 0-300 MP

October 1
October 15

No partner needed. Either bring your own team or be assigned to a team.

Mini-lesson at 6:00PM



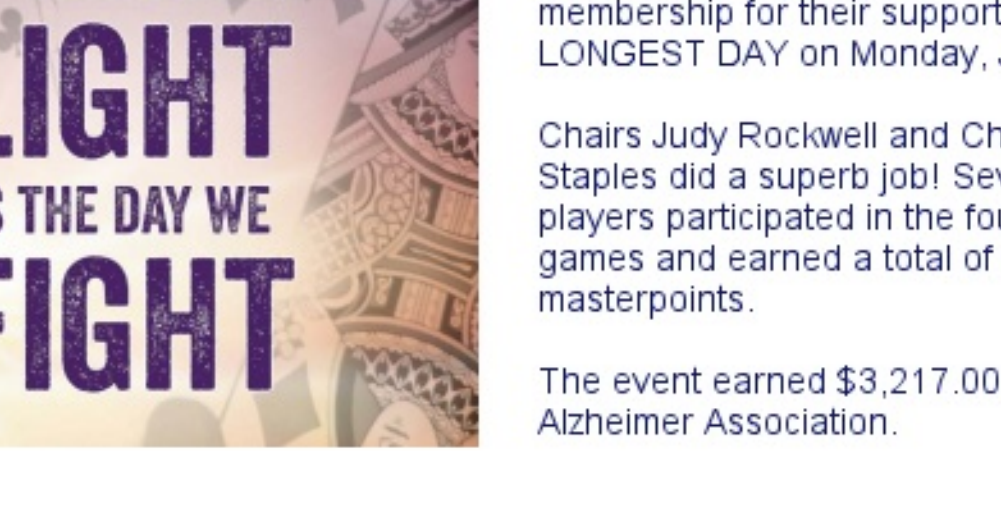
THURSDAY: 6:30 PM 8 is Enough

October 10
October 24

Teams are to be made up following the "8 is Enough" format and will be Handicapped.

There will be a Oktoberfest Pot Luck dinner before the October 24 game. More details to follow.

Supervised Play - Summer Break



Supervised Play will return September 4 and will be held every other Wednesday. Mini-lesson starts at 6:00 PM - then play hands until 8:00PM. Watch email for Mini-lesson topic. As always... No Partner Needed!

The Longest Day June 17

Special Thank you to the CBC membership for their support of the LONGEST DAY on Monday, June 17.

Chairs Judy Rockwell and Charmelle Staples did a superb job! Seventy-two players participated in the four bridge games and earned a total of 40.88 masterpoints.

The event earned \$3,217.00 for the Alzheimer Association.

September - International Fund Games



Play at the club to support teams in global competitions - Upgraded games all month.

Join us on Thursday evening, September 12, for the ACBL-wide game. Club results compared across the US and Canada for Overall and District Awards. Signup required for the 6:30 PM game.



Congratulations!

Ruby Life Master (1500+)

Mirza Baig

Silver Life Master (1000+)

Lauren Alexander
Lewis Cromer
Kathy Kimmerling
Jim Miles

Life Master (500+)

Janet Sheridan

Advanced NABC Master (300+)

Sue Kline

NABC Master (200+)

Eddie Crosby

Masterpoint Milestones

Regional Master (100+)

Jane Cloninger
Caroline Grimbail
Mike Mayfield

Sectional Master (50+)

Anne Fowler
Nancy Morris

Club Master (20+)

Ellen Brown
Chara Clark
Jane Clarke
Irene Jablon
Loretta McPherson
Betty Missouri
Marian Pender
Patti Suggs
Dee Taylor

Junior Master (5+)

Kathy Belknap
Richard Cunliffe
Georgia Anna Mitchell
Dianne Neglia
Jennifer Savitz
Danny Scott

Learning to Count, Continued....

~ by Jack Self

Last time we talked about starting to learn how to count out declarer's distribution by focusing on counting out the trump suit. Counting declarer's cards in each suit is important and something you **MUST** learn to do if you are going to advance to the upper levels of bridge players. Unfortunately, counting is not something a lot of bridge players do naturally, so you must force yourself to count. Sooner or later it will become automatic and you will no longer have to force yourself.

The trump suit is often the easiest suit to count. Usually, you have some idea of how the trump suit lies by listening to the bidding. Let's stop here and take a short quiz. In each problem you are given the bidding and your holding in the trump suit as well. Try to figure out how many cards declarer has as well as your partner.

Problem #1. The bidding goes 1♥ on your left, 1NT (forcing) on your right, 2♣ on your left, 2♥ on your right, all pass. You have two small hearts. What is the likely distribution of the trump suit?

Answer: Most likely declarer has five hearts, and dummy has two hearts. Since you have two hearts, that means your partner probably has four of them.

Problem #2. The bidding goes 1♣ on your left, Pass by partner, 1♥ on your right, Pass by you, 2♥ on your left, followed by three passes. You hold the Queen and two small hearts. How many hearts does your partner hold?

Answer: Your left-hand opponent surely has 4 hearts. You don't know exactly how many declarer has but most likely four or five. Because you have three hearts, you know the most your partner can have is 2, and maybe only 1. Why is this important? Suppose dummy has the ♥K864. Declarer wins the opening lead, cashes the Ace of Hearts to which your partner follows with the ♥9.

Declarer now lays down the ♥J. Do you cover with your Queen?

Answer: No, no, no! Absolutely do NOT cover with the Queen. And don't even think about it. Just play low like you never heard of the ♥Q. Why? Because your partner cannot have more than 2 Hearts (Remember you placed declarer with at least 4 of them). In fact declarer may have five of them and is not planning to finesse at all. He may be just giving you a chance to play carelessly if you do have the Queen. Besides, if you do cover, what good will it do? It won't promote a winner in your partner's hand and it certainly won't promote a winner in your hand, so all it will do is make declarer's life easier. If you did your preliminary counting of the trump suit, you will be ready to follow to declarer's ♥J smoothly with a low heart and give declarer a chance to guess wrong.

Take another month to practice counting the trump suit and then we will discuss taking the next step.

Upcoming Special CBC Club Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

August 19-25	STaC Week at the CBC - check schedule for times and game format
Aug 22	Open Pairs STaC game in the Evening - 6:30 PM <i>(signup required)</i>
Aug 23	Lunch and Learn (10:30 AM) "Reading Signals" <i>(signup required)</i>
Aug 25	NO Individual Game - there will be an OPEN STaC game at 1:30PM
August 29	Inter Club Championship Game: Open (6:30 PM) <i>(signup required)</i>
Sept 2	Labor Day - CBC is Open!
Sept 4	Supervised Play resumes 6:00 PM
Sept 12	ACBL-wide International Fund Game (6:30PM) <i>(signup required)</i>
Sept 14	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
Sept 19	Individual Game (6:30 PM) No partner needed <i>(signup required)</i>
Sept 26	Hi-Lo Game (12:30 PM) Notice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Sept 27	Lunch and Learn (10:30 AM) "topic TBA" <i>(signup required)</i>

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

Aug 27 - Sept 2	Atlanta Labor Day Regional
Sep 13-15	Beaufort Low Country Sectional
Sep 20-22	Asheville Fall Sectional
October 4-6	Aiken Fall Sectional
October 28-Nov 3	Charlotte Halloween Regional

[Click on Tournament for Flyer](#)

Bridge Classes at the CBC

Lunch and Learn

Taught by Jack Self, these stand alone sessions will be offered once a month on Friday mornings thru December. Check website for topic and date. The session is \$7.00 and includes lunch prepared by Mary Ann Cross.

Mary Townhill Fall Classes

"Deadly Defense" and "Planning to Win" will both start in September.

Beginning Bridge

Eight week session begins September 23 - Mondays at 2:00 PM



Time is running out to earn **RED & BLACK** points in PAIRS GAMES at the CBC this year.

Check Schedule for Remaining NAP Games!!

The CBC will be follow the usual Monday schedule:

10:00AM 0-50 Game

6:30PM Open Pairs



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