

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



**Charlotte Halloween Regional  
Oct 23-29, 2017  
Hilton Charlotte University Place**

Great opportunity for **Gold** and/or **Red** points without travel expense!

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**CBA Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday**  
**December 2, 2017**

A light lunch will be available at 11:30 AM, followed by the meeting at Noon and the normal Saturday afternoon games.

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The new updated CBA Directory is available for pick up at the CBA.  
To minimize our expense, one copy per household, please.

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**– New Plateaus –**

Junior Master – Linda Maloney, Declan Ravey, Thomas Woollen, Velva Woollen

Club Masters – Elke Brengard, Irene Harding, Roger Zoeller

Sectional Masters – Chris Chamberlin, Mary Cloran, Bill Marchant, Cliff Roemer

Regional Masters - Connie Ostrow, Lynn Wilson

NABC Masters - Calvin Manship

Bronze Life Masters - Jim Elder

Silver Life Masters - Pat Bradshaw

Ruby Life Master - Mark Helikson

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**Message from the Board**

**A. Bidding Box Sale**

Sale of some of the old bidding boxes will take place sometime in November. Details will be available next month.

**B. Monthly Calendar**

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



The board received several suggestions asking to have more 499 games at the club. Players are concerned that as they approach 300 master points, there are fewer limited games in which they feel they can compete effectively. They are concerned about competing against higher level players. Most board members have been in the same situation in making the transition from limited to open games and understand their trepidations.

That being said, the board does not have authority over the game limits. Each proprietor (Dave Sutherlin, Jerry Helms, Rhea Caldwell, Jackie Key and Tom Hunt/Julie Arbit), holds the sanction for his/her games from the ACBL and has sole discretion in making any decisions regarding their games. Your concerns have been passed on to them. Individuals are free to contact the proprietors regarding their concerns.

Also, please consider the following:

- The ACBL rules provide for a greater number of total master points to be awarded in open games and, as in the limited games, points are awarded in three stratifications. According to ACBL rules, the lowest strat must have 2.5 tables. So, while a newer player may sit at the tables with A players, the scoring competition is against those with a similar number of master points. So, if more players in the 300-500 point range played in a specific Open game the upper limit for the C stratification could easily be 500 points.
- The Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning games frequently have a 500 point limit on the C strat.
- The Tuesday and Thursday evening games tend to attract a variety of skill levels with fewer of the top players and tend to be more relaxed than the afternoon games.
- Competing in the open games is a great way to learn and improve your game. Observing more experienced players and asking questions when time permits, provide valuable tips. Most open players are willing to share their thoughts about bidding or play.
- Bidding and signaling tend to be more reliable and consistent by more experienced players, making it easier for opponents to draw inferences.

- Consideration must also be given to the newest players. There is a greater skills gap between a player with 0 to 50 points and one with 300 points, than a player with 300 points and one with 1000.

