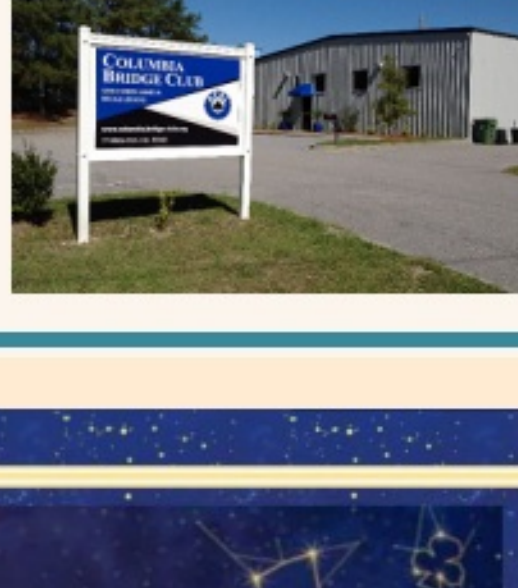


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STARDUST WEEK

— GOLD POINTS AND BEYOND —
A VIRTUAL CLUB EVENT – NOV. 23-29

ALL VIRTUAL CLUB GAMES

2X MASTERPOINTS

25% GOLD - 75% BLACK

NOVEMBER 23 – 29, 2020

MONDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM
TUESDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM
WEDNESDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM
THURSDAY:	THANKSGIVING DAY (no game)	
FRIDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM
SATURDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM
SUNDAY:	0-500 12:55 PM	OPEN 1:05 PM

Hi-Lo Game at the CBC

The Hi-Lo Pairs Game has returned to the CBC!

The game will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:05 PM.

Partnerships should consist of one partner above 500 masterpoints and the other below 500 masterpoints. The average masterpoints of the pair will be used for stratification purposes.

The 'spirit of the game' is get members playing with someone who they would not normally pair up with and established partnerships are discouraged.

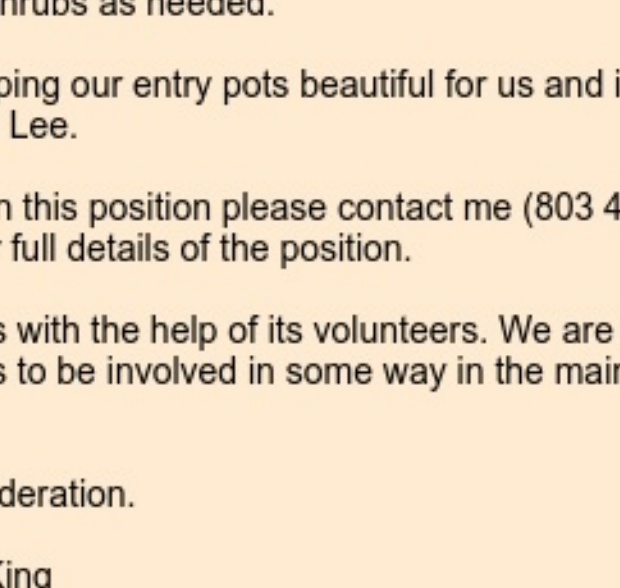


So.... experienced players, reach out and ask a novice or beginner to play.

Under 500 mp? - think of this as a Sadie Hawkins - invite a player over 500 mp to play!

Contact Judy Rockwell if you need help finding a partner.

Needed: Outside Facilities Manager



Hillary McDonald has been our devoted Outside Facilities Manager for five years now and we thank her for all she has done to make our facility grounds colorful and welcoming.

Hillary is stepping down and we need a new Outside Facilities Manager. The following are the responsibilities.

Facilities Manager Outside: Hillary McDonald

- Oversees grounds upkeep, beds, plants, trees and water system
- Maintains a schedule for ground maintenance
- Replaces trees and shrubs as needed.

Lee Webb has been keeping our entry pots beautiful for us and in fact just replanted them for the winter. Thank you Lee.

If you have any interest in this position please contact me (803 413-3421) and contact Hillary (803 787-2925) for full details of the position.

CBC survives and thrives with the help of its volunteers. We are a member owned club so we need all our members to be involved in some way in the maintenance and oversight of our facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

CBC President, Shelby King



Congratulations!

Masterpoint Milestones

NABC Master (200+)
Kathy Belknap

Club Master (20+)
Madeline Long
Peter Graham

NABC Robot Game

GET READY GET FIT

FOR THE NABC ROBOT INDIVIDUAL

Nov. 21-23

Bridge Base

Visit ACBL World on BBO to play in the daylong events and practice tourneys.

acbl.org/NABCRobot

CBC Virtual Game Schedule

Revised October 1, 2020

Monday	12:55 PM 0-500 Pairs 1:05 PM Open Pairs
Tuesday	1:05 PM Hi-Lo Pairs 1& 3 weeks Partnership +/- 500 - Stratified by Average
Wednesday	12:55 PM 0-500 Pairs 1:05 PM Open Pairs
Thursday	12:55 PM 0-500 Pairs 1:05 PM Open Pairs
Friday	1:05 PM Open Pairs
Saturday	Special Games Only - Check Calendar
Sunday	12:55 PM 0-500 Pairs 1:05 PM Open Pairs

Being an Online Director

By Jack Self

In some ways being a director for online bridge is easier than being a director for in-person bridge at the Club. I do not have to make rulings on bids out of turn or to explain that complex ruling when someone makes a lead out of turn. I do not have to deal with revokes and I do not have to remember if I cut off the coffee pot before I leave to go home.

But there are still areas where the director has to make decisions, and there are some other inconveniences that disrupt the game that the director needs to attend to. There are also a couple of misunderstandings that players have that cause them to complain to the director.

Let's clear some of these issues up.

Slow play: This has always been a problem at the Club and it is still a problem in online bridge. Contrary to what some players think, the director does not "take the board away" if you do not finish before the round is called. BridgeBaseOnline has to finish the game on time. There are other tournaments and games scheduled to start and BBO will not wait while you take 20 minutes to bid and play two hands. BBO allots 7 minutes per board and at the end of the allotted time for each round, BBO calls time and takes you to the next round. The director cannot override BBO's decision. It is automatic.

Adjusting the Result: When you do run out of time and do not get to finish a board, BBO decides what the likely result is going to be and scores the board accordingly. If it cannot decide what the result would have been, it will award an Average to both players. Anytime a board is incomplete at the end of the round, BBO sends a message to the director who can then review the hand and override BBO's result. HOWEVER, the director is not empowered to read your mind and decide what you would have done, nor is he or she allowed to decide how you would have "guessed" on a finesse. If there are too many "what-ifs" in the play of a hand, the director will allow an Average to be awarded.

Late Arrivals: Always a problem. If you are registered to play and do not get online on BBO at the start of the game, BBO will not allow the game to start. The director can delay the start of the game to give you a chance to get online BUT there is not too much leeway in starting the game late. Two minutes is just about the most a director can wait. After that, the director will tell BBO to unregister the late partnership and let the game start. TIP: Always log on to BBO at least five minutes before the game starts. You never know when you might have trouble logging in, so literally waiting until the last minute runs the risk of your partnership being deleted from the game.

Disconnects: They happen and they happen fairly frequently. When a player is disconnected, BBO informs the director. Usually the director will go to the table involved and monitor the situation to see if the player logs back in. If it is taking too much time for the player to get back into the game, the director can appoint a temporary substitute until the player can get back online. HINT: If you are disconnected, close out your browser and then log back on.

Calling the Director: There are still times you need to summon the Director. If so, you click on the blue box in the upper left hand corner and click on Call Director. When you do so, please type in a brief explanation of the reason you are calling, so the director will not have to take time to ask (remember the clock is ticking). Just say something like "North not bidding", "East playing too slow", "South not responding", or "EW slow play." **Note** that when you call the director, the other players at the table are notified that you did call the director. If you want to talk to the director without everyone knowing it, click on the VACB107318 ID in the chat box and a screen will pop up and you can chat with the director privately BUT remember, if you type in the chat box at the bottom of the screen, everyone at the table will see what you type.

Upcoming Special CBC Virtual Club Games and Online Tournaments

Special Games and Events at the Virtual CBC

November 17	Hi-Lo Pairs (1:05 PM)
November 26	THANKSGIVING DAY - No Virtual Games Today
November 23-29	Stardust Games - see above for Schedule
December 1	Hi-Lo Pairs (1:05 PM)
December 6	CBC Board Meeting 4:00 PM
December 15	Hi-Lo Pairs (1:05 PM)
December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY - No Virtual Games Today

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

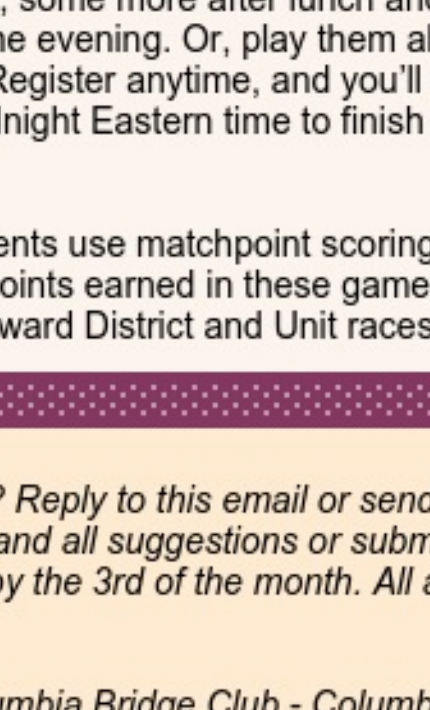
November 21-23	NABC Robot Individual
Nov 27- Dec 6	North American Online Bridge Championships
December 17-20	Winter Wonderland Online Regional

ACBL Hosted - Playing Bridge Online Workshops

A team of ACBL Tournament Directors are holding drop-in sessions to assist players with all facets of how to play online.

These sessions are currently scheduled to run thru late December

Link to schedule:



http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/TD_Zoom_schedule_2020.pdf

Dear CBC Members:

So many of us wish we could meet again and hopefully we can do this in 2021. I know we are all anticipating a vaccine which will ease us from this horrific threat.

Meanwhile we are virtual. Our open games are thriving and some of our 0-500 are making. Many of you sign on and then have to choose whether to move into the open or play elsewhere. CBC is trying to provide all level of play to our members. Perhaps reaching out to your CBC friends and encouraging them to play in one of these games would be beneficial. We care that you have a comfortable and competitive game. Help us make this happen by your participation in these limited games.

I am happily reporting our last hi low was a big success and hopefully you will find a partner to play the first or third Tuesday. Both Pat Webb and Judy Rockwell are ready willing and able to match you with a partner. Thanking both Judy and Pat for their continued help.

Recently, Jack Self has accepted the position of Education Coordinator. Jack is an educator and has assisted with our Lunch and Learn at the club which was well attended and instructive. Welcome Jack and his team, Kathy Kimmerring, Lee Webb and of course Scott Dunn. Bernetha Henry is stepping down and CBC is grateful for her commitment and dedication while she was the coordinator.

Our Survey was well received. We had a glitch with Survey Monkey which is requiring some additional funds to capture all our responses, so by next month we should be able to share the results. Thank you all for your participation.

Lastly, we have experienced issues with BBO signing on and being booted off. Mike is working to rectify this so the directors will know the table count. If they have to get subs to complete the game it takes some time and effort.

Stay well and keep playing!

Shelby King, CBC President

Free Beginner Bridge Lessons

The course is for those that want to learn to play bridge using the modern version of the Standard American bidding system. It also introduces how to play online on the Bridge Base Online (BBO) website and provides information about the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

The course has twelve online Zoom lessons. Attend as many or as few as you want. Each lesson is about 1 hour followed by a brief Q&A session. Lesson handouts and the Zoom link are emailed to participants before each lesson. The Zoom Online lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm (EST).

The course schedule:

January 5	General Concepts
January 12	Opening Bids
January 19	Responses to 1NT Open
January 26	Responses to Suit Open
February 2	Rebids by Opener
February 9	Rebids by Responder
February 16	Overcalls
February 23	Takeout X (Double)
March 2	Stayman, Jacoby Transfer, 2 Minor Suit Transfer
March 9	Reverses and Splinters
March 16	Strong 2 with 2 Waiting, Traditional Weak 2's and Preempts
March 23	Gerber and Blackwood

To register, click on the following registration. Fill out and submit. That is all it takes to register!

<http://teepurl.com/tfht-BX>

Have fun! Learn to play bridge! Share with a friend.

Bridge is a great game for families and children – playing bridge develops math skills, logical thinking, strategic planning and partnership. It's a game you can play for a lifetime.

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