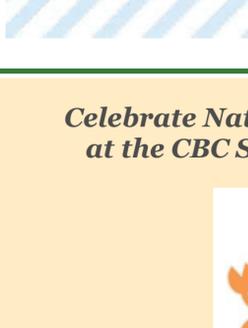




2015 – 2016 Cup Races thru May 31, 2016

Final Results and Winners will be announced at the Summer Party Monday, June 27!

2016 - 2017 CBC Membership Dues

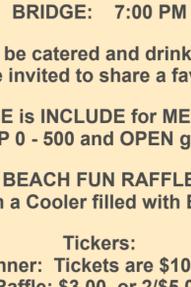


The CBC calendar year begins on June 1 and the directors are collecting yearly membership dues now.

For \$20.00, CBC members receive a free play in the Birthday Game (for their birthday month), the Summer Party and the Winter Party.

You must have your dues paid prior to the Summer party on June 27, to receive a Free Play.

Celebrate National Sunglasses Day at the CBC Summer Beach Party



Come in your favorite beachwear and sunglasses to the CBC SUMMER BEACH PARTY on JUNE 27

**SOCIAL: 5:00 PM
DINNER: 5:30 PM
BRIDGE: 7:00 PM**

**The party will be catered and drinks are provided
Members are invited to share a favorite dessert**

**BRIDGE is INCLUDE for MEMBERS
NAP 0 - 500 and OPEN game**

**BEACH FUN RAFFLE
Get your Chance on a Cooler filled with Beach and Pool Fun!**

**Tickers:
Dinner: Tickets are \$10.00
Raffle: \$3.00 or 2/\$5.00**

Masterpoint Milestones!

Diamond Life Master (5000+ MP)
Bob Webb

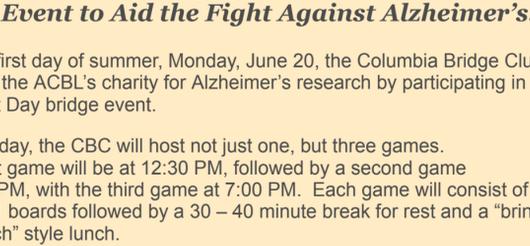
Sectional Master (50+ MP)
Stella Donelan
Sue Kline

Club Master (20+ MP)
Anne Fowler
Gail Morrison
Hansa Patel



Congratulations!

The Longest Day - June 20, 2016



The CBC's First Day of Summer Marathon Bridge Event to Aid the Fight Against Alzheimer's.

On the first day of summer, Monday, June 20, the Columbia Bridge Club will support the ACBL's charity for Alzheimer's research by participating in the Longest Day bridge event.

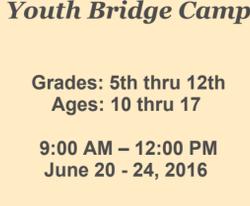
On this day, the CBC will host not just one, but three games. The first game will be at 12:30 PM, followed by a second game at 3:45 PM, with the third game at 7:00 PM. Each game will consist of either 18 or 21 boards followed by a 30 – 40 minute break for rest and a "bring a sandwich" style lunch.

All games will be open games with the usual stratification. A portion of each \$7.00 entry fee will be donated to the ACBL's Alzheimer's research charity. In addition, the game directors will be donating their services for the event.

So on June 20, everyone can play up to three times in shortened games while contributing to a worthwhile charity. And, of course, since this is a charity event, there will be extra masterpoints awarded to the top placers in each stratification.

Grab your partners and make plans to be there to play lots of bridge and help support the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

New Landscaping: In the Works



Dressing up the front beds of the building is a project being taken on by master gardeners Hillary McDonald and Bibs Hurt.

Right now preliminary work is underway: soil and percolation testing, and irrigation system improvements. Later on, after the blazing summer heat is over, soil conditioner will be tilled into the beds and sun-tolerant shrubs will be planted.

Meanwhile, regular maintenance of the grounds and attention to good gardening practices will be priorities. Hillary has taken on the job of grounds oversight. Please let her know if you have any ideas or notice any problems that require attention.

Volunteer gardeners will be welcomed with open arms!

Hillary McDonald

Youth Bridge Camp

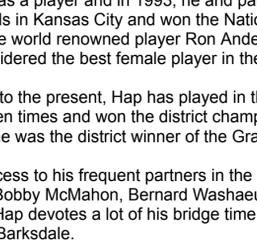
**Grades: 5th thru 12th
Ages: 10 thru 17**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 20 - 24, 2016**

FREE YOUTH BRIDGE LESSONS at the Columbia Bridge Club!

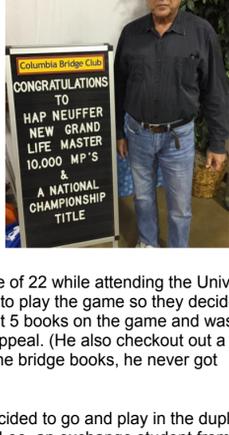
Space is Limited But Still Available thru Monday - June 20

Registration Online at the CBC webpage!
[CLICK for FLYER](#)



Hap Neuffer Grand Life Master

The CBC's very own Hap Neuffer has earned the ACBL rank of Grand Life Master. To reach this coveted level, a player must have earned 10,000 masterpoints and be the winner of a national championship title. Hap is the only player who has earned this title while living and playing in South Carolina.



Hap says that he first learned to play bridge at the age of 22 while attending the University of South Carolina. His then girlfriend wanted to learn to play the game so they decided to learn together. He went to the library and checked out 5 books on the game and was immediately attracted to the game for its intellectual appeal. (He also checked out a couple of books on playing chess, but, after reading the bridge books, he never got around to reading the chess books).

He, along with his girlfriend and a couple of others decided to go and play in the duplicate game the USC Student Union. There he met Bonnie Lee, an exchange student from China, who was a very good player and the two became frequent partners, and from Bonnie Lee, Hap's knowledge of the game increased.

In 1984, Hap played in the prestigious Blue Ribbon pairs at the summer nationals and placed 4th overall.

Hap continued to advance as a player and in 1993, he and partner Livy Fernandez attended the ACBL nationals in Kansas City and won the National Mixed Pairs Championship defeating the world renowned player Ron Anderson and his partner Sabina Zenkel, who was then considered the best female player in the nation.

In the 15 years since 2001 to the present, Hap has played in the District 7 Grand Nationals Team event eleven times and won the district championship 6 times and came in second twice. In 2015, he was the district winner of the Grand National Pairs event.

Hap credits a lot of his success to his frequent partners in the past, including Arnold Levinson, Lucas Lebioda, Bobby McMahon, Bernard Washaeur, Mary Ellen Hendrix and Bobby Fechter. Currently Hap devotes a lot of his bridge time to his two favorite partners, Alice Moore and Margaret Barksdale.

When asked what advice he would give to beginner players to learn the game, he said that he would recommend that developing players read books and articles about collected hands where experts show you their bidding and play and discuss their reasoning behind their decisions. He also stresses that those new to the game need to play as much as possible so that they see the situations involving card play combinations repeatedly and can learn to handle them routinely when they come up.

The Columbia Bridge Club is extremely proud of Hap and his reaching the Grand Life Master milestone. We wish him continued success in the years to come.

Jack Self

New Sunday Game Schedule

Due to the overwhelming success of the Individual Game, the CBC board has recommended adding another Individual game to the Sunday schedule.

Each month, the CBC plans to offer ONE EIGHT IS ENOUGH TEAM, TWO INDIVIDUAL GAMES and the remaining EIGHTS will be OPEN PAIRS. Please refer to the monthly calendar for the specific dates for these games as it will vary month to month.

This Sunday, June 19, get you team together and join the fun at the Eight is Enough team game! Lee and Chris Webb are coordinating a Picnic themed session - and supplying the Cone Dogs. Contact Lee if you plan to bring a Picnic Side Dish or Dessert to share. For more information on the June 19 team game: [CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

June 16 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

June 19 Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)

June 20 The Longest Day Open Games: 12:30 PM 3:45: PM and 7:00 PM

June 23 Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

June 27 Summer Party Social: 5:00 PM Dinner: 5:30 PM Bridge: 7:00 PM

July 9 July Birthday Party - July babies play free!

July 10 Sunday Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

July 12 Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game)

July 14 Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game)

July 15 Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1000 game)

July 17 Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game)

July 19 Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game)

July 21 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

July 24 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

July 28 Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

July 29 Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game)

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

June 15 - 19 [Atlanta Summer Super Sectional Tournament](#)

June 23 - 26 [Flat Rock Sectional Tournament](#)

July 7 - 10 [Durham Sectional Tournament](#)

August 12 - 14 [Columbia Sectional Tournament](#)

August 22 - 28 [District 7 STaC Tournament](#)

Click on Tournament to download Flyer

On the way to the Nationals in D.C. via the Flight B Grand National Teams

Lee Webb

Chris and I played in the flight B Grand National Teams in Morganton, N.C. on April 30 & May 1, 2016. We played on a team with 2 gentlemen from Anderson, S.C, Robert Yon and John Cullen. Two days of solid bridge is grueling and takes a lot of self-discipline to stay focused. My advice is to keep the eye on the prize and walk around if you get tired. Don't take a mental break until you are the dummy. Use this opportunity to give your mind a rest but watch all cards. You cannot say anything during the play of the hand but you can call the director at the end of play if you observe a revoke or other discrepancy. Lastly, take a break before the last set of boards and refresh yourself. Here are some differences between team approach and pairs:

1. Swiss teams are scored in IMPs (International Match Points). The *Net Difference* in total score between your team and the opponents determines IMP awards. Pairs events are scored by awarding points for the *Number of Pairs* that you outscored, even if only by 10 points (i.e. 110 vs. 100).
2. At match points, overtricks are vital. Because of the form of scoring, the suit is usually more important than the level of bidding. This is especially true of part score contracts. Playing in a major suit is much preferred to a minor, even when the chance of success is lessened. A 2-spade contract will yield the same score (110) when both make exactly. However, an overtrick in each will provide 140 vs. 130 and the major suit prevails even though the total number of tricks is fewer (9 vs. 10).
3. In Swiss teams, the difference between bidding and making a vulnerable game and not bidding it can be 500 points, that's a lot of IMPs and can lose the round for you. Generally speaking, you should bid all vulnerable games if you have about a 38% chance to make. This is because the difference in score provides about 10:6 odds in your favor to do so. However, because the game or slam bonus is smaller when not vulnerable, one should have about a 50% expectation to make because the mathematical odds are less in your favor.

On with the journey... we made it to the finals and were in a head to head for first place. We were up by 12 IMPs at the half way mark. Chris and I play an opening bid of 4NT shows 6/5 in the minors with 6 losers.

I am the dealer and pick up: ♠ 6 ♥ 9 ♦ QJxxx ♣ AJxxx
Would you open this hand? If so, what would be your bid? First chair vulnerable, I opened the aforementioned 4NT, alerted and explained.

Now Chris has a decision to make.
He knows this hand: ♠ AKx ♥ 10xx ♦ AKxxx ♣ Qx
Knowing that I only held at most 2 major suit cards, Chris bids 6 diamonds.

Although he could obviously count 11 tricks, the vulnerability provided all the momentum needed to make this the winning call as discussed previously. The opening lead was the Ace of hearts and then left hand shifted to a spade, game over after pulling trump and the successful club finesse. We made 6 diamonds. The pair at the other table play Precision and have 2NT opening bid which means the same as our 4NT-opening bid, 6/5 in the minors. We actually lost an IMP because they did not get a heart lead and made 7. We lost the second half pretty badly *BUT* we get a stipend to go to the Nationals in D.C. in July to compete in the Mini-Spangold. We did not know this is the consolation prize. It is a wonderful opportunity and we are looking forward to the experience.

On another note, I am excited to be the incoming president. I love this game of bridge, a challenging, and exciting game that yields satisfaction, friendship, and a sense of accomplishment. I look forward to working with you all.

Lee



Looking for some Red Points?

During June - July - August NAP games offer both RED and BLACK points to winners!

Refer to the calendar for game dates and times.

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