



Here are results of the Sectional this past March at Tri City.

A big thanks to Lee Webb and Shelby King as Co Chairs. A great appreciation for all our members who made desserts, deviled eggs, picked up coffee, contributed money to help with the food items and in any way assisted with set up or any other contribution. It takes a village!

March 27–29 – West Columbia, SC

The tournament opened strong on Friday morning with the Grass Roots

open pairs, where Angela Snyder and

Kathryn Kimmerling secured the top

spot. In the concurrent Grass Roots

499er pairs event, Caroline de Mey

and Terri Sanz led the field with a 65.48% performance. In the Friday afternoon session, Karen Christian and Sandra Gies won the open pairs

and eventually were the top MP leaders for the tournament.

On Saturday Jill Stirgwolt and

SCOTT

2026-2027 CBC Board of Directors

The Annual Membership Meeting was on Friday, May 15. A big THANK YOU to all who came out and to all who voted!

When you see them around the Club, please take a moment to thank the outgoing board members who have been representing and serving you: Judy Rockwell, the outgoing past president, as well as Laura Bro and Abdul Ghaffar, outgoing members-at-large.

Also thank the incoming board members you elected: Lee Webb as vice-president, and Laura Bro and Patti Suggs as members-at-large.

Your 2026-2027 Board of Directors are:

Jack Self, Past President

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Betsy Stanton climbed to the top of the morning open pairs as well as coming second in the overall top MP leaders. In the limited 499er field, Melissa Himelein and Melanie Mauldin took first place. The afternoon session saw Happoldt Neuffer and Alice Moore claim victory in the open pairs, while Terri Sanz and Caroline de Mey returned to the winner's circle to lead the 499er pairs once again. The tournament concluded on Sunday with the open Swiss teams event featuring 26 tables. The team of Terry Wu, Yi Xiong, Xiao-Qian Wang, and Suyan Liu emerged as the overall winner in both A and B strats. In the C strat, the team consisting of John Moore, Richard Swanson, Jane Quick, and Elizabeth Beckwith earned the top honors. 161 players attended the tournament.

MP Leaders

1 Karen Christian, Marietta, GA 16.21
 Sandra Gies, West Columbia, SC 16.21
 3 Betsy Stanton, Hartsville, SC 14.84
 Jill Stirgwolt, Murrells Inlet, SC 14.84
 5 Mary Townhill, Lexington, SC 11.92
 6 Angela Snyder, Charlotte, NC 11.41
 7 Shelby King, Columbia, SC 11.24
 8 Kathryn Kimmerling, Blythewood, SC 10.51
 9 Alice Moore, Columbia, SC 10.31

Laura Bro, 1st Year Member-at-Large
 Patti Suggs, 1st Year Member-at-Large



"Our cupboard is bare once again...If you enjoy snacking, please donate to our cupboard by dropping some money in the container on the front desk...We welcome cheese, crackers, nuts, trail mix, cookies and of course home made dips and dishes!.

CONGRATULATIONS !!

JUNE 2026
 Diamond Life
 Master Roman Matusik

MAY 2026
 Sapphire Life Master Sandie Gies
 Gold Life Master Craig Smith
 Junior Master Bonnie Goldberg

APRIL 2026
 Club Master Beverly Kochel

MARCH 2026
 Silver Life Master Gregory Garrison
 Bronze Life Master Kenyon Stevenson
 Life Master Kenyon Stevenson

Happoldt Neuffer, Columbia, SC
10.31

Total masterpoints: 645.52 earned by
159 players.

Total attendance: 146 tables.

- 1 16.34 Sandra Gies, Bluffton SC
- 2 16.34 Karen Christian, Marietta GA
- 3 15.07 Jill Stirgwolt, Murrells Inlet SC
- 4 15.07 Betsy Stanton, Hartsville SC
- 5 12.02 Mary Townhill, Lexington SC
- 6 11.41 Angela Snyder, Charlotte NC
- 7 11.24 Shelby King, Columbia SC
- 8 10.51 Kathryn Kimmerling,
Blythewood SC
- 9 10.36 Happoldt Neuffer, Columbia SC
- 10 10.36 Alice Moore, Columbia SC
- 11 10.26 Michael Bitonti, Columbia SC
- 12 10.26 Craig Smith, Syracuse NY
- 13 10.26 Bruce Kenner, Lexington SC
- 14 10.26 Beth Watson, Columbia SC
- 15 9.90 Yi Xiong, Lawrenceville GA

Sectional Master Christine
Wells



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- Three Mid-Flight events — Pairs
- Three Bracketed Round Robin Teams — play against others with similar Masterpoints
- Intermediate / Newcomer programs with some of your favorite operators (Sunday - Thursday)

DoubleTree by Hilton

2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29220

Reservations: (803) 247-9772

Online: [Columbia 2026 Regional](#)

Room rates: \$139/night when you mention District 7 Bridge, code AC2

Deadline: June 26, DoubleTree will charge one night room rate and tax for each reservation after cutoff date

Cancellations: If you need to cancel your hotel stay, please contact the Tournament Chair first before canceling.

The DoubleTree is at the intersection of I-20 and I-26, 10 miles from the Columbia airport. Free parking and airport shuttle. Extra check-in and housekeeping services throughout the tournament.

Alternate hotel: Sleep Inn
5108 Highways, (803) 733-0999
(next door to DoubleTree)



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TUESDAY -- JUNE 16
9:30 AM Open Pairs 18 Boards
12:30 PM Open Pairs 24 Boards
5:15 PM Team Game 24 Boards

50/50 RAFFLE -- SILENT AUCTION
Light Lunch - Pizza with Team Game

Time to get your partners!

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