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Taught by Jack Self, these sessions are

particularly the advancing C level and B level player. If you have any suggestion for future topics - give your input to Jack Self,

Bernetha Henry -Education Chair, or any committee member. The session is \$7.00 and includes the

lesson, handouts and lunch. Preregistration is required.

procedure inclusive of, but not limited to, those which involve an infraction by a player." In other words, something happened when it shouldn't have. It could be a bid out of turn, a card of the wrong suit played, a personal conflict at a table, or any one of a thousand other issues that Directors deal with all the time. First and foremost, call the Director immediately!

the Director when they finally realize that they're unsure of their actions. But by that time, some of the options for the non-offending side may no longer be available to them. Law 11A is very clear on this topic: "The right to rectification of an irregularity may be forfeited if either member of the non-offending side takes any action before summoning

In summary, even if everyone else at the table is telling you that you don't need to call for a Director, it's ALWAYS in your partnership's best interests to do so. There are a lot of options in rulings that players don't realize they have, and many times those options are negated because they didn't call at the time the irregularity occurred. I'll cover some of the more common specific irregularities in subsequent articles. Be good and play well! Michael Bitonti

MATCHPOINT GAME

Bridge Classes at the CBC

Matchpoint Game. For less than 5 tables but 3 or more, the game will be held as a

Sign-up is required for this game. We need 5 full tables to run this session as the Instant

See your score instantly after each deal is played! Features for players include a booklet with complete analyses of the deals by national champion Larry Cohen.

Beginning Bridge Eight week session begins September 23 - Mondays at 2:00 PM. Mini-Lessons Grand Life Master, Hap Neuffer will be teaching mini-lessons! Watch your email for

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

Oktoberfest Team Game -

what that means. Stratification simply means that at the end of the game, your score is compared with the scores of the other pairs with a similar masterpoint holding to yours for purposes of awarding masterpoints (those pairs are said to be in the same "strat"). In an **OPEN** game (one big game for everybody) the **C strat** is usually limited to only those pairs who have fewer than 750 masterpoints. The **B strat** is composed of pairs

first in C. Any game can be stratified.

the A strat but higher than in the C strat.

Congratulations!

in the OPEN game...

The CBC will be

CLOSED on

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.

THURSDAY: 6:30 PM 8 is Enough

Teams are to be made up following the

There will be an Oktoberfest Pot Luck dinner before the October 24 game.

"8 is Enough" format and will be

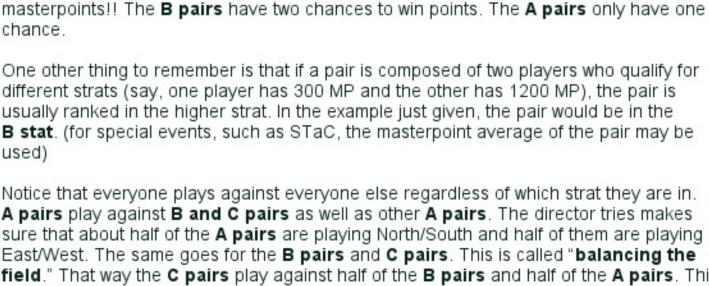
October 24

October 10

October 24

Handicapped.

More details to follow.



A pairs play against B and C pairs as well as other A pairs. The director tries makes sure that about half of the A pairs are playing North/South and half of them are playing East/West. The same goes for the B pairs and C pairs. This is called "balancing the field." That way the C pairs play against half of the B pairs and half of the A pairs. This is true for a Mitchell movement - where North-South are stationary. In a Howell movement

their masterpoint holding) The Director will divide the field into 3 strats. Thus, the strat you fall in will vary depending on the game masterpoint limit. In a 0-300 game, the three strats are usually as follows: Strat A is everyone playing in the game. Strat B is limited to

those holding fewer than 100 MP's and Strat C is limited to those with fewer than 50 MP's. Don't forget, though, that everyone in the C strat is automatically qualified to win overall in all three strats - and Strat B is qualified to win in the two upper strats - just like

The masterpoint awards are always higher in the A strat than in the B and C strats since, in theory, that competition is stronger. The awards in the **B strat** are lower than in

Fall

Sectional

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 and October 4 – 6, 2019 SATURDAY. OCTOBER 5 Location: Odell Weeks Activity Center for the 1700 Whiskey Road (Hwy 19), Aiken, SC AIKEN SECTIONAL The CBC will Be OPEN for the SUNDAY INDIVIDUAL game on OCTOBER 6 at 1:30 PM.

AIKEN

Advanced NABC Master (300+)

Regional Master (100+)

Club Master (20+)

Junior Master (5+)

Kathy Belknap

Dale Adams Jane Adams Karen Callas James Harper

Bridge is a Mental Sport

Bridge is a mental sport. During a tournament you spend precious energy, and it's just normal that during the session your levels of concentration and stamina tend to steadily decrease. To achieve the best possible results, preserve as much energy as possible.

Don't try to fine tune your system during the session. The situation will likely not repeat

Don't chastise yourself about a bad result. It kills your concentration for the next hands.

Don't discuss the hand that you just finished. It does not improve the result.

Don't get overly happy with a nice hand. It also kills your concentration.

Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs

Board Meeting (5:15 PM)

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

Local Charity Games

Membership is being asked to give input for the selection of the Local Charities that

If you wish to have input on this decision,

club. There is a list of all the members at

the Director's desk and room to write in up

please note your selections at the

Once again this year, the CBC

the CBC will support.

Oktoberfest Pot Luck (5:30 PM)

Aiken Fall Sectional

Charlotte Halloween Regional

Beth Watson

Jim Bull Doug Rice Judy Rockwell

Don't forget that partner is also trying his best. Pointing to errors only degrades his performance. Basically, understand that energy conservation is essential for a good result. One of the top American players had a rule about partner's mistakes: "The more serious the error, the more time would pass until it was discussed". A really big blunder would pass undiscussed for weeks!

Sept 26

Sept 27

Oct 4-5

Oct 10

Oct 12

Oct 14

Oct 17

Oct 15

Oct 24

Oct 25

Oct 31

Nov 1

October 4-6

October 28-Nov 3

Oct 1

Don't try to be right. Try to win.

itself.

be given to the Local Chapter. CBC thru October 26th. Bridge Library at the CBC

return it?

Hubbard's Cupboard.



2019 – 2020 Club Qualifier Sessions at the Columbia Bridge Club

Calling the Director This article is the first in the series on the some of the most common and important Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Today I'm going to discuss the topic of when the Director should be called to the table, and why it's important to do so and not just adjudicate or solve the Laws 9, 10, and 11 are at the center of this discussion, and players are encouraged to https://cdn.acbl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Laws-of-Duplicate-Bridge.pdf So, you're playing bridge in a friendly game when an "irregularity" occurs. An irregularity is defined by the ACBL in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge book as: "A deviation from correct

further details. Gold Dust Games in October

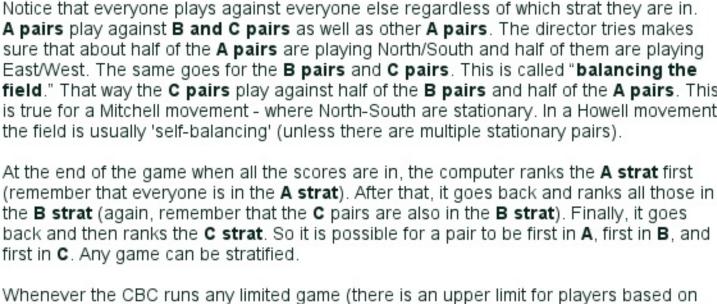
Team Game. The doors open at 5:15 PM for the Potluck Dinner.

What Does "Stratified" Mean?

A bridge contest is often advertised as "stratified" but many players do not know exactly

who have fewer than 2000 masterpoints. The A strat is unlimited and open to everyone. Notice that those in the C strat are also members of the B and A strat and those in the B strat are also members of the A strat (but not the C strat since they have more

Because the C pairs are members of all three strats, they have 3 chances to win

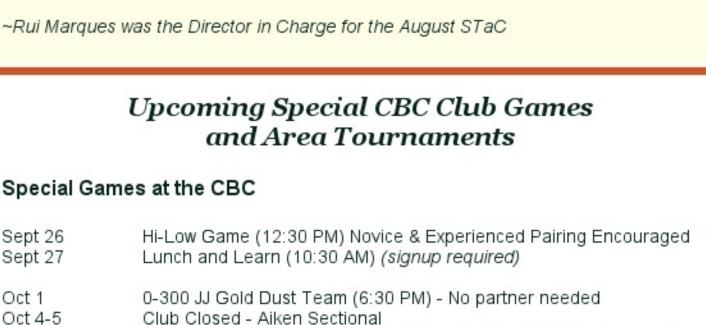


South

~ by Rui Marques

Carolina

Masterpoint Milestones



8 is Enough Handicapped JJ Gold Dust Team (6:30PM) (signup please)

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Click on Tournament for Flyer

Choose Your Charity

If you have a charity that you would like

The Library at the CBC is looking like Mother

Have you borrowed a book and forgotten to

Do you have some books that you no longer need and want to find a good home for them?

players...feel free to borrow books, but please

return them so that other may enjoy them too.

The library is a great resource for all

others to consider, feel free to put out an

Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

0-300 JJ Gold Dust Team (6:30 PM) - No partner needed

Lunch and Learn (10:30 AM) (signup required)

Open Pairs (12:30 PM) No 0-1000 section today

Instant Matchpoint Game (signup required)

information sheet on the charity at the to three (3) charities. The charities with the back table. (Note - the CBC donated highest interest will be considered for this \$500.00 to the Alzheimer's Association in year. If there is a specific dollar amount for conjunction with the Longest Day - 2019.) consideration - please note that as well. For National Charities – the donation will The selection sheet will be available at the

IDIOT'S: Bridge

Commonsense Bidding

77 Brighton Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29223 Phone: (803) 386-7010 November 16 – 12:30 PM – Single Session – Open January 11 – 10:00 AM – Double Session – Open

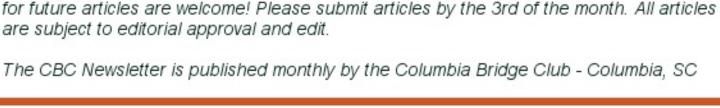
Looking for a Team or a Partner?? Contact: Scott Dunn Phone: (231) 250-6776 Email: scottmdunn@gmail.com

Have a comment or an article you would like to submit? Reply to this email or send to cbc.news.sc@gmail.com. This is your Club newsletter and all suggestions or submissions

March 19 – 12:30 PM – Single Session – Open

April 16 – 12:30 PM – Single Session – Flight C

May 2 – 12:30 PM – Single Session – Open (Last Chance Qualifier!)



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problem without doing so.

read up on these laws using this link:

We see players all the time think they can handle it themselves, only to eventually call the Director. The Director does so rule, for example, when the non-offending side may relevant provisions of the law."

Head Director - CBC

boards.

have gained through subsequent action taken by an opponent in ignorance of the INSTANT Thursday, October 31 - 12:30 PM ONE GOLD POINT to section tops in each direction in each club, remaining points red/black at 81.8% sectional rating. Games must have five tables and a minimum of 18

Winners recognized on website and in the Bridge Bulletin

Overall Awards: 1st, 20; depth of awards, 10 places District Winners: 1st, 10; depth of awards, 5 places

Hand records and analyses provided

regular Club Masterpoint game.

Mark your calendar for the following:

No partner needed. Either bring your own

Get your team together and Come to the 8 is Enough Oktoberfest Potluck and

Gold Dust will be awarded to match and

Team Play begins at 6:30 PM.

overall winners!

than 750).

chance.

used)

TUESDAY: 6:30 PM 0-300 MP

team or be assigned to a team.

Mini-lesson at 6:00PM

October 1

October 15

Lunch and Learn

September - International Fund Games