

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Future Life Masters Sectional Tournament is Only Six Weeks Away!

Plans continue for the Future Life Master's Sectional to be held at the Triangle Bridge Club on Friday, October 15, Saturday, October 16, and Sunday, October 17.

This event is open to all Non-Life Masters who have fewer than 500 masterpoints and provides them with an opportunity to compete with their peers.

Stratified Pairs games will be held on both Friday and Saturday at 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM. A Bracketed Knock-Out event is scheduled to begin at the Friday afternoon session, continuing through on Saturday, and a Swiss Teams game will be held on Sunday at 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM.

Kay Richardson is handling food and asks that everyone support the event by donating cash or prepared food or by volunteering to help in the kitchen. Kay has placed sign-up sheets for this purpose at the Triangle Bridge Club.

If you need a partner for any of the weekend's events, contact Bunny Wheeler. If you have questions regarding the tournament, contact either Paul Morrisette or Ken Dye.

With the participation of all our future Life Masters and the support of all our Life Masters, the Sectional is sure to be another big success.

Mentoring Program Starts Up Again in Three Weeks

Thanks to everyone who signed up for this year's Mentoring Program, especially those of you who agreed to serve as mentors. We are pleased to have fifty-four pairs participating in the 2009-2010 program.

The first Mentee/Mentor game is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, at the Triangle Bridge Club. Mentees are asked to bring a potluck dish to share; beverages and paper products will be provided. Lunch will be served at 1:00 and play will begin at 1:30.

Even though there is room at TBC for all who want to play, it is helpful to know how many will be coming. So, please RSVP to the e-mail invitation you will receive from one of the co-chairs. If you have not already contacted your mentee/mentor, perhaps you should do so now and arrange to play at least once before the special game on September 25. We look forward to seeing you then.

Kay Richardson
Barbara Haskell

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Upcoming Tournaments

Sep 10-12	Wilmington
Sep 17-19	Carthage
Sep 24-26	Southern Pines Non-Life Master
Oct 7-10	Raleigh
Oct 15-17	BRIGHT LEAF Future Life Master Sectional, Triangle Bridge Club, Durham
Nov 5-7	High Point
Nov 19-21	Spartanburg SC (NAP District Finals)

Peggie Stokes Memorial Award At October NLM Sectional

Prior to the October 2009 Non-Life Master tournament, Mary Cole established a memorial award to honor Peggie Stokes, who died in a tragic automobile accident in the early summer while visiting the North Carolina coast. Peggie had many friends in the bridge community and was an active player in the Tuesday afternoon 199er game as well as a number of groups in the Hope Valley and Dunbarton areas.

The plaque for the award, won last year by Sally Shook, hangs at the Triangle Bridge Club. Each year, the award will be given to the active (i.e., paid-up) member of ACBL Unit 191 as of 1 October (or the first of whatever month the tournament may held in the future) who has fewer than 200 master points recorded with ACBL as of that date, and who wins the most master points during the tournament. Such points may be won in pair, knock-out or Swiss team sessions. To avoid a tie, it is required that the winner play with at least two partners. One's partner and teammates need not have fewer than 200 points.

This year's tournament will be held at the Triangle Bridge Club the week-end of 15-17 October. Please be certain that your ACBL dues are current as of 1 October. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please let me know.

Harrison Brooke

Unit 191 Officers:

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

Alert! Editor, Marty Demko
Deadline for October Alert! is October 1st

Face Down!

John Torrey

Do you wear your seat belt in a car? I hope so – we need all you bridge players! Why do you do it? Because there's a law tht says you have to, and you might get fined if you don't? Well, if it took that law to make you wear your seat belt, that's fine with me.

Do you always make your opening lead face down? Probably not. There's a law for that, too, but most players don't know about it because it is almost never enforced. There's no automatic penalty – it's just something the Laws say we are supposed to do.

Why should you lead face down? Well,

- If you find out that your opponents had failed to alert or mis-explained their auction, the director will probably let you select a different lead. But not if you led face up.
- While the lead is face-down your partner can ask questions about the auction, without anybody suggesting she might be influencing your lead.
- You might be leading out of turn. Then the real declarer has a lot of options, and you don't. And the fraction of time you thought you were saving by skipping the face-down to face up delay becomes several minutes of ruling time.
- The Laws (Law 41A, to be exact) say you should.

Probably because our directors have not penalized face-up leads, we have all become lazy about this. Even me. So, some of the directors in our area are giving a small procedural penalty – two matchpnts in a pair game if eight is top – when they are called because of a face-up lead out of turn. (Penalties like this for violation of correct procedure are authorized by Law 90.) Their hope is that they will give very few of these, because leading face-down will become the new Normal.

It's like wearing your seat belt. Don't do it because of the law. Do it because it's better for you.

Membership Report

During August our Unit membership remained at the record high of 520 reached the month before. This represents an increase of 35 members (7.2%) over this time last year.

I'm pleased to welcome two new members -- **Rita M. Deorio** of Durham and **Ovunc Yilmaz** of Chapel Hill -- as well as **Nancy B. Coey** of Raleigh who has transferred from Unit 119.

Rank advances reported during August include

Junior Master:

Janet Hitti Ann McCaffrey

Club Master:

Ken Chuk Phyllis Fuller
W. Clay Hamner

Sectional Master:

Gordon Barg Gregory Bolt
Judith Bolt Germaine Pinckney

Regional Master:

Anne Boyd Doris Elkin
Bea Prosnitz

Life Master:

Lilyan Levine

Congratulations one and all!!

Harrison Brooke
Membership Chair

Bridge Classes

Polishing Your Basics- Friday Play and Learn Class (9:30-11:30, TBC). This 15 lesson course will conclude at the end of September. Marty Demko, martyd2@aol.com.

Deadly Defense- Friday Play and Learn Class (9:30-11:45, TBC). Nine-week series starts October 1st. No need to attend all classes. Just drop in. Marty Demko, martyd2@aol.com.

EZBridge!- New series for beginners begins Tuesday evening September 7th, 7:00 at TBC. September lessons are free! Darleen Bates, trianglebridge@gmail.com.

Bidding in the 21st^h 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. Six-week class on the 2/1 system. Will be offered on Monday mornings at 9:30 beginning September 20th, and also on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 beginning September 25th. Triangle Bridge Club. Sign-up deadline Sept 13. Henry Meguid, hmeguid@nc.rr.com.

Introduction to Precision. Starts November at TBC. Contact Henry Meguid, hmeguid@nc.rr.com.

At The Clubs

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game-TBC, Sept 16. Instant scoring and hand records with analyses. GOLD point to winners in NS and EW.

Grand National Teams- Qualifying games for this national event start in September. Points are ½ red and ½ black. TBC, Sept 8th, 20th, 23rd and 29th..

International Fund games- Most clubs in the Unit will be scheduling extra-point games during September. Check with your director.

Bright Leaf Unit 191's
Future Life Masters Sectional
DURHAM, NC
Oct. 15-17, 2010

The Triangle Bridge Center, 5110 Revere Road



Friday, Oct. 15

Stratified Pairs 9:30 am
 Stratified Pairs 2 pm
 Bracketed Knockouts 2 pm
Continue 9:30 am & 2 pm Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 16

Stratified Pairs 9:30 am
 Stratified Pairs 2 pm

Sunday, Oct. 17

Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am & 2:30 pm

Stratifications: 0-100, 100-200, 200-500 (NLM)

Lunch included Sunday

Tournament Co-chairs

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Partnerships

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Host Hotel

Four Points by Sheraton
 at Southpoint
 (919) 806-8200
 Call by Sept. 15
 for \$79 bridge rate

IT'S TIME TO ORDER NAME BADGES FOR THE FALL TOURNAMENTS!

#8



Judy Simpson
 Atlanta, GA



#10

John Millerton
 Buffalo, NY

#11



Joan Robertson
 Unit 125
 Cleveland



John Bedfordson
 Tournament Director
 Philadelphia, PA

Marvin Springer
 Tournament Director
 Philadelphia, PA

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS:

Type Badge:

___ #8 with card design - \$11

___ Emblem design for #8:

___ Ace of spades

___ Ace of hearts

___ King of hearts

___ Queen of hearts

___ Queen of diamonds

___ Jack of clubs

___ #11 ACBL design badge - \$7

___ #11 Suits badge- \$7

___ #11 Plain (3 lines- 1"x3") \$5

___ #10 Plain (2 lines- 3/4"x3") \$4

All badges include a magnet fastener which are easier to put on while eliminating making holes in your garment.

Badge color:

___ 1 White on black

___ 2 Black on white

___ 3 White on red

___ 4 Red on white

___ 5 White on blue

___ 6 Blue on white

___ 7 Black on gold

___ 8 Black on silver

___ 9 White on green

___ 10 Black on yellow

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Line 2 _____

Line 3 (#11 badges only) _____

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