

## **ABC's of CBC**

### **A**

**ABC's** – First three letters of the alphabet, duh!

**ACBL**– American Contract Bridge League

#### **ACBL Games and Tournaments –**

A. Games

Club – Local organized games played in the club. Check Tricks & Treats Calendar for date and time.

B. Tournaments –

1. Sectional – Usually one game Thursday night, two one session games on Friday, two one session games on Saturday and two Swiss Teams on Sunday. Novice and Intermediate sessions included. Masterpoint awards greater than club level. Silver points awarded.

2. Regional – Usually lasts from Monday to Sunday. Many events daily, with speakers between many sessions. Novice and Intermediate sessions included. Masterpoint awards greater than Sectional level. Red and gold points awarded.

3. National – Three per year in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Last for 10 days and rotate geographically for convenience of players. Many events daily, with speakers between many sessions. Novice and Intermediate sessions included. Masterpoint awards greater than Regional level. Red and gold points awarded.

**Average** – One half the maximum matchpoint score available to a contestant.

### **B**

**Bid Box** – A device used to permit silent bidding by taking appropriate cards from the box and placing on the table.

**Birthday party** – See Parties.

**Board** – In bridge, board has three meanings:

A. The pockets which hold the playing cards for each hand and shows dealer and vulnerability (marked in red for vulnerable, the condition of being able to make a large bonus for fulfilling a contract and also, larger losses occur when a contract goes down, especially when doubled);

B. The dummy's hand, so called because it lies on the table; and

C. The Board of Directors – See below.

**Board of Directors** – Must have been a member of the club at least 12 months to be a member at large and three years to be an officer. Consists of:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Six At Large Members serving of 3 years each

1st year (2) 2nd year (2) 3rd year (2)

Past President

Head Director

**Bottom** – Lowest score on a particular hand in a group in direct competition.

**Bracketed** – A method of conducting events for a large number of teams with limited number of sessions or matches available. Teams/pairs divided into groups of 8-16-32 and each group competes in separate event with its own set of winners.

#### **Bridge**

– Duplicate Bridge – A form of the game whereby the conditions of play are duplicated exactly at each table by the use of "boards", the same cards in each hand, the same dealer, the same vulnerability. Every deal is scored separately and no part scores are carried forward. Matchpoints are derived by comparing the scores made by players who hold the identical cards under the identical conditions.

– Easy Bridge – Created by educator Edith McMullin, is a teaching program used by CBC and ACBL. It is designed to attract and develop new duplicate bridge players.

– Party Bridge – Another term for rubber bridge.

– Rubber Bridge – Played in rubbers. A rubber is the best of three games. A game is won by the first team to score 100 or more points for successful contracts, over several deals if necessary. Each hand is shuffled and dealt, as "boards" are not used.

**Burger** – Printout of results given each pair at the end of a session coined by Miles Duke.

### **C**

**CBC** – Columbia Bridge Club

**Charity Games** – An event usually programmed for a particular day. Extra charge is donated to a charity selected by the board of directors of the club and extra points are awarded.

**Chicago Scoring** – First hand no one is vulnerable, second and third hand dealer is vulnerable, and fourth hand everyone is

vulnerable, Each hand is scored duplicate style. There is no accumulation of part scores or games from deal to deal. A multiple of four hands can be played, repeating the sequence of vulnerabilities as often as necessary. The result is simply the total score over the deals played. It is named after the city in which it originated.

**Club Championship** – Doesn't cost extra, but extra points are awarded.

**Computer Bridge Sites** – OKBridge.com, ABCL.org, Bridgebase.org or Bridgeclues.com (If you have any favorites, let us know).

**Convention Card** – A listing of a partnership's understandings, used in duplicate bridge. It allows the opponents to know what system a partnership has elected to play. It lists generally used conventions and treatments on a check off basis and provides space to list other conventions and treatments. Each player is to have a card filled out in agreement with partners card.

## D

**December Party** – See Parties.

**Director** – Person qualified to supervise a bridge game. There is no shame, insult, or meanness to having a director called. Bridge is a game of discipline and rules. Always call the director when there is a question.

**Dues** – Dues are \$15 per person/\$28 per couple a year, due (get it?) in June. Dues will be prorated if you join the club later in the year. Why pay dues? The club has expenses—the newsletter, utilities, maintenance, cleaning, dues to ACBL, directors fees and miscellaneous items. And you are eligible for club trophies! You will be assessed \$1 more per game if you do not pay your dues (hey, it's only \$1.25 per month.)

**Duplicate Bridge** – See Bridge.

## E

**Easy Bridge** – See Bridge.

## F

**Fouled Board** – A board in which a hand has been altered from the way it was originally dealt. Director must determine when fouling has occurred and adjust score.

## G

**GNT** – Grand National Teams—red and black points awarded to the winner of Swiss Team play.

**Games** – See ACBL Games and Tournaments.

**Guide Card** – Printed card designating the progression of players and boards.

## H

**HCP** – High Card Points

**Head-to-Head** – Any match of prearranged set opposition; one team of four or more against another of four or more. Restricted to two team contests.

## I

**IMP** – International Match Point – a unit of scoring used according to a schedule established by the World Bridge Federation. Most often used when playing team games.

**Individual Games** – The top finisher with the best overall score for the evening with different partners.

## J

**June Party** – See Parties.

**Junior Fund Game** – Special games to support the activities of Junior bridge players,. Participants pay an extra \$1 that is donated to this fund. Players earn extra black masterpoints.

## K

**Kibitzer** – An onlooker at bridge. There are rules of conduct associated with this: 1) Ask permission; 2) Look at one hand only; 3) Show no reaction, refrain from conversation or mannerisms or any disturbance; and 4) May not call attention or speak of any irregularity except when asked by director.

**Knockouts** – Team game where the winners advance to the next round and the losers are knocked out of the competition.

## L

**Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge** – First published in 1928 with revisions to date. The 1975 Laws became international. Designed to define correct procedure and to provide an adequate remedy when there is a departure from correct procedure. An offending player should be ready to pay any penalty graciously, or to accept any adjusted score awarded by the Tournament

Director. The Laws are primarily designed not as a punishment for irregularities, but rather as a redress for damage.

**Lost and Found** – Ask the director or front desk.

## **M**

**Master Points** – Awards for coming in at games:\*

Black Points – Club level, unit championships and sectionally rated events.

Red Points – Regional tournaments, GNT, NAP, North American championships.

Silver Points – Won at Sectionals and STaC's.

Gold Points – First and overall placing and after first round of knockouts in Regionals.

\*Points awarded depend upon such factors as number of tables, type of game (charity, STaC, etc.) and stratification level.

**Matchpoint** – A method of scoring duplicate contests in which two or more scores are compared. A contestant or pair receives one point for each result they beat, ½ point for each result they tie.

**Mixed Pair** – Event in which partnerships must be one male and one female.

**Movements** –

Mitchell – (Usually 8 or more tables) North-South remain stationary. East-West move to the next higher numbered table; boards go to the lower numbered table.

Howell – (Usually 7 or less tables) Move with only a few stationary spots as designated by card on table. ("Howell" I sit next time?)

## **N**

**NABC** – North American Bridge Championship

**NAP (NAOP)** – North American Pairs (North American Open Pairs)

**NLM** – Non-Life Master

**North** – a position in a bridge foursome or in a bridge diagram opposite South, to the left of East and right of West. North is responsible for the scoring and correct boards at the table and correct direction of boards (north facing North).

## **O**

**Open Pairs** – An event in which pairs are formed without regard to gender or masterpoints.

**Over-Under** – See Pro/Am.

## **P**

**Parties** – Hosted by club members We always have social time before bridge play. As usual, you will need a partner for play. Sign-up sheet on bulletin for hosting.

1. Birthday Party—once a month on Saturday chosen by host. Play free in your birthday month!

2. \*June Party –Trophies are given. Thursday chosen by host. Covered dish.

3. \*December Party – Thursday chosen by host. Covered dish.

\*Bring your "plus one" for lots of fun. If they don't play bridge they can leave after dinner.

**Party Bridge** – See Bridge.

**Points** – See Master Points and Rank.

**Pro-Am** – (Professional/Amateur) (Over-Under) – A game in which each partnership has one person with more than a certain number of points and the other one has less.

**Psychic Bidding** – A bid that bears little or no resemblance to a logical choice for the hand in a natural conventional or systemic partnership agreement. A bid that grossly misstates HCP or distribution of a hand. Experienced players who psych against less experienced players may be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct. Call the director.

**Publications**

Tricks & Treats – CBC monthly newsletter received with membership to CBC. Read it. Calendar tells day by day events, letter recaps past month, tells of upcoming events. Mailed.

ACBL Bridge Bulletin – ACBL monthly Bulletin received with membership to ACBL. Many interesting articles and instructional help. Page 25 tells your current masterpoints. Mailed.

Palmetto Pre-Empts – Unit 160 quarterly newsletter. Pick up at the club.

Baron-Barkley – Catalogue for books and bridge supplies (1-800-274-2211)

The Bridge Source – Catalogue for books and bridge supplies (1-800-264-2743)

## **Q**

**Questions** – Director is available to help or direct you to someone who can.

## **R**

**Rank** – The status of a player in a masterpoint ranking system. (Check ACBL for most current.)

If you joined ACBL before January 1, 2010:

Rank	MP's Needed	Pigmented Points Needed
Rookie	Fewer than 5	None
Jr. Master	5	None
Club Master	20	None
Sectional Master	50	5 Silver
Regional Master	100	5 Red or Gold*, 15 Silver
NABC Master	200	5 Gold*, 15 Red or Gold*, 25 Silver
Life Master	300	25 Gold*, 25 Red or Gold*, 50 Silver

The following available to Life Masters:

Rank	MP's Needed
Bronze Life Master	500
Silver Life Master	1,000
Gold Life Master	2,500
Diamond Life Master	5,000
Emerald Life Master	7,500
Platinum Life Master	10,000
Grand Life Master	10,000***

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NABC Master	200**	5 Gold*, 15 Red or Gold*, 25 Silver
Advanced NABC Master	300**	25 Gold*, 25 Red or Gold*, 50 Silver
Life Master	500**	50 Gold*, 50 Red or Gold*, 75 Silver **Restrictions as to points acquired on-line

The following available to Life Masters\*\*:

Rank	MP's Needed
Bronze Life Master	Seems to have been eliminated
Silver Life Master	1,000
Gold Life Master	2,500
Diamond Life Master	5,000
Emerald Life Master	7,500
Platinum Life Master	10,000
Grand Life Master	10,000***

\*Gold/Platinum

\*\*Restrictions as to points acquired on-line

\*\*\*Further requirements—Check with ACBL

**Rubber Bridge** – See Bridge.

## S

**STaC** – Sectional Tournament at Club Level—silver points awarded

**Scratch** – To place high enough to earn masterpoints.

**Session** – Lasts around 3 ½ hours, 7 minutes per hand, at least 21 hands per session, usually 28. North keeps score and is responsible for keeping the pace at the table.

**Series Events** – The top finishers for the best four games (of six) with different partners. Usually over a period of six weeks, play with a different partner each session. Individuals's top four session scores are used to determine winners and award extra points.

**Smokers** – Must smoke outside.

**Stiff** – Colloquialism for SINGLETON.

**Stop** – (or Skip-Bid Warning) A notice given to the opponent by a player who is about to skip at least one level of the bidding. Opponent must wait 10 seconds after bid is made to make his bid.

**Stratified** – A group of players within a game that is differentiated by an upper and lower level of masterpoints. At CBC all open games will be stratified C (0-1000,) B (1000-2000) and A (unlimited) unless conditions of contest from Unit, District or ACBL override them in a particular event.

**Swiss Teams** – Team game where winners play winners and losers play losers. Receive points for each round won or overall placement.

## **T**

**Team Games** – See Knock Outs and Swiss Teams.

**Top** – Top on a board – maximum scored on a hand in duplicate pair games.

**Tricks & Treats** – CBC monthly newsletter.

**Trophies** – Presented at the June Club party. Races run from June to June.

1. Centurion Cup-0-99.
2. Coleman-Farrell-0-Life Master
3. Henry Mills-0-2000
4. Sol Lourie-Open

**Tournaments** – See ACBL Games and Tournaments.

## **U**

## **V**

**Volunteer** – We need volunteers to host parties, help with tournaments, see to various tasks around the club, make phone calls, donate extra money. See something you think needs doing? Figure out what moves you. Please make a suggestion.

## **W**

**Web Site** – [columbia.bridge-club.org/](http://columbia.bridge-club.org/)

## **X, Y & Z**

**Zero tolerance** –policy of courteous behavior.