

Please Read! Lots going on at the Bridge Center!



The Annual Meeting was held on December 3rd prior to the afternoon game. Don reviewed our financial results for 2016 so far; the additional game fee added this year has had the desired effect. We are operating in the black and no longer have to use our investments to cover operating expenses. This year we'll actually add a little to our investment account which is reserved for major capital

expenses like replacing the A/C.

Also highlighted was a nice thank you note from Loaves & Fishes. We were also reminded that Loaves & Fishes is an ongoing need and to please help by bringing a can or two of food when you come to play.

Nominations for the Board were reviewed; voting started following the meeting and will continue through Friday, December 9th. Candidates are Jim Bender, Gretchen Easton, Martha Harrington, Mark Helikson, Colleen McMahon, & Anne Neal.



Our 2017 NLM tournament will be held at the bridge center from January 20th through the 22st. See [WinterNLM](#) for tournament details. We are looking for players, and also friends to bring baked goods for breakfast and especially for dessert!



Is Janet really "off her rocker"?

Congratulations Janet!

Tournament Chairmen, George Russell and Richard Smith, surprised retiring ACBL Director, Janet Case, with this rocker at the just completed Spartanburg Sectional. Although, Janet may direct a little in 2017, this was her official "last tournament".



There will be S.T.A.C. games from December 12th thru the 17th, and a S.T.A.C. team game on Sunday, December 18th. S.T.A.C. games award Silver points. Make your plans to collect a lot of Silver and get your team together for Sunday!

Also in December there are a number of Holiday Parties on the calendar, please check DecemberCalendar for the specifics. This means – please bring a treat/snack to share and make it a special day!

No games on December 24th, and no evening games on the 27th or 28th.

Directors Needed

Monday's night game had to be suspended for lack of a director; additional Directors are needed. The Board has authorized payment of both the Director's course and the Director's certification test for interested members. Contact Janet Case or Don Lassiter for specifics regarding the course and/or test.



– New Plateaus –

Junior Masters – Helen Wendy
Bradford, Vicki Hankins, Libby
Ogburn

Club Masters – Tina Chiofalo,
Susan Wade

Sectional Masters – Paul
Donovan, Laura Gilchrist,
Kathleen Owens, Pat Pollard,
Pam Rosen

Regional Masters – Veronica Barnes

Life Master – Gaither Deaton, Amy Blumenthal, Pat O'Connor, Bill O'Connor, Kathy Schiele

Silver Life Masters – Dan McDonough, Wayne Welborn

Gold Life Master – Lynn Fort



It has been requested that players not offer critical comments on the play of their opponents unless asked; please remember "Zero Tolerance".

OTHER MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD:

Members are reminded to please be careful with food and beverages in the playing room. The carpet was cleaned during the October Regional Tournament; this was not inexpensive.