

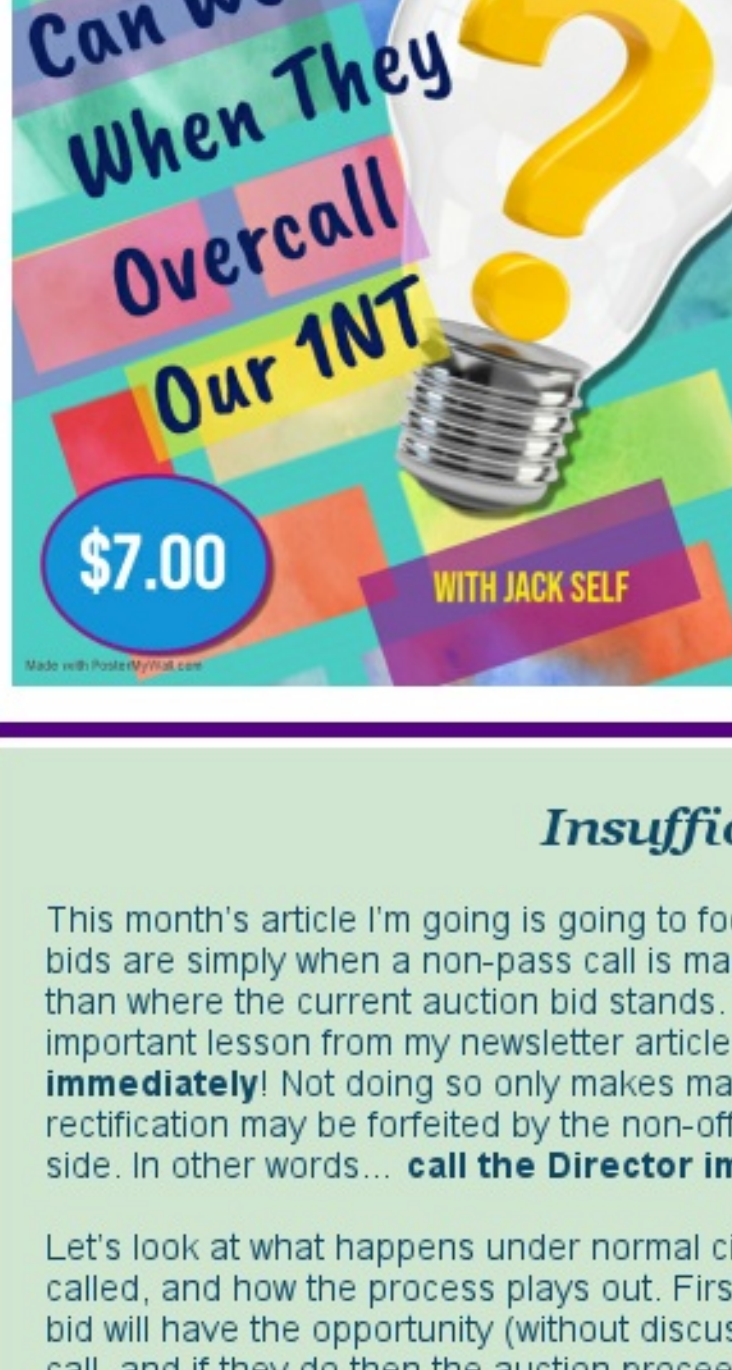
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November 16 GNT Club Qualifier

Get your team together for the first GNT Club Qualifier.

Teams are stratified by the member with the highest masterpoint holding.



Lunch and Learn

This is the fifth session in an ongoing series that the Education Committee is sponsoring at the members request to further develop their game.

Taught by Jack Self, these sessions are thought provoking for all levels, but 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.

Insufficient Bids

This month's article I'm going to focus on the topic of Insufficient Bids. Insufficient bids are simply when a non-pass call is made that is a lower call on the bidding ladder than where the current auction bid stands. Hopefully everyone learned one very important lesson from my newsletter article - First and foremost, **call the Director immediately!** Not doing so only makes matters worse for one or both sides as rectification may be forfeited by the non-offending side, or options lost for the offending side. In other words... **call the Director immediately!**

Let's look at what happens under normal circumstances when the Director is immediately called, and how the process plays out. First, the LHO to the player making the insufficient bid will have the opportunity (without discussion or direction from partner) to accept the call, and if they do then the auction proceeds from that point forward with the insufficient call becoming the new legal bidding ladder bid. If LHO does not accept the call, then the offender will have the option to make it sufficient at the lowest possible denomination, or to substitute a different legal call so long as the new call has the same or more specific meaning as the original insufficient call. If the offender takes any other non-comparable call or passes, then their partner will be barred for the remainder of the auction, and lead restrictions will be applied against the offender's partner should the non-offending side win the auction. The offender may not substitute a double for the insufficient call. The offender is highly encouraged to consult with the Director on whatever call they plan to make before. Note – just pointing out a call to be insufficient is neither accepting nor declining the call.

While the insufficient bid rectification rules may seem complicated, they really aren't too bad once you realize that they are geared towards restoring equity in the auction without providing unauthorized additional information to partner. Quite frequently auctions can continue without issue if the Director is immediately called. Offending players who don't call the Director and just immediately take an action are committing to that action should the insufficient bid not be accepted. Non-offending players who call after an insufficient bid are implicitly accepting the insufficient call and are themselves giving up options.

I'll close with a piece of advice which no Director is permitted to give at the time of a ruling, but may tell players afterwards... never accept an insufficient bid unless you have a very strong reason to do so, typically wanting to get a call into an auction that you may not otherwise be able to make if the insufficient call is made sufficient. Accepting insufficient bids just because you want to "be nice" is noble, but not good for competitive duplicate bring.

Be good and play well!

Michael Bitonti
Head Director - CBC

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



No Supervised Play Wednesday – Nov 27

No Game Thursday – Nov 28

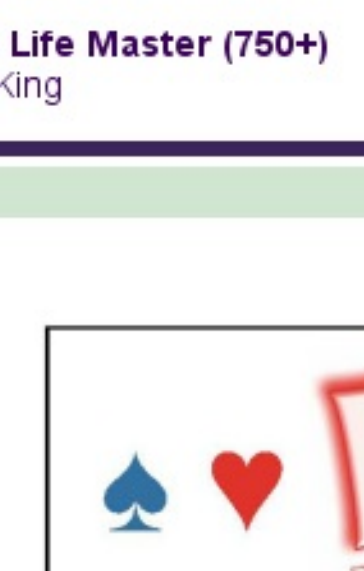
Open Game – 12:30 PM – Friday – Nov 29

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12

HOLD THE DATE

More Details to follow



Ruby Life Master (1500+)

Zan Edmunds

Silver Life Master (1000+)

Scott Dunn

Bronze Life Master (750+)

Shelby King

Masterpoint Milestones

Congratulations!

NABC Master (200+)

Catherine Chiles
Richard Coulter
Brenda Isbell

Sectional Master (50+)

Susan Des Portes
Delores Taylor

Club Master (20+)

Elly Winter

Junior Master (5+)

Donna Loy
Robin Norcia

NAP

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

2019 District 7 Finals

Flight A: Open 1:00 & 7:00, Saturday, Nov 23—Spartanburg, SC
Flight B: 0-2500 MP 9:30 & TBA, Sunday, Nov 24—Spartanburg, SC
Flight C: Non-Life Masters <500 MP

May play at only one of the following three sites:

10:00 & TBD, Thursday, Oct 24—Winston-Salem, NC
9:00 & 2:00, Saturday, Nov 9—Hilton Head, SC
1:00 & 7:00, Saturday, Nov 23—Spartanburg, SC

Flight C players are eligible to enter Flight A or B District competition. B players are eligible to enter Flight A competition.

D7 NAP coordinator: Lee Webb, leewebbl@sc.rr.com, 803-331-6894

- Players must have qualified at a club in June-Aug.
- Masterpoints as of June 1 (May 6) determine flight eligibility.
- Four pairs in B and C qualify for the NABC final in Columbus, OH, Sun-Mon, March 22-23, 2020. The top three pairs in Flight A get an invitation to the NABC final in Columbus, Wed-Thu, March 18-19, 2020.
- All participants who qualify for and attend the NABC final will receive \$900/person, partly from the ACBL and partly from District 7.
- Spartanburg and Hilton Head sites are during a sectional (See the corresponding sectional ad for hotel information) while the Winston-Salem site is at a bridge club.

The Georgia Taylor Recreation Center, 1471 West Clemmons-ville Rd, Winston-Salem, NC, (336) 407-9842, RSVP to crwbridge@yahoo.com.

Hilton Head Sectional, Nov 8-10, Hilton Head Beach Resort, 40 Folly Field Rd, Hilton Head Isl, SC, 29928, (800) 475-2631.

Spartanburg Sectional, Nov. 22-24, St Nicholas Hellenic Center, 701 Asheville Highway, Spartanburg SC.

Upcoming Special CBC Club Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

Nov 14	Individual Game (6:30 PM) <i>(signup please)</i>
Nov 16	GNT Single Session (12:30 PM)
Nov 21	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Nov 22	Lunch and Learn (10:30 AM) <i>(signup required)</i>
Nov 28	CBC CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY
Nov 29	Open Pairs (12:30 PM) No 0-1000 section today
Dec 9	Board Meeting (5:15 PM)
Dec 12	Holiday Party (4:30 PM)
Dec 14	Holiday Game Open and 0-300 6:00 PM
Dec 16-22	Birthday Game Open Pairs (12:30 PM)
Dec 19	STaC Week (check schedule for game types)
Dec 19	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Dec 20	STaC Team Game (6:30PM) <i>(signup please)</i>
Dec 24	Lunch and Learn (10:30 AM) <i>(signup required)</i>
Dec 24	CLUB CLOSED - CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25	CLUB CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 31	NO EVENING ACTIVITIES - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

November 22-24	Spartanburg Sectional and NAP Finals
November 23-24	NAP District 7 Finals
December 30-Jan 5	Myrtle Beach New Year's Regional

[Click on Tournament for Flyer](#)

STaC Week

COLUMBIA BRIDGE CLUB
 77 Brighton Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29223
 Phone: (803) 386-7010

Visitors Always Welcome!

(STRATS and Other Details will be Updated when Published)

DAY	DATE	TIME	GAME
MONDAY	DECEMBER 16	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	0 - 100 GAME OPEN GAME
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 17	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN and 0-500 GAME 0-300 GAME
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 18	12:30 PM	OPEN and 0-300 GAME
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 19	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	OPEN GAME OPEN TEAM GAME **
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 20	12:30 PM	OPEN GAME
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 21	12:30 PM	OPEN GAME
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 22	1:30 PM	OPEN GAME **

How it works: A STaC Tournament is essentially a SECTIONAL Tournament except that the individual sections take place at individual clubs, at or about the same time, instead of together at one large location. Any game at a participating club you attend at Clubs during STaC Week is 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, Aiken 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.

** Signup Sheet at Clubs
 ** NO INDIVIDUAL GAME - PARTNERS REQUIRED FOR STaC GAME

Bridge Library at the CBC



The Library at the CBC is looking like Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Have you borrowed a book and forgotten to return it? We're missing our Levenson book and one the the conventions binders - just to name a few.....

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

The library is a great resource for all players...feel free to borrow books, but please return them so that other may enjoy them too.

2019 - 2020 Club Qualifier Sessions at the Columbia Bridge Club

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 (Bring a Sandwich!)

February 13 - 12:30 PM - Single Session - Flight C (Followed by the Columbia Future Life Master Sectional: February 14 - 16)

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!)

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

Happy Holidays

CBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24	Tuesday	Club Closed
December 25	Wednesday	Club Closed
December 31	Tuesday	Club Closed
	Evening Game	
January 1	Wednesday	Club Closed

Supervised Play is on Holiday Break:
 Last Session December 18
 and will resume January 7

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 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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