

Please Read! Lots going on at the Bridge Center!



Happy New Year!



Calling all Non Life Masters

The Charlotte Bridge Association is hosting it's annual Non Life Master tournament Friday, January 20-Sunday, January 22, 2017. If you have less than 499 points and are not a life master, please consider coming to play with us! This is OUR tournament, time for those of us still learning to SHINE!

Friday and Saturday boast pairs games at 10:30 and 3 pm. Bring a partner and come play one or two sessions-either or both days! We will provide a delicious lunch and the lovely **Jean Davis** is our expert speaker both days. Jean is a wonderful teacher and she has some fun in store just for us!!

Sunday is a Swiss Teams game. Gather together a team of 4 and come find out what the buzz is all about. Bridge players LOVE team games!! See [WinterNLM](#) for tournament details.

We still need volunteers to bring treats.....

Questions: Call Lauren Campbell 704-579-8333 or email lauren.campbell@allentate.com



In addition to the Non Life Master tournament in January, there is also an Over/Under game on January 15th, at 1:00. Unders must have fewer than 500 points and we encourage Life Masters to play as Overs, even if their MP count is less than 500. Please contact Rhea Caldwell, caldwellrknc@gmail.com if you're interested in participating as an Over or an Under.



At the January Board meeting new officers were elected for 2017. Susan Lohr is our new President, Don Lassiter is Vice President, and Marta Heise is Secretary. We thank Don, Susan, and Lisa Pharr, respectively, for performing these responsibilities last year.



It's "cold & flu" season. Please be considerate of other members and stay home if you sick.

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 – 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 Master – Amy Blumenthal,

Gaither Deaton, Chris O'Connor,
William O'Connor, Kathy Schiele

Ruby Life Masters – Penelope

Smith, Sue Young



The purchase of additional black chairs has been suggested as some players prefer them to the grey chairs. Of course other players also find the grey chairs more comfortable. It's been decided that we would not purchase additional chairs at this time but would make sure all existing black chairs are on the floor and available for use.

OTHER MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD:

The results of the survey question regarding entering Opening Leads in the BridgeMates have been tallied. The results were 118 in favor of entering the Opening Leads, 74 opposed to entering them, with a number of "no opinions". The

results have been provided to
the Proprietors for their
consideration, since this is
their decision and not the
Board's.
