





The Barbanel Borah Lifetime Achievement Award

The Unit 114 Barbanel Borah Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2015 as a means of recognizing unit members who have worked tirelessly for decades in the promotion of duplicate bridge within our unit and who additionally are highly accomplished players who meet the qualifications for other high awards such as the Sportsperson of the Year or Goodwill Committee. While specific accomplishments as a player are not essential, most LAA recipients will have reached the level of Gold Life Master or higher. The LAA was named for Barbanel Borah who posthumously becomes the first recipient of this award. Any member of Unit 114 may nominate another unit member for this high recognition by advising a member of the unit board of directors. [Read more requirements on last page.](#)

	<p>For nearly two decades bridge playing in Unit 114 and Macon Duplicate Bridge Club(MDBC) has seen a deal of success due to the ceaseless efforts of Tom Wight. For well over ten years he has organized and coordinated three tournaments a year-and this is no mean feat as they have been some of the biggest in the Unit. Despite being an avid competitor and accomplished player he still finds time to juggle being the CFO of a large company with his love of promoting bridge. He regularly donates his time and effort to teach bridge courses at various levels of expertise. Because of his teachings, MDBC and the unit have gained many young, new players and Tom has made sure that has happened. His willingness to play with less accomplished players has helped many along their road to success and the enjoyment of the game His expertise was greatly appreciated during this years serving on the MDBC Board of Directors and as their Club President.</p> <p>Unit 114 has gained from his involvement during his years of service as a unit board member and then as the Unit President for the 2008-2009 tern. He was appointed to the District 7 Goodwill Committee in 2009.</p>
 Ken Parker 2017	<p>Ken started Peachtree City’s first duplicate bridge game in 1983. He called for and organized the effort to run the first Peachtree City sectional tournament in 2001, and developed the framework to run successful, profitable sectionals in the subsequent three years. He founded the Fayette / Coweta Duplicate Bridge Association and served as its President through 2011. During this time he introduced and implemented their mentoring program and was appointed by Unit 114 to the District Goodwill Committee for 2010 in recognition of his service to the game of bridge. He has been a member of the Unit 114 Board of Directors since 1996, serving on and chairing numerous committees. He was elected the unit’s Vice President for 2012-13, and the unit’s President for 2014-15. Whilst serving as the Immediate Past President in 2016, he developed the new Unit 114 website. He served as a member of the District 7 Board of Directors for 2 terms. In 2017 he was also elected the unit’s Sportsperson of the Year.</p>
 Barbanel Borah 2015	<p>“Barb” Borah, pictured at the left with his wife and favorite partner, Kathryn, is what this award is all about. Barb worked tirelessly on the unit Board of Directors for most of three decades, served as unit president in 1981-82, and was elected Sportsperson of the Year in 2002. Barb was the leader of local bridge in the Greensboro / Eatonton area for several decades where he chaired numerous highly successful sectional tournaments. Barb was a true ambassador for the game and embodied everything that is good in the world of tournament bridge.</p>
 Dick Myers 2015	<p>Richard “Dick” Myers, a Gold Life Master, has been an enthusiastic, dedicated workhorse for Georgia Bridge for the past three decades. Dick is best known for his efficient running of the Atlanta tournaments for the past 10 years. A member of the Unit 114 Board of Directors for almost 20 years, he served as the Unit President for 2010-11. Dick has also served many years on the District 7 board of directors as a board member and officer. Dick was elected to the District Goodwill Committee in 2008. Dick and his wife and favorite partner Betty live in Decatur and are now members of neighboring Unit 253.</p>

Lifetime Achievement Award:

The second highest honor which may be awarded a unit member is the LAA. This high honor was instituted in 2014.

The LAA was initiated as a means of recognizing unit members who are highly accomplished players who have also made significant contributions in their service to the game of bridge over a lengthy period of time.

The LAA's first recipient (awarded posthumously) was Barbanel Borah from Eatonton. Barb was a Gold Life Master who worked tirelessly for local and unit bridge for more than 2 decades. The LAA's second recipient was Dick Myers, who also was a Gold Life Master who worked tirelessly for local and unit bridge for more than 2 decades.

Because of their similarity, the LAA and HOF are handled by the same committee which consists of one board member and 2 past presidents (since the splitting of Unit 114).

Each new LAA member has his/her name added to the group plaque which will be hung in the club where that member plays and will remain there until the next LAA member is added. Additionally, the LAA member is presented with an individual plaque. **Board approved addition 8/06/16.**

Lifetime Achievement Award Recommendations:

1. Require the LAA/HOF committee to consider the nomination of one unit member each year for consideration of the LAA by the full board of directors. If no one is considered worthy, the committee chairperson shall so advise the board in the last meeting of the year. **Board approved 4/02/16.**
2. Let the full board decide whether the candidate (if any) measures up to the standard of previous LAA recipients. **Board approved 4/02/16.**
3. Require a 75% approval by the full board to be awarded the LAA. **Board approved 4/02/16**