

HAPPY VALENTINES!



This year marks the tenth-year anniversary of December donations for HIV/AIDS in South Carolina! Our chosen charity, Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) has received over \$20,000 from us!

This year, which is also PALSS 30th anniversary, we raised an amazing \$4,000 - a new record for us! This includes donations from Unit 160, the CBC, and so many very generous donations from the members. Remember, this donation goes directly to the communities and people served by PALSS.

PALSS has a new mobile primary-care unit to serve various communities in need of care. This is in addition to their campus and community HIV/STI testing and treatment outreach, food bank, housing assistance, medical assistance, support groups, and counseling.

Look for news articles covering this in the near future.

Thank you all!!! This could not have happened without all of you, and PALSS values our yearly contribution. At the most recent World AIDS Day Walk in December, they recognized the contributions of the Columbia Bridge Club Members and our unflinching support.



The CBC hosted our third in-house sectional January 14 – 16, 2026!

Total masterpoints: 452.78 earned by 109 players, with a total of 101 tables. We received numerous compliments from players who experienced an enjoyable combination of food, hospitality, and courteous interaction, many traveling from out of town and out of state!

A special thanks to Scott Dunn and Beth Watson (she directed the FIRST time ever and was a superstar) who directed with great organizational and communication skills, made the boards and hand records, and set up all the tables. Kathy Kimmerling made the flier, promoted the event, and took care of registration and



MARCH SECTIONAL AT TRI CITY



Our next sectional tournament will be March 27 – 29 at TriCity Leisure Center. We will host District 7 GNT finals. We also will host a District 7 Regional at the DoubleTree Hilton Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30, 2026. Please plan to play often! Both tournaments have printed fliers at our club.

I need lots of volunteers to help run these events. Please call or email me if you can help at the West Columbia tournament with set up, taking tables to TriCity, coffee, bringing water and soda, bringing dessert or deviled eggs, clean up daily and end of tournament. I appreciate you all!

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Sectional Tournament Chair

See Shelby for desserts, A sign up sheet will be at CBC, homemade or fresh bakery items are welcome.

collecting money. Judy Rockwell served as partnership chair and ensured all had partners. Lee Webb, tournament chair with Sandra Poliakoff as co- hospitality chair. This core team was instrumental behind the scenes to make this tournament second to none. It takes a village to make a successful tournament and boy did we succeed.

Congratulations to the top 10 masterpoint winners:

1. Happoldt Neuffer
2. Alice Moore
3. Laura Bro
Shelby King
4. Joyce Lauterbach
5. Mary Townhill
6. Roman Matusik
7. Betsy Stanton
8. Jacob Vrooman
9. Zachary Madden
10. Michael Bitonti

Congratulations to our top first place winners: Friday open: Susan McFadden and Laura Bro with an impressive 68.45% game, the highest percentage in the tournament!

Our 499er winners were Sandra Poliekoff and Gail Morrison with a 62.30% finish. Our Friday afternoon top winners were Scott Dunn and Mike Bitonti with a 61.52% game and our 499er winners were Jane Hyatt and David Graves with a 59.17% game.

Saturday yielded great scores as well with the AM open winners Joyce Lauterbach and Roman Matusik with a 60.98%, and in the 499er section were Lewis Frucht and James Bass with a

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MARCH 2026

Silver Life Master Gregory Garrison
Bronze Life Master Kenyon Stevenson
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Sectional Master Christine Wells

FEBRUARY 2026

Silver Life Master Richard Swanson
Advanced NABC Master Sarah Bannister
NABC Master Vicki Strasler



It is that time of year again. Susan will distribute nomination forms next week.

CBC has several outgoing three year at large positions and we will be voting on a new Vice President who will serve a six year term, 2 as VP, 2 as President and 2 in addition.

These roles are extremely important to the success of the club. CBC needs leaders who have a voice. If you would like to serve on our board or want to nominate a candidate please use the form Susan will make available. You

60.11% game. The afternoon session winners were Hap Neuffer and Alice Moore with a 66.73% and in the 499er section, Catherine Cotsakis and Shannon Brown with 60.40% and traveled from Charlotte to play.

Sunday Swiss team game was well attended with 15 teams. The overall winners were Laura Bro, Shelby King, Jacob Vrooman, and Zachary Madden from Pa. with a 92 -victory point finish. Jacob traveled from Charlotte.

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A Milestone party will be held at CBC on Saturday the 21 of February. CBC is honoring those who reached a new milestone in master point ranking in 2025. Register and come join in!



may only run for one position. Consider your skills and run for the board.

WINNERS IN HILTON HEAD:

BY NUMBER OF POINTS: Kathy Kimmerling, Shelby King, Bernetha Henry, Judy Rockwell, Toni Elkins, Sandra Poliakoff, Loretta McPherson, Ellen Brown . , Sara Bannister, Patti Suggs and Nancy Morris.

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