

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Unit Prepares For Chapel Hill Sectional July 9th- 11th

Tournament Committee asks for your support

Mark these dates on your calendar, as this should prove to be another exciting Sectional Tournament sponsored by the Bright Leaf Unit. Tournament chair Ron Adams and a bevy of volunteers have been working hard to prepare for the tournament and, considering the all-time high in unit membership, they are preparing for a record number of participants.

The tournament is moving to the new Triangle Bridge Club on Revere Road in Durham which has plenty of room to accommodate our needs. Hospitality co-chairs, Edy Bulthuis and Maggie Lindquist, want to thank those who have already volunteered to help out with setting up the refreshments.

We will also need everyone's help to make the event successful by contributing refreshments for the sectional. Homemade baked goods, layered dips, deviled eggs and sandwiches are most appreciated by those who attend. We hope you will make your specialty for the tournament. If you are willing to share the recipe, we will happily post it on our website. If you are unable to prepare food, your cash contributions will be gratefully accepted and used to purchase items such as drinks, nuts, pretzels and popcorn in quantity.

Look for sign-up sheets at your local club.

For more information about the Chapel Hill Sectional, go to the Unit website at www.unit191bridge.org.

Durham Bridge Center Closes After 14 Years

Bob Boggs Honored by Bridge Community

The Durham Bridge Center on Fayetteville Road hosted its last game on Tuesday, April 20th, and the 199er players at that game showed their appreciation to Bob Boggs for his years of service to the Unit. An eloquent farewell thank you was delivered by Dorothea Wilson and a farewell gift was generously contributed to by all.

On the following Saturday afternoon, 90-100 of Bob's friends and admirers gathered at the Bridge Center for a party to give a special thank you to the man who has worked untiringly for the benefit of the members of the club since the mid-nineties.

Unit President Sigrid Olin thanked Bob on behalf of Unit members and the Board. Harrison Brooke then presented him with a beautiful burlwood letter box inscribed "Bob Boggs- In recognition of and with fond appreciation for the many hours you provided to us to play the game we love so much."

Liz McGuffey interviewed Bob last week and wrote an excellent article on Bob and the history of the Bridge Center. In it, she said, "Unit 191 is greatly indebted to Bob Boggs -- for recognizing the need for a space dedicated for bridge, for fulfilling that need, and for enabling members to sustain their addiction to the greatest game on the planet. Since 1996 Bob has provided more games per week than any city the collective size of Durham and Chapel Hill. He has run his games professionally, objectively, and always with a wry sense of humor. Unit 191 proudly honors Bob for his 14 years of dedication to the local bridge world. "

A complete transcript of Liz's article, plus pictures from the party taken by Guy Tissaire, can be accessed on the Unit website at www.unit191bridge.org.

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Mentor/Mentee Program

The next mentor/mentee game will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the Triangle Bridge Center with a potluck beginning at 1:00, game beginning at 1:30. It would be helpful to have people respond to Kay Gruninger or Kay Richardson if they are coming. We can accommodate people who are without their mentors or mentees for that date so please let us know if you are in that situation.

The June 5th game has been postponed due to a schedule conflict. More information later.

It's already time to begin getting ready for next season. If you are hoping to have a mentor starting in September, think now about asking someone if they would be interested in helping you. It is best for you to choose and make the arrangements for your own mentor.

Upcoming Tournaments

May 14-16	Greensboro Sectional
May 25-31	RALEIGH MEMORIAL DAY REGIONAL
June 11-13	Greenville, SC Sectional and GNT Finals (A & C)
June 14-20	District STAC (Silver points at local clubs all week)
June 24-27	Raleigh Sectional
July 9-11	Chapel Hill Sectional
July 16-18	Winston-Salem Sectional

Club News

The **Wednesday afternoon Triangle BC** game will be starting earlier, at 1:00, beginning May 5th.

Both the Open and 0-50 **Friday afternoon Chapel Hill Senior Center** games have moved from the 1st floor Great Room to the 2nd floor bridge room and now begin promptly at 1:00 PM. A partner is guaranteed.

Special TBC Games- May

Saturday, May 8th Unit Mentor/Mentee game
Thursday, May 13 ACBL-Wide Intl Fund game
Sunday, May 23 Eight Is Enough Team Game
Fri/Sat Jun 4-5 World-wide Bridge Contest

President's Report

Sigrid Olin, Unit 191 President

On Monday, April 26, the Unit 191 Board met for the first time at the new Triangle Bridge Club facility. We were very happy to welcome to the Board, Robin Marin, who will serve out the term of Bob Boggs, who has retired as a Board member.

Ron Adams gave us an update on the preparations for our Summer Sectional, to be held July 9 – 11 at the Triangle Bridge Club this year. Ron has put together a great team to help him with the preparations and running of the tournament, and we are hoping for a great turn-out. Be sure to put the dates in your calendar. There are also plans to run an additional Open Sectional next year, perhaps in March, to be followed by the usual Summer Sectional and the NLM in October.

In other action, the Board had been asked by the District 7 Goodwill Committee to nominate an outstanding individual who deserves recognition for their exceptional demeanor and contribution to the game of bridge. The ideal nominee is one who personifies high standards of goodwill, sportsmanship, and volunteerism, who gives selflessly of his or her time to promote and enhance bridge, who exhibits good manners, and who strives to make the game nicer for all of us.

Our nominee this year is Maggie Lindquist. Maggie has been a tireless volunteer in many areas: Food Committees, Partnership Contact, EasyBridge! helper and director, and more. Last year, she got her teacher's accreditation and is finishing up a very successful Tuesday night Easybridge! Session at the end of May. She represents the type of person the ACBL seeks to honor with the award and we were pleased to nominate her to the selection committee. Congratulations, Maggie.

Maggie, along with the other Goodwill members from our Unit, will be invited by the ACBL to the annual Goodwill banquet October 22 at the Columbia Regional.

Membership Report

Unit 191 Membership Reaches New High

In the latest report just published by the ACBL, Unit 191 membership continues to grow and has reached 515 at the end of April. Credit for this growth goes especially to those teachers and clubs that have been promoting lessons and games directed to novice players.

New Members (February-April):

Virginia Burchko	Chapel Hill
Shannon Kennedy	Chapel Hill
Julia Bon Smith	Chapel Hill
Carole Crotty	Chapel Hill
Adrienne Fox	Durham
Bobbi Pinkerton	Chapel Hill

Rank Advances (February-April):

Junior	Sarah Craver, Pittsboro
Master	Carole Bond, Durham
	Kenneth Chuk, Chapel Hill
	Jacqueline Marks, Chapel Hill
	Barbara Tuck, Roxboro
	Irene Williams, Durham
	David Bartholomew, Durham
	Don Hierman, Cedar Grove
	Joyce Jenzano, Durham

Club	Edna Mason, Chapel Hill
Master	David Schreiber, Chapel Hill
	Katie Wilson, Durham
	Jay Cooper, Chapel Hill
	John Kay, Chapel Hill
	Laurie Smith, Chapel Hill

Sectional	Gerald O'Neil, Roxboro
Master	Leona Whichard, Chapel Hill
	Sharon Flicker, Pittsboro
	Robin Marin, Durham
	Dorothea Wilson, Chapel Hill

Regional	Udo Koopman, Chapel Hill
Master	John Barnard, Timberlake

NABC	Patricia Whitehurst, Durham
Master	Patricia Catalina, Chapel Hill
	Carlyn Pollack, Chapel Hill

Life	Kay Gruninger, Chapel Hill
Master	Ruth Roskoz, Chapel Hill

Bronze	E Hamilton, Durham
Life Master	Rosa Lin, Chapel Hill

Silver	Sally Foushee, Chapel Hill
Life Master	Paul Morrisette, Durham
	Blanche Tremblay, Chapel Hill

Gatlinburg Regional Winners

Congratulations to the top masterpoint winners from Unit 191 who played in the Gatlinburg Regional in April. Special congratulations go to Marie Eikinas who made Life Master during the tournament.

Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill	85.01
Steve Barsby, Cary,	39.72
Grada Arble, Chapel Hill	39.72
Jennifer Nabrynski, Durham	28.27
Michael Nabrynski, Durham	28.27
Harrison Brooke, Durham	23.04
Sarah Jones-Chambers,	23.04
Joe Mandel, Cary	15.70
Paul Morrisette, Cary	15.70
Marie/Val Eikinas, Chapel Hill	14.45

Top 0-299 Winners (all from the Roxboro club!)

John Barnard, Timberlake	6.79
Charlotte Barnard, Timberlake	5.26
Earl/Donna Helms, Timberlake	4.83
Gerry O'Neil, Roxboro	4.73
John/Fran Westmoreland, Roxboro	4.67
Keith/Helen Starr, Roxboro	4.65
Marcia O'Neil, Roxboro	3.20

Special recognition to John Barnard, who passed his director's exam in Gatlinburg

Unit 191 Officers:

Sigrid Olin, President
Harrison Brooke, Vice President
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary
Paul Kobrin, Treasurer

Alert! Editor, Marty Demko
Deadline for articles for June Alert! is May 31st.