

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Welcome to the Bright Leaf Summer Sectional!

First Tournament at the Triangle Bridge Club

The 2010 Bright Leaf Sectional will begin this Friday, July 9th, and the Tournament Committee hopes to surpass last year's total of 309 participating players, as we move to the new Triangle Bridge Club on Revere Road in Durham.

The tournament will offer events for players of all levels, including pairs, knockouts and swiss teams. This year's Bright Leaf Award will be awarded to the individual who earns the most masterpoints playing with more than one partner in pairs events on Friday and Saturday.

Hospitality co-chairs, Edy Bulthuis and Maggie Lindquist, and their committee have been working hard to prepare for the tournament. They will need the support of everyone 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. They hope you will make your specialty for the tournament. Cash contributions are also appreciated.

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Back Issues of *Bridge World* and *Bridge Bulletin* Available

The Unit has acquired a large collection of bridge books and publications from the estate of Jeff Cartier. Among them are virtually a complete set of *Bridge Bulletins* from the early 60s to 2000, and *Bridge World* from the early 60s through last year. If you are interested in some of these, please contact Marty Demko at martyd2@aol.com.

2010-2011 Mentoring Program Begins Soon

Now is the time to sign up for the next Unit 191 mentoring program that will begin this fall. This program has proven to be very popular in recent years and, with the new location at the Triangle Bridge Club, there should no longer be a limit in the number of players that can participate in the program.

The mentoring program is only successful if we have a sufficient number of experienced players who are willing to serve as mentors. So we hope that, again this year, you will volunteer to share your time and expertise with our developing players. Non-life master players can serve as mentors to beginning players as well as being a mentee to a Life Master themselves. If you are willing to be a mentor, please get in touch with Kay Richardson or Barbara Haskell, co-chairs, or fill out a sign-up sheet.

Sign-up forms are available at Triangle Bridge Club on the table near the entrance. Everyone participating in the program must fill out a form in order to be officially enrolled and receive information on special games, etc. Only non-life master players who are members of Unit 191 are eligible to have assigned mentors.

If you have already paired with a mentor for next year, please fill out the form, indicating both names on the sheet. If you do not have a mentor but would like to be paired with someone, fill out form and request mentor. Deadline for sign-up is mid-August. Pairings will then be made and the program will begin in September.

Complete guidelines for the mentoring program can be found on the unit website, www.unit191bridge.org. Click on "Education" at the top of the page, then click again at the sentence pertaining to the mentoring program. For further questions, contact Kay or Barbara.

Membership Report

Harrison Brook, Membership Chair

During June our Unit membership picked up a bit to bring us to a total 512, very near the record high of 515 we reached in May. It's with pleasure that we welcome two players who have transferred into our Unit and now reside in Chapel Hill -- Madelon Sheff comes from Unit 128 In Florida and Beth Watson from Unit 128 in Northern Virginia.

Rank advances reported during June include

Junior Master:

Linda Allen Phyllis Fuller

Club Master:

Joyce Jenzano Meyer Liberman
Janet Wheaton

Sectional Master:

Roger Hayes Barbara Hulka

Regional Master:

Jean Hjelle Laura Lind
Carol Schachner

NABC Master:

Claudia Byrd Ivan Pollack

Life Master:

Esther Arnold Kay Richardson

Bronze Life Master

Esther Arnold* Deb Kahn
Irwin Kahn

**Esther had more than enough total points to qualify for Bronze Life Master when she won her final gold points in Raleigh to qualify for Life Master. We congratulate her on her double jump.*

It's Just a Game!

- Be polite
- Be friendly
- Be ethical
- Relax and have fun!

Club News

July 25th. TBC Eight Is Enough - Sunday afternoon team event in partnership with the Raleigh BC at TBC. Form a team which has no more than 8 points, with 0-750=1 point, 750-2000= 2 points and 2000+ = 3 points.

North American Pairs (NAP) Qualifiers- Many clubs will schedule NAP games during July and August. Open games will be ½ red points, ½ black points. This is the first step toward qualifying to represent District 7 at the finals at the Louisville KY Nationals next March.

This highly prestigious "grass roots" event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2011 Louisville KY Spring NABC. This event is run as a flighted event A (Open), B (2000), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters).

The District 7 NAP Finals will be held November 20-21 at the Spartanburg SC Sectional. All players qualifying at the club level are eligible to compete

Bridge Classes

Polishing Your Basics- Friday Play and Learn Class (9:30-11:30, TBC). This 15 lesson course will continue through September. No need to attend all classes. Marty Demko, martyd2@aol.com.

EZBridge!- New series for beginners begins Tuesday evening, September 7th at TBC. Darleen Bates, trianglebridge@gmail.com

Bidding in the 20th Century. Beginner/novice class at Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill begins Thursday, Sep 16. Call 968-2070 to register. Harrison Brooke, hbrooke@nc.rr.com.

Introduction to Two Over One, and Introduction to Precision. Will be offered this fall at TBC. Henry Meguid, hmeguid@nc.rr.com.

Raleigh Sectional Results

76 Bright Leaf Players earn masterpoints

Top Unit 191 Winners:

1. 16.17 Sandy McCay
2. 7.34 Steve Barsby
3. 6.14 Marty Demko
4. 5.79 Linda Hansell
5. 5.79 Jim Hansell
6. 5.63 Carole Stromberg
7. 5.63 Morton Stromberg
8. 5.13 Frank Hund
9. 4.87 Anne Boyd
10. 3.81 Mary Cole

Top 0-299 Winners:

1. 4.87 Anne Boyd
2. 3.81 Mary Cole
3. 3.72 Ann Vaughan
4. 3.58 Dorothea Wilson
5. 3.27 Dave Streifford
6. 3.24 Phyllis Fuller
7. 3.24 Diana Spock
8. 3.18 Emily Dursse
9. 2.79 Kay Murray
10. 2.64 Robin Marin

My apologies for leaving the top three 0-299 players off the list of winners at the Raleigh Regional in May.

1. 9.92 Gary Zadjeka, Durham
2. 9.39 Edward Balleisen, Durham
3. 9.39 Aaron Balleisen, Durham

Unit 191 Officers:

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

Alert! Editor, Marty Demko
Deadline for articles for July Alert! is June 30th

Upcoming Tournaments

Jul 9-11	BRIGHT LEAF SECTIONAL, Triangle Bridge Club, Durham
Jul 16-18	Winston-Salem
Jul 30-Aug 1	Morganton "Summer Sizzler"
Aug 20-22	Fayetteville
Sep 17-19	Carthage
Sep 24-26	Southern Pines Non-Life Master
Oct 7-10	Raleigh
Oct 15-17	BRIGHT LEAF Non-Life Master, Triangle Bridge Club, Durham

Our Unit has just been approved for an additional Sectional Tournament, the Bright Leaf Spring Sectional, which will be held next March 4-6. Look for more details as the time gets closer.

BrightLeaf Summer Sectional Event Schedule

Friday, July 9

- 1:00 Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
- 7:00 Stratified Open Pairs
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Bracketed KO Teams (continued 9:30 and 2:00 on Saturday)

Saturday, July 10

- 9:30 Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
- 2:00 Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs

Sunday, July 11

- 10:00 Stratified Open Swiss (by average mps)
Stratified 299er Swiss (no player over 299 mps)

Open strata- 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
299er strata- 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

Partnerships:

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