

HAPPY NEW YEAR – Wishing everyone a very Happy 2017 – for Healthy and Happy and Successful Bridge. Whew! We are about done with December (about the busiest bridge month we have had). January will be Junior Fund all month (easier on my brain to work schedule out).

NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL – We encourage all of our players who have not attained the rank of NLM's (up to 500 pts) to please come and support our tournament. Games are at 10:30 and 3:00 with a lunch provided in between and also a guest speaker. The afternoon games are Regionally rated (which means it pays out more points(silver). If you have not tried Swiss teams (Sunday @ 10:00) – this is the BEST time to try it – as you are playing against *only* non life masters. They are a lot of fun. If you should need a partner(s) or teammates – please contact Alice Gray. If you can help in any capacity and/or can bring a treat (or money donation), please contact Lauren Campbell – our Chairperson.

CONGRATULATIONS – *New Plateaus* –

Junior Master – Ken McKenzie

Club Masters – Gretchen Carpenter, Deborah Dean, Julie Malone, Robert Osborn, James Smith

Sectional Masters – Clayton Rumble, Rebecca Sippe

Regional Masters – Jewel Kee, Billie Nordan, Joanna Roberts, Judy Walker, Jane Wilhelm

NABC Masters – Kevin Halstead, Marta Heise, Paul Heise, Sidney Lancaster, J C Scheuerman, Eva Stokkebye, Jeanne Torello

Advanced NABC Masters – Rhea Caldwell, Barbara Stewart, Anam Tebha

Life Masters – Amy Blumenthal, Gaither Deaton, Chris O'Connor, William O'Connor, Kathy Schiele

Ruby Life Masters – Penelope Smith, Sue Young

CONGRATULATIONS – To new Board Members, Jim Bender, Martha Harrington, and Colleen McMahon.

THANKS – A big thanks to Jean Davis for preparing the post cards awarding our players who reach a new plateau for her many years of service. We are looking for someone to take over this endeavor (if interested, you can talk to Jean or myself).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS – Mary McElveen and John Dunn had successful cataract surgery. Sue Asbury had successful knee surgery and is now doing her rehab – hope it won't be much longer. We wish to express our condolences to Jim Masson for the loss of his wife, Barbara. Billie Ann Gaddy passed away.

