



2015 – 2016 Cup Races thru April 1, 2016

APRIL 2016

We are heading into the home stretch in the cup races and some of the contests are neck and neck. With two months to go, no one's lead is safe.

In the *Sol Lourie Open* category, Jay Shihani maintains his lead, but Pat Webb trails by only 3 1/2 points. Hap Neuffer and Al Kirkland trail by approximately 16 points with Bob Webb and Alice Moore following. Mary Townhill, Ken Fasching, Jack Self, and Harold Moore round out the top ten.

In the *Henry Mills Under 2000* category, Jay Shihani has a comfortable 16 point lead over second place Al Kirkland, while Mary Townhill, Jack Self, and Jack Wilkinson are a distant third, fourth, and fifth all trailing by over 60 masterpoints. Francis Robinson, Mohan Bali, Bill Charwood, Dot Jones, and Jim Chianelli complete the top ten list.

In the *Coleman-Farrell* race for the *Non-Life Master* Dot Jones leads second place Sue Hopke by almost 13 masterpoints with Helen Young and Kathy Kimmerling trailing close behind by just a few points in the third and fourth positions. The fifth through tenth slots are all bunched up together with only five points separating the fifth and the tenth places. Sally McCardle is in fifth place while Jerry Love is the sixth slot, followed by Janet Sheridan, Craig Lemrow, Karen Faulkenberry, and Brenda Isbell.

The tightest race of the four cups is in the *Centurion* race for those starting the fiscal year with fewer than 100 masterpoints sports. First place Janet Sheridan holds a razor slim lead over second place Craig Lemrow and third place Brenda Isbell and fourth place Kenyon Stevenson are barely three points behind. Mary Frame is in the fifth spot only five points back with Olivia Smith, Beth Donelan, Judy Small, Bob McCardle, and Jerry Isbell rounding out the list.

These last two months look to be exciting with plenty of charity games and club championships offering extra masterpoints. Anyone can take the lead, so bring your partner to the table and challenge the leaders for first place trophies to be awarded at the summer party in June.

Jack Self

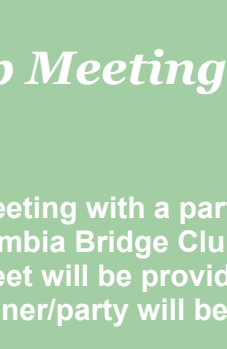
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Sol Lourie Open	Henry Mills Under 2000	Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master	Centurion Under 100
Jay Shihani 198.49	Jay Shihani 198.49	Dot Jones 81.39	Janet Sheridan 46.75
Pat Webb 194.97	Al Kirkland 182.70	Sue Hopke 68.61	Craig Lemrow 45.09
Hap Neuffer 186.55	Mary Townhill 133.57	Helen Young 64.02	Brenda Isbell 41.98
Al Kirkland 182.70	Jack Self 129.28	Kathy Kimmerling 61.02	Kenyon Stevenson 40.72
Bob Webb 170.32	Jack Wilkinson 111.16	Sally McCardle 47.27	Mary Frame 36.46
Alice Moore 163.05	Francis Robinson 95.51	Jerry Love 46.89	Olivia Smith 26.80
Mary Townhill 133.57	Mohan Bali 87.29	Janet Sheridan 46.75	Beth Donelan 26.38
Ken Fasching 133.17	Bill Charwood 82.07	Craig Lemrow 45.09	Judy Small 25.62
Jack Self 129.26	Dot Jones 81.39	Karen Faulkenberry 43.00	Robert McCardle 24.29
Harold Moore 117.43	Jim Chianelli 80.03	Brenda Isbell 41.68	Jerry Isbell 20.32

Masterpoint Milestones!

Bronze Life Master (500+ MP)
Mary Ann Cross

NABC (200+ MP)
Shelby King

Regional (100+ MP)
Buddy Cullum



CBC Annual Membership Meeting Monday, May 9

This year we are combining our annual membership meeting with a party to honor Joyce Lauterbach for her 6 years of service to the Columbia Bridge Club. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share (a sign-up sheet will be provided so that everyone will know what needs to be brought). The dinner/party will begin at 5:30 pm with the annual meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.

At this year's meeting we will be voting on the proposed new Bylaw revisions as well as new officers and two new members of the Board.

The regular bridge game will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the regular entry fee.

Please make plans to attend and join in the celebration of Joyce Lauterbach's service and in voting at the annual meeting.

We are looking for a volunteer or two to coordinate the covered dishes! Please let Jack know if you can help.

CBC Bylaws Revisions

Bylaws Revisions - It's Almost Time!

Don't forget that the Bylaw revisions will be up for a vote at the annual membership meeting on May 9th. Please take a few moments to review the changes that are being recommended. You can find the proposed Bylaws on the bulletin board at the Club or on the website. 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.

To view either set of Bylaws - just click on the link:

[Current Bylaws](#) or [Proposed Revised Bylaws](#)

Respectfully, on behalf of the Bylaws Revision Committee,
Scott Dunn



The following persons have consented to be in nomination as members of the Board of the CBC:

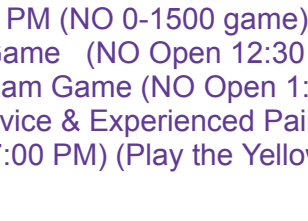
Vice President: Ed Young

Secretary: Mary Townhill

Member-at-large (elect two):

Laura Bro
Hilda Finer
Bibs Hurt
Shelby King
Beronica Whisnant

Brent Holcomb, Chair
Nominating Committee: Lauren Alexander, Frances Lawton, Craig Lemrow, and Sylvia White



2016 Youth Bridge Camp

77 Brighton Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29223

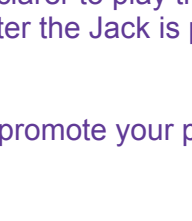
Grades: 5th thru 12th
Ages: 10 thru 17

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 20 - 24, 2016

Learn to Play Bridge this Summer!

Bring Your Friends and Join Us for a Week of
FREE BRIDGE LESSONS at the Columbia Bridge Club!

Space is Limited Registration Ends May 31



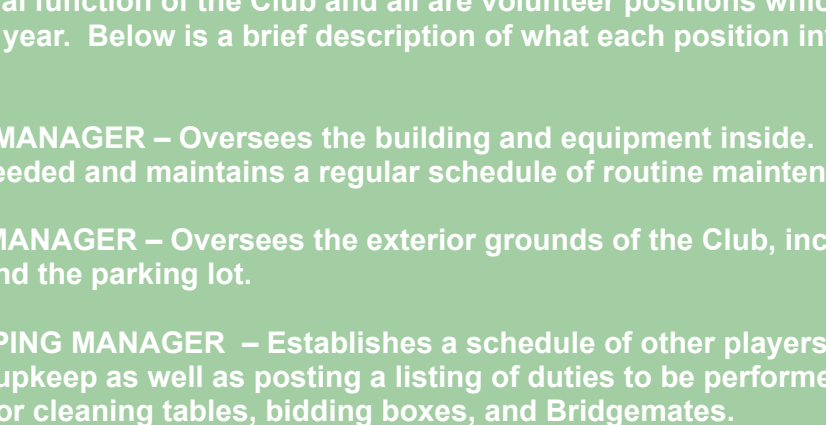
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www.acbl.org



www.nextgenbridge.com



The Columbia Bridge Club has openings for the following positions. Each of these is an essential function of the Club and all are volunteer positions which you will hold for one year. Below is a brief description of what each position involves.

FACILITIES MANAGER – Oversees the building and equipment inside. Secures repairs as needed and maintains a regular schedule of routine maintenance.

GROUNDS MANAGER – Oversees the exterior grounds of the Club, including shrubbery and the parking lot.

HOUSEKEEPING MANAGER – Establishes a schedule of other players for regular break room upkeep as well as posting a listing of duties to be performed. Also sets a schedule for cleaning tables, bidding boxes, and Bridgmates.

PUBLICITY CHAIR – Oversees publicity of events and upcoming special games as well as publicity of accomplishments of members in tournaments. Includes maintaining the sandwich board and encouraging others to send to the webmaster relevant items for posting.

Additionally, if anyone is interested in applying for the positions of Club Manager, Treasurer, Head Director, Education Coordinator, and Technology Coordinator, please notify Lee Webb (preferably by email) of your desire.

Remember! Our Club is a volunteer organization is dependent on the willingness of our members to give of their time and services for the functioning of our club

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

April 27	Inter-Club Championship (NO 0-300 12:30 PM game)
April 28	Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
May 7	New Birthday Party - May babies play free!
May 8 NEW	Individual Game (1:30 PM) (Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed)
May 9	Open and 0-299 Game to follow Annual Membership Meeting (7:00 PM)
May 10	Open Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game)
May 12	Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game)
May 15	Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)
May 19	Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
May 26	Individual Game (7:00 PM) (Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed)

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

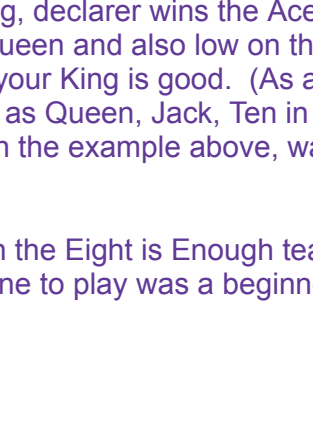
Apr 29 - May 1	Morganton Spring Fling Sectional / GNT: Championship and Flight B
May 20 - 22	Greenville Sectional / GNT: Flights A and C
May 24 - 30	Raleigh Regional Tournament

Click on Tournament to download Flyer

Summer Party Monday - June 27

The date has been set! All we need now is a special person to step up to chair the Summer party!

The theme, menu, format, etc will be decided by the party chair, committee and club president.



See Jack Self if you are interested!

Play Along with Jack

(Subtitle: Always Cover and Honor with an Honor.....But Not Always)

by Jack Self

One of the first "rules" we learn about playing defense is "Always cover an honor with an honor." When declarer or dummy leads the Queen of a suit and you have the King, you are taught to play the King on top of the Queen. You do this so that, if your partner has the Jack or the Ten, you can force declarer to play the Ace and your partner's Jack will be good (or the Ten will become good after the Jack is played). Like all rules, you have to know when to break it.

Like I said, the intent of this rule is to promote your partner's honors by covering. Let's look at an example.

Dummy: Q 5 3 You: K 7 6

Declarer leads the Queen from dummy. Yes, you should play the King on top of the Queen forcing declarer to play the Ace. If your partner has the Jack, then it will now be good. If partner has the Ten, it will be good after the Jack has been played. If you do not cover the Queen, declarer will win that trick and then lead again and win a trick with his Jack (if he has it) and also the Ace. Your partner's Ten will no longer take a trick.

But now let's look at this example:

Dummy: Q J 10 You: K 7 6

Again, declarer leads the Queen. This time you know that partner does not have the Jack (dummy has it). Nor does he have the Ten. There is nothing to be gained by covering, so you do NOT play the King. In fact, it may cost you a trick. Suppose declarer has the Ace-four doubleton. Now, if you cover the Queen with the King, declarer wins the Ace and both his Jack and Ten are good. If you play low on the Queen and also low on the Jack, he will have to play his Ace on the second trick and now your King is good. (As a side note, whenever declarer has a string of equal cards such as Queen, Jack, Ten in the above example, wait to cover the last of the equals. So, in the example above, wait and cover the ten when declarer finally leads it).

Here is another example that came from a hand played in the Eight is Enough team game a while back. I was dummy in this hand and the next in line to play was a beginner player.

Dummy: Q J 5 3 Beginner: K 9 6 4

Beginner's partner was on lead against a suit contract and led the 2 of the suit in question. Declarer played the Queen from dummy and the Beginner dutifully covered with the King, declarer winning with the Ace. Now declarer went back to dummy, played the Jack and discarded a loser. Yes, declarer had the singleton Ace and was going to have to play it anyway. How was the Beginner supposed to know? Well, she knows her partner does not have the Ace because we NEVER underlead Aces against suit contracts (Read that statement again and concentrate on the word NEVER). So she knows declarer has it. Covering the Queen with the King cannot promote partner's Jack because dummy has the Jack. Partner might have the Ten, but, if that's true, she can wait and cover the Jack when declarer leads it. By refusing to cover the Queen, she wins whenever declarer has a singleton Ace and comes out even any other time.

So, while the "rule" of "Always cover and honor with an honor" is a good one, it really should read "Always cover and honor with an honor if there is a chance you can promote a trick for partner."

See you at the bridge table.

Jack

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