



Best Wishes for 2023!



Eight is Enough Team Game Makes Its Triumphant Return

Making its return to the CBC schedule after a nearly 3 year hiatus, the 8 is Enough Team Game got off to a rousing start on Thursday evening, January 19, with five teams vying for the top spot. The event started at 5:30 with a potluck dinner to allow some time for socializing with great food with the game itself starting at 6:30 with the first of four rounds of 6-board matches between teams.

In the 8 is Enough team game, each team must consist of 4 players with each player being assigned a “value” according to his or her masterpoint holding. A team member with more than 2000 masterpoints has a value of “3” while a member with 750 – 2000 has a value of “2” and a member with less than 750 has a value of “1.” The total “value” of the team cannot be more than 8. The purpose of the 8 limit is to insure that each team is composed of a variety of players with different experience levels.

Each of the four matches is scored using International Match Points (IMP's) that are converted to Victory Points using a scale devised by the ACBL. For each match there



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:
HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am starting off 2023 full of optimism! Our games are growing nicely, we see new faces just about every week, our special events have been very successful AND we are financially sound! Yippee!!!

Speaking of special events—Jack Self has written a recap of the newly reinstated Potluck Dinner/Team Game. The third Thursday of each month, dinner at 5:30, game following. Put a 4 person team together for Thursday, February 16; the format is “Eight is Enough”. If you aren’t familiar with that format, call me. Y’all, we had big fun last Thursday!

Another special event is coming up soon. CBC once again is hosting the Future Life Master

Tournament. Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4...two sessions (morning and afternoon) each day...complimentary lunch provided each day. Lee Webb is Chairman of the tournament. We are anticipating another great turnout this year. Players with less than 500 master points are eligible. Please find a partner; register to play; and reach out to your out-of-town bridge buddies and invite them! (I’m collecting door prizes for us to give away during the tournament---if you have something that you’d like to donate for a door prize, please contact me.)

Thanks for being a part of the

are 20 Victory Points up for grabs to be divided between the two competing teams, with the winning team in each match getting the larger share of those 20 VP's.

The competition was fierce with all five teams putting up a fight to earn as many Victory Points as possible in each match. At the end of the game, the winning team was composed of Loretta McPherson, Ellen Brown, Kenyon Stevenson, and Jack Self, whose team earned 54 of the 80 possible VP's. Second place honors went to teammates Judy Rockwell, Kathy Belknap, Rajiv Kapadia, and Anne O'Meara, who were close behind with 50 VP's. Masterpoints are awarded to each team for winning matches as well as placing overall. Four of the five teams playing in this inaugural game won masterpoints.

The 8 is Enough Team game will be played on the third Thursday evening of each month, so mark your calendar for February 16 for the next game. Start looking for teammates now. Just remember that the total team member "value" cannot exceed 8, so look for a mix of A, B, and C level players. Be sure to sign your team up on the Registration page on the CBC website.



Janet Sheridan wants to personally thank all those who helped her make the Christmas party a success!

Columbia Bridge Club! I hope I see you soon and often at the Club during 2023!

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PALSS December Charity Update

Happy New Year Columbia Bridge Club Family!

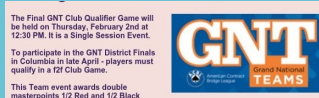
I'm so proud and pleased to report that the CBC family opened their hearts (and wallets) again this year! Including a generous contribution from Unit 160, we donated a total of \$1,600 to the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)!!! This is the same as we donated last year.

The entirety of this donation will go directly to services that PALSS provides - none will go to administrative costs. In addition to testing, treatment, a food bank, housing, and transportation services, this donation will continue to ensure that sexual assault survivors will have access to PALSS resources free of charge! These are (unfortunately) much needed services that the members of the CBC have continuously helped to provide for our community.

Thank you!



- Congratulations to Hansa Patel, our newest LIFE MASTER!



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