

2015 – 2016 Cup Races thru February 1, 2016

February 2016

With four months to go, the cup races are getting tighter and tighter.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, Bob Webb continues his dominance of the field, but only by a few points. Jay Shahani and Hap Neuffer are neck and neck for second place, both trailing Bob by approximately 5 masterpoints. Pat Webb is still hanging in there less than three points behind Jay and Hap. Al Kirkland, Alice Moore, and Ken Fasching continue to round out the next three slots. Mary Townhill has overtaken Jack Self to claim the number eight position leading Jack by 0.15 points. Jack Wilkinson rounds out the top ten.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category, the same ten people who led the top ten last month are still leading this month, but there has been considerable shifting around in position. Jay Shahani continues to pace the field leading second place Al Kirkland by over 17 masterpoints. Mary Townhill is now in third place with Jack Self dropping to fourth. Jack Wilkinson comes in at the fifth slot while Francis Robinson follows him in sixth place. Dot Jones, who is the only non-life master among the top ten, checks in at seventh followed by Bill Charwood, Tom Gabriel, and Scott Dunn.

It comes as no surprise that Dot Jones is way ahead of the rest of the field in the race for the **Coleman-Farrell trophy** for non-life masters leading second place Helen Young by 14 points. Sue Hopke in now in third place with Kathy Kimmerling following behind at number four. Jerry Love, Sally McCardle and Karen Faulkenberry claim the next three places with Janet Sheridan, Brenda Isbell, and Craig Lemrow rounding out the top ten.

In the **Centurion Race** for those starting the fiscal year with fewer than 100 masterpoints, Janet Sheridan still leads the pack but Brenda Isbell is nipping at her heels trailing by just one and a half masterpoints. Craig Lemrow and Kenyon Stevenson are poised to jump into the fray trailing second place by just one point. Mary Frame, Bob McCardle, and Beth Donelan hold the next three followed closely by Judy Small, Olivia Smith, and Doug Rice. The Centurion Cup race is the tightest race among the four cup races so it is still anybody's title to win.

There is still plenty of time for anyone to break out and take the lead, so come on out to the club, and join the fun. See you there!

Jack Self

FEBRUARY 2016	Henry Mills Under 2000	Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master	Centurion Under 100
Sol Lourie Open	1. Jay Shahani 165.21	1. Dot Jones 72.50	1. Janet Sheridan 36.49
1. Bob Webb 170.32	2. Al Kirkland 147.86	2. Helen Young 58.06	2. Brenda Isbell 34.52
2. Jay Shahani 165.21	3. Mary Townhill 107.48	3. Sue Hopke 57.19	3. Craig Lemrow 33.30
3. Hap Neuffer 164.22	4. Jack Self 96.33	4. Kathy Kimmerling 45.12	4. Kenyon Stevenson 33.15
4. Pat Webb 161.79	5. Jack Wilkinson 73.21	5. Jerry Love 41.63	5. Mary Frame 26.71
5. Al Kirkland 147.86	6. Francis Robinson 72.50	6. Sally McCardle 40.32	6. Robert McCardle 21.85
6. Alice Moore 142.78	7. Dot Jones 72.50	7. Karen Faulkenberry 39.28	7. Beth Donelan 20.45
7. Ken Fasching 119.33	8. Bill Charwood 69.22	8. Janet Sheridan 36.49	8. Judy Small 19.98
8. Mary Townhill 107.48	9. Tom Gabriel 69.22	9. Brenda Isbell 34.52	9. Olivia Smith 19.10
9. Jack Self 96.33	10. Scott Dunn 69.00	10. Craig Lemrow 33.30	10. Doug Rice 17.25

CBC Nominating Committee

The Board appointed your 2016 Nominating Committee as follows:

- Brent Holcomb, Chair
- Lauren Alexander
- Frances Lawton
- Craig Lemrow
- Sylvia White



They are now accepting nominations for the positions of:

- Vice-President (2 year term; will become President)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Assistant Treasurer (2 year term)
- Two At-Large Members (3 year terms; These will be replacing Beronica Whisnant and MaryAnn Cross)

You can place nominations in the Nomination Box on the Director's Desk.

Please sign your nomination and make certain that the person you are nominating agrees to the nomination.

Grand National Teams

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Get Your Team Together!

The Second and Third Grand National Team qualifier games will be on Saturday, March 5, 2016 and Friday, March 18, 2016.

The March 5th game will begin at 10:00 AM and is a double session ending by 5:30 PM.

The March 18th game will be only one session and start at 12:30 PM - taking the place of the regularly scheduled Friday 0 -1000 and Open games.

Teams may have 4, 5 or 6 players and winners will receive Red and Black masterpoints.

Bring a Sandwich! Beverages, snacks and desserts will be provided by the Club.

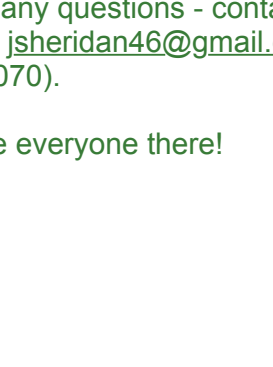
The first GNT session held on January 30th was a great success hosting 22 teams, but the best part was that each team won at least two rounds, so all participants came away with both red and black masterpoints!

If you want to be part of a team or still looking for team members talk to Dodie at the club. She has the resources to help you!

[For more details CLICK for GNT FLYER](#)

CBC Leap Day Party - February 29, 2016

The Columbia Bridge Club will be hosting a LEAP DAY PARTY - Monday, February 29, 2016!



Chili Dinner: 5:30 PM
Bridge Game: 7:00 PM

Please come join us for this special evening!

There is no charge for the dinner, but we do need everyone's help to make it a success! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club to help with this party - thanks in advance for your support!

Also - please sign up with beverage preference if you are planning to attend.

The Bridge game will follow, with the usual fee, but you do not need a partner!! Pairs will be assigned - all participants will be grouped either High or Low by masterpoints - and then selected by a blind draw. Time will be allowed for partners to discuss their convention card. Players from all levels are encouraged to attend!

If you have any questions - contact Janet Sheridan at jsheridan46@gmail.com or (803-606-2070).

Hope to see everyone there!

CBC By-Laws Revision

Scott Dunn

In June of 2014, a Bylaws Revision Committee was formed and tasked with streamlining and updating the Bylaws, along with removing any inconsistencies and redundancies. After nearly two years of work, and relying heavily on the excellent job done by the original Bylaws Committee of 2012 (thank you Bernetha, Frazer, Henry, Bel, Lewis, and Bibs!), our Committee presented its final recommendations to the Board at the February 15, 2015, meeting. After careful review and discussion, the Board is recommending that the Club adopt these Bylaws revisions at the general membership meeting in May.

The recommended revisions are more streamlined and subscribe to the theory that "less is more". These Bylaws are meant to be a framework for the operation of the Club, with the Board enacting policies to address the specifics of Club functions.

The exact revision can be viewed on our website or on the bulletin board at the Club. A summary of the major changes are:

1. A mission statement is included as well as wording to help the Club apply for a 501(c)3 should we choose to move forward as a charitable organization.
2. The Board will be composed of only 10 members – President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, and 6 At-Large Members.
3. The position of Treasurer will be appointed.
4. All appointed positions will be filled by the President, with Board approval.
5. No appointed position will be a voting position. This prevents any possible problems with conflicts of interest.
6. The Conduct and Ethics Committee is codified, including what sanctions it can and cannot impose and gives direction on procedures that must be followed.

We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have! Please ask anyone on the Bylaws Revision Committee (Scott Dunn, Joyce Lauterbach, Jack Self) or any Board member.

Respectfully, on behalf of the Bylaws Revision Committee,

Scott Dunn

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Masterpoint Milestones!

Diamond Life Master (5000+ MP)
Pat Webb

Bronze Life Master (500+ MP)
Lauren Alexander

NABC (200+ MP)
Dot Jones
Kathy Kimmerling

Regional (100+ MP)
Judy Small

Club (20+ MP)
Sue Kline

Junior (5+ MP)
Greg Cummin



Congratulations to our Newest Life Master

SUE HOPKE



No more playing musical tables with the late afternoon sun!

New Window Blinds at the CBC

The membership would like to thank John Memory for his generous donation to help secure new window blinds.

Kudos to Sue Hopke, for chairing the committed to get the blinds purchased and installed.

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

February 25 Individual Game - No partner needed! Play the ACBL Yellow Card
February 29 Leap Day Party - No Partner needed! (see details above)

March 5 Grand National Team Qualifier - Two Sessions 10:00 AM and TBA
March 10 Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game)
March 12 March Birthday Party - March babies play free!
March 13 Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)
March 17 Individual Game - No partner needed! Play the ACBL Yellow Card
March 18 Grand National Team Qualifier - One Sessions 12:30 PM
March 31 Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

Feb 25 - 28 [Charleston Swamp Fox Sectional Tournament](#)

Mar 18 - 21 [Anderson Electric City Sectional Tournament](#)

Mar 31 - Apr 3 [Charlotte Spring Sectional Tournament](#)

Apr 11 - 17 [Gatlinburg Regional Tournament](#)

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Play Along with Jack - Part 1

by Jack Self

This column is directed toward our beginner players.

The reason for this is because I realized how many things we "experienced" players just assume everyone knows but, in reality, playing players probably do not know or just have not thought about until someone points it out.

Almost every "experienced" player will get this card combination correct but many beginner players often will get it wrong.

Here is the situation.

This is a card combination you might have playing either a suit or no trump contract. How do you play this suit to give the opportunity to make the most number of tricks? Assume you are playing against "good" opponents.

Go ahead and decide what you would do before you read the solution:

Dummy: ♠ Q 5 3 You: ♠ A J 6

Solution: Did you go to dummy and lead the Queen?
I hope not. If you did, you limited yourself to two tricks.

If your right-hand opponent has the King, he will cover your Queen. Your Jack will be good but then you will lose the third round no matter who has what cards.

The correct play is to lead low to the Jack.

If it holds (like you hope it will), then play the Ace and hope that your right hand opponent has the King doubleton. Then your Queen will be good. It is true that the King doubleton is a slim possibility, but it is the ONLY chance you have to make three tricks in the suit.

Play Along with Jack - Part 2

by Jack Self

Here is another column directed toward our beginner players.

Most "experienced" players will get this right but many beginner players might get it wrong.

Here is the situation. This is a card combination you might face playing a no trump contract. How do you play this card combination if your left hand opponent leads a low heart?

Dummy: ♥ K6 You: ♥ J 42

Since this is no trump, your left hand opponent could just as easily be underleading the Ace as the Queen (or both). So what do you do? Go ahead and decide.

I hope you did not play the King. Suppose you do and your right hand opponent wins with the Ace and shoots a heart back to he partner's Q 10 (or Q 9 or Q8). You are now going to win zero tricks in the suit.

The correct play is to play LOW. No matter who has the Ace and Queen, you are sure to win one trick in the suit (If RHO has the Ace and plays it, your King is good.

If she has the Queen and plays it, then the Ace will win the next trick and your Jack is good. If RHO does not have either of them, then your Jack will win the trick). The same is true if RHO has the Jack and you have the King and it does not matter which one of you has two cards and which one has three cards.

Get a deck of cards and deal you out the various combinations and you will see that you can always win one trick.

See you at the bridge table.

