

**Please Read! Lots going on at the Bridge Center!**



Thank you to everyone who came out and made our NLM tournament a huge success. We had record numbers of volunteers, bakers, and players. The food was wonderful and the players super friendly. We'll see you again next January!!

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## **INTRO TO DUPLICATE NIGHT**

**6:45-9:15 PM**

**Thursday February 23<sup>th</sup>**

This event is especially designed for those that play social bridge  
but have NEVER played in a duplicate game.

Please mention this opportunity to all of your social bridge friends!

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**COME and PLAY**

## **CHARLOTTE SPRING SECTIONAL**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Lots of Silver Points

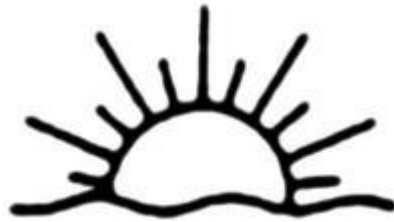
Good Food – Snacks & Free Lunches

Novice Games in all Sessions

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Plan to be at the Bridge Center on Saturday, March 11th, when we will announce the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney competitions. We will recognize new Life Masters and many other outstanding contributors to the success of the bridge organization. Please come for yummy food, recognition of winners, and more excellent bridge!



### **Gearing up for THE LONGEST DAY, June 21, 2017**

#### **PLAY ALL DAY!**

The Charlotte Bridge Association will hold events supporting the Alzheimer's Association on June 21, 2017. We are proud of our past successes and want to continue our very well received fundraising efforts: "Play with an A", game sponsorships, and a raffle. The raffle will include a chance to win a playing lesson with Jerry Helms, local free plays, and free plays at Regional Tournaments.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We are adding a **Silent Auction** so that we can enjoy bidding on wonderful art, culinary, or

entertainment items which we know our members will donate. A huge thanks to Ellen Apte who not only suggested this idea but has agreed to donate an art item. Chefs--- please sign up to donate your specialty! Be thinking of an item you would like to donate and start planning all the bids you want to make.

I would love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, and donation ideas!

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## Messages from the Board

1. A tournament chair is needed for the Fall Sectional if we want to continue to host this tournament. Please contact Susan Lohr if you're willing to Chair this tournament.
2. The National Federation of the Blind of Mecklenburg County will hold a fund raising event on April 21 at 7:00 PM at the Charlotte Bridge Association.
3. Members that would like to have their photo linked to their name in the Directory should email their photo to Paula Brewer, [pbrewer@wfharris.com](mailto:pbrewer@wfharris.com).
4. Members are reminded to be especially friendly and welcoming to newer players. There are a lot of new players fresh out of classes and also hopefully from the "Intro to Duplicate" night.

5. Please check out the Newsletter on the back of the monthly calendar for additional club information.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**– New Plateaus –**

Junior Masters – Tony Afzal,  
Mary Coffield, Kathleen Gray,  
Milton Macdonald, Sallie Moody,  
Paul Westbrook, Patty Williams,  
Robert Williams

Club Masters – Robert Brace,  
Kevin Kelley, Dan Kiurski

Sectional Masters – Alan  
Amery, Natalie Diana, Gloria Senn

NABC Master – Reid Campbell

Advanced NABC Master –  
Ruth Derrow

Gold Life Master – Raelene  
Kirkbride

Diamond Life Master – Debo  
Ehle



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

B. The bathrooms have been identified as needing to be cleaned better and new toilets. Last year we investigated replacing the toilets and felt it was too costly. However we will talk to the cleaners about getting the bathrooms, and especially the toilets, cleaner.