

2016 - 2017 Cup Race

Thru October 1 Self

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We are one-third of the way through the year and three of the cup races are tightly contested with the fourth being, for right now, a run-away.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, the big question appears to be whether or not anyone can catch up with Mohan Bali, who holds a lead of just over 35 masterpoints over second place Bob Webb. Following closely behind Bob and trailing by just a few masterpoints are Jay Shahani, Hap Neuffer, and Pat Webb. Rounding out the top ten are Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Al Kirkland, Ken Fasching, and Joyce Lauterbach.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category, Al Kirkland holds a slight five masterpoint lead over second place Scott McPherson, while the next three places held by Jack Wilkinson, Carolyn Cromer, and Bill Charlwood are all within approximately one-third of a masterpoint of each other. Greg Garrison, Tom Gabriel, Mike Bitonti, Frances Lawton, and Francis Robinson complete the top ten for this category.

The **Coleman Farrell Non-Life Master** race is even tighter with first place Helen Young leading second place Kathy Kimmerling by about 3½ points. But closely trailing Kathy are Janet Sheridan and Kenyon Stevenson followed by Mary Frame and Karen Faulkenberry. Hillary McDonald, Dot Jones, Brenda Isbell, and Shelby King round out the top ten.

The **Centurion Under 100** category is usually the most tightly contested race of the four and this month is no exception. First place Brenda Isbell is leading second place Myra James by just two and a half points followed very closely by Olivia Smith, Doug Rice, and Charles Williams. Judy Sternberg, Ginny Carrier, Jerry Isbell, Glenn Mitchell, and Craig Lemrow round out the top ten for this race.

There is still 8 months to go and no one's lead is safe. So grab yourself a partner, come to the table, and remind the leaders that you are breathing down their necks.

OCTOBER 2016

| | Sol Lourie (Open) | Henry Mills (Under 2000) | Coleman-Farrell (Non-LM) | Centurion (Under 100) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mohan Bali | 134.54 | Al Kirkland | Helen Young | Brenda Isbell |
| Bob Webb | 98.51 | Scott McPherson | Kathy Kimmerling | Myra James |
| Jay Shahani | 97.85 | Jack Wilkinson | Janet Sheridan | Olivia Smith |
| Hap Neuffer | 97.32 | Carolyn Cromer | Kenyon Stevenson | Doug Rice |
| Pat Webb | 94.92 | Bill Charlwood | Mary Frame | Charles Williams |
| Alice Moore | 87.15 | Greg Garrison | Karen Faulkenberry | Judy Sternberg |
| Harold Moore | 87.14 | Tom Gabriel | Hillary McDonald | Ginny Carrier |
| Al Kirkland | 81.86 | Michael Bitonti | Dot Jones | Jerry Isbell |
| Ken Fasching | 58.75 | Francis Lawton | Brenda Isbell | Glenn Mitchell |
| Joyce Lauterbach | 57.35 | Francis Robinson | Shelby King | Craig Lemrow |

Congratulations to Our 2015 ABCL Cup Race Winners

Lee Webb

The **Ace of Clubs** is a certificate given to the players in each Unit (our unit is 160 in District 7), one per ranking level, who earn the most black master points in Club games during the calendar year. Points earned in STaCs and other special games paying "pigmented" points don't count.

The **Mini-McKenney** medallions are given to the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn the most total master points during the previous year. All points are counted which include: black, red, silver, gold, platinum and on-line points.

It is possible to win either or both in the same year. Category eligibility is determined by the individual's rank as of January 1 each calendar year.

On behalf of the CBC, we wish to acknowledge and congratulate 4 club members who won The Helen Shanbrom ACE OF CLUBS for 2015:

- Craig Lemrow 0 – 5 Masterpoint Race
- Kenyon Stevenson 5 – 20 Masterpoint Race
- Jay Shahani 1000 – 2500 Masterpoint Race
- Hapoldt Neuffer 7500 – 10,000 Masterpoint Race

On behalf of the CBC, we wish to acknowledge and congratulate 3 members who won the Mini-McKenney medallion for winning the most total master points during 2015 in the unit:

- Craig Lemrow 0 – 5 Masterpoint Race
- Kenyon Stevenson 5 – 20 Masterpoint Race
- Francine Moring 1000 – 2500 Masterpoint Race

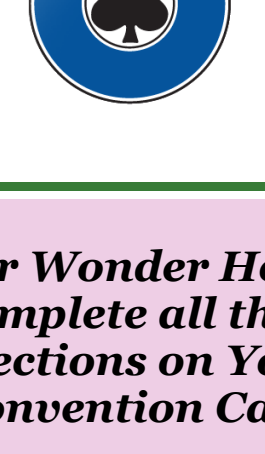
Long Term Planning Committee for the CBC

The Board would like to establish a committee for long-range financial planning for the CBC. This committee would be composed of a cross-section of CBC members with expertise in the various areas. Responsibilities would include cost projections, including acquiring estimates to determine the cost of major expenditures.

Our list of priorities needs to be established and a five year and ten year plan developed that would keep our spending on track, so that we would not agree to expenditures that were not prioritized. Obviously, at the top of the list is to pay off the mortgage - which has already been reduced substantially with multiple principal reduction payments.

Contact Lee Webb directly or reply to this email if you would like to participate.

New Tuesday Night 299'er Game



At the October meeting, the Board approved the addition of this 299'er game with Laura and Susan. As always, you do not need to arrange for a partner. The 0 - 50 game will still be offered, if there are enough tables.

Calling all players with less than 300 Masterpoints There is a new 299'er game on the CBC calendar!

Hope to see you all Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a lesson and a sanctioned game! The cost is now \$7.00 for these games.

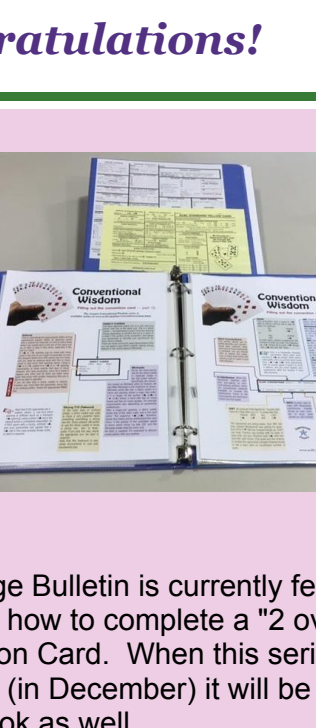
Life Master Recognition Plaques

The Board is looking for volunteers to work on bringing the Life Master Recognition plaques to date and getting them hung up at the CBC. These plaques have not been updated since 2004 and more than 50 members are well overdue recognition for achieving this bridge milestone.

If you would like to get involved - Please contact Lee Webb directly or reply to this email.

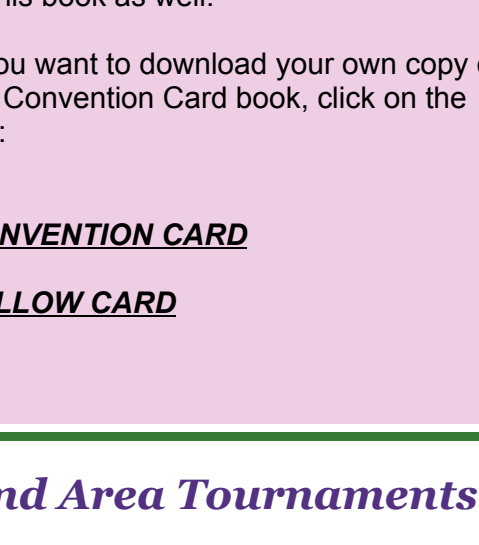
Many Thanks!!

On behalf of the Club, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the hard work undertaken on the landscaping.



Hillary McDonald and Bibs Hurt worked tireless hours planning, testing soil, researching plants for our famously hot summers, soil requirements, and physically did the manual labor to plant.

Phillip Mixson tilled the entire front beds along with Bib's helper, funded by Bibs.



This work is testament to the dedication the club members have and we are grateful for the job well done.

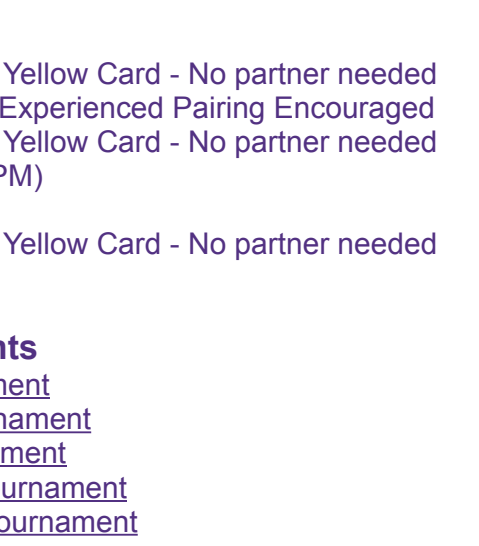
We will all reap the benefits of the beautiful landscape for many years.

Lee Webb
CBC President

Scroll Below for More Information on the New Landscaping

CBC Winter Party - Saturday - December 3

Hold this date on your calendar! Details to follow.....



A call is going out now for a volunteer Chairperson and committee members. If interested, contact Lee Webb directly or reply to this email.



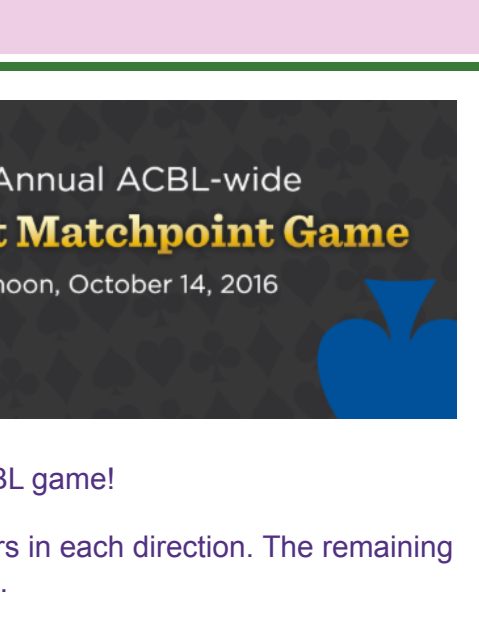
Masterpoint Milestones

Club Master (20+ MP)

Charles Williams

Congratulations!

Ever Wonder How to Complete all those Sections on Your Convention Card?



Then take a look at the Convention Card book at the Club. It is in a blue binder and can be found in the CBC Library. There are two copies, so that partners can sit down and work on completing their Convention Card together.

The Bridge Bulletin is currently featuring a series on how to complete a "2 over 1" Convention Card. When this series is complete (in December) it will be added to this book as well.

The Convention Card book was created from the series that ACBL ran in the Bridge Bulletin. There are 24 pages and it covers the entire Convention Card. No more questions about where to write in your conventions not already listed on the card or why some of the sections are even on the card at all!

If you want to download your own copy of the Convention Card book, click on the link:

The book also contains the booklet that explains all the bids on the Yellow Card.

CONVENTION CARD

YELLOW CARD

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

- Oct 13 Mentor Mentee Game (12:30 PM) NO OPEN game
- Oct 13 Jane Johnson Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM) - GOLD POINTS !
- Oct 14 Instant Matchpoint Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-299 game - GOLD POINTS !
- Oct 16 Jane Johnson Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM) - GOLD POINTS !
- Oct 20 Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
- Oct 20 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- Oct 22 Birthday Party (12:30 PM) (rescheduled from earlier this month)
- Oct 23 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- Nov 3 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
- Nov 8 Open Game (12:30 PM) NO 0-1000 game
- Nov 10 Mentor Mentee Game (12:30 PM) NO OPEN game
- Nov 10 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
- Nov 12 Youth Bridge Game (9:30 AM)
- Nov 12 Birthday Party (12:30 PM)
- Nov 13 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- Nov 17 Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
- Nov 17 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- Nov 20 Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day - Club Closed
- Nov 27 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

- October 24 - 30 [Aiken Sectional Tournament](#)
- October 24 - 30 [Charlotte Regional Tournament](#)
- November 9 - 13 [Atlanta Sectional Tournament](#)
- November 11 - 13 [Hilton Head Sectional Tournament](#)
- November 18 - 20 [Spartanburg Sectional Tournament](#)

NAP Qualifiers: *Flyer* (Flight C may only play in ONE Final)

- November 12 Atlanta, GA Flight C District Finals
- November 13 Durham, NC Flight C District Finals
- November 19 Spartanburg, SC Flight A and Flight C District Finals
- November 20 Spartanburg, SC Flight B District Finals

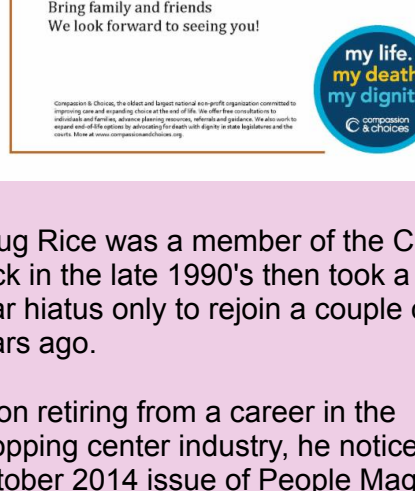
[Click on Tournament to download flyer](#)

October Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games are underway! Please check the Calendar.

Team Games award Gold and are this Thursday Evening (October 13) and Sunday Afternoon (October 16) at the CBC. All team games follow the 'Eight is Enough' format and are handicapped.

Masterpoints awarded:
Pairs Games - 81.8% sectional rated black points
Team Games - 5% gold to maximum of 0.25 per player; remaining black at 81.8% sectional rating.



The 30th Annual ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game

Friday afternoon, October 14, 2016

Get with your favorite partner for this special ACBL game!

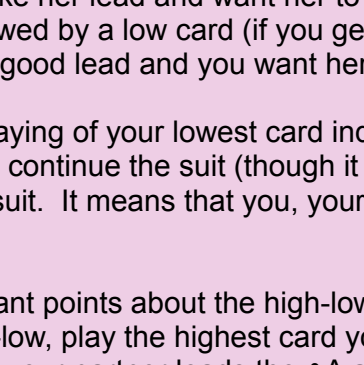
One gold point will be awarded for section winners in each direction. The remaining awards will be ½ red and ½ black sectional-rated.

Hand records and analyses provided. See your score instantly after each deal played! Features for players include a booklet with complete analyses of the deals by national champion Larry Cohen.

This game is similar to a STaC game, were the results are sent on to be compared to other players for this session. Additional awards are available in the Overall and District Levels.

Game starts at 12:30 PM; there is NO 0-299 game on this day.

Youth Bridge Game at the CBC



Junior Bridge Game Series

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Phone: (803) 386-7010
77 Brighton Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29223

The Junior bridge game series will start Saturday, November 12, 2016 and run thru May 2017. Each session will begin with a short lesson and the game will follow. Juniors - 10 thru 18 years old are welcome to come learn and play.

The cost per player is just a \$5.00 registration fee! The series is valued at approximately \$150.00 and the remaining expense will be covered by the generous underwriting of the South Carolina Bridge Foundation to promote the game of bridge.

The games are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month:
Nov 12 - Dec 10 - Jan 14 - Feb 11 - Mar 11 - Apr 8 - May 13

Please let us know if you plan to attend at cbc-news.sc@gmail.com

Parents - check out the following links for why children should learn to play Bridge!

- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-lewis-tyre/7-reasons-to-teach-your-kids-bridge_b_6648000.html
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/25/education/25bridge.html>

and a <http://wp.st/ EUT1>

For More Information Scan our QR code or go to <http://www.columbia-bridge-club.org/>

www.acbl.org www.acbl.org/juniors

[Click to download flyer!](#)

Have You Noticed??

Have you noticed? Shrubs and perennials have been planted in the Bridge Center's front foundation beds. At the direction of the Board of Directors, Hillary McDonald and Bibs Hurt, both master gardeners, took on a project to dress up the appearance of the building.

It was quite a challenge. The site is difficult for several reasons: full afternoon sun, poor drainage, poor soil composition, and a three-foot wide space, all limiting factors for plant sustainability.

Plants were carefully researched and selected for suitability for site exposure, size limitations, and moisture needs. Those chosen offer structural and seasonal interest and are colored according to the focal point crabapple blue pots and gold lanterns. The plants installed are: dwarf yaupon holly, crape-myrtle, stella de oro daylily, liriope, dwarf buddleja butterfly bush, little blue stem grass, and inkberry holly. Daffodils previously planted by George Nichols will be relocated in a cluster around the Bridge Center sign.

Irrigation issues were addressed with the addition of two zones: one for the tall pots at the entrance and another for the front beds. These improvements will allow a watering schedule specific to the plantings. A soil moisture sensor will temporarily suspend irrigation when rain indicates none needed and will help prevent soggy soil, a shrub killer in the past.

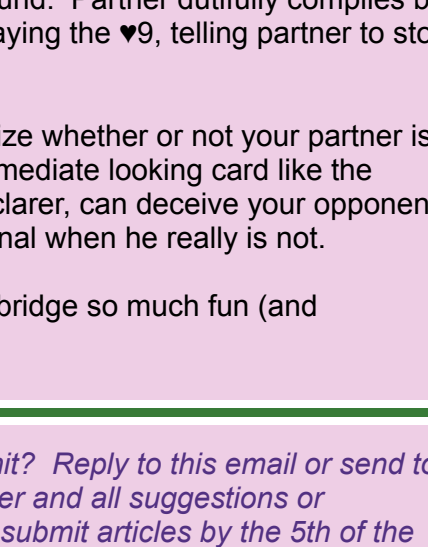
The poorly draining soil was amended to improve both moisture disbursement and growing conditions. Many thanks go to Phillip Mixson who bravely took on the task of tilling the soil and mixing in abundant compost.

It should be noted that consultation with Don McInnes, Clemson Extension Service, about horticulture issues and Elizabeth Rice, bridge player and landscape architect, about irrigation issues was instrumental and is greatly appreciated.

The new plantings build upon earlier landscaping surrounding the parking lot and Lee Webb's dramatic pots at the front entrance. As imagined, the addition of trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials softens the effect of the simple building structure, connects to the landscaped and wooded areas nearby, and offers a little pleasure and interest to be derived from their ever changing colors and shapes.

We sincerely appreciate the support and encouragement of the Board of Directors and Club members on this landscaping project and especially hope our plantings will be enjoyed by all who frequent the Bridge Center.

Hillary McDonald
Bibs Hurt



October Charity -- Breast Cancer Awareness

During the Month of October, the funds received during the Charity games will be directed to the *Palmetto Walk for Life and Famously Hot Pink Half Marathon, 5K and 10K*.

All proceeds stay in our community at Palmetto Health Breast Center. Funds raised will help to ensure the patients and families we treat receive the very best care right here at home.

Also, be sure to complete either a STAR or HEART to remember a loved one or survivor.

If you wish to make a Donation, there box is at the Director's Desk - but a donation is not necessary to make a special recognition.

Strictly For Beginners

Jack Self

For the last couple of months we have been discussing the high-low signal which you use to let partner know you like her lead and want her to continue it. Playing an unnecessarily high card followed by a low card (if you get the chance) indicates to partner that she has found a good lead and you want her to lead the suit again.

The corollary to that is the playing of your lowest card indicates you have no real reason for wanting partner to continue the suit (though it does NOT mean that your partner cannot continue the suit: it means that you, yourself, have no reason for her to keep leading it).

There are a couple of important points about the high-low signal that are important. Whenever you start the high-low, play the highest card you can afford without giving away a trick. For example, if your partner leads the ♠A and you have the ♠K743, play the ♠7 and not the ♠4. Partner may not be able to figure out your desire if you just play the four, but the seven is much more recognizable.

Also, if your partner leads the Ace (showing also the King, by inference) and you have the Queen and a small one, do NOT start a high low with the Queen. You are likely to give away a trick that declarer cannot earn himself by doing that. But, if you have the Jack and a low one, it is okay to start your signal by playing the Jack.

Now we come to the "come on and stop signal." Suppose your partner leads the Ace of a suit and you want her to continue with the King but then not lead a third one. How do you convey that message? Simple! Your first play a higher than necessary card, and then play one that is higher than the one you just played. Here is an example.

Your partner opens 1 Heart and the opponents jump in and eventually they play the contract in spades. Your partner leads the ♠A (again generally showing the ♥K also). You see two small hearts in dummy and this is your somewhat wretched hand: ♠732 ♥J972 ♦964 ♣853. You want partner to go ahead and cash her ♥K but she does not know you have four of her hearts. Since she has five of them to open the bidding at 1 Heart, she cannot lead a third round of the suit without giving declarer a ruff-slug. You want her to stop leading hearts after the second round. So your start what looks like a high-low signal by playing the ♥7 on the first round. Partner dutifully complies by leading the ♥K. Now you complete your signal by playing the ♥9, telling partner to stop leading the suit.

Next month we are going to discuss how you recognize whether or not your partner is starting a high-low signal when she plays some intermediate looking card like the seven or eight. We will also discuss how you, as declarer, can deceive your opponent into thinking that his partner is starting a high-low signal when he really is not.

Sound confusing? That is what makes this game of bridge so much fun (and frustrating!!).

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