



2016 - 2017 Cup Races

June - Final by Jack Self

Congratulations to all the cup winners for the year ending May 31, 2017.

In the **71 Lourie Open** category, **Mohan Bali** won with a blistering 302.11 masterpoints finishing 7th place of second place **Jay Shahani**. In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category, **Al Kirkland** finished just over 21 points ahead of second place Carolyn Cromer. In the **Coleman-Farrell NLM** category, **Helen Young** won with just over 11 points ahead of second place Kenyon Stevenson. In the **Centurion Under 1000** category, **Brenda Isbell** finished almost 15 points ahead of second place Myra Jaynes.

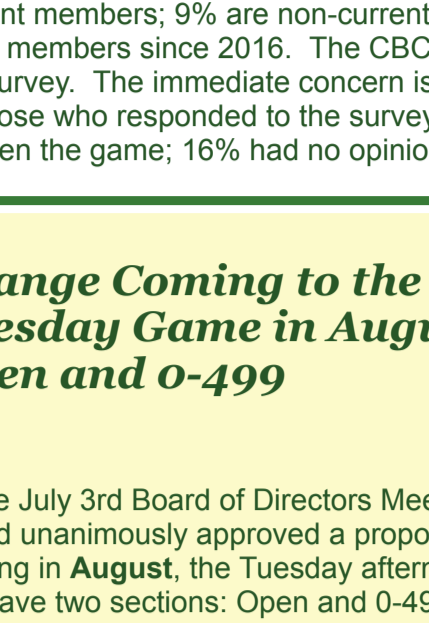
Congratulations again to each of these winners. Now it is on to the 2017 - 2018 races. Remember, the category you are in is determined by your total masterpoint holding as of June 1 of this year and only points that are won at the games held at the Columbia Bridge Club are counted for the cup races.

See you at the bridge table.

JUNE 2017 FINAL

	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-IM)	Centurion	(Under 1000)
Mohan Bali	302.11	Al Kirkland	143.38	Helen Young	89.52	Brenda Isbell	86.98
Jay Shahani	225.11	Carolyn Cromer	121.80	Kenyon Stevenson	78.14	Myra Jaynes	51.69
Hap Neuber	222.58	Jack Wilcoxon	116.92	Myra Jaynes	77.24	Olivia Smith	45.85
Pat Webb	219.09	Jack Self	115.78	Janet Sheridan	72.86	Sue Kline	39.58
Alice Moore	189.49	Mike Elton	109.80	Dot Jones	70.16	Craig Lemrow	29.35
Bob Webb	184.10	Francis Robinson	97.54	Kathy Kimmerling	68.70	Doug Rice	28.72
May Townhill	151.54	Scott McPherson	95.94	Brenda Isbell	65.88	Jerry Isbell	28.71
Al Kirkland	143.38	Bernetha Henry	90.12	Karen Faulkenberry	64.57	Charles Williams	27.90
Harold Moore	136.15	Helen Young	89.52	Beth Watson	60.11	Judy Sternberg	24.96
Ken Faehring	128.23	Tom Gabrel	86.51	Shelby King	55.34	Bob McCasde	21.30

CBC Membership Survey



The newly created Membership Committee asked the CBC Community to complete a survey to get a better idea of how the CBC could best serve its members.

Below are the highlights from this survey.

**General Observations:** (Craig Lemrow)  
 • Almost 50% of members returned a survey  
 • Having a mini-lesson prior to the game was overwhelmingly favored  
 • Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are the most favored days  
 • Sunday is the least favored day  
 • Afternoon games are most favored

**Things that need improving:**  
 • Ability for members to find partners  
 • Courteous players  
 • Courteous directors  
 • Mentor/mentee game  
 • Earlier finish at night  
 • Earlier Tuesday afternoon

**The Tenth Friday Afternoon:**  
 • To play or not to play – that is the question  
 • If there is no open game – some members that would like to play are excluded from playing  
 • If there is no limited game – some members have to choose to play in the open game or draw the line?

**For CBC Board Consideration:**  
 • Three or 6 month trials – Monday night – Start at 6:30PM play 18 boards  
 • Tuesday afternoon – 0-300 or 0-500 and Open  
 • Thursday night – Start at 6:30PM  
 • Friday Afternoon – Start at 12:30 – play 18 boards  
 • Mentor/Mentee – Two tracks – one for new players, one for more experienced players – Mentor training  
 • Greater enforcement of Zero Tolerance

**Statistical Analysis of Players and Games Attended (Scott Dunn):** There were 100 good responses to the survey, which is nearly 1/2 of the paid membership. 89% are current members; 9% are non-current members (this year or last year) while 2 have not been members since 2016. The CBC Board at future meetings will discuss the items on the survey. The immediate concern is the continuation of the Tuesday afternoon game. Of those who responded to the survey, 58% wanted to open the game; 17% did not want to open the game; 16% had no opinion and 9% did not respond to the question.

Change Coming to the Tuesday Game in August: Open and 0-499



At the July 3rd Board of Directors Meeting, the Board unanimously approved a proposal that, starting in August, the Tuesday afternoon game will have two sections: Open and 0-499.

A Policy regarding merging games on Tuesday when there are not enough players for a particular section was developed:  
 If there are insufficient players for the lower game, they may always play up.

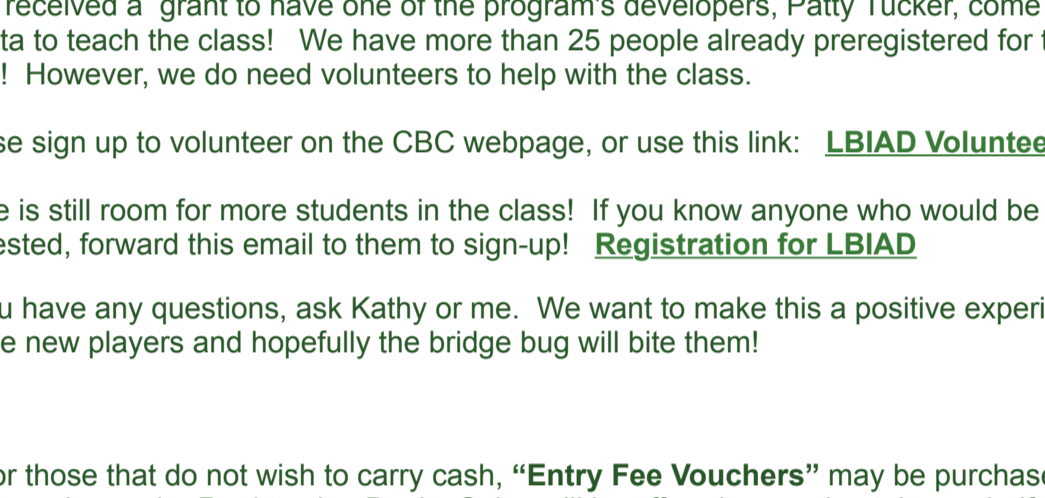
If there are insufficient players for both the lower and upper sections, the sections will be merged.  
 If there are insufficient players for the upper game, the sections will be merged, but the strata for the lower section will be capped at 500 rather than the norm of 750.

2017-2018 CBC President Appointments Lee Webb

I am very pleased to announce the following appointments to the 2017 CBC:

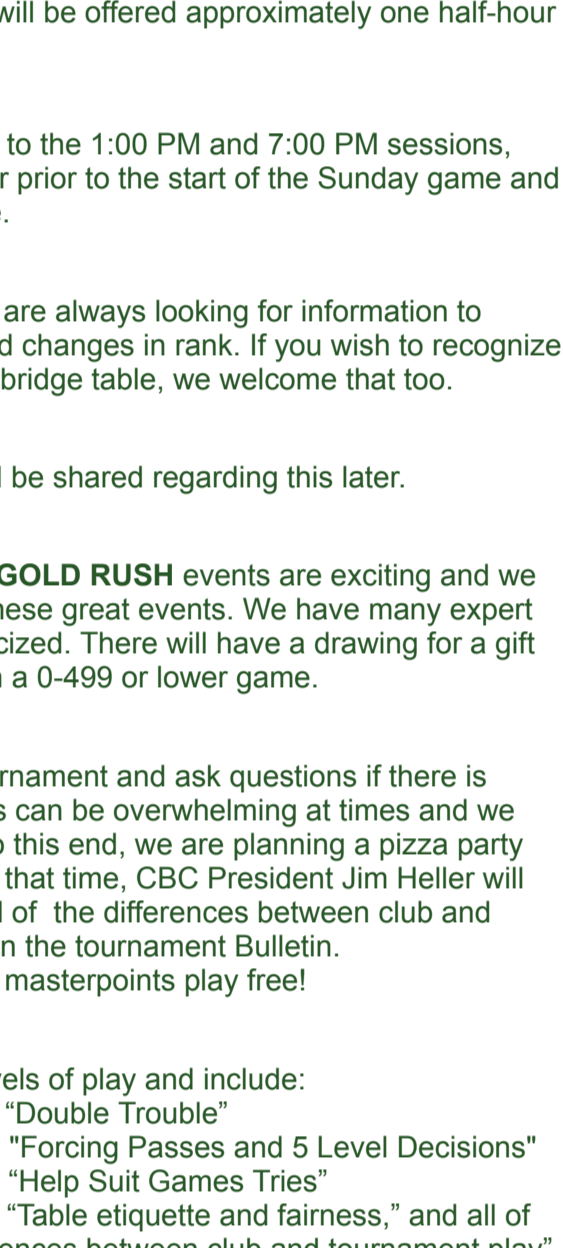
- Facility Supervisor - Grounds: Hillary McDonald
- Facility Supervisor - Inside physical building: Jack Self
- Education Coordinator: Mary Townhill
- Head Director: Mike Bitonti
- Treasurer: Pat Webb
- Club Manager: Craig Lemrow
- Publicity: Kathy Kimmerling
- Sectional Tournament Chairs: Chris & Lee Webb and an ad hoc
- Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament at the CBC proposed to District 7 to replace one of the sectionals to be determined. Sue Hopke Chair
- Ethics Committee: Lewis Cromer, Jay Shahani, and Scott Dunn
- Webmaster: Scott Dunn Committee members: Jack Self, Dot Jones, Lee Webb
- Member Outreach: Brent Holcomb
- Financial Review Committee: Janet Sheridan & Beth Watson
- House Committee: Lee Webb, Bibs Hurt, Janet Sheridan, Carolyn Cromer, Ed Young
- Membership Committee: Lee Webb, Craig Lemrow, Scott Dunn Mary Frame, Kathy Kimmerling, Beth Watson and Mary Anne Cross
- STC: Brent Holcomb
- Steering Committee: Lee Webb, Bibs Hurt, Beronica Whisnant, Buddy Cullum and Roy McCrorey

Learn Bridge in a Day? August 2nd at the Columbia Regional

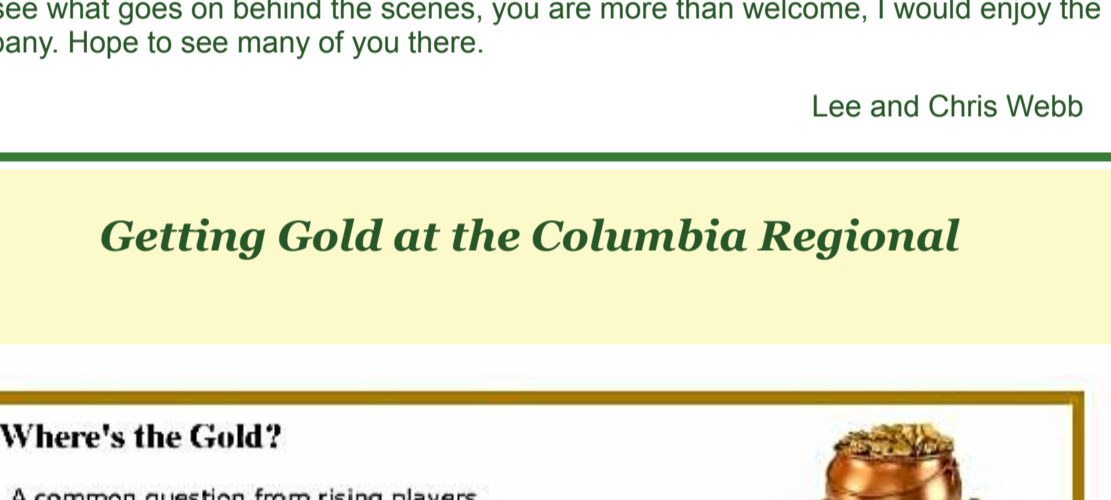


Whether you are a beginner or returning to bridge, it's the perfect place to start.  
 Come with a friend – or make new ones!  
 See why bridge is the world's most popular card game.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Double Tree - Columbia  
 2100 Bush River Road  
 Columbia, SC 29210  
**Cost:** \$25 includes class materials and a light lunch  
 Please Pre-register (see below)

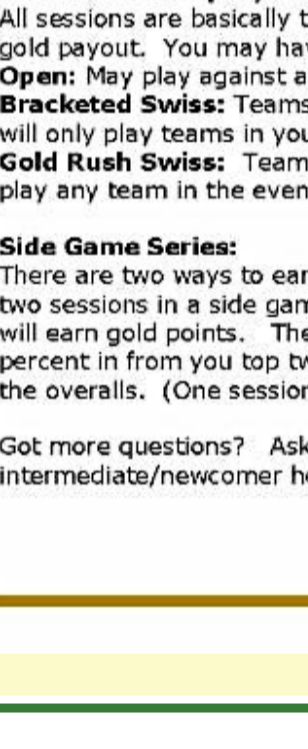


**Registration:** Website: [www.columbia.bridge-club.org](http://www.columbia.bridge-club.org)  
 Questions: Email: [cbcnews@columbia-bridge-club.org](mailto:cbcnews@columbia-bridge-club.org)  
 or call Kathy at (734) 476-4046 All Ages Welcome!



There is still time to introduce Bridge to a friend!  
 Walk ins accepted, but preregistration is preferred!

Columbia Regional July 31 - August 6, 2017 Lee Webb



The Regional tournament will be here soon!  
 Chris and I want to thank everyone who has signed up to help.

We will be setting up for the Regional at the Double Tree on Sunday, July 30, beginning at 1:00 PM. If you can spare the time, please join us. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Columbia Regional update: sign up sheet for Volunteer positions for members will be online and at the club which includes:

- Set up tables on Sunday afternoon, July 30, 2017 (need 20 people)
- Clay Hall of District 7 is trained to program the TV monitor so we can show photos of winners and ad location of events. Beth Watson will take pictures of the tournament and winners for display
- Registration Desk: Shelby King to chair
- Prize room: Pat Webb to chair
- Greeters to direct people: I need one person before morning and afternoon game daily: 12 people total
  - IM chair: Kathy Kimmerling to chair
  - Caddies: Bernetha Henry to chair
- District 7 and Chris and I will host a hospitality suite for Columbia CBC members, directors, and guests. We would love for volunteers to bring appetizers and snack food daily. We have Monday and Friday covered. Just bring your favorite appetizer the other days. Feel free to come to the suite when you can.
- Betsy Stanton is in charge of the Partnership Desk. Standby partners are needed for the tournament. You can help by registering in advance or going to the partnership desk and completing a card.

**Volunteers and Standby Partners:**  
 To sign up online - go to the CBC website: <http://www.columbia.bridge-club.org/>  
 or click on the appropriate link: [Volunteers](#) [Standby Partners](#)

\*\* Chris and I will have catered food/snacks after the evening sessions Tuesday through Friday in the main hallway outside of the restaurant. Please join us.

\*\* There will be grab-and-go Concession Stands for breakfast and lunch. Full service meals are offered around the clock at Colombo's Restaurant, conveniently located inside the hotel. We will have coffee available throughout the day for \$2.00 with \$1.00 refills, so save your cup. Water will be provided in the playing areas. Soda, beer and wine are also available for purchase.

\*\* Learn Bridge in a Day? will be held on Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We have received a grant to have one of the program's developers, Patty Tucker, come from Atlanta to teach the class. We have more than 25 people already preregistered for this class! However, we do need volunteers to help with the class.

Please sign up to volunteer on the CBC webpage, or use this link: [LBIAD Volunteer](#)

There is still room for more students in the class! If you know anyone who would be interested, forward this email to them to sign-up! [Registration for LBIAD](#)

If you have any questions, ask Kathy or me. We will make this a positive experience for the new players and hopefully the bridge bug will bite them!

\*\* For those that do not wish to carry cash, "Entry Fee Vouchers" may be purchased via credit card near the Registration desk. Sales will be offered approximately one half-hour prior to the afternoon and evening sessions.

\*\* The Prize room will be open one hour prior to the 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM sessions, Tuesday thru Saturday. It will be open one hour prior to the start of the Sunday game and 30 minutes after the finish of the Sunday game.

\*\* The Bulletin will be published daily and we are always looking for information to include interesting hands, new life masters, and changes in rank. If you wish to recognize someone for courtesy or sportsmanship at the bridge table, we welcome that too.

\*\* Goodwill Day is on Friday. More details will be shared regarding this later.

\*\* Intermediate/Newcomer: The 499er and GOLD RUSH events are exciting and we welcome new players at the tournament to these great events. We have many expert speakers daily and special events will be publicized. There will have a drawing for a gift basket - you receive and enjoy for every play in a 0-499 or lower game.

**IM Players** - Please enjoy your time at the tournament and ask questions if there is something you don't understand. Tournaments can be overwhelming at times and we want to help you maximize your enjoyment. To this end, we are planning a pizza party after the afternoon game on Thursday. During that time, CBC President Jim Heller will speak on "Table etiquette and fairness," and all of the differences between club and tournament play. More details can be found in the tournament bulletin. On Tuesday - ACBL Members with less than 5 masterpoints play free!

\*\* Speakers are scheduled to appeal to all levels of play and include:  
 Monday: 12:15pm - Mary Townhill: "Doubles Troubles"  
 Tuesday: 12:15pm - Jack Fowling: "Forcing Problems and 5 Level Decisions"  
 Wednesday: 6:30pm - Patty Tucker: "Help Suit Games Tries"  
 Thursday: 4:30pm - Bob Heller: "Table etiquette and fairness," and all of the differences between club and tournament play"  
 Friday: 12:15pm - Jerry Helms: "Ask Jerry"  
 Saturday: 12:15pm - Bob Heller: Issues that Directly Affect Tournament Players  
 \* Speakers, topics and times subject to change. Please refer to Daily Bulletin

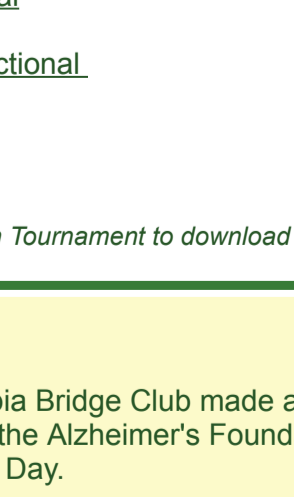
We are committed to making this a great tournament with plenty of hospitality and could not do this without our wonderful CBC members who are so generous with their time.

Please wear your own name badge, offer help to out of towners, listen to the free bridge lectures, buy a bridge book or other goodies if they sell, and enjoy your time with friends. It is a great atmosphere and so much fun. If you want to hang out with Chris and I and see what goes on behind the scenes, you are more than welcome, I would enjoy the company. Hope to see many of you there.

Lee and Chris Webb

Getting Gold at the Columbia Regional

**Where's the Gold?**  
 A common question from rising players...  
**"Where can I get gold points?"**  
 The most important thing to know about how to win gold points is this:  
**EVENTS PAYING GOLD POINTS ARE ALWAYS TWO OR MORE SESSIONS.**  
 There are many single-session offerings for Intermediate/Novice pairs, but all these will award RED points, not gold. All possibilities for winning gold points are described here:  
**Open Pairs:** If you win a top in your section in a strat in open pairs game you will get gold points. You may also win gold points by placing high enough in the overall. (Two session event)  
**Gold Rush Pairs:** This relatively new tournament offering is a limited strat-1 flighted two session pairs event. No player can have more than 750 masterpoints. Gold points are awarded to section tops in the 0-750 strat and red for the 0-300 strat. You must play with the same partner. Overall winners also receive gold points. (Two session event.)  
**Knockout Teams:** KOs can be four session or compact (two session) event. You team will play in a bracket with other teams that have a similar number of masterpoints. If you progress and make it to the semi-finals, everyone on your team will win some gold points. The fraction of gold vs red points depends upon the masterpoint range of your bracket. (One to four sessions – must make semifinals to receive gold points.)  
**Swiss Teams: Open, Bracketed and Gold Rush:**  
 All sessions are basically the same, with the major difference being the bracketing and gold payout. You may have up to 6 team members. (All are two session events)  
**Open:** May play against any team in the event, Gold paid to strat winners.  
**Bracketed Swiss:** Teams are grouped by team masterpoints, then "bracketed". You will only play teams in your brackets. Gold paid to top finishers in each bracket.  
**Gold Rush Swiss:** Team members limited to less than 750 masterpoints. You may play any team in the event and overall placings win gold.  
**Side Game Series:**  
 There are two ways to earn gold points in a side game series. If you play in a least two sessions in a side game series and place 1st in your section in either session, you will earn gold points. The second way to earn gold in a side series is if your average percent in from you top two scores in the same side series qualifies you placement in the overall. (One session event, but you must play two sessions to keep gold points.)  
 Got more questions? Ask a director at any touney, or visit your intermediate/newcomer help desk.



A Beginner's Guide to Regional Bridge Tournaments Lee Webb

Below are a few tips I think will help newer bridge players feel less overwhelmed and enjoy the atmosphere.

For the bridge fanatic, there are three sessions available per day – morning, afternoon, and evening. If you have the self and not the stamina, just choose one or two sessions and pace yourself. Remember, entire events have been won or lost over the last board. As you wind down each day, take a deep breath and then the last board of the session. Bid and play like your final score depends on it (and it usually does!).

There are two types of events, teams and pairs. The strategy of play is different in each and many people have difficulty switching gears between them. In teams, you want to bid your close vulnerable game and guarantee the contracts. Overtricks are not nearly as important as going plus. In pair events, you are more concerned with playing in major suit and no-trump contracts to maximize the contract value. It is generally acceptable to risk the contract to score those high-prefer overtricks.

Decide if you want to play pairs or prefer teams. There are both events almost daily, but it is usually a good idea to choose either one or the other and stick with that format.

Teams enter into a Knockout event (KOs). There are two types of KOs, compact and a full KO. A compact is only played at 9:00 am; full KOs start at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. In a compact you are only allowed 4 players. In a full KO, you may have as many as 6 players on the team. You will play 24 boards in either a compact or a full knockout. The difference is in a compact you play 12 boards against one team in motion on to another team. If you win, you advance. If you lose, you still get to play in a consolation match for some MPs. In a full KO, you play 24 boards against a single team. Win or go home.

Try to get players brought about the same amount of master points as you at first, you will find this works well and will keep 4 of you in a lower bracket. A bracket is where everyone enters a team event; the directors draw a line-dividing players from greatest master points to least Masterpoints. This gives you a good chance of only playing players with the same number of master points as you. If you win a KO, you stand to win more points than a pairs event unless you play in the open pairs overall.

The Columbia Regional has lots of events for novice players. Highly recommended is an event called "GOLD RUSH" pairs and this year, we added GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams. There are 5 two session GOLD RUSH PAIR events and two GOLD RUSH team games, take advantage! The stratification for the GOLD RUSH is 0 - 300 and 300 - 750. This means if you have 100 points, you play in the 0 - 300 stratification but you can still win in the 750 stratification. These events are an excellent opportunity for you to get the coveted gold points needed for life master. Gold points are only given at Regional tournaments. Try to get these early in your bridge career. I know many players who needed gold and were not able to make life master even with 1000 points because they needed GOLD.

The entire tournament, we have a 499er section. This means you will never play anyone who has over 500 points. We have hospitality planned for this group so you feel at ease playing in the Regional environment, and play often to get points. This group is in a separate room from the open players.

A very popular event is the Flight B Bracketed Swiss Team event. This will be held on Thursday 1:00 & 7:00 and Saturday 1:00 & 7:00. No player over 3000 points can enter. The teams are split into brackets, top master point players to lowest number of master point players. Top player may have 2900 and bottom player may have 5 points. The director breaks the brackets up so most players are up against those with about the same amount of master points. If you finish in the top 3 your bracket, you win gold.

CBC Youth Bridge Camp Kathy Kimmerling



This year's Youth Bridge Camp was a success with 15 students in attendance! Five of these students were new to the program and ten had attended camp for 1 - 4 years.

I would like to thank the following CBC members who made this year's camp possible: Curriculum Advisor: Mary Frame Instructors: Marie Frame, Laura Bro and Bernetha Henry Assistants: Roberta Case, Janet Sheridan and Susan Weisman also, Mike Bitonti for making hand for the classes and directing the Championship game.

Thirteen of these students have opted to receive a Junior Membership in the ACBL.



Masterpoint Milestones

**Silver Life Master**  
 Susan McFadden

**Bronze Life Master**  
 Louise Burns

**Regional Master**  
 Jerry Isbell

**Sectional Master**  
 Myra Jaynes

**Junior Master**  
 Linda Murphey  
 Elisabeth Shrader

CBC Summer Party Beth Watson



Our Summer Party went off without a hitch. Good food, good bridge, and good fun were had by all.

Kicking back and enjoying a meal together was just what we needed to get our summer off to a fabulous start!

The excellent turnout and stiff competition certainly prepared us well for our upcoming Regional. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and spent a Saturday afternoon with their bridge family!

From the Head Director... Introducing the Bridgemate App Mike Bitonti



The new Bridgemate App --- Bridge results on your smartphone!!

Your scores and rankings conveniently are individually displayed in an intuitive app on your iPhone or Android smartphone. Check your results and your opponents' scores after the game, and analyze your play and get a hand record.

Go to your App Store to download - Free

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Upcoming Special Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

- July 20 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- July 23 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- July 27 HI-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
- July 30 Open Pairs (1:30 PM)

July 31 - August 6 Columbia Regional at the Doubletree (CBC Closed)

- August 10 Mentor/Mentee (12:30 PM) NO Open Pairs game
- August 10 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
- August 12 Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
- August 13 Individual Game (1:30 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed
- August 17 HI-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
- August 17 Eight is Enough Team Game (7:00 PM)
- August 20 Eight is Enough Team Game (1:30 PM)
- August 21 27.Stac Week
- August 24 Individual Game (7:00 PM) Play the Yellow Card - No partner needed

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

- July 21 - 23 Savannah Sectional
- July 21 - 23 Morganton Summer Sizzler Sectional
- July 31 - Aug 6 Columbia Regional
- August 11- 13 Hendersonville Non-Life Master Sectional
- Aug 29 - Sept 4 Atlanta Labor Day Regional
- September 7 - 10 Charlotte Fall Sectional
- September 15 - 17 Asheville Fall Spectacular

[Click on Tournament to download flyer](#)

The Longest Day June 21st



The Columbia Bridge Club made a \$500.00 donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation on the Longest Day.

The directors for the three games donated there fees and this amount was included in the donation.

Construction Update by Lee Webb

The building construction is complete!!! Thank you all for your patience through this process. I know it was messy and uncomfortable but we will all enjoy this new interior for many years.



STac Week - a of the CBC August 21 - 27, 2017

Look for Details by email in Early August!

NAP Games at the CBC

All NAP Games Play out 50/50 Red / Black masterpoints !!  
 Check Calendar for Game Schedule



From the House Committee... by Bibs Hurt



Lee Webb appointed a House Committee to oversee physical changes to the interior of the building:

We need your help! We plan to eliminate clutter, to provide what we need and the required space, and get rid of what we no longer use.

Please give us your ideas.

Check the Lost and Found and the coat rack. The items left will be given to charity in several weeks.

Carolyn Cromer, Bibs Hurt, Janet Sheridan, Lee Webb and Ed Young

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