CBC NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

Oktoberfest Pot Luck and Jane Johnson Gold Points Team Game

TEN Teams Participated and Enjoyed a Night of Good Food and Great Bridge...

Everyone earned GOLD DUST!

Congratulations to the Winning Team:

Eddie Crosby, Brenda Isbell, Judy Rockwell and Charmelle Staples

2017 - 2018 Cup Races

October 1

We are four months into the 2018-2019 cup competitions and already it appears that we are in for some exciting races.

In the **Sol Lourie Open** category, Mohan Bali, once again, has jumped out to an early and impressive lead amassing a total of just over 106 masterpoints. Seventeen and half points back is second place Pat Webb followed just a few points back by third place Jay Shahani and fourth place Joyce Lauterbach. Mike Bitonti stands at fifth place while Alice Moore and Hap Neuffer occupy the sixth and seventh slots. Carolyn Cromer, Jack Wilkinson and Francis Robinson round out the top ten.

In the **Henry Mills Under 2000** category Mike Bitonti has outpaced the rest of the field to lead second place Jack Wilkinson by just over 12 masterpoints. Francis Robinson claims the third slot less than a half a point back of Jack and Mirza Baig is close behind in the fourth position. Eddie Crosby is making his first appearance in the Henry Mills race coming in fifth followed by Bill Charlwood, Kathy Kimmerling, Beth Watson, Jack Self, and in a tie for the tenth slot Scott McPherson and Myra Jaynes.

The **Coleman-Farrell** category sports a tight race for first place with Eddie Crosby leading with just under 40 points while Beth Watson follows closely in second place with a little over 36 points. Third place Myra Jaynes is followed by fourth place Brenda Isbell, who, in turn, is followed closely by fifth place Mary Joseph and sixth place Janet Sheridan. Charmelle Staples, Mike Mayfield, Helen Young, and Beth Donelan round out the top ten.

The **Centurion Under 100** category always provides some of the closest races with the leaders frequently changing positions. Right now Eddie Crosby has jumped out to an early lead with over twice as many masterpoints as second place Mike Mayfield. Jim Bull follows in third place while the fourth through sixth places are separated by less than a third of a masterpoint. Hansa Patel claims the fourth place position while Stella Donelan holds the fifth position, followed by Judy Rockwell in sixth place. Gail Morrison, Caroline Grimball, Greg Cummins and Linda Mitchell complete the top ten list.

While each category may have a current leader, the year has just begun and there is plenty of time for you to come out and play and claim your place in the top ten lists. So get your favorite partner, come on down to the club, and start challenging the leaders for first place.

~Jack Self

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sol Lourie	(Open)	Henry Mills	(Under 2000)	Coleman-Farrell	(Non-LM)	Centurion	(Under 100)
Mohan Bali	106.66	Mike Bitonti	62.69	Eddie Crosby	38.95	Eddie Crosby	38.95
Pat Webb	89.07	Jack Wilkinson	50.28	Beth Watson	36.37	Mike Mayfield	17.64
Jay Shahani	84.92	Francis Robinson	49.42	Myra Jaynes	32.84	Jim Bull	10.82
Joyce Lauterbach	83.38	Mirza Baig	44.18	Brenda Isbell	29.28	Hansa Patel	8.77
Mike Bitonti	62.69	Eddie Crosby	38.95	Mary Joseph	23.84	Stella Donelan	8.64
Alice Moore	55.46	Bill Charlwood	38.38	Janet Sheridan	23.31	Judy Rockwell	8.47
Hap Neuffer	53.29	Kathy Kimmerling	37.58	Charmelle Staples	19.42	Gail Morrison	6.43
Carolyn Cromer	52.76	Beth Watson	36.37	Mike Mayfield	17.64	Caroline Grimball	6.26
Jack Wilkinson	50.28	Jack Self	35.63	Helen Young	17.27	Greg Cummins	5.95
Francis Robinson	49.42	Scott McPherson	32.84	Beth Donelan	14.46	Linda Mitchell	5.78
		Myra Janes	32.84				

Masterpoint Milestones

Club Master (20+ MP)
Toni Elkins
Elizabeth Hause

Congratulations!

Common Game 299'er Most Points September

Brenda Isbell (39.52)

Suggested Changes to the Columbia Bridge Club, Inc., Bylaws:

The Board of the Columbia Bridge Club formed a committee comprised of Scott Dunn, Gwynne Dilday, Beronica Whisnant and Maryann Cross, to clarify the election process in the Bylaws. The committee is submitting the attached proposed revisions to the Bylaws. Please review and advise if you have suggestions and/or comments. Our goal is to present the final recommended changes to the membership no later than December 1, 2018 in order for the membership to vote in January 2019.

CBC Bylaws Committee

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Bylaws of the Columbia Bridge Club, Inc.
Columbia, SC

The following is a proposed changed to the bylaws.

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 3: Nomination and Election of Members of the Board of Directors

a) Officers and At-Large members of the Board shall be elected by, and from, the voting eligible membership of the Club at the annual membership meeting in May
b) Each fiscal year, ~~prior to~~ in February ~~1~~, ~~a Nominating~~ an Election Committee composed of between three (3) and five (5) persons shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board, from among the voting eligible members of the Club. The names of the members of the ~~Nominating~~ Election Committee shall be made available to the membership at least ~~sixty (60)~~ seventy (70) days prior to the annual meeting. If ~~a Nominating~~ an Election Committee member ceases to serve on the Committee, then the President shall appoint a replacement.
c) ~~The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of candidates to replace those Officers and Board members whose terms of office are expiring at the end of the current fiscal year.~~
The Election Committee will be responsible for collecting nominations for Officers and At-Large members of the Board from the membership of the Club, compile a list of nominations and verify the eligibility of each nominee to serve for the nominated position, and to submit a voting ballot to the Board of Directors for approval.
d) ~~The slate of candidates shall be provided by the Nominating Committee to the members of the Club at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.~~
Nominations from the membership of the Club will be accepted for a minimum of thirty (30) days. The voting ballot will be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.
~~e) Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.~~
e) Voting shall be by secret written ballot and counted by the Secretary and at least one other Board member appointed by the President immediately after the general meeting. Those candidates for Board positions receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected and shall assume office on the first day of the fiscal year following the election. ~~Vacancies for At-Large members of the Board or of the office of Secretary occurring after the elections shall be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Board.~~ In the case of a tie, there will be one tie-breaker vote with just the members present at the annual meeting. In the case of a second tie, the tie will be broken randomly.
f) Vacancies for At-Large members of the Board or of the office of Secretary ~~occurring after the elections~~ shall be temporarily filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Board. Such temporary appointments will serve until the first day of the next fiscal year.
g) If the office of Past President becomes vacant, then it shall remain vacant. If the office of President becomes vacant, then the Vice President shall assume the office of President and the office of Vice President shall become vacant. If the office of Vice President becomes vacant, a special election shall be called to fill the office of Vice President.

1 Draft Proposal September 28th, 2018

Club Membership Games

On the CBC calendar thru the end of 2018, a number of Club Membership (CM) games have been scheduled. These are special games that pay out upgraded masterpoints to winners - but these points are only available to ACBL members.

These games are offered by ACBL as a way thank its membership. The only catch is that both partners must be ACBL members for either to receive points!

If you have any questions or need to join ACBL talk to any Director or the Club Manager.

Upcoming Special CBC Club Games and Area Tournaments

Special Games at the CBC

October 27	Open Pairs (12:30 PM) Less than 300 Masterpoints Play Free
October 31	Instant Matchpoint Game (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
November 1	GNT Single Session Qualifier (12:30 PM) Stratified Teams
November 10	Birthday Party (12:30 PM) Open Pairs
November 15	Individual Game (6:30 PM) No partner needed *(signup required)*
November 17	Play and Learn after the game! (4:00 PM)
November 21	NO Supervised Play Tonight!
November 22	Club Closed - Happy Thanksgiving
November 24	Open Pairs (12:30 PM) Less than 300 Masterpoints Play Free
November 29	Hi-Low Game (12:30 PM) Novice & Experienced Pairing Encouraged
December 1	CBC Winter Party (Details tba)

Area Sectional and Regional Tournaments

October 22 - 28	Charlotte Halloween Regional
November 9 - 11	Hilton Head Island Camellia Classic Sectional
November 16 - 18	Spartanburg Sectional
November 17 - 18	NAP DISTRICT 7 FINALS - Spartanburg
Nov 30 - Dec 2	North Augusta Border River Sectional
Dec 27 - Jan 2	North Charleston New Year's Regional

Click on Tournament for Flyer

Hold the Date !!

CBC Winter Party - Saturday, December 1

Oops, I Think I Revoked

~ by Jack Self

What is a revoke? It happens to all of us. The opponents lead a suit and you either trump their lead or you discard another suit. Then a few tricks later you discover, to your horror, that you actually do have one or more cards in the suit that you just trumped (or discarded on). This is known in bridge terminology as a **revoke**. So you have revoked, or you think an opponent has revoked. Now what? This article will help explain what your rights and responsibilities are when a revoke occurs.

Do I have to let the opponents know I revoked? No, you do not. You are under no ethical obligation to voluntarily confess that you revoked earlier in the hand. It is the opponents' responsibility to "catch" your error. However, if you do revoke, you cannot deliberately make a play or take an action that tries to conceal that revoke. For instance, you should not revoke again to keep the first revoke a secret. You should not fold up your hand and quickly mix your cards together at the end of the hand. The opponents must have an opportunity to discover the revoke.

Can dummy point out that a defender revoked? The answer to that question is both yes and no. If you are dummy, you cannot draw attention to possible revoke until the hand is completely over and the last trick is turned. If you DO draw attention to it before the hand is over, your side loses its right to redress. If you, as dummy, suspect that a revoke has occurred, at the end of play quickly ask the opponents not to mix their cards together until the possibility of a revoke has been investigated.

What should I do if I think a revoke occurred? Call the Director!! This is essential. Do NOT, under any circumstances, start turning over cards to find out if a revoke did, in fact, occur. Turning cards back over without the Director present is a violation of bridge procedure. When the Director arrives, politely tell him or her that you think a revoke occurred. The Director will then direct the investigation and determine whether or not there was a revoke.

What is going to happen if a revoke did, in fact, occur? If the Director determines that a revoke occurred, he or she will inquire whether the revoking player won the trick in his or her hand. Then the Director will inquire whether or not the revoking player's side won tricks later in the hand. He will then authorize either a one or two trick transfer of tricks to the other side. It is a two trick transfer if the revoking player won the trick on which he or she revoked and then won at least one more trick afterward. If the revoking player did NOT win the trick on which the revoke occurred but did win one or more tricks later on, there is a one trick transfer. Please note that this is a transfer of tricks. It is NOT a penalty. That is a common misconception by many players.

Will our side always gain a trick after an opponent revokes? Sometimes the transfer of tricks will just restore the tricks both sides would have won if the revoke had not occurred. Sometimes the non-revoking side will gain a trick. It is not unethical for one side to gain tricks they would not normally get because of a revoke. If it happens to you, just accept the result and hope you do not revoke again.

Some Exceptions to the Trick Transfer

Exception #1: **If you catch your own revoke before either you are your partner lead or play to the next trick** (For instance, you discard when the declarer is drawing trump but realize right away that you do have a trump). Call the director immediately. When he or she arrives, explain the situation. The director will allow you to "take back" your revoke and play the card you should have played (The card you revoked with will become a penalty card if you are a defender). The director will also allow the next person to play change his or her card without penalty. It is important that you must catch your own revoke BEFORE you or your partner leads or plays to the next trick (the Director will probably ask you that very question).

Exception #2: **The revoke occurs on trick 12**. If the revoke occurs on trick 12, it must be corrected and there is no transfer of tricks. The Director, of course, must be called to explain all this.

Exception #3: **Dummy revokes**. If dummy revokes and nobody catches it immediately, there is no transfer of tricks. Everyone is expected to make sure dummy follows suit if possible. Don't laugh too hard and say that a dummy revoke will not occur. If, for instance, dummy drops a card on the floor, and nobody notices that there is a missing card, a revoke could occur. Or suppose dummy lays down his hand and thinks he is void in diamonds, so declarer ruffs the diamond lead in dummy and continues play. Later, someone discovers that what everyone thought was the Ace of Hearts is really the Ace of Diamonds and dummy has revoked.

Exception #4. **The player who revoked did not win the revoke trick and did not win any tricks after that**. In that case there is no trick transfer. You cannot transfer tricks that were never won (Tricks won before the revoked are not affected).

Exception #5: Your **side would have won more tricks than the one or two trick transfer if the revoke had not occurred**. If you think you would have won more tricks than the one or two trick transfer if an opponent had not revoked, make your argument to the Director and, if he or she agrees, the number of tricks will be adjusted. Note that you do not have to make your argument right away. You can take some time to think about it and inform the Director later on during the game. It must, however, be done before you leave the game. Also, keep in mind, that determining how many tricks you might have won is not always cut and dried.

A Final Word

Some players feel that all these procedures and exceptions are too much to keep track of. Well, that is why you must call the Director when a revoke has possibly occurred. He or she will know what to do and will advise all players of their rights. And, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, DO NOT LET ANYONE AT THE TABLE MAKE A RULING. Call the Director. He or she is the only one who is entitled to authorize any trick transfers.

CBC October and December Local Charities

The CBC membership voted for the Local Charities for the months of October and December. The two Charities receiving the most votes were Food Not Bombs and Candyman Homeless Outreach.

Both of these charities are very active in the Columbia area and will truly benfit from the CBC's donation.

Have a comment or an article you would like to submit? Reply to this email or send to 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 10th of the month. All articles are subject to editorial approval and edit.

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