

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Welcome To Bright Leaf Unit 191's New Sectional!

Co-chairs Edy Bulthuis and Sandy McCay and their tournament committee have been busy preparing for our Unit's first winter sectional tournament at the Triangle Bridge Club in Durham. Special attention has been given to making this a festive and enjoyable event as well as a tribute to our beautiful state.

As usual, our members will provide the hearty snacks and refreshments that you have learned to expect at Unit 191 Sectionals. A Carolina BBQ lunch will be provided on Sunday by Ted's Catering. A guide to nearby restaurants is available for your between-sessions meals.

Boards for all pairs events have been pre-dealt. We hope that this will allow games to finish earlier and give you more time to eat lunch and rest up between sessions on Friday and Saturday, or get home earlier after the game. And, of course, you will still get hand records for all pairs games.

On Sunday afternoon, we will have a drawing for a three-night mountain getaway. Pat Owens has generously provided use of her mountain home near Blowing Rock for three nights at a date to be agreed upon. Each player will receive a drawing entry for each session he/she plays. You need not be present to win.

In addition, overall winners of each open, 299er and knockout event will receive crisp new \$10.00 bills. Pictures of overall winners will be taken and placed in our Unit scrapbook and on our website. The Unit 191 member who wins the most master points during the entire tournament will have their name placed on a new Carolina Dreamin' plaque to be displayed at the TBC.

Enjoy the tournament and thanks for coming- see you at the Summer Sectional in July!

Sectional Event Schedule

Friday, March 4th

10:00 Stratified Open and 299er Pairs

2:30 Stratified Open and 299er Pairs

7:30 Stratified Open Pairs

Bracketed Knockouts (*continue 10:30 and 3:00 on Saturday*)

Saturday, March 5th

**10:30 Stratified Open and 299er Pairs
Second Round of Knockouts**

**3:00 Stratified Open and 299er Pairs
Knockout Finals**

Sunday, March 6th

**10:30 Stratified Open Swiss Teams
Based on team MP average
299er Swiss Teams**

***No player over 300 mp
Both events are play-through with lunch included***

**Open Stratification: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
299er Stratification: 0-100, 100-200, 200-300**

Partnerships:

Open- Harrison Brooke

299er- Doris Elkin

Our Tournament Site:

We hope you notice some of the improvements at the Triangle Bridge Club. . The Unit has been working with the club to improve facilities for our tournaments. A new sound system has been purchased to help with announcements. A new door has been installed between the playing area and the kitchen to reduce distractions to players as participants go to the refreshment area and restrooms. Additional chairside tables for your coffee and personal items have been purchased. The Unit thanks Jay and Darleen Bates for all the work they have done to create a bridge facility in the area that we can use for our sectional tournaments.

Next Mentor/Mentee Game

Kay Richardson, Mentoring Program Chair

The next and final Mentor/Mentee game of the year is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at the Triangle Bridge Club. Mentees are asked to go back to the kitchen one last time this season and provide another of their delectable dishes for a potluck lunch at 1:00. The game will begin at 1:30. Please check with your mentoring partner and make plans to attend this final game; we hope for a good turnout. Even though this is the last game of this year's program, the mentoring year runs until the first of June. So, mentor/mentee pairs should continue to play together until then.

Thanks for Your Support For the Tournament!

Sandy and Edy would like to thank all of the members of the Tournament Committee:

Hospitality Co-Chairs:

Linda Hansell and Robin Marin, Partnership Co-

Chairs: Harrison Brooke and Doris Elkin,

Caddiemaster: Jim Cunningham, and Publicity and

Marketing: Marty Demko. In addition, they wish to

thank John Torrey, Jay Bates and Mary Vickers for

helping to make game operations run smoothly. And

a big thank you to everyone who brought goodies,

made a financial contribution and/or volunteered

their time helping to make Carolina Dreamin' a fun

event enjoyed by all.

www.unit191bridge.org

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Special Events

Upcoming Tournaments

Mar 4-6 **Durham "Carolina Dreamin' " Sectional**

Mar 10-13 Charlotte

Mar 18-20 Wilson

Mar 25-27 Salisbury

Apr 11-17 **Gatlinburg Regional**

Apr 29-May 1 Morganton

May 20-22 Greensboro

May 24-30 **Richmond Regional**

Membership Report

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

Just when we think we've hit the top -- the record 534 members that we reached in January --another blast of good news comes our way with a new record of 545 achieved during February. That's 35 (6.9%) better than what we had at this time last year.

It is a great pleasure to welcome our newest ACBL members: **Meg Hudson, Marian Meyer, Peg Richardson,** and **B. J. Vogel** of Chapel Hill and **Cathy Somer** of Fearington Village. We also welcome transfers from Unit 119, **Deborah** and **Allan Carlson** and **Kwong Chung** of Cary, and **Tammy** and **Chris Moll** of Raleigh.

Rank Advances in February:

Junior Master	Madelon Sheff
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Club Masters	Karen Curtin Pete Peterson
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Sectional Master	Ovunc Yilmax
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Regional Masters	Liane Fultz Joyce Jenzano Robin Marin Jackie Marks Charlie Marshall
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NABC Masters	Connie Namm Virginia Wagner Gary Zadjeka
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Life Master	Helen Moon
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Bronze Life Master	Anne Hennessey
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Silver Life Master	Mary Jo Doherty
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We're proud of and very happy for all of you !!

Bridge Lessons & Workshops

All of our classes are taught by ACBL-certified teachers:

Henry Meguid's TBC Classes. All classes will be held at the Triangle BC. For more information or to sign up, contact Henry at hmeguid@nc.rr.com.

2/1 Game Force- Six week class on Wednesday mornings (9:30-noon) beginning March 9th. \$75. Deadline: Monday, March 7th.

Defending Against Precision. Tuesday, March 29th (1:00-4:00). Covers various Precision bids and how to defend against them. \$15. Deadline: Friday, March 18th. (minimum of 12 participants).

Precision 1.0. Six week class on Saturday afternoon (1-3:30) beginning April 16th. \$75. Introduction to a strong club-based bidding system for 2/1 players eager to improve their game. Deadline: Friday, April 8th.

Topics in Declarer Play. Six week class on Wednesday mornings (9:30-noon) beginning April 20th. \$75. Deadline: Friday, April 8th.

Modern Bridge Defense. Six week class on Wednesday mornings (9:30-noon) beginning June 8th. \$75. Deadline: Friday, June 3rd.

Advanced Bridge Defense. Six week class on Monday mornings (9:30-noon) beginning September 12th. \$75. Deadline: Friday, September 2nd.

Friday Play and Learn Classes with Marty Demko resume on March 25th. Eight-week FUNdamental class builds on the Polishing The Basics course we had last fall. Opening 2C bids, overcalls, takeout doubles and more. 9:30-12:00. \$10 per lesson- \$75 for all eight. Contact Marty at 467-4827 or email martyd2@aol.com.

Beginner Bridge Play and Learn with Jack Whetstone. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:45. \$6. Format is lecture for 30 minutes and "play and review" for 90 minutes.

UNC Bridge Team Qualifies for National Collegiate Finals in July

A team of UNC students won the South qualifying round on February 26th for the ACBL Collegiate Bridge Team Championship. The members of the UNC team include Susannah Small, Ken Chuk, Patrick Domico and Ovunc Yilmaz. The team is coached by Unit 191 member, Hugon Karwowski.

In the six team playoff, the UNC team won all five of their matches, beating Texas, Princeton, Swarthmore, Penn and William & Mary. Eight teams will meet in the finals at the NABC in Toronto on July 22-23. Congratulation to all of them and we wish them the best at the national finals.

***NEXT BRIGHT LEAF
SUMMER SECTIONAL
WILL BE JULY 7TH-10TH***

***PUT THOSE DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR NOW***

Unit 191 Officers:

Sigrid Olin, President

Robin Marin, VP

Maggie Lindquist, Secretary

Paul Kobrin, Treasurer

Alert! Editor, Marty Demko

Deadline for March Alert! is March 2nd

Final Results of 2010 Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Races

The results are in and the winners have been announced for the 2010 masterpoint races. Sigrid Olin, Unit President will recognize Unit 191 winners in each masterpoint category and present them their awards at the Monday afternoon game on March 14th at Triangle Bridge Club. Congratulations to all. You can find out how you ended up in the races by going to www.acbl.org. Click on members in left column, then masterpoint races.

Mini-McKinney Race (total points won during the year)

MP Category	Winner	Runner-Up
0-5	Joyce Jenzano, Durham	Jacqueline Marks, Chapel Hill
5-20	David Schreiber, Chapel Hill	David Streifford, Chapel Hill
20-50	Dorothea Wilson, Chapel Hill	Deborah Shenk, Durham
50-100	Anne Boyd, Durham	Leonard Beeghley, Durham
100-200	Gary Zadjeka, Durham	Mary Cole, Durham
200-300	Sally Shook, Chapel Hill	Bunny Wheeler, Durham
300-500	Rosalind Lin, Chapel Hill	Kay Richardson, Chapel Hill
500-1000	Blanche Tremblay, Chapel Hill	Grada Arble, Chapel Hill
1000-2500	Henry Meguid, Durham	Hsun-Kang Su, Cary
2500-5000	Josef Blass, Chapel Hill	Sandy McCay, Chapel Hill
5000-7500	Irene Adams, Butner	
10,000+	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill	

Ace of Clubs Race (total points awarded in club games only during the year)

MP Category	Winner	Runner-Up
0-5	Jacqueline Marks, Chapel Hill	Joyce Jenzano, Durham
5-20	David Schreiber, Chapel Hill	David Streifford, Chapel Hill
20-50	Dorothea Wilson, Chapel Hill	Gerald O'Neil, Roxboro
50-100	Leonard Beeghley, Durham	Anne Boyd, Durham
100-200	Mary Cole, Durham	Stirling Haig, Durham
200-300	Sally Shook, Chapel Hill	Lilyan Levine, Pittsboro
300-500	Patricia Catalina, Chapel Hill	Kay Richardson, Chapel Hill
500-1000	Blanche Tremblay, Chapel Hill	Paul Morrisette, Durham
1000-2500	Hsun-Kang Su, Cary	Henry Meguid, Durham
2500-5000	Sandy McCay, Chapel Hill	James Migliore, Chapel Hill
5000-7500	Irene Adams, Butner	

Unit Leaders At Other Tournaments

Raleigh Valentine Sectional

Overall:

1. Chris & Tammy Moll	31.79
3. Rosa Linda	26.41
4. Mike Rice	22.41
5. Ovunc Yilmaz	16.89
6. Henry Meguid	15.19
Jeff Boak	15.19
8. Vanessa O'Callaghan	14.36
9. Patrick Domico	12.66
10. Hsun-Kang Su	12.09

299ers:

1. Patrick Domico	12.66
2. Lucy Terrell	5.12
Phyllis Fuller	5.12
4. David Schreiber	4.59
5. Margaret Rouse	4.46
Katie Wilson	4.46
7. Gordon Barg	4.30
Beverly Barg	4.30
9. Patricia Spivey	3.98
Anne Boyd	3.98

Wilmington Sectional

1. Betty Chase	4.07
Gloria Nicholson	4.07
3. Lucy Terrell	2.37

Our apologies to Charliie Marshall of Pittsboro for leaving his name off last month's list of winners at the Wilmington Regional in January. He and his partner, Gary Zadjeka were first among our 299ers, earning 19.61 masterpoints.

Bad Behavior

John Torrey

I don't want to promote smugness, but I can tell the players of our unit that our games are exceptional for their civility and good spirits. But even here there is an occasional problem, and that's what I'd like to address.

The ACBL promotes a Zero Tolerance policy: bad behavior should be met with an immediate (though small) penalty, rather than a warning. A penalty does not mean that your opponents or the director think you are a bad person – just that a particular behavior is not permitted. As gentle as the penalty is intended to be, it is a Big Deal to the person who receives it: a person has been found guilty of an offense to the game.

As director I am frustrated when a player comes to me – frequently at the end of a game - and says that an opponent was rude at some prior point. The “offender” may already have left the game and is accused without the opportunity to offer a defense. I don't think that this kind of report can support giving a penalty, though I normally would try to discuss the problem with the person involved. It's much better if the director is called as soon as behavior becomes a problem. The purpose of the Zero Tolerance penalty is to nip bad behavior in the bud.

As a player who is disturbed. Call the director! Any behavior that makes you uncomfortable should trigger this. The director is the one who should deal with the problem. By calling at once you give the person who is bothering you a chance to give his side of the story, and you give the director the chance to hear from everyone while things are fresh in their minds, and a chance to deal with it before it gets out of hand.

If your own behavior is questioned: Do not be offended if the director is called. You'll have a chance to speak up for yourself. Suppose opponents you do not know have an auction with some “significant pauses.” You ask if they agree that there were major hesitations. They are offended; they think you are questioning their integrity, and they call the director. The director may determine that your opponents are new players; he'll tell them that hesitations are part of

the game and perfectly ethical, but can create problems. You can explain that you were not suggesting that anybody's ethics might be deficient. The new players may have learned something about the game.

If you are penalized, remember that the penalty is for the behavior, and not an expression of dislike or disapproval for you. (I once gave a penalty to a sometime teammate, for discarding aces and kings to show displeasure with his partner's defense. He took it well.) An apology would go a long way and is likely to be accepted with gratitude. There is a message there, though – a behavior you may have thought was okay, isn't.

It is very bad for the game when people start “talking out of school” about some other person's behavior. Rumor-mongering is pernicious: it is one of those behaviors we most want to discourage.

Double KO Tournament Starts Second Round

Although eleven teams lost in the first round of the Unit 191 Double Knockout Tournament, all of the teams are still in contention, as a team has to lose two matches before getting knocked out of the competition.

Enthusiasm is high for this event which will extend into the summer. Second round matches must be completed by March 29th and may be played at any time or location, even in players' homes.

First-round brackets can be found on page six of the Alert! Team rosters are posted at the Triangle Bridge Club.

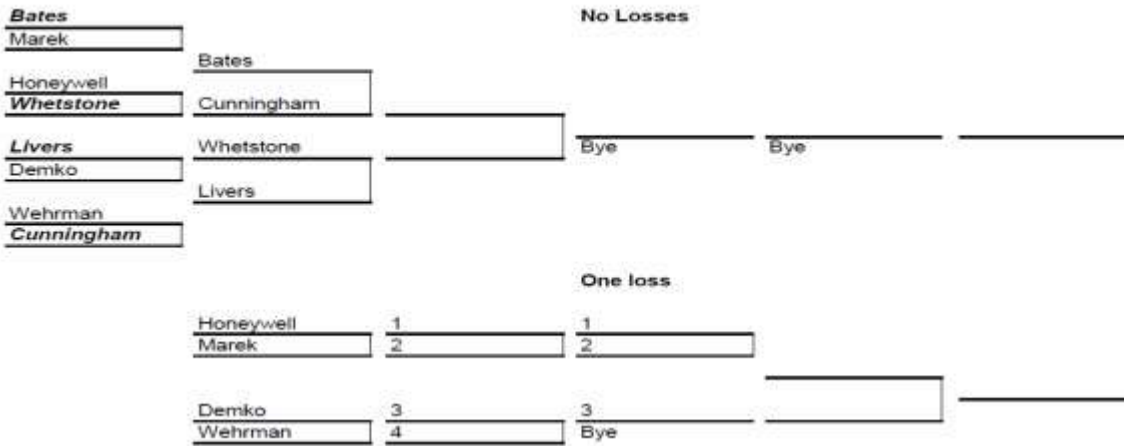
UNIT 191 DOUBLE KNOCKOUT BRACKETS

August

Bracket I



Bracket II



Bracket III

