



**2016 - 2017 Cup Races**

**Thru December 1 Self**

**Jack**

We are at the half-way point now and there is little change in three of the cup races, but several changes in the fourth.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category Mohan Bali continues his onslaught by amassing 162.03 masterpoints to lead second place Bob Webb by over 32 points. Close behind Bob are Pat Webb and Jay Shahani, who are neck and neck with only 0.07 points separating the two. Following behind the top four are Hap Neuffer, Alice Moore, Harold Moore, Joyce Lauterbach, Ken Fasching, and Mary Townhill.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category, the same ten from last month still make up this month's list, but there have been several changes in position. Al Kirkland maintains his lead with Scott McPherson trailing him by right at 10 masterpoints. Jack Wilkinson, Bill Charwood, and Carolyn Cromer hang on to their third through fifth places with Mike Bitonti, Greg Garrison, Tom Gabriel, Jack Self, and Helen Young rounding out the top ten.

In the **Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master** race, Helen Young remains in first place, but Janet Sheridan has crept up to the number two slot trailing Helen by only 3 points. Kenyon Stevenson, Kathy Kimmerling, and Mary Frame claim the third, fourth, and fifth places while Dot Jones, Myra Jaynes, Karen Faulkenberry, Brenda Isbell, and Shelby King complete this month's top ten.

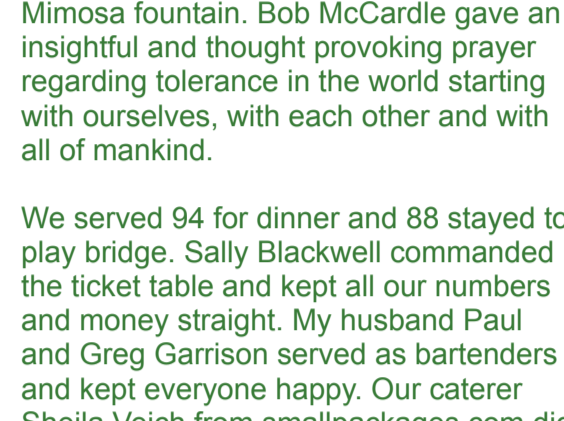
In the **Centurion** category, where the competition is always keen, Myra Jaynes leads the pack followed by Brenda Isbell and Olivia Smith. The fourth and fifth slots are held by frequent partners Charles Williams and Doug Rice. Sue Kline, Bob McCardle, Judy Sternberg, Craig Lemrow, and Glenn Mitchell round out the top ten.

As mentioned we are just at the half-way point now, so no one's lead is safe. Anyone can still break out and contend for the trophies to be handed out at the 2017 Summer Party. So find your favorite partner and head on down to the club join in the hunt for the masterpoints.

**DECEMBER 2016**

Sol Lourie	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Mohan Bali	162.03	Al Kirkland	79.11	Helen Young	44.71	Myra Jaynes	32.17
Bob Webb	129.34	Scott McPherson	68.86	Janet Sheridan	41.71	Brenda Isbell	28.77
Pat Webb	127.93	Jack Wilkinson	58.07	Kenyon Stevenson	40.88	Olivia Smith	20.87
Jay Shahani	127.85	Carolyn Cromer	53.15	Kathy Kimmerling	37.25	Charles Williams	14.56
Hap Neuffer	116.39	Bill Charwood	52.91	Mary Frame	35.97	Doug Rice	13.57
Alice Moore	104.53	Michael Bitonti	48.62	Dot Jones	32.77	Kline Sue	12.32
Harold Moore	81.81	Greg Garrison	47.73	Myra Jaynes	32.17	Bob McCardle	11.70
Joyce Lauterbach	78.09	Tom Gabriel	47.73	Karen Faulkenberry	31.92	Judy Sternberg	11.68
Ken Fasching	77.03	Jack Self	45.00	Brenda Isbell	28.77	Craig Lemrow	11.30
Mary Townhill	71.93	Helen Young	44.71	Shelby King	28.44	Glenn Mitchell	10.50

**CBC Holiday Party Recap**



It was a cold and grey day outside but inside the Columbia Bridge Club was warm and inviting. Our friend Mary Ann Cross had made spectacular decorations down to the little Elf sitting on top of the Mimosa fountain. Bob McCardle gave an insightful and thought provoking prayer regarding tolerance in the world starting with ourselves, with each other and with all of mankind.

We served 94 for dinner and 88 stayed to play bridge. Sally Blackwell commanded the ticket table and kept all our numbers and money straight. My husband Paul and Greg Garrison served as bartenders and kept everyone happy. Our caterer Sheila Veich from smallpackages.com did a super job with the brunch. Her presentation of food, the savory tastes, the variety and her service were impeccable. Mike did a great job directing as always.

We started the game at 12:35 PM and were done in a timely fashion to everyone's delight.

I have had difficulty bringing closure to this update because the words would not come easily. Finally this afternoon I had an epiphany.

Saturday as the day's activities were winding down few people asked me what they could do to help instead I had only to look in the kitchen and there was Mary at the sink washing dishes, Dot putting them away, Lee putting up leftovers and Chris carrying things in and out to my car. Mary Ann busily removing her decorations without a word, Mike and Bob were moving tables, Barb and Kathy were scurrying around straightening up the room and bringing a sense of order back to our bridge facility.

It reminded me of being home for the holidays with my Mom, brother, sister and all the cousins and in-laws - we would eat, drink, play bridge and then when it was time to go home everyone would pitch in clean up, divvy up the leftovers and off we would go back to life in the real world. Thank you my bridge family one and all.

Merry Christmas,  
Diana Ellis  
Holiday Party Chair

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**2017 MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAM**

CBC has listened, and will offer a Mentor-Mentee Program in 2017. Bernetha Henry and I will be heading up the games, again to be held at 12:30 on second Thursdays of each month. If you are interested in being a mentor please email me before December 31. Remember, you are welcome to participate regardless of whether or not you have been a mentor in prior years. These are the considerations for mentoring:

- Do you love the game enough to work with less skilled, even novice, players; to share what you have learned and to give them the confidence to move forward?
- You do not have to be a life master but you must have accumulated 300 points or more. Mentors are exempt from playing fees, as a thank-you for their willingness to commit one day a month to the program.

Are you interested in being a mentee? If so, please email your request no later than December 31. Remember that participants in prior years may apply; however, preference will be given to new participants. Mentees must have less than 100 master points as of January 1.

Bernetha and I understand that you cannot guarantee your availability for future dates. For that reason we maintain a list of substitutes. Substitutes are called on frequently as many of you know from past experience. When you are unable to participate on a given date, you need only to notify Bernetha or me at the earliest opportunity.

Note: If you would prefer to be on the substitute list, as mentor or as mentee, please convey that information via email.

As always, we want to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to share suggestions, concerns or questions regarding the program. Email: [fmccrorey1@gmail.com](mailto:fmccrorey1@gmail.com)

Frazer McCrorey  
Bernetha Henry

**Grand National Teams**

Columbia Bridge Club  
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**QUALIFICATION CLUB LEVEL**

**ALL FLIGHTS — CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to all)**

**FLIGHT A to 6000**  
**FLIGHT B to 2500**  
**FLIGHT C to 500 NLM**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Two Sessions**  
**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Two Sessions**

**BRING A SANDWICH**  
**FREE Beverages and dessert**

**Contact:**  
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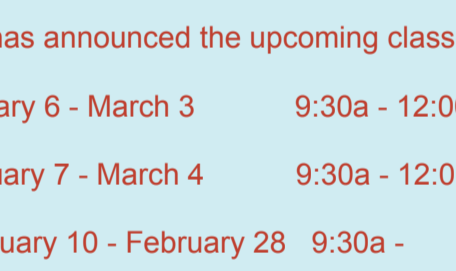
**New Policy for Correcting Game Scores**

All scoring corrections are to be made before leaving the session. Once the Directors have uploaded the game, there will be no additional changes to the game record.

Players are encouraged to check their scores on the Bridgemates at the end of the session - even before the Burgers are printed. If needed - help is available to learn how to access this information on the Bridgemates.

Special games: STaC, ICCG and Worldwide Bridge Contest already have this policy in place.

At the CBC, this policy will begin on January 1, 2017 to give the membership time to establish the habit of validating scores prior to departure from the Club.



**New - OPEN Side Game on Tuesday**

Beginning January 3, there will be an Open side game in addition to the regular 0 -1500 game.

The Board has approved the addition of this Open side game on a six month trial basis. If there are not enough tables to have the Open game - the two games will NOT be merged together.



**Bridge Classes 2017 Winter - Spring**

Mary Townhill, The CBC Education Coordinator has announced the upcoming classes:

Polishing Your Basics	Friday	January 6 - March 3	9:30a - 12:00p
Planning to Win	Saturday	January 7 - March 4	9:30a - 12:00p
Two over One	Tuesday	January 10 - February 28	9:30a - 12:00p
Play & Learn Beginning Bridge	Saturday	March 18 - May 20	9:30a - 12:00p

More detailed information on these classes is available on the CBC web site under the EDUCATION tab at the top of the page.

There is a minimum number of students necessary to hold a particular class - see Mary for information on how to enroll.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**CBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

December 21	Wednesday	No Supervised Play
December 24	Saturday	Club Closed
December 25	Sunday	Club Closed
December 28	Wednesday	No Supervised Play
January 1	Sunday	Club Closed

**CBC December Charity**

The Columbia Bridge Club has designated the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council as its local charity for the month of December. One dollar from each entry during our charity games in December will go to the Council to provide for education and prevention of AIDS and HIV.

**AIDS and HIV Awareness & Prevention**



**Congratulations!**

**Masterpoint Milestones**

**NABC Master (200+)**  
Burton Case

**Junior Master (5+ MP)**  
Ellis Tesh

**North American Pairs Qualifier - Harold Moore**

Harold Moore came in second in District 7's NAP final, playing with John Cotty from McCormick, S.C. What a feat in this bracket as the field is as tough as it gets. Harold and John have qualified to compete in Kansas City's NABC in March of 2017. The entire Columbia Bridge Club congratulates Harold and is so proud of one of our own in his accomplishment. We are behind you and wish you all the best in the NABC competition.

**Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments**

**Special Games at the CBC**

<b>Dec 12 - 18 STaC Week</b>	
Dec 18	Open Supervised (1:30 PM) STaC
Dec 21	NO Supervised Play
Dec 22	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
<b>Dec 24 - 25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - Club Closed</b>	
Dec 28	NO Supervised Play
Jan 1	<b>New Years Day - Club Closed</b>
Jan 5	Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
Jan 12	Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
Jan 14	Youth Bridge Game (9:30 AM)
Jan 14	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
Jan 15	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Jan 19	Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
Jan 22	Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
Jan 26	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
Jan 28	Grand National Teams - 2 sessions (10:00 AM & TBA) NO Open Pairs game
Jan 29	Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

**Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments**

Dec 27 - Jan 2	<a href="#">Charleston Regional</a>
January 13 - 15	<a href="#">Myrtle Beach Sectional</a>
January 20 - 22	<a href="#">Charlotte NLM</a>
February 17 - 19	<a href="#">Columbia Sectional</a>
February 20 - 26	<a href="#">Asheville Regional</a>

Click on Tournament to download flyer



Have you noticed the box of assorted Snack available at the CBC? This is being done on a trial basis as convenience to those who may want something other than the treats that our generous members have provided. Honor System - See sign for prices.

Have a comment or an article you would like to submit? Reply to this email or send to [cbc.news.sc@gmail.com](mailto:cbc.news.sc@gmail.com). This is your Club newsletter and all suggestions or submissions for future articles are welcome! Please submit articles by the 5th of the month. All articles are subject to editorial approval and edit.

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