

Trick or Treat



As we head toward the holiday seasons and then to the beginning of another year, CBC thanks all of you who have supported CBC this past year and since Covid. CBC lives because of YOU. Without members and participants we have no club. We are here because we love the game of bridge. This is what we share in common.

Some times we just have to discuss the business of CBC. Prior to Covid we were living well with money in the bank and games nearly each day. Since Covid, we are in the process of building our membership and our number of games.

CBC's livelihood depends on our intake from games and donations. As we

have fewer games and fewer players we have less revenue. Our building maintenance, directors pay, janitorial, supplies, utilities, etc have to be paid. Many of you play on BBO on the days we are not offering a game f2f and others of you prefer to stay in your PJs and play at home! If you will please consider playing in the **SE BRIDGE CLUB CONSORTIUM** CBC will receive revenue from each game in which you participate. Most game are \$3.50 for 18 boards, some are more... To find these games when you sign on to BBO, instead of going to ACBL WORLD, click on **VIRTUAL GAMES**, look for **North America** and scroll until you see an SE.... Games are offered for all levels as well as three opens per day. The games are smaller, but you can get your play in and your points will add up.

Any of these games below will contribute to CBC's revenue.. Thanks for playing..

SOUTHEAST Bridge Club Consortium - BBO AND SEBCC Via our club (SOUTHEAST/KNOX) the SOUTHEAST BRIDGE CLUB CONSORTIUM (SEBCC) is a great group of clubs that have come together offering a wide range of:

- Game Days (Every Day of the Week)
- Game Times (9:30, 1:05, and 7:05 For SOUTHEAST/KNOX)
- Games for different player levels (499er, 2499er, and Open for SOUTHEAST/KNOX)
- Tremendous opportunities for player development (see below) from nationally ranked teachers (Kevin Wilson and Jim Ricker)

Games Times/Player Levels - See the SOUTHEAST/KNOX **Online Calendar** for our times and when we have special games

- Free Postmortems
 - Monday-Wednesday at approximately 3:15 we go over the hands from the afternoon session

Looking for a Game? These are Alternative Places to Play on BBO! Monies from these Games are Returned to the CBC

ACBL - "Support Your Club" Individual Game
DAYLONG - Play with a 'Bot against Robot Opponents
Majority of the Proceeds go back to Clubs

'99er - 7:00 PM Daily Game
Look for 99ers Nite Club East

District 9, 7 & 23 '199er - 7:00 PM Daily Game
Look for 199ers Nite Club East

SOUTHEASTERN/KNOX Consortium Games
Multiple Daily Games
Open, Limited and Robot Games
CLICK TO VIEW THE CALENDAR OF GAMES

As another matter of business, we have lots of grazers at our club. All the snacks you see laid out for you are from the generous donation of players. Sometimes we have homemade cakes, cheeses, dips, salties and CHOCOLATE.. these do not exist without members who kindly bring them. Won't you consider bringing your favorite snack to share? CBC thanks you!

Last, we have to clean up after ourselves, please dispose of all wrappers, plates and drink products before you leave the building..

President's Corner



A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! When I was a kid, for weeks before, the topic of conversation would be: "Whatcha gonna be for Halloween?"!!! This year, I think I'll "be" a better bridge player (or at least I'm going to put out a bit of effort to be a better bridge player).

I, like many of you, have taken advantage of CBC's Mentor/Mentee Series. My mentor, Lee Webb, helps me some each time we play together. Specifically, one thing that she introduced me to was "Sandwich No Trump". Never had heard of such a thing—but, I'm using it regularly with various partners! (Yippee, another tool in the bag!)

Right in line with learning from the mentor/mentee games, I think it's terrific that I learn lots of new things—just from playing in regular games at CBC. I receive lots of helpful tips from my opponents; I feel very fortunate to belong to a club whose members are willing to help me "be a better bridge player"! Recently, I have been introduced to Coded 9's and 10's (thanks Laura Bro) and will be playing that convention, along with adding Maximal Doubles to my game. For whatever reason—I have just opened myself up to a "bridge growth spurt"! Ha!

Our club really offers so many opportunities for learning: Monday – Mini Lesson before the game; Thursday – Supervised Play; Saturday – Beginner's Workshops; 3rd Sunday – Mentor Mentee. Additionally, our Eight is Enough Team Game and our new once a month Four is Enough Game offer a great opportunity for Hi/Lo partnerings.

And, if that isn't enough, I have never asked a more experienced member of CBC for advice or clarification, that the request hasn't been responded to enthusiastically! Wanna grow your game? Come to the Columbia Bridge Club!

I hope I will see you there soon and often!

Judy



JANET SHERIDAN for achieving SILVER LIFE MASTER and JACK SELF FOR GOLD LIFE!





This month CBC is applauding our current acting directors, Mike Bitonti, Head Director. Mary Townhill, Chris Webb, Glenn Mitchell, Morris Mitchem, Jack Self, Laura Bro and Susan McFadden. We cannot run an ACBL sanctioned game without qualified directors. These directors are vital, I mean essential to our games. CBC is fortunate to have so many qualified directors. Mike has been Head Director for as long as I remember. He not only heads up the director's team, he and Glenn manage our data, our computers, bidding machines and all technical equipment needed to operate. Mike and Glenn keep our lights outside going as well as our security system. When we have a problem one or both are johnny of the spot, no matter the hour of day...or night. They diagnose, fix or make necessary purchases, doing their work mostly behind the scenes keeping us operational. Our computers and printers are repaired and maintained by these two very talented members. Glenn is our newest director as well as our assistant treasurer. Mike wears many hats and at one time planned and directed our Wednesday night supervised play where our newcomers thrived and grew. Mike loves to expound, just ask him anything, but plan on getting an ear full! Jack and Mary have been on board for a very long time. Mary was our education coordinator for years and taught multiple classes where her attendees learned bridge the right way! She really knows her stuff and was a great imparter of bridge knowledge for long years. Jack is a teacher and there is no denying it. He has offered many more advanced classes over the years; prior to Covid, he donated his time and knowledge for Lunch and Learn, which was quite helpful to those wanting to advance their knowledge in various conventions. Jack frequently writes articles for our newsletter which are always helpful and interesting to read. Jack becomes our President in June. Morris, slips in quietly, mostly on Sundays and is very adept at filling in when one of our directors can't fulfill their time slot... last minute...Morris has some good ideas for growing our club and insists we play by the rules.....Chris was featured with his wife Lee a few months ago. He is responsible for two or our Sunday games, one being our Mentee/Mentor game which is a success. He has taught classes which were well attended, not to mention he is our current Treasurer... Susan is so dedicated, particularly to our beginner and novice players. She and Laura have long conducted beginners' class and play time. Susan was a Secretary on the Board a few years back and she is the one sending all those clever and colorful reminders of a variety of games and activities on a weekly basis. Laura is part of the teaching team with Susan and currently is our club Educational Coordinator which is time consuming, involving lots of planning and execution. Laura is currently serving as an AT LARGE BOARD member. These gifted and talented folks are a real gift to CBC.

Thanks to all of you for giving so much to keep CBC alive!

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