

2016 - 2017 Cup Races

Thru January 1

Jack Self

While December was a very productive masterpoint month for some of our members, there is no change in the leaders in each of the four cup races; however, there has been a lot of jostling for the remaining spots in the top ten lists.

In the Sol Laurie Open category we have just about run out of different ways to say that Mohan Bali is demolishing the rest of the field. Jay Shahani has moved ahead to claim the second spot trailing Mohan by just over 32 masterpoints. Bob Webb is hot on Jay's heels behind by just over a half masterpoint. Pat Webb is still tapping Bob on the shoulder to remind him that she is close behind in fourth place trailing Bob by less than one masterpoint. Hap Neuffer is less than a point behind Pat in fifth place. The remaining five spots are the same as last month with Alice Moore in sixth place and husband Harold Moore in seventh. Al Kirklund, Ken Fasching, and Joyce Lauterbach rounding out the top ten.

In the Henry Mills Under 2000 category Al Kirklund has a comfortable 18 point lead over second place Scott McPherson. Jack Wilkinson follows Scott in third place by five masterpoints while Carolyn Cromer checks in at the number four slot eight masterpoints behind Jack. Bill Charlwood hangs on to his fifth place standing trailing Carolyn by right at four points. There has been a little shake up in the remaining five positions with Jack Self in sixth place and Tom Gabriel in seventh. Mike Bitonti, Helen Young, and Bernetha Henry complete the top ten.

In the Coleman-Farrell Non-Life Master race, the top ten from December are the same top ten this month with a few of the players switching positions. Helen Young maintains her lead over the rest of the field, but second place is now held by Kenyon Stevenson with third place belonging to Janet Sheridan. Kathy Kimmerling follows close behind Janet to claim the number four slot, with Mary Frame coming in at number five. Dot Jones, Karen Faulkenberry, and Myra Jaynes follow behind Mary in the sixth, seventh, and eighth places, while Brenda Isbell and Shelby King taking the ninth and tenth slots.

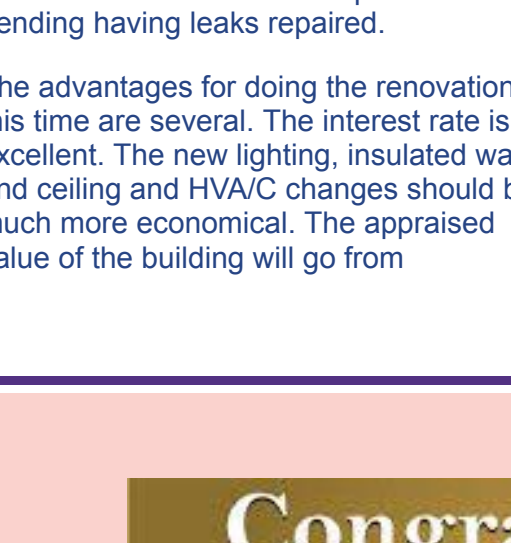
In the Centurion category, Myra Jaynes leads the rest of the pack with 34.27 masterpoints, while Brenda Isbell follows closely with 33.09. Olivia Smith is in third place with 26.36 masterpoints followed by Sue Kline and Charles Williams in the fourth and fifth positions. Doug Rice, Craig Lemrow, and Glen Mitchell take the sixth through eighth slots while Judy Sternberg and Bob McCardle rounding out the top ten.

January is Junior Fund month with lots of extra masterpoints up for grabs and the Grand Nationals Team Game is at the end of the month, so there are plenty of opportunities for all players to move their way up the top ten ladder in their respective categories. So grab your partner, come to the table, and start your run at the leader board.

JANUARY 2017

Table with columns: Name, Points, Category, and other details for January 2017 winners.

CBC Renovation Project



Dear Columbia Bridge Club, I wanted to share some updates with you regarding the building. The board met in December and approved interior updates and renovations to the building pending repair to the building's leaks.

- 1. Permit and license requirement
2. Material handling/disposal fees/consumables
3. Erect perimeter partition walls with insulation
4. Add HVAC drops
5. Modify switching/add outlets
6. Install new light fixtures
7. Install insulated acoustical ceilings
8. Add walls in classroom
9. Update director's desk

Insulation, upgrading lights, and lowering the ceiling will improve our cooling and heating efficiency. The saving in our monthly utilities would be approximately \$120.00 per month, which off sets the difference in the increased mortgage amount. The board voted to proceed pending having leaks repaired.

The advantages for doing the renovation at this time are several. The interest rate is excellent. The new lighting, insulated walls and ceiling and HVAC/C changes should be much more economical. The appraised value of the building will go from

'warehouse' to 'office building' which is very important were we to decide to sell the building. These renovations will increase the beauty of the building as well as the comfort level of the members.

The contractor has agreed to work with the club around our schedule at no extra cost, so we do not have to go to another facility or shut down for a long period of time. The estimate for completion of the job on this weekend schedule is 6 weeks. If we were to shut the club down for construction, the length of time to completion is 4 weeks.

The plan is for the crew to work on Saturday after the game, all day Sunday, and Monday prior to game time. We will cancel Sunday games until construction is complete. The construction will begin as soon as the leaks are repaired. The crew will do their best to leave the club as found but things may be rearranged. We must all be patient during this construction and pitch in and help if something is in disarray.

This is an exciting process for the club to finish the interior, one of our goals when we moved into the building. Our goals are to make the building more energy efficient, comfortable for all parties, improve the interior appearance, and add value to our existing structure. I think we will all enjoy this over years to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best, Lee Webb CBC President

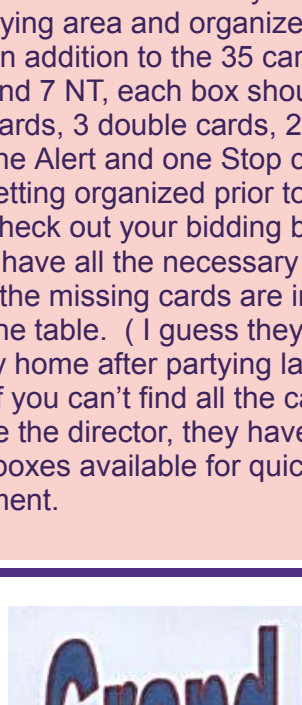
CONSTRUCTIONS IS ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20TH

Congratulations

CBC's NEWEST LIFE MASTER MOHAN BALI

The CBC congratulates Mohan Bali for achieving the rank of Life Master in late December! At the same time, Mohan earned the ACBL rank of RUBY LIFE MASTER for having 1500+ masterpoints.

PALMETTO STATE WINTER SECTIONAL February 17 - 19, 2017



We intend to provide the same fabulous hospitality that the Columbia Bridge Club has become so well known. We will once again be serving breakfast all three days and providing a free lunch between the Friday and Saturday sessions. Of course, the Sunday meal will be professionally catered.

Greetings CBC members, Lee and I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of our upcoming 2017 Winter Sectional Feb 17-19. As usual, it will be held at the Tri-City Leisure Center in West Columbia.

Rather than request specific items, we would ask for donations to assist in the purchase of the food and supplies. Donations of any amount are welcomed and can be provided to the Club Treasurer, Pat Webb or any of the game directors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

We are asking for volunteers to help set-up tables and chairs Friday morning, Feb.17 and two persons who are willing to serve on the breakfast committee. We will begin set-up around 8:30am.

More than anything however, we encourage your attendance and participation to make this another highly successful tournament and a true reflection of the Columbia Bridge Club. Thank you for your continued support. Chris Webb Co-Tournament Chairperson

From the Club Manager



Bidding Boxes: Have you ever found only 3 or 4 pass cards in your bidding box? Every 3-4 weeks I visit every table in the main playing area and organize the bidding boxes. In addition to the 35 cards between 1 Club and 7 NT, each box should contain 6 pass cards, 3 double cards, 2 redouble cards, one Alert and one Stop card. While you're getting organized prior to the game, please check out our bidding box and see that you have all the necessary cards. Usually, the missing cards are in another box on the table. (I guess they can't find their way home after partying late into the night.) If you can't find all the cards you need see the director, they have complete bidding boxes available for quick replacement.

Lost and Found: The lost and found box will be emptied at the end of the month. All items that can be donated will be, all other items will be placed in the trash.

Snacks and Candy: You may have noticed that there are now snacks available in the break area. This is not to discourage folks who like to bring snacks but it does offer alternatives and cover those times when there aren't any. I've investigated candy and the club would have to change \$1.00 per candy item to make any profit. If you are interested in candy items being added to the breakroom, please contact me with your interest and a favorite choice or two. As always, you can chat with me I play, put a note in my tray behind the director's desk, or email me at craig.lemrow@gmail.com

Grand National Teams

Columbia Bridge Club 77 Brighton Hill Road Columbia, SC www.columbia.bridge-club.org

QUALIFICATION CLUB LEVEL

ALL FLIGHTS - CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to all) FLIGHT A to 6000 FLIGHT B to 2500 FLIGHT C to 500 NLM

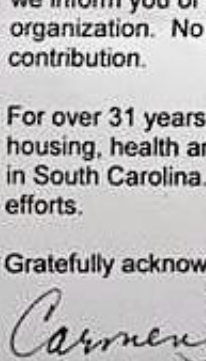
Saturday, January 28th 10:00 AM Two Sessions Saturday, March 11th 10:00 AM Two Sessions

BRING A SANDWICH FREE Beverages and dessert

Contact: Dode De Fiori (803) 738-0725 Brent Holcomb (803) 772-6919

STaC Week COLUMBIA BRIDGE CLUB JAN 30 - FEB 4, 2017. Table with columns: Day, Date, Time, Game Type.

* (Strat determined by the Pair's masterpoint average) ** (0-300 Game may be merged into the Open Game if participation is low)



Masterpoint Milestones

Gold Life Master (2500+) John Memory

Life Master & Ruby Life Master (1500+) Mohan Bali

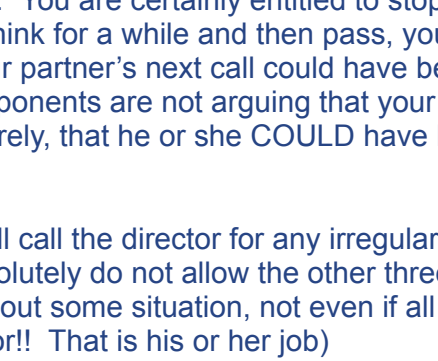
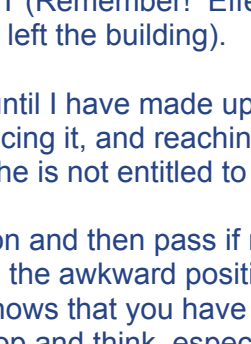
Regional Master (100+ MP) Kenyon Stevenson

Club Master (20+) Glenn Mitchell

Congratulations!

NOVEMBER - MOST 299er Top Twenty Finishes:

Brenda Isbell



HOLD THE DATE - FEBRUARY 27th

Yes - It's back - The MARDI GRAS CHILI PARTY !!!

Join your Friends at the CBC for a Bowl of Chili and Fixins' and then Stay for a Special Monday Evening Game. There is no charge for the DINNER (we will all pitch in and help where needed) - THE GAME will be a Hi/Lo Random draw game. Love is \$7.00 Carolyn Cromer is the Chairperson and would love to hear from all Volunteer Cooks and other helpers!! More details to follow.....

Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

Table with columns: Date, Event Name, Details.

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

Table with columns: Date, Tournament Name, Location.

CBC December Charity AIDS and HIV Awareness & Prevention

We are honored to accept the contribution of \$1060 from the Columbia Bridge Club, Inc. You truly did a wonderful thing for persons living with HIV and AIDS in our community. Your generosity will directly benefit the consumers of Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services, Inc. and the community at large. As you may know, PALSS works to ensure that persons living with HIV, AIDS, other STDs and chronic illness have access to care, treatment and support services.

- For each \$100 that you have donated, PALSS will be able to provide:
- 3 days of meals for a family of 4 from our food pantry; or
- 4 HIV/STD screening tests; or
- 5 hours of risk reduction counseling; or
- 2 visits to a primary care provider.

For your benefit and in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations, we inform you of the following information. PALSS is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. No goods or services were provided in consideration of this contribution.

For over 31 years, PALSS has remained committed to providing education, housing, health and social services to persons and communities affected by HIV in South Carolina. We appreciate you and thank you for your support of our efforts.

Gratefully acknowledged, Carmen Hampton-Julious, LISW-CP&AP Chief Executive Officer

New Year's Resolutions

By Jack Self

This is a reprint of an article I wrote way back in 2013 (with some minor changes).. The sentiments expressed in it is just as timely now as they were then.....Jack Self

New Year's Resolutions Every Director Wishes You Would Make

- 1. I hereby resolve that I will NOT, as a declarer, make a claim of the rest of the tricks if there is a trump still out, unless I immediately state how I am going to handle that trump. (If there is, in fact, a trump still out, and you do not state how you are going to handle that trump, the director has no choice sometimes but to award a trick to the defenders if there was some play of the cards that might let them score that trump. You cannot successfully argue that, "of course I would draw that last trump." By not mentioning it, the director must assume that you did not know there was a trump still out.)
2. I hereby resolve that I will check the score on the Bridgmate and make sure that both direction and score result are correct before I press ACCEPT (Remember! Effective January 1, there will be no score corrections once you have left the building).
3. I hereby resolve that I will not reach for the bidding box until I have made up my mind what I am going to bid. (By reaching for one call, then replacing it, and reaching for another, you convey information to your partner that he or she is not entitled to know.)
4. I hereby resolve that I will not make a long, long hesitation and then pass if my partner still has an opportunity to bid. (Doing so puts your partner in the awkward position of appearing to make a call based on the fact that he or she knows that you have some valuable cards in your hand. You are certainly entitled to stop and think, especially if you have a problem, but if you think for a while and then pass, you have to be prepared for the opponents to argue that your partner's next call could have been influenced by your hesitation. Note that the opponents are not arguing that your partner DID make a call based on the hesitation; merely, that he or she COULD have been influenced by the hesitation.)
5) I hereby resolve that I will call the director for any irregularity at the table or if I am in doubt about anything. (Absolutely do not allow the other three people at the table tell you what the bridge rules are about some situation, not even if all three of them are directors themselves. Call the director!! That is his or her job)
6) I hereby resolve that I will be proactive about making sure that all four players clean up their table at the end of the game. (No coffee cups, no drink cans, no candy wrappers, no potato chip crumbs, no pencils, no old score sheets, no hand records, etc. It is important to remember that table cleanup is NOT the director's responsibility, not the custodian's responsibility, not someone else's responsibility. It is YOURS and EVERYBODY ELSE'S).
7) I hereby resolve to give Jack and his partner at least one top board every round. (Just thought I'd throw that one out there!)



December STaC Games for Gatlinburg Relief

A "thank you" seems inadequate to express the outpouring of support you and your clubs demonstrated for the victims of the recent Gatlinburg fires. The numbers speak for themselves and are historic in nature--never before has the bridge world come out in support of a cause in these record numbers: 9754 tables with 453 clubs participating (and numerous clubs holding multiple games during the week of the STaC). In support of this effort, the ACBL (thank you, Robert Hartman) has agreed to funnel all the funds collected (with the exception of small administrative costs) to the relief effort. Although the actual results may take a few weeks to total, the impact of your participation should be in the \$60,000 range. This is coupled with a \$25,000 contribution from the ACBL Charity Foundation, a \$25,000 contribution from District 7, and a \$20,000+ contribution from the players, clubs and Unit 165 (Unit within Gatlinburg's geographic territory).

Not only was the size and amount raised in this STaC historic, it was all accomplished within a matter of days thanks to the efforts of Bob Heller and the 8 other District Directors who agreed to participate on such short notice. On behalf of all the victims of this fire, please accept our very deep appreciation for your generous support. We hope you can attend this year's tournament April 17-23 which will further significantly help the recovery effort. We are making plans for a special event to show our appreciation.

If you or any of your members wish to make individual contributions to this relief effort, funds should be marked "Gatlinburg Relief" and mailed to Tennessee State Bank Attn: Olivia Frost PO Box 1260 Pigeon Forge, TN 37868

All contributions will go to a 501c (3) charity (making them tax deductible), and 100% will go directly to those impacted by this disaster. Thank you, Julia and Pete Misslin - Gatlinburg Co-Chairs

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