

2016 - 2017 Cup Races

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Columbia Sectional This Weekend!

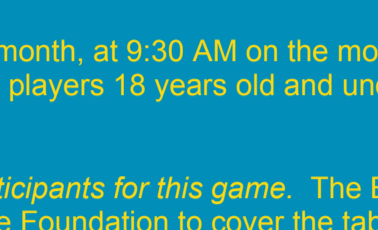
Palmetto State Summer Sectional August 12-14, 2016. Tri-City Leisure Center. Tournament chair - Chris Webb. Famous Columbia Hospitality! Schedule for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Host Hotels: Clarion Inn, Hampton Inn.

ACBL GRAND LIFE MASTER HAPPOLDT NEUFFER. Please join us ... at the reception to honor this achievement. Saturday, August 13, 2016 5:00 pm - at the Columbia Sectional.

The Columbia Sectional Welcomes Novice Players!

There are no game fees for ACBL members with 0 - 5 masterpoints!

Youth Bridge Game at the CBC



The Board is excited to announce the addition of a Youth Bridge Game! There will be one game each month, at 9:30 AM on the morning of the Birthday Party Game.

There is no charge for the participants for this game. The Board will be requesting a grant from the South Carolina Bridge Foundation to cover the table fees.

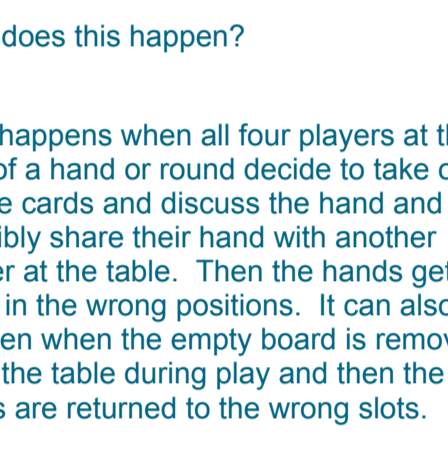
The tentative schedule is: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10. Roberta Case and Kathy Kimmerling - Co Chairs

Fall Classes to Begin in September

The final details are being completed for the Fall Schedule: The Importance of Sacrifice Bids, Doubles, Polishing Your Basics, Play of the Hand.

Starting dates and times to be announced at a later date but will probably begin in mid to late September. Please refer to the webpage for updates.

Sunday Individual Game Continues to Set Attendance Records



Looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon?

If there is an Individual game scheduled at the Club - then this is where you want to be!

This game is a new addition to the Sunday schedule and is very popular!

The game on July 10th had set a new attendance record with 28 players, only to be surpassed the at the next Sunday game on July 24 with 32 players!

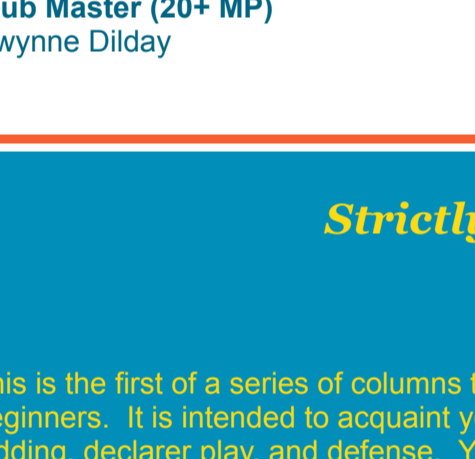
Due to the popularity of this game, the CBC is now offering it three times a month: twice on Sunday afternoons and once on a Thursday evening.

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.

All players use the Yellow Card for conventions. Not sure how to play the Yellow Card - check it out on the webpage.

Fouled Board

Mary Townhill



How does this happen? This happens when all four players at the end of a hand or round decide to take out all the cards and discuss the hand and possibly share their hand with another player at the table.

During a recent Tuesday afternoon game, we had a board become "fouled". A board is fouled when there has been a change in the card configuration of the board (hands and/or cards were switched sometime during the round) and it is impossible to correct and continue scoring the board in a normal manner.

The board in question last week became obvious when it was discovered at the end of the game that four N/S pairs played it in 4 Spades the first four rounds, and then 3 E/W pairs played it in 4 Spades the final three rounds.

The Directors are asking all of the players to be aware of what can happen and the consequences that may follow when we aren't careful with the hands we are playing.

Opening 1NT with a singleton: It's officially legal

Here is the new definition, effective August 1, 2016: "A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons.

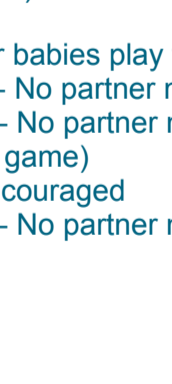
This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 and 4-4-4-1, in addition to those that were previously allowed, such as 4-3-3-3, 5-3-3-2 and 5-4-2-2.

Before, opening notrump with a singleton was considered a psych. It was legal to do, but players could not have an agreement to open such hands 1NT or 2NT. The lack of clarity was a thorny issue for directors.

The change does not impact the one allowable exception of a partnership agreement where 1NT is treated as a 100% forcing opening bid (and not considered "natural" with any distribution). The use of such an unbalanced, non-natural 1NT opening must be alerted.

Masterpoint Milestones!

Regional Master (100+ MP) Brenda Isbell, Craig Lemrow



Club Master (20+ MP) Gwynne Dilday

Congratulations!

Strictly for Beginners

Jack Self

This is the first of a series of columns that will be devoted to those of you who are very beginners. It is intended to acquaint you with some of the basic principles of good bidding, declarer play, and defense.

At the end of this article I am going to give you a suggestion and a bit of advice. Be sure to read both of them and give them some serious consideration.

Whenever you partner makes a lead (opening lead or otherwise) and you like what she leads and want her to lead the suit again, you need to let her know by playing a higher card than you're lowest. This is called a "come-one" signal or a "high-low" signal.

For example, suppose you are defending a 4 Spades contract and your partner leads the ♠A. Dummy comes down with the ♠Q64 and you sit behind dummy holding ♠93.

What if you had the ♦932 instead of a doubleton? You really have a question in partner continuing the diamond suit because that just helps declarer set up his ♠Q.

Here's another example. You are defending against a 6 Heart contract and your partner leads the ♠3. Dummy has ♠A72 and you have ♠K84.

So, in summary, if your partner leads a suit and you like what she leads and wants her to lead the suit again, play a higher card in the suit than you have.

And now, a suggestion: Whoever your favorite partner is, get with him or her and discuss the contents of this article. Insist that your partner play this high-low signal.

Now some advice. If a well meaning, but misguided, bridge player tries to tell you about such things as upside down signals, Lavinthal signals, Odd-Even signals, politely tell him or her that you are concentrating on the basics and do not wish to be confused by hearing about something you are not ready for.

Good luck, and if you give your partner a high-low signal and set me in a contract when I am playing against you, tell me you did it because you read this article.

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC: August 11 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM), August 12-14 NO GAMES AT THE CBC - Join us at Tri City for the Columbia Sectional, August 16 Individual Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1500 game, August 18 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed, August 19 Open NAP Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1000 game Aug 22 - 28 STaC Week, August 23 0-3000 STaC Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1500 game, August 25 Hi-Low STaC Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged, August 26 Open STaC Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1000 game, August 30 Open Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1500 game, Sept 1 Mentor - Mentee Game (NO Open 12:30 PM game), Sept 10 Youth Bridge Game (9:30 AM), Sept 10 September Birthday Party (12:30 PM) September babies play free!, Sept 11 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed, Sept 15 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed, Sept 18 Eight is Enough Team Game (NO Open 1:30 PM game), Sept 22 Hi-Low Game - Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged, Sept 25 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments: August 12 - 14 Columbia Sectional Tournament, August 22 - 28 District 7 STaC Tournament, August 30 - Sept 5 Atlanta Regional Tournament, September 16 - 18 Bluffton Sectional Tournament, Sept 30 - Oct 2 Morganton Sectional Tournament, October 14 - 16 Aiken Sectional Tournament

Click on Tournament to download flyer

Rules, Rules, Rules

Jack Self

Hello everyone. Since we have a lot of Club members who have joined in the last few years, I thought it might be worthwhile to reprint some articles I wrote for the website a few years ago.

When we first start playing bridge, we learn a lot of rules to help us make decisions.....Eight never, nine ever...cover and honor with an honor...second hand low...lead third best...etc.

I have my own set of rules which I have used over the years to help me become a better bridge player and partner. And, of course, I have a hand that shows why they are important.

Jack's Rule #1: Never show any negative reaction to your partner's mistakes. Don't make faces. Don't slap your cards on the table. Don't shake your head in disgust. And, for goodness sake, don't start a tirade at the table.

Jack's Rule #2: Always trust your partner. Always! If she says lead a spade into dummy's A Q 10, then put a spade on the table. If she signals a doubleton heart, then lead one for her to ruff even though that means declarer opened 1 NT with six of them!

Jack's Rule #3: If you break it, you cannot fix it. Once you bid your hand wrong, further attempts to recover will always lead to disaster. If you accidentally have a club mixed in with your spades (thinking you have five spades and four clubs) and open 1 Spade, you will never be able to convince your partner you really started with four spades and five clubs.

A few weeks ago, I played a hand with a partner whose identity I will not reveal, although I am pretty sure he will recognize himself right away when he reads this. I held ♠95 ♥J752 ♦Q5 ♣AK752. Partner opened the bidding 1 Club and my right hand opponent paused to think.

Alias, the opening leader dashed that hope when she led her Ace of Spades followed by the Ace and King of Diamonds. Down three vulnerable (Why she did not double is still a mystery to me. Perhaps it was out of pity for me).

So what did I learn from all this? Well for one, I had the kind of partner I want to have. He followed Rule 2 to the letter. He trusted me to have what I said I had and he bid his hand accordingly. He also followed Rule 1. He never said anything negative to me about my fiasco.

And, for another, I should not ever violate my own Rule #3. Once if made the Double, I should just pass 4 Spades and live with the result. Ironically, 4 Spades would have been down two and maybe only one, earning us a couple of matchpoints instead of the zero we received.

Maybe next time, I will remember the rules! Jack



Last Chance for RED POINTS in the CLUB this Summer!

AUGUST NAP games offer both RED and BLACK points to winners!

Refer to the calendar for game dates and times.

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