

# The Bright Leaf *ALERT!*

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## 2009 SUMMER SECTIONAL

With much advance planning and lots of hard work, our Unit has once again concluded a successful Sectional Tournament. Though attendance figures were down by 20% from last year, the financial report shows a positive cash flow. Both of those outcomes are the result of having returned to Chapel Hill High for our tournament. Because there was a summer school session in the morning, we could not get into the High School until mid-afternoon, so there was only time for one session. This reduced over-all attendance. However, our costs (rental, required food catering by the Sheraton, last year's venue) were reduced.

We have many people to thank for their contributions to this successful outcome: Co-Chairs **Ron Adams** and **Grada Arble**; our great hospitality group led by **Maggie Lindquist** and **Robin Marin**; partnership chairs **Irwin & Debra Kahn**; plus so many others who labored above and beyond the call of duty, especially the indefatigable **Harrison Brooke**; **Jay** and **Darleen Bates** and their helpers who worked very hard to get the tables set up and removed; and again **Maggie Lindquist**, who not only co-managed the hospitality effort, but supplied the truck to get the tables from the storage unit, and together with **Leonard Beeghley**, helped move things into and out of the truck. We also thank **Patsy Whitehurst** for making the rented storage unit available to us. And as always, thank you to our many Unit members for their contributions to help defray the expenses for food and refreshments.

As we sum up the results of this past tournament, we already look ahead to 2010. The rental of a suitable venue has to be locked in within the next few months. As **Ron Adams** stated in his tournament report: "The choice of venue is a key factor in the

success of our event, both financially and socially." From past experience, the local high schools appear to be the only low cost option, but they are not without problems. Board members **Edy Bulthuis** and **Ken Dye** have offered to be our scouting committee to select a venue for next year's Sectional. If any of you would like to help them with suggestions, please contact them.

—**Sigrid Olin**  
Unit President

## CLASSES

### Cuebidding for Everyone

Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 pm, 4 sessions Sept 16 - Oct 7, Bridge Center, Durham

Learn more about using cuebids to bid to the correct level, using them to bid No Trump when you need to, bid slam when you need to, and describe 2-suiters. Focus will be on learning to use the ones that occur frequently.

Classes will be a combination of information presented by instructor, textbook, and bidding/play of hands. Attend with or without a partner. Instructor: **Kay Joyce**, ACBL accredited teacher. Fee: \$80 payable at first class. Fee includes a copy of Dee Berry's "Cuebids in a Nutshell: Modern Concepts for Winning Bridge." Deduct \$5 from fee if you have or don't want book.

To register, call Kay at 919-846-1166 or e-mail her at [kbridge2@nc.rr.com](mailto:kbridge2@nc.rr.com). If you decide not to attend, please let her know before class starts.

### Basic Bidding

Thursdays 9:30 am-noon, 9 sessions Sept 17 - Nov 12, Seymour Center, Chapel Hill.

Course uses Audrey Grant's Club Series textbook. Suitable for beginners or those who

have taken a break from bridge and wish a brush-up.

Classes cover hand evaluation, opening bids, responses, overcalls and take-out doubles. Each session covers instruction as well as the play of carefully designed sample hands.

Instructor: **Harrison Brooke**, ACBL accredited teacher. Fee: \$90 payable to OCDOA (Orange County Department On Aging). Book fee: \$20 payable to instructor at first class.

To register, please call 919-968-2070. For information, call Harrison at 919-489-0210 or e-mail him at [hbrroke@aol.com](mailto:hbrroke@aol.com) (that's not a typo).

—**Harrison Brooke**

## NLMS

## BEWARE !!

I've mentioned before and hope our non-Life Masters have noted that ACBL is changing, its master point requirements, effective 1 January 2010 for one to become a Life Master. If you've received your August ACBL Bulletin, please study carefully the pink-tinted block at the bottom of column 3 on page 8.

If your dues-paid-through date is 12/31/09 or beyond, you're absolutely safe and not affected by the changes, provided you keep your membership active until you reach Life Master. That date is shown on the second line in the address block on the cover of your Bulletin -- to the right of your ACBL number. If you've lost, tossed, burned or loaned your Bulletin, there's still hope. Log on to [acbl.org](http://acbl.org) and follow the instructions. As a last resort, phone or e-mail me.

—**Harrison Brooke**

## SPECIAL GAMES IN AUGUST

|           |      |       |                                  |                  |
|-----------|------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Monday    | 8/17 | 1:00  | NAP QUALIFIER                    | Bridge Center    |
| Monday    | 8/10 | 7:00  | NAPQUALIFIER                     | Bridge Center    |
| Monday    | 8/24 | 7:00  | SWISS TEAMS                      | Bridge Center    |
| Tuesday   | 8/25 | 1:00  | 199er BOTTOMLESS GAME            | Bridge Center    |
| Wednesday | 8/5  | 10:30 | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Durham BC**      |
| Wednesday | 8/12 | 10:30 | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Durham BC**      |
| Wednesday | 8/19 | 10:30 | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Durham BC**      |
| Wednesday | 8/26 | 10:30 | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Durham BC**      |
| Wednesday | 8/5  | 7:00  | NAP QUALIFIER                    | Triangle BC**    |
| Wednesday | 8/12 | 7:00  | SWISS TEAMS                      | Triangle BC**    |
| Wednesday | 8/19 | 7:00  | NAP QUALIFIER                    | Triangle BC**    |
| Wednesday | 8/26 | 7:00  | IMP PAIRS                        | Triangle BC**    |
| Thursday  | 8/6  | 9:30  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Thursday NLM**   |
| Thursday  | 8/13 | 9:30  | CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP                | Thursday NLM**   |
| Thursday  | 8/20 | 9:30  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Thursday NLM**   |
| Thursday  | 8/27 | 9:30  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | Thursday NLM**   |
| Thursday  | 8/6  | 1:00  | NAPQUALIFIER                     | Bridge Center    |
| Thursday  | 8/6  | 7:00  | OPEN PAIRS JUNIOR FUND—\$5       | Bridge Center    |
| Thursday  | 8/13 | 7:00  | NAPQUALIFIER                     | Bridge Center    |
| Thursday  | 8/20 | 7:00  | OPEN PAIRS JUNIOR FUND—\$5       | Bridge Center    |
| Thursday  | 8/27 | 7:00  | OPEN PAIRS JUNIOR FUND—\$5       | Bridge Center    |
| Friday    | 8/7  | 1:15  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | CH Senior Center |
| Friday    | 8/14 | 1:15  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | CH Senior Center |
| Friday    | 8/21 | 1:15  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | CH Senior Center |
| Friday    | 8/28 | 1:15  | CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP        | CH Senior Center |
| Saturday  | 8/1  | 9:30  | 0-1000 CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | Weekenders**     |
| Saturday  | 8/8  | 9:30  | 0-1000 CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | Weekenders**     |
| Saturday  | 8/15 | 9:30  | 0-1000 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP         | Weekenders**     |
| Saturday  | 8/22 | 9:30  | 0-1000 CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | Weekenders**     |
| Saturday  | 8/29 | 9:30  | 0-1000 CHARITY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | Weekenders**     |

**\*\*Thursday Morn. NLM, Triangle BC, Weekenders and Durham BC games at the Bridge Center.**

**MASTERPOINT WINNERS BY RANK July 2009**  
**(Members Only)**  
**(INCLUDES ONLY CLUB GAMES)**

| JULY | ROOKIES 0-5 MASTERPOINTS              |       | YTD                 |        |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
|      | James Forde*                          | 7.20  | James Forde*        | 18.57  |
|      | Susannah Small                        | 2.87  | Laura Preston*      | 10.43  |
|      | {Arron Balleisen                      | 2.00  | Susannah Small      | 8.73   |
|      | {Edward Balleisen                     | 2.00  | Mike Schlessinger*  | 8.33   |
|      | Laura Preston*                        | 1.70  | Arron Balleisen     | 5.32   |
| JULY | JUNIOR MASTERS 5-20 MASTERPOINTS      |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | Deborah Shenk*                        | 4.71  | Deanna Larus*       | 20.45  |
|      | Margaret Cranford*                    | 3.30  | Deborah Shenk*      | 18.81  |
|      | Deanna Larus**                        | 3.03  | Pat Spivey*         | 17.25  |
|      | Constance Pattillo                    | 2.95  | Ietje Dugard*       | 14.37  |
|      | Pat Spivey*                           | 2.62  | Ingrid Parish       | 7.83   |
| JULY | CLUB MASTERS 20-50 MASTERPOINTS       |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | Bob Little                            | 7.04  | Barbara Haskell*    | 43.42  |
|      | Doris Elkin*                          | 5.74  | Doris Elkin*        | 35.55  |
|      | Eve Williamson*                       | 4.76  | Bob Little          | 20.32  |
|      | Anne Boyd*                            | 4.49  | Leonard Beeghley    | 18.69  |
|      | Carol Schachner*                      | 4.34  | Carol Schachner*    | 16.92  |
| JULY | SECTIONAL MASTERS 50-100 MASTERPOINTS |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | David Neal                            | 7.04  | Stirling Haig       | 37.33  |
|      | Mary Cole*                            | 6.58  | Sue Preston         | 28.63  |
|      | Stirling Haig                         | 6.31  | Elliot Cramer       | 27.71  |
|      | {Nancy Benedict                       | 5.95  | Charles Hesner*     | 27.15  |
|      | {Penny Dabal                          | 5.95  | Bea Prosnitz        | 24.46  |
| JULY | REGIONAL MASTERS 100-200 MASTERPOINTS |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | Bunny Wheeler                         | 10.05 | Joanne Koepke       | 53.00  |
|      | Ira Vendig                            | 5.94  | Ira Vendig          | 35.24  |
|      | Helen Moon*                           | 5.67  | Pat Catalina        | 32.30  |
|      | Carol Wilcox                          | 5.48  | Mary Newman         | 31.50  |
|      | Sally Shook                           | 4.39  | Bunny Wheeler       | 31.46  |
| JULY | NABC MASTER 200 TO LIFE MASTER        |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | {Helen Halsey                         | 8.79  | {Helen Halsey       | 51.56  |
|      | {Ruth Stewart                         | 8.79  | {Ruth Stewart       | 51.56  |
|      | Audrey Crosby                         | 6.32  | Rosa Lin*           | 41.41  |
|      | Esther Arnold                         | 5.32  | Kay Richardson      | 37.78  |
|      | {Marie Eikinas                        | 4.18  | Esther Arnold       | 32.62  |
|      | {Val Eikinas                          | 4.18  |                     |        |
| JULY | LIFE MASTERS UNDER 1,000 POINTS       |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | Jim Cunningham*                       | 21.83 | Henry Meguid*       | 149.65 |
|      | Paul Morrisette                       | 18.66 | Jim Bean            | 94.82  |
|      | Donna Walther*                        | 15.95 | Jim Cunningham*     | 89.26  |
|      | Blanche Tremblay                      | 13.41 | Donna Walther*      | 89.07  |
|      | Jim Bean                              | 12.25 | Nanacy Young        | 81.86  |
| JULY | LIFE MASTERS OVER 1,000 POINTS        |       | YTD                 |        |
|      | Sancy McCay                           | 27.55 | Irene Adams         | 139.86 |
|      | Darleen Bates                         | 25.51 | Sandy McCay         | 129.94 |
|      | Irene Adams                           | 23.59 | Vanessa O'Callaghan | 86.99  |
|      | John Torrey                           | 17.64 | Bud Stuart          | 79.37  |
|      | Vanessa O'Callaghan                   | 16.00 | John Torrey         | 75.19  |

\*One Rank Change

\*\* Two Rank Changes

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We're pleased to have with us new member **Hugh Chapin** of Pittsboro (Galloway Ridge) as well as transfer members **Susan Bergida** who's moved from Melville NY to Chapel Hill, **Susie McClelland** who's moved back to Chapel Hill after several years in Kansas, and **Kathleen Voltz** who's moved from the Western NC Unit 171 to reside in Durham. We hope we'll see all of you soon and often!

Those moving up in rank during July include **James Forde**, **Corey Luttrell** and **Danielle Simmons**, all now Junior Masters, **Deanna Larus**, **Dorothy Samitz** and **Ann Vaughan** now Sectional Masters, **Connie Namm** and **Gary Zadeika** now Regional Masters, and **Kas Stallings** who'd turned Bronze Life Master.

Word has it that **Nancy Stuart** at our July Sectional completed her requirements to become a Life Master but official notification hasn't come from ACBL as yet. I get a special kick out of moving the names on our Procession Board at the Bridge Center and I'll enjoy praising Nancy again in September when I have further word. Congratulations to all !!

Our current active Unit membership is 488, up 5 from last month but down 5 from this time last year.

—**Harrison Brooke**  
Membership Chair

### UNIT 191

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