



The Columbia sectional at Tri-City Leisure Center 2025

Total masterpoints won: 527.06 by 149 players, with a total of 124 tables. Compliments from players were many from those 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. Shelby King was in charge of securing rates for the host hotel and Friday/ Saturday food services, drinks, deserts and coffee. (Ellen Brown, Judy Rockwell, and Karen Hansell made the coffee runs to McDonald's, (who donated the coffee). Lee was the official organizer with ACBL while Chris carried a heavy load assisting Lee in so many ways. We cannot thank those enough who tirelessly offered help. A special thanks to Mike Bitonti



Our Yearly General Meeting By Jack Self

Hello Everyone! I hope all of you are enjoying our spring weather. After the winter of rain and cold we had, it sure is pleasant to walk outside without having to bundle up. I hope you are planning to spend some of this spring at the Club making brilliant bids, winning a lot of finesses, and finding killing opening leads (unless you play against me, that is!!).

Don't forget that our annual General Meeting of the membership is being held this year on Friday, May 9, starting at 11:15 a.m. This year we will be electing a new secretary and two new members of the Board of Directors. Every vote counts so be sure you cast your ballot either by attending the meeting or by voting by absentee ballot.

In order to vote, you must be a paid up member of the Club for the 2024 – 2025 season and must have played in at least 10 games at the club in the last 12 months. If you are not sure whether you have played in sufficient games to qualify to vote, you can check out your current status by going to the

who made the boards, Jack Self and Randy Cannon who transported the tables and helped with set up, Kathy Kimmerling who helped with the flyer, publicity, and delivered boards and materials. Bernetha Henry served as partnership chair, Ellen Brown brought the lovely flowers, helped with food and set up. Scott Dunn who was on water duty, excellent job! Brian was an outstanding caddy for both the open section, novice, and GNTs! Additionally, he helped with all aspects of tournament hospitality needed.

So many club members brought delicious desserts, our “drive” this year, which were amazing. We received so many compliments and comments like “what bakery did you all have catered?”. Those who made donations helped us in purchasing some BUNDT cakes and cookies, plus some of the breakfast biscuits! Susan McFadden is our local picture guru, providing pictures for the D7 bulletin and our Facebook page.

Core team members were 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 of tireless workers as well as players with major support. We hosted Flights Championship, A, B, & C GNT finals for District 7. This event is a very prestigious event and the top winners will get a stipend to attend the Nationals and represent the district. Total masterpoints won: 966.46 by 100 players with a total of 25

website, clicking on the Competitions tab on the left-hand menu. A list of all participants will appear listed in order of number of games played. Just find your name and check to see how many games you have participated in. If you have not played in 10 games, you still have time to get those games in by May 9.

The General meeting will start at 11:15 and voting will be open until 11:30. At such time the votes will be counted and the winning candidates announced. If there happens to be a tie among the candidates, then a revote will be taken among the members present.

There will be light refreshments served during the meeting and a drawing for a free play will be held among those in attendance.

While the votes are being counted, we will recognize those departing Board members who have served on the Board for the last few years and a moment of remembrance of those Club members who have passed on during the previous year. Our regular Friday game will follow at the usual time of 12:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend the General Meeting you can still cast your ballot by absentee (see more information about absentee voting in an article elsewhere in this newsletter).

I hope to see you there!

Jack



Absentee Voting By Jack Self

If you cannot attend the General Meeting, you can still make your voice heard by casting an absentee ballot. You still must meet voting eligibility requirements by being a paid up member of the Club and by having played in a minimum of 10 games in the past 12 months.

teams.

Sam Karbasizadeh, our CBC member, captained the flight C team who won the event with 15.0 masterpoints won. In second place in Flight C were our Columbia team: Melissa Meadows, Ellen Brown, Randy Cannon and from Florence SC, Jane Quick, all winning 11.0 half gold/half red points. We are so proud of you all!

A big shout out to our tournament directors: Joel Haywood directed the GNTs and did an amazing job navigating all four flights. Carole Bond directed the open and novice sectional. You both are quite the team and Columbia loves you!

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.

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Absentee ballots can be found on the game directors' desk. Mark your ballot and place it inside the envelope provided and write your name on the envelope (Do NOT write your name on the ballot itself).

Return your ballot to one of the directors who will give it to our Club Secretary. She will then verify your voting eligibility and store the sealed envelopes until the General Meeting. They will be opened at 11:30 on the day of the General Meeting and counted along with the in-person ballots. Note that when the absentee ballots are opened, they are separated from the envelopes before the ballots are examined.

If there is a tie for any of the Board positions, the tie will be broken by a re-vote of the members who are present at the General Meeting only.

Please make your voice heard by casting a ballot in person at the club or by voting absentee. Every vote counts!

CBC's top 12 attendees this fiscal year.

Thank each and all of you for contributing to the success of CBC.

Randy Cannon
Brent Holcomb
Judy Rockwell
Jack Self
Mary Townhill
Ellen Brown
Shelby King
Mohan Bali
Abdul Ghaffar
Barry Palm
Beth Watson
Caroline Grimboll

The Longest Day at the CBC

Tuesday, June 10

Multiple sessions benefiting the annual Alzheimer's Association. Get your partner and help a most worthy cause! Bernetha Henry has T shirts for sale!.

A CONVENTION TO USE WHEN YOUR OPPONENT OPENS 1 NT.



Landy - An elementary form of interference over a **1 Notrump** opener by the opponent.

(1N) - 2C **2C** promises 4+ cards in the major suits

Further bids by advancer are:

(1N) - 2C - (P) - ?

Advancer Bids **Meaning**

Pass Strong Clubs, to play

2D Temporizing bid, asking overcalling partner to make **2H/S** or **3H/S** call

2H/S Natural, to play (minimum hand)

2N Natural, showing invitational values

3C Asks overcaller to further describe hand

3D Natural, showing invitational values

3H/S Natural, showing invitational values

3N Game signoff to play

4H/S Game signoff to play

