

2015 - 2016 Cup Races Finals

The month of May brought a flurry of attempts to catch the leaders of the cup races, but in each case, the leaders at the end of April continued their dominance thru the end of May.

In the Sol Lourie Open category, Jay Shahani capped a superb year winning just over 24 masterpoints during the final month to end up in first place with 238.14 points.

In the Henry Mills Under 2000 category, Al Kirkland claimed the top spot with 206.18 masterpoints followed by Mary Townhill, Jack Self, Jack Wilkinson, and Mohan Bali.

In the Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master race, Dot Jones continued her winning ways ending the year with 92.90 masterpoints to claim first place, followed by Sue Hopke and Helen Young in third (only 0.05 masterpoints separated Sue and Helen).

In the Centurion Under 100 contest, Janet Sheridan kept her lead to take home the trophy with 54.74 masterpoints, followed by Brenda Isbell, Craig Lemrow, Kenyon Stevenson, and Mary Frame.

Congratulations to all the winners.

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Table listing winners for Sol Lourie Open, Henry Mills (Under 2000), Coleman-Farrell (Non-LM), and Centurion (Under 100) with names, scores, and masterpoints.

* Jay Shahani was ineligible due to winning the Sol Lourie Open

And Now on to the 2016 - 2017 Cup Races

The starting gun has been fired for the cup races for the new fiscal year beginning June 1 and running until May 31, 2017.

From the looks of this past year's tallies, there are several people who are going to contend for a spot at the winner's circle.

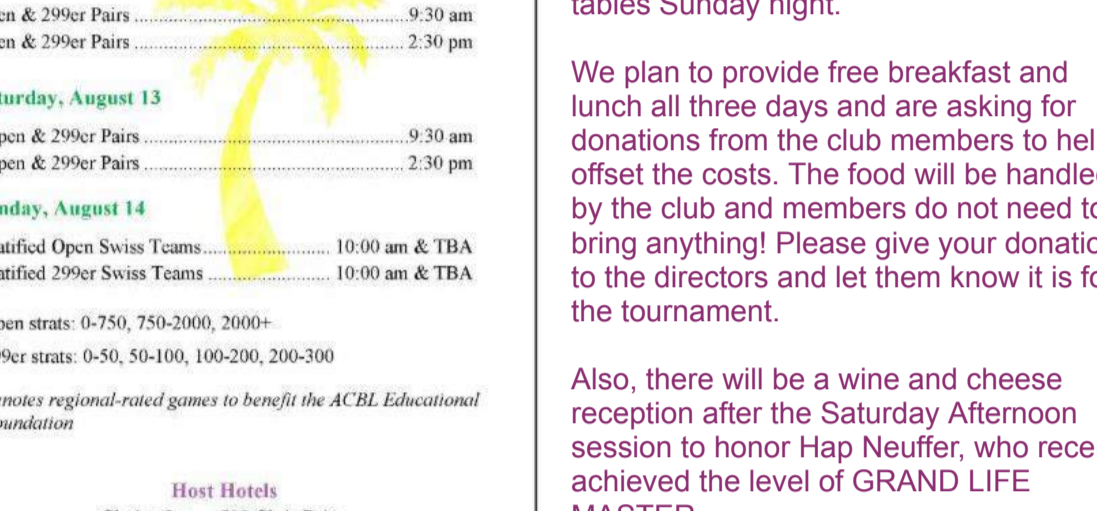
The category each club member will be placed in is determined by his or her total masterpoint holding as of June 1 of this year.

The Centurion Under 100 Cup is always a toss up as any new member can jump in and start winning masterpoints (one of the side effects of winning the Centurion Cup is that the winners and second and third places usually wind up with more than a 100 masterpoints on the first of June and are no longer eligible for that category).

So, we'll see you at the bridge table. Good luck!!

Jack Self

2016 Youth Bridge Camp Lots of Learning! Lots of Fun!



Columbia Sectional Coming in August!

Palmetto State Summer Sectional August 12-14, 2016. Includes tournament chair, partnerships, and event schedule.

The Palmetto Summer Sectional will be held August 12 - 14 at the TriCity Leisure Center in West Columbia.

Set up will begin at 8:00 am on Friday, August 12th, all help will be greatly appreciated.

We plan to provide free breakfast and lunch all three days and are asking for donations from the club members to help offset the costs.

Also, there will be a wine and cheese reception after the Saturday Afternoon session to honor Hap Neuffer, who recently achieved the level of GRAND LIFE MASTER.

So - come play, celebrate Hap and support our tournament. See you there!

Chris Webb, Sectional Tournament Chair

July 10th - Sunday Individual Game Sets Attendance Record



This past Sunday, there were 7 full tables - 28 players for the Individual Game!

The previous record of 25 players was set more than five years ago at Maxcy Gregg Senior Center.

The Open Charity Game paid out well for the top four finishers: 1st - Sallie Blackwell, 2nd - John Memory, 3rd - Diana Ellis and 4th - Burton Case!

Due to the popularity of this game, the CBC is now offering it three times a month: twice on Sunday afternoons and once on a Thursday evening.

Come join us - you do not need a partner. The game is very relaxed and it is a great way to meet other players and improve your game.

The Longest Day Donation Exceeds \$500



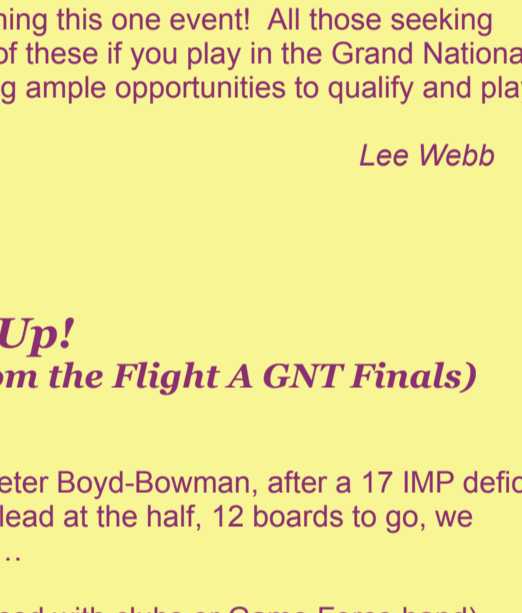
This was the CBC's first year participating in the Longest Day - and it was a success, yielding a \$508.00 donation to support the Alzheimer Association.

The contribution breakdown: \$ 92.00 (23 tables at \$4.00), \$ 150.00 (3 games director fees), \$ 20.00 (private donation), \$ 246.00 (accrued local charity funds)

The CBC would like to thank everyone who participated!

Also, if anyone would like to chair this event next year, please see Lee Webb.

Coming Soon.....



Look for a new addition to the bulletin board.

To recognize new and advancing player ranks at our club, we will be putting all non-life master member names on a 3x5 card.

As names progress up the ranks, their name gets moved to the appropriate rank on the bulletin board.

We will be excited to see your progress!

To access the masterpoint requirements for each rank: http://www.acbl.org/masterpoints-results/masterpoint-ranks-effective-january-1-2010/

Masterpoint Milestones!



Club Master (20+ MP) Elizabeth Glazebrook

Junior Master (5+ MP) Glenn Mitchel

Congratulations!

District 7 Flight A GNT winners!

Congratulations to Francine Moring of the Columbia Bridge Club, who was on the winning team for Flight A Grand National Teams, District 7 finals in the Greenville, S.C. the weekend of May 21-22, 2016.

The team has won a subsidized trip to play in the Nationals in Washington, DC this July, representing District 7.

All the members of the Columbia Bridge Club wish Francine and the entire team, Oyvunc Yilmaz of Columbia, Richard Smith of Spartanburg, S.C., and George Russell of Moore, S.C. the best of luck at the Nationals!

Francine's team earned 30.00 gold points for winning this one event! All those seeking Gold, remember team games are a good source of these if you play in the Grand National events at sectionals. Our club is stellar in providing ample opportunities to qualify and play in the Grand National Teams

Lee Webb

Never Give Up!

(Recap from Francine Moring from the Flight A GNT Finals)

We are in a tough match with Alex Hudson and Peter Boyd-Bowman, after a 17 IMP deficit (we had to spot them in advance), then a 22 IMP lead at the half, 12 boards to go, we make a couple of close games.... but it's not over...

Partner opens 1C* (15+ either 15-17 NT, unbalanced with clubs or Game Force hand).

Then bids 1H* (shows 4+ spades); Partner goes to bid but then passes;

Now partner bids 2H (unbalanced with clubs)

With J10xxx Qxx X 10xxx - 1 bid 5C.

Now Peter bids 5D

After appropriate time, partner passes

I cannot X, we cannot make 6C, so I hope partner is 6/5 and I bid 5H

Ace of S lead and dummy is X AKJxx X AKQxxx

There are only 3 hands left;

Partner under leads his AQ of D finds partner with the K and a club is put on the table - RUFFED - other table was allowed to play 5C (2D and no raise by his partner with Kxxxx of D-5D makes) So this costs us 10 imp swing

Two hands later, I lead the suit my partner X against 3NT (KQJxx) instead of my natural spade lead and again with careful declarer play, Alex makes the hand - 10 imps So we won the semi's by 3, the two skinny games early in the set coming into play

Take home: They never gave up, nothing to lose when you are down, so going for the set of 5H and only hope. And always bid with 4 trumps (unless 4333 and no points) but certainly with 5 trumps!!

Francine Moring

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

- 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 0-1000 game)

- Aug 2 Open NAP Game 12:30 PM (NO 0-1500 game)
Aug 4 Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game)
Aug 6 August Birthday Party - August babies play
Aug 7 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Aug 12 - 14 NO GAMES AT THE CBC - Join us at Tri City for the Columbia Sectional
Aug 18 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Aug 22 - 28 STaC Week
Aug 25 Hi-Low STaC Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

- July 22 - 24 Savannah Sectional Tournament
August 4 - 7 Charlotte Sectional Tournament
August 12 - 14 Columbia Sectional Tournament
August 12 - 14 Hendersonville Sectional Tournament
August 22 - 28 District 7 STaC Tournament

Click on Tournament to download Flyer

History Behind The Barry Crane Top 500

Lee Webb

The Barry Crane Top 500 is a list of ACBL high masterpoint winners named on a yearly basis. Barry Crane was widely regarded as the most successful bridge player of all time.

Crane was a television producer and directed shows such as "Mannix", and "Mission Impossible". His other credits included "Hawaii Five-O," "Bionic Woman" "Police Story," "Trapper John, M.D.," "Chips" and one episode of "Dallas".

It is conjectured if he were still alive and played on a regular basis for the past 30 years, he would hold more masterpoints than anyone else. He won the McKenney Trophy five times for most masterpoints won in a calendar year in 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1978.

Barry Crane insisted his partners play "his way" or they would not be his partner for long. Jeff Beckstroth played with him and tore his convention card up after just one event, stating he was impossible.

Here are his top 12 commandments at bridge I thought you would find interesting to read.

- 1. Never pull partner's penalty double
2. Always take a sure gain
3. Watch out for the three level
4. The more you bid, the more you have (so no fast arrival)
5. Sevens are singletons
6. Don't bid a grand slam at Swiss teams
7. Don't put cards in partner's hand
8. Don't save your partner
9. Don't eat between sessions
10. Never ask someone how is their game going
11. Never gloat or brag
12. The queen is over the jack in the minors, and under the jack in the majors

Read the full story: ACBL Bridge Bulletin, 2016, Volume 82, Number 2, February 2016.

Two Columbia Bridge Club Members listed on the Barry Crane Top 500 for 2015

Francine Moring placed 209, having won 735.05 points and is joined by Betsy Stanton, who finished in place 480 with 509.50 total points.

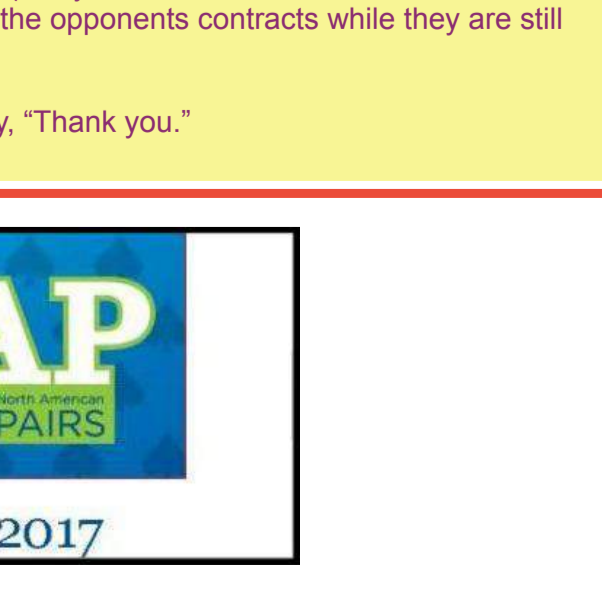
This is a great accomplishment and we are proud to have them representing CBC.

A Talent and a Gift

John Memory, a CBC member, retired criminal justice professor and avid bridge player has composed about 50 tunes.

He is sharing 17 of his favorite whistlin' tune compositions with guitar accompaniment on a CD for our club's enjoyment.

John has graciously donated his CDs to the Columbia Bridge Club. They are available for purchase at \$3.00 each and the entire profit will benefit the CBC.



CDs can be purchased at the director's desk.

The CBC is grateful for the talent he shares and his gift to us.



Looking for some Red Points?

Play in July and August! NAP games offer both RED and BLACK points to winners!

Refer to the calendar for game dates and times.

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