

Please read what's going on at the Bridge Center!



The Longest Day will soon be here!  
June 21st

**The Longest Day is one of our Club's finest achievements. We raise a lot of money for Alzheimer's research and patients. Many players are already working hard on The Longest Day and we would love for you to get involved! Please join us for twelve board games at 8:45, 10:30, 3:00, 5:00, and 7:30.**

- Many wonderful items have been donated for the **Silent Auction**. Sincere thanks to all the kind donors! We have a beach week, a mountain week, lovely jewelry, a vintage watch, excellent food options, artworks, and handmade treasures.
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- Auction items will be on display in the snack room beginning on June 14. Please check them out and bid often. The auction will close in two parts on the Longest Day, June 21, half around lunch time and half around 5:00.
- Sign up to **Play with an A** player! It will improve your game, double your fun, and raise \$30 per game for Alzheimer's.
- Donate **snacks and desserts** to be served throughout the day! We will be serving a light lunch and dinner as well. You can stay all day and play and play!
- Enter the **raffle** for your big chance to win a playing lesson with Jerry Helms, Len Case, or regional or local free plays.
- You can **sponsor a game** in honor of a person of your choice for a \$100 donation to the Alzheimer's Association. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- If you have a business which would like to help sponsor The Longest Day, we would be delighted to give it lots of recognition.

Sincere thanks to all the fabulous volunteers and participants who are making possible a significant donation to the Alzheimer's Association!

Martha Harrington

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Our member list has been updated with member input in preparation for printing a new CBA Directory this summer. The updated member list is now online and a printed copy is available near the Directors' desk. Please review the updated listing and verify that your changes were entered correctly. And mark any additional changes or corrections.

If you have not yet reviewed your personal information, please take a minute and review the list and update your information if appropriate.

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– *New Plateaus* –

Junior Masters – Thomas Brown, Betty Oelhafen, William Peterson, Carmen Taborga, James Talbot

Club Masters – Susan Anderson, Christine Eades, Barbara Freund, Harriet Long

Sectional Masters – Rufus Dalton, Nancy Galleher

Regional Master - Laura Gilchrist

Emerald Life Master – Jane Felton

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### **Message from the Board**

#### **Zero Tolerance – It Matters**

Charlotte Bridge Association board members and others frequently hear complaints in general regarding players who feel uncomfortable, harassed, or intimidated by others at the bridge table. One recurring comment is that newer players do not want to play in open games for those reasons. (Although it also happens in limited games.) Sometimes the board receives complaints about specific individuals. The Charlotte Bridge Association long ago adopted the ACBL's Zero Tolerance policy, but it is up to all players to create a pleasant atmosphere at games held at our facility.

#### **DO YOUR PART TO MAKE TODAY A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

Commendable Behavior - Anything that makes bridge more enjoyable for others:

- Greeting others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
  - Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table.
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- Making your convention card readily available to your opponents and filling it out completely.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents
- Doing EVERYTHING possible to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.

Unacceptable Behavior - Anything makes bridge less enjoyable for others:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence.
- Making negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Giving constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Objecting to a call for the director.
- Disputing or arguing with a directors ruling.

What to do

If you witness or are subject to unacceptable behavior, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. Keep your cool, but do not wait until the end of the game or complain to someone else as nothing can be done after the fact. Only the proprietor of the game has the authority to ban someone from a specific game.



There have been multiple comments concerning the condition of our bidding boxes - the bidding boxes are in need of cleaning and "tired" inserts need to be replaced. There are 208 bidding boxes and each one takes approximately 15-20 min. to clean. To date, 20 have been cleaned. Colleen McMahon needs your help!!! Please consider helping when she asks. If many help, this task will be completed easily! Thanks!!

Colleen