



Leslie Lee Lawrence

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Les Lawrence on July 11, 2020, resulting from injuries sustained in an earlier car accident. Les graduated from Tufts University in 1958 and spent his career at Brookhaven in the Applied Math Department, which grew into the Information Technology Division years later. Everyone in “Upton Town” knew Les – he was loud and friendly and impossible to miss, and was a familiar presence during the summer on the softball fields, where he enjoyed many a cold beer with his friends. Arnie Peskin was one of his many friends and colleagues, and recalls his great love of competition and mastery of many skills, excelling at basketball (competing at NCAA level), bridge, golf, chess, and even cooking! “He also expanded my horizons of what a business trip could be – serious business all day long, but after sundown the adventure started – with plenty to drink and little in the way of adult supervision,” recalled Arnie. After retiring in the mid-90s, Les was an active member of BREA after its revival in the early 2000s, and attended the annual luncheons for many years (the photo above is from the 2017 luncheon), where his persuasive talents selling raffle tickets were legendary! He will be greatly missed.

– Dave Cox
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