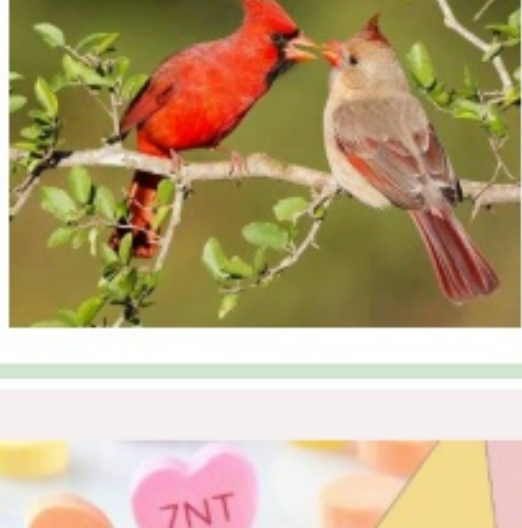


CBC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021



Join Your Friends at the CBC for Special Games Valentine's Weekend

Open and 0-300 Pairs - Saturday and Sunday
Double Masterpoints: 1/2 Red 1/2 Black
Game Fee will be reduced to \$3.00

Thank you! CBC members for your continuing support!

CBC Pools with the Southeastern Bridge Club Consortium

Additional Playing and Learning Opportunities on BBO

This week, the Southeast Bridge Club Consortium (based in Knoxville, TN) welcomed the Columbia Bridge Club to its consortium of more than 30 regional bridge clubs! The SEBCC Mission is to keep bridge players of all levels engaged and excited about bridge.

SEBCC offers games four times each day: 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. Every session has both Limited and Open games available (Open games are awarded extra Masterpoints when there are also Limited games at the same time).

The best way to understand their offerings is via the SEBCC [online schedule](#).

They also offer ...

Club professional (national champion), Kevin Wilson does three short (45 min) lessons each week on BBO. They are called Bridge Bites with Kevin. They are at 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. They are free. Go on BBO and look for Kevin. His BBO player name is "Grypho". Click on his name and then, in the popup box that appears, click JOIN to come to his table. They use BBO Voice and Zoom for each session. On Monday he does hands of the week, on Wednesdays he does a series (currently on the 12 habits of highly effective bidders - very advanced), and on Saturdays he usually answers questions that people send through email or BBO mail.

and

Live postmortems six days a week after both the 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM games. They are also free. Jim Ricker (ABTA Teacher of the Year) does the majority of these. They discuss the hands just played and answer your questions from these Common Game boards. Even if you do not play in the SEBCC game that day, you are invited to attend. Led by username "SEBCCPOST" at a BBO Teaching table OR you can go directly to zoom every day (except Sunday) at 3:15 and 6:15 with this link [POSTMORTEM ZOOM LINK](#) and you join the table as above. These postmortems are also recorded and posted on the SEBCC website - [POSTMORTEM RECORDINGS](#).

These games are not intended to replace current CBC games, but are an additional place that you can play on a day or time when the CBC does not offer a game or a game with the masterpoint restrictions where you would like to play. With the SEBCC offering games 4 times a day, this partnership gives CBC players approximately 100 additional games each month!

All the SEBCC games (Southeastern/Knox) are now found on your virtual dashboard. You may also play with a guest in this club. If you have any questions or problems, contact Kathy Kimmerling (734) 476-4046

Call For Nominations

The following positions are open for nomination:

(2) Columbia Bridge Club at-Large Board Members - 3 year term

You may nominate yourself or another member in good standing, by writing or emailing:

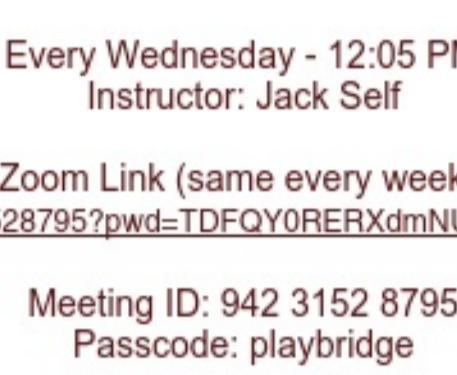
Karen Hansell
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Nomination forms will be posted on CBC Website and all nominations are due by 5:00 PM, March 31, 2021.

Note: A member in good standing is considered one who has paid their Annual Club dues and played a minimum of ten (10) club game in the last twelve (12) months.

Any questions or to request a nomination forms, please contact:

Bernetha Henry
Chairperson - CBC Election Committee
Email: pm9735@aol.com
Cell # 803-730-3179



Zoom Lesson! Wednesdays at 12:05 PM

Join us for a 30 Minute Lesson on Zoom!

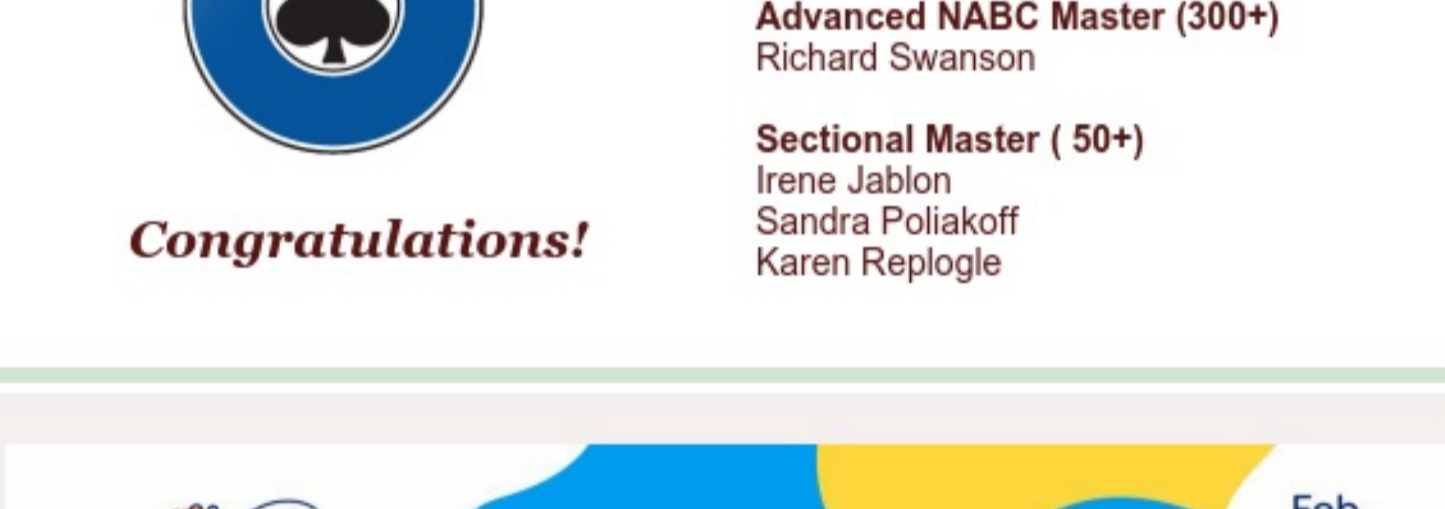
Every Wednesday - 12:05 PM
Instructor: Jack Self

Zoom Link (same every week):
<https://zoom.us/j/94231528795?pwd=TFQyOERERXdmNUJ2bVJMWDdEQ3ZWUT09>

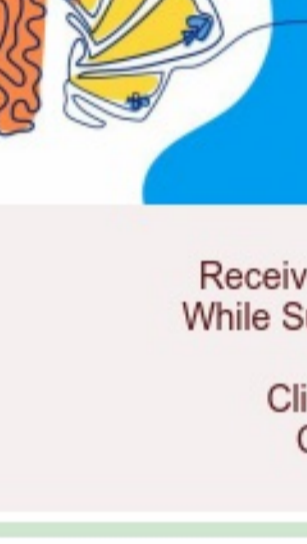
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During these sessions, it will be beneficial to have a deck of cards that have been sorted into suits. This will enable attendees to lay out some of the situations discussed and see it "live" as they actually play along with Jack.

The CBC Virtual Game will follow the Lesson!
Two sections are scheduled: 12:55 PM 0-300 Pairs and 1:05 PM Open Pairs.



Masterpoint Milestones



Congratulations!

Bronze Life Master (500+)

Brenda Isbell

Advanced NABC Master (300+)

Richard Swanson

Sectional Master (50+)

Irene Jablon
Sandra Poliakoff
Karen Replogle



Receive Double Black Masterpoints All Week
While Supporting Bridge Education and Growth

Click on Picture for More Information
Check Calendar for Game Times

Upcoming Special CBC Virtual Club Games and Online Tournaments

Special Games and Events at the Virtual CBC

February 13-14 Valentine's Weekend Event
February 16 Hi-Lo Game +/- 500 MP Pairs
February 18-21 Hollywood Magic Online Regional
February 22-28 Educational Foundation Week (Check Calendar for Schedule)

March 2 Hi-Lo Game +/- 500 MP Pairs
March 16 Hi-Lo Game +/- 500 MP Pairs
March 22-28 Stardust Week - Gold Point in Virtual Club Games

Virtual Regional Tournaments and Other National Events

February 18-21 Hollywood Magic Online Regional
March 6-8 Spring NABC Robot Individual
March 11- 21 Spring NAOBC

Alerting and Announcing on BBO (Part 2)

by Mike Bitonti

Explanations can be made with or without the call being alert-able, and it's good practice to do so. Just remember that **explanations and alerts only ever apply to your own calls and not your partner's calls** on BBO. There are those in the club that are still trying to alert and explain their partner's bids. **STOP DOING THAT!!!** It may be misunderstood by the opponents and then they may be entitled to redress (damages).

I figured I would lead off this article with a quote from my last article on alerting/announcing on BBO. It's that important! Now, let's talk more about alerting/announcing in general while playing on BBO.

We still see many players not making announcements or alert statements in the chat section while making a bid. Or players are making statements such as "Drury" (is that the hotel chain, the university in Springfield MO, or even Chris Drury from the N.Y. Rangers hockey team?!) Players fail to realize that just saying the name of a convention doesn't mean that everyone will know it's a limit-raise in partners hand. If you're making that bid, never say "Drury". Instead, type in "3 card limit raise" or "4-card limit raise". This goes for any named convention/treatment - Smolen, Rosenkranz, Lightner, etc.. Your opponents may not know what it is and are not expected to have to beat the info out of you. That takes time, and in BBO it's not only a complete waste of time to have to explain things multiple times, but it's also inconsiderate to the opponents.

Now, on to the new ACBL Alert procedures that went into effect Jan 1, 2021. The following is a link to a document that describes all the new alerts:

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures2.pdf>

I'm not going to go thru them all as that would take WAY too much time. However, I'll hit a few of the more important and common one:

- Pre-alert by announcing to opponents any system that includes at least one 1-level Opening Bid that is not Natural or that is Forcing. An example is the strong 1♣ Precision system.
- If you are not sure whether to Alert a call, err on the side of Alerting it. You should Alert a call that requires (or may require) an Alert even if you do not remember its meaning. However, do not Alert any call that this document says not to Alert. In other words, more info to the opponents via the announcement box on the bid is a good.
- Transfers to a specific suit are now made by saying the suit name, not the word Transfer. For example: 1NT - P - 2* You should not alert the call, but instead put the word "spades" in for the explanation and not the word "transfer". Another example: 1NT - P - 2* You would give the explanation as "clubs" even if you're playing a relay where you would later correct to diamonds. In summary, state the name of the suit you are requesting partner to bid on transfer/relay calls instead of using the words "transfer" or "relay".

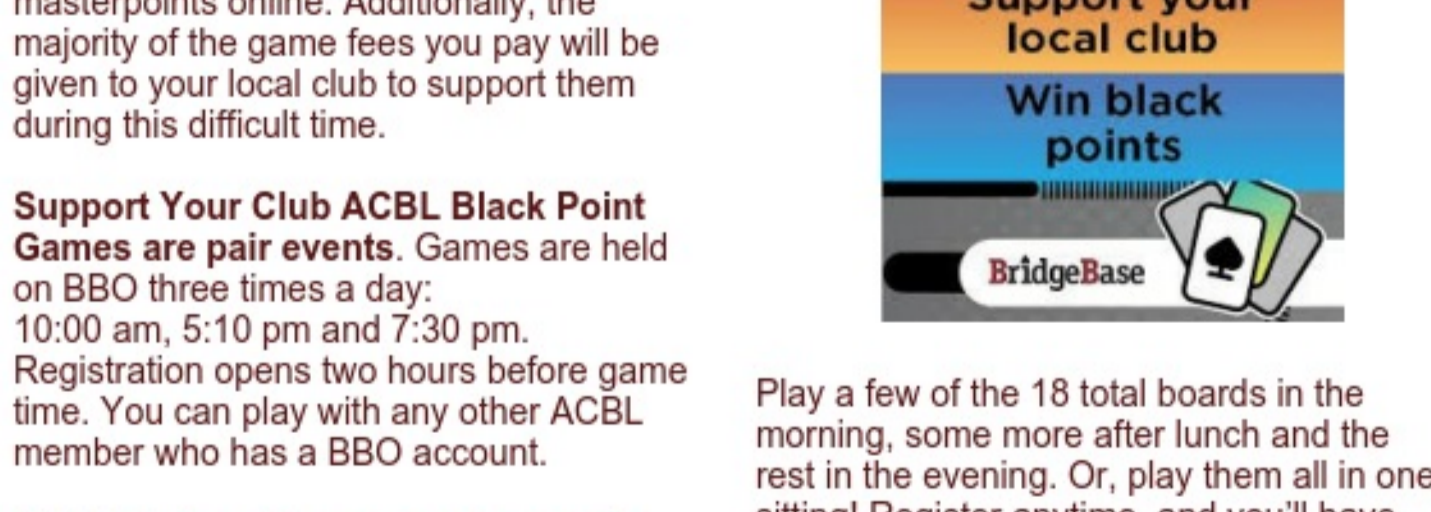
If there are any questions concerning the new ACBL alert procedure, feel free to call me and I'll be happy to go over them with you.

Be good and play well!

Michael Bitonti
Head Director - CBC

BBO Now NOT Collecting Sales Tax on BB\$

So for whatever reason, BBO has stopped collecting sales tax on BB\$.

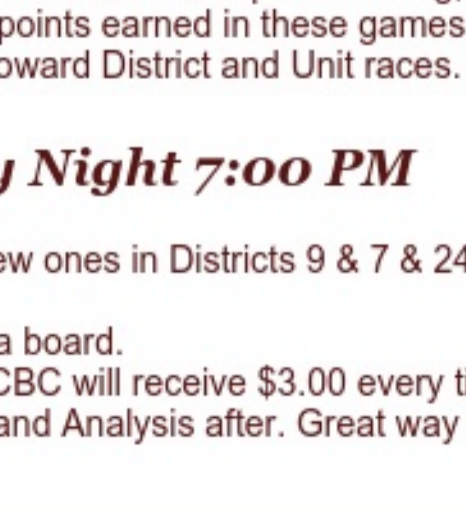


Support the CBC - Play in Daily ACBL SYC Games

ACBL has partnered with [Bridge Base Online \(BBO\)](#) and The Common Game to give you chances each day to earn black masterpoints online. Additionally, the majority of the game fees you pay will be given to your local club to support them during this difficult time.

Support Your Club ACBL Black Point Games are pair events. Games are held on BBO three times a day: 10:00 am, 5:10 pm and 7:30 pm. Registration opens two hours before game time. You can play with any other ACBL member who has a BBO account.

NEW! Daylong Tournaments are solo events played with robots. In this game, you have up to 24 hours to complete your game, and it doesn't have to be played all at once. You can even pause in the middle of a hand.



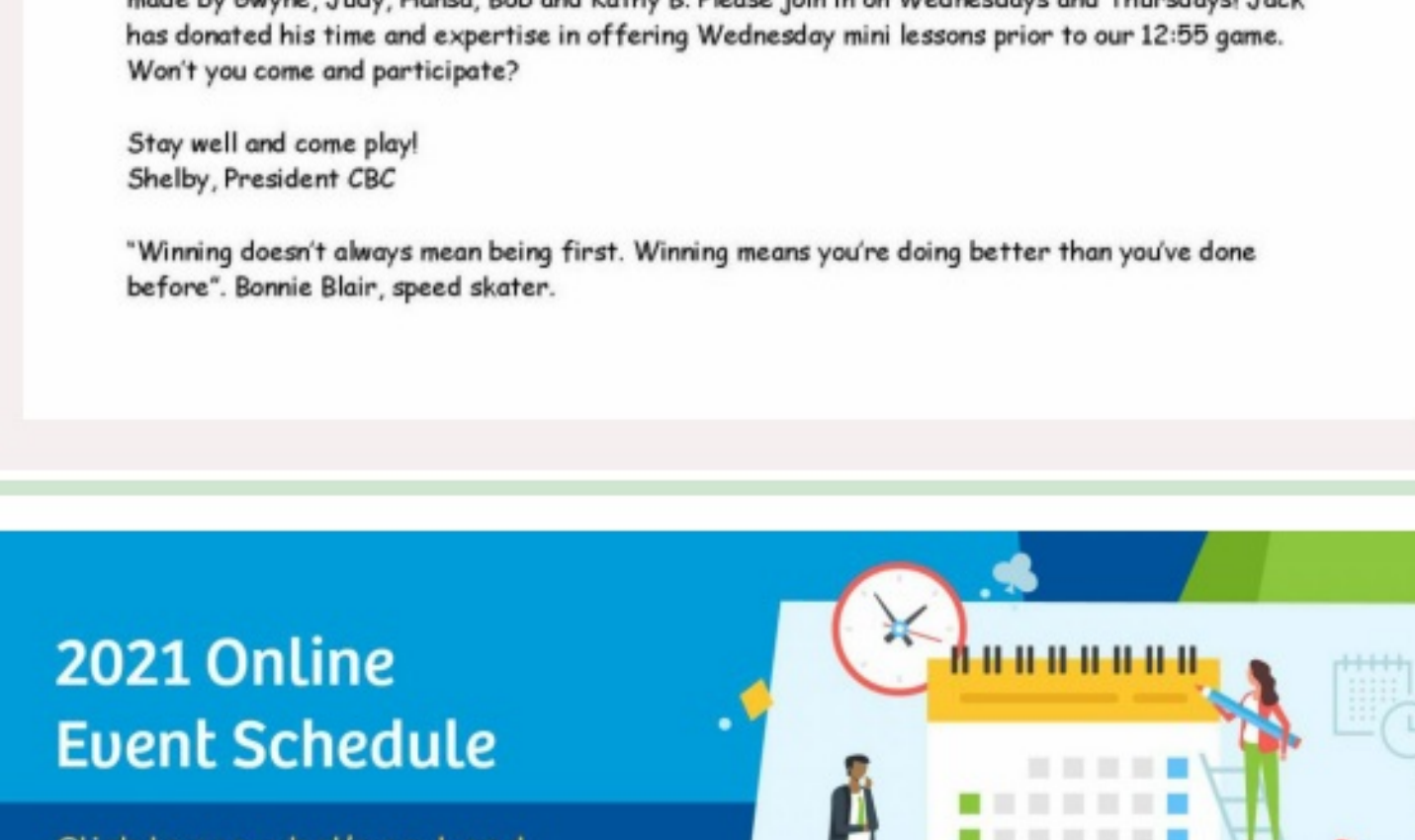
Play a few of the 18 total lunch in the morning, some more after lunch and the rest in the evening. Or, play them all in one sitting! Register anytime, and you'll have until midnight Eastern time to finish the boards.

Both events use matchpoint scoring, and masterpoints earned in these games will count toward District and Unit races.

99'er Virtual Game - Every Night 7:00 PM

Play with your friends from the CBC, or make some new ones in Districts 9 & 7 & 24 !!

Play 12 relaxed boards at approximately 7 ½ minutes a board. This game pays back to the players' home clubs; the CBC will receive \$3.00 every time you play in this game. Lesson before the game and Hand Analysis after. Great way to improve your game and support your club!



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