

FEBRUARY IS HERE!



We had an Open House on January 30th. We had 3 tables of people playing casual bridge. Thursdays, at 12:30, casual bridge will continue. We will get together with refreshments and playing a game of bridge that includes asking questions about what to bid and what a bid can mean. We can keep score so we have an idea of how competitive scoring works.

Mondays CBC continues their limited game with a mini lesson before we start playing. Right now the Monday morning group is learning about 2NT Jacoby with all the alerted responses. Come join us at 10:00 am. You do not need a partner. We always appreciate those that sign up on our website.

The third Sundays of every month includes our Mentor/Mentee game. Mentors are Life Masters and Mentees are not life master's with under 600 points. Just ask someone to partner with you. Let Lee Webb or Laura Bro know about your partnership. Remember this duplicate game is all about forming trusting partnerships. Once again



The CBC hosted our first (very successful) in-house sectional!

Total masterpoints won: 477.98 by 107 players, with a total of 111 tables. We received so many compliments from players who experienced an enjoyable combination of food, hospitality, and courteous interaction. There are many things that go into running a successful tournament behind the scenes. I cannot thank those enough who tirelessly offered help. A special thanks to Scott Dunn who directed with great organizational and communication skills, made the boards and hand records, and set up all the tables. Dan Osburn, a tournament director, volunteered his time to

you can register on our website to let us know you will be playing.

One of the most exciting activities is the new Beginning Bridge Using Over 1 by Jim Ricker. This class starts at 10:00 am on Saturday Mornings. Anyone can come to an individual class for \$10.00. Once again just look at the website for the Saturday topics that might interest you. We will have a big game for all attendees in June. Beth Watson is helping with teaching and makeup lessons. We also appreciate Melissa Meadows for helping.

You can see that we are very busy promoting bridge players to improve their skills. If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, call Laura at 630-624-6991.



DESSERTS NEEDED



Our Sectional and GNT will be at the TRI CITY CENTER April 4-6.. We are doing things a bit different this year but we still need volunteers for desserts each day. You may contribute to the goodie fund by dropping your donation into the jar at the front desk , give to Shelby King or bring a homemade or bakery dessert. There will be a sign up sheet on the front desk or on the board in the back...thank you. Shelby.



This is another convention used to overcall either a weak NT bid or a strong NT opener. There is DONT and Meckwell DONT: The below is Meckwell DONT:
Written by: "[Christopher Donnelly](#)"

- Experts Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell invented the following defense structure

come the whole tournament to be on site for assistance. Kathy Kimmerling made the flier, promoted the event, and took care of registration and collection of money. Judy Rockwell served as partnership chair and ensured all had partners as well as answering players numerous questions about the tournament. Lee Webb was the tournament and hospitality chair. Judy Rockwell, Jane Hyatt, Ellen Brown, Patti Suggs, and Loretta McPherson did kitchen duty. David Graves, Mike Bitonti, and Bob McCardle handled trash duty. Chris Webb made a lot of the hospitality snacks, sold lunch tickets, and helped with clean up. Laura Bro made coffee and handled ice daily. Susan McFadden is our local picture guru and she does this well, providing pictures for the D7 bulletin and our Facebook page. Jack Self and Randy Cannon did parking duty. This core team was instrumental behind the scenes to make this tournament successful. However, the MOST important mission was to have players and boy did we! Thanks to all who came out and played. It takes a village to make a successful tournament and the list seems endless. Yet the members of our club continually answer the call to eagerly support this game we all love.

More good bridge as we will host a sectional on April 4-6 and hold the Flights Championship, A, B, & C GNT finals for District 7 at

against 1NT. It differs from other popular defenses in several ways, notably by: Accounting for both weak and strong 1NT openings.

- Using 2 and 2 as entirely natural.
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- Evidently Meckwell prefer the competitive value of showing major single-suiters immediately rather than employing these bids as two-suiters.

Meckwell bids over 1NT are as follows:

Dbl: Either a hand with one long (6+) minor suit or a two-suiter (5-4 or better) w/ both majors. (Advancer bids 2♣, allowing overcaller to clarify his hand).

2♣: ♣s and a major suit. As I play it, ♣s is the longest (or equal) suit here, so there is a good chance that the undisclosed major shown by this bid is four but not five cards.

2♦: ♦s and a major suit. Same as above.

2♥: A natural bid of ♥s. Does not preclude holding a four-card minor, but must have at least 5 ♥s, 6 if the suit is of iffy quality.

2♠: A natural bid of ♠s, same thing as above.

2NT: Both minors

- **Consult your favorite pro to learn more of this convention.**



Here are CBC's top 15 players based on attendance at our club since June 1, 2024. Thank you ALL for supporting CBC! Hope to see more of you more often..

Randy Cannon

Tri City in West Columbia.

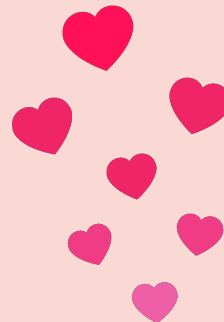
This event is a very prestigious event and the top winners will get a stipend to attend the Nationals and represent the district. Our own Flight C team won in 2023! Several of our CBC members have won in the past. This tournament offers chances to win Silver (at the sectional), Gold and Red at the

GNTs! **RARE** opportunity for a rainbow of points. Please come play often in these 2 tournaments.

Lee Webb

Sectional Tournament Chair
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CONGRATULATIONS!



Sapphire Life Master
Kathy Kimmerling

Life Master
"Sam" Siavash
Karbasizadeh

Adv NABC
Master Kenyon
Stevenson

Sectional Master Patrick
Philipoom

Gold Life
Master Michael Bitonti

Ruby Life Master
Beth Watson

Brent Holcomb

Judy Rockwell

Ellen Brown

Jack Self

Shelby King

Mary Townhill

Mohan Bali

Abdul Ghaffar

Caroline Grimball

Beth Watson

Charmelle Staples

Susan McFadden

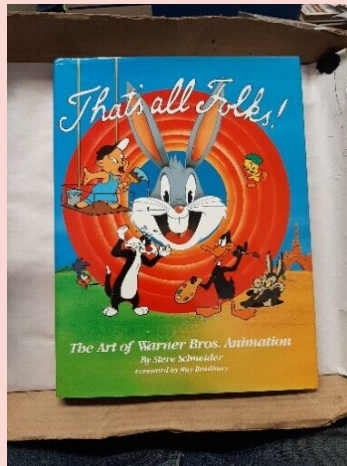
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Chara Clark

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