

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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UNC Team Finishes 2nd In Collegiate Team Championship At Toronto

After months of preparation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill team made it all the way to the finals of the Collegiate Team Championship at the Toronto NABC, but was overtaken by a determined Penn team. Congratulations go to the UNC team- **Kenneth Chuk, Patrick Domico, Susannah Small and Ovunc Yilmaz**- for their superb performance at the event.

Twenty-five teams participated in the 2011 Collegiate Competition qualifying event on February 26th and nine were invited to the NABC to play in the two-day final.

Day one was a full round robin event. UNC won all 4 matches in the first session (against UPenn, Stanford, Dartmouth and NYU) and was leading the field with 66 VPs. The team did not have a good second session: three losses (against Hamilton, Brandeis, Texas) and a win against Berkeley. Therefore, UNC finished 4th in round robin with 92 VPs. Brandeis was first, UPenn second and UC Berkeley third.

On the second day, the top four teams moved to the knockout phase with 28 board matches. UNC played against Brandeis. The team won the first 3 quarters by +2, +6 and +11. Brandeis had a good last quarter and tried to come back, but UNC won the match 58-57.

In the final, UNC played against UPenn. UNC won the first half by +27. However, UPenn rallied in the last few boards of the second half to win 65-64.

Ovunc Yilmaz, Susannah Small and Patrick Domico will be playing in next year's team. Kenneth Chuk will be leaving for graduate school at Clemson. All four have expressed their appreciation for the support of coaches, Josef Blass and Hugon Karwowski, and the Unit. Congratulate all four of them when you see them at our local games.

Unit 191 Summer Sectional Sets Attendance Record

Congratulations to Sectional Chair Marty Demko, Co-Chair Ken Dye, and their team for a very successful, fun tournament.

A record 343 tables were in play over the 4 day tournament and 434 players participated. The previous high table count was 302 tables for the Summer Sectional.

The hospitality committee headed by co-chairs Robin Marin and B.J. Medford did a fantastic job; as always, so many others helped and contributed.

A big "Thank you" from all Unit 191 members!

Sigrid Olin, Unit President

Volunteers Needed for the October Future Life Master Tournament

If you would like to help us with the October tournament (Oct 21-23), now is the time to sign up. We need people to help in the kitchen and with the facility. Kitchen volunteers can sign up for a single session or multiple sessions. Did you notice that the summer tournament was the cleanest on record? That's because the facilities committee helped Darlene and Jay keep the playing rooms in shape.

To volunteer for kitchen duty contact Betsy Mebane at betsy_mebane@hotmail.com or (919) 637-9406. For the facilities committee contact Ken Dye at kennethdye@msn.com or (919) 638-5372.

We have a great unit and terrific tournaments because we have wonderful volunteers. Let's keep the tradition going.

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Mary Vickers Wins Bright Leaf Award At Sectional

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

By taking home 17.17 master points for her three days of play in our Unit Sectional in early July, **Mary Vickers** became the 51st winner of the Bright Leaf Award. The award was originally established in 1961 as the Herald-Sun award and recognizes the Unit member who earns the most masterpoints during the summer sectional while playing with more than one partner.

Mary and partner **Lois Mendell** got off to a flying start on Friday placing first in section in both the morning and afternoon open pairs -- fifth overall in the morning (2.79 master points) and fourth in the afternoon (4.08). Mary and her partner **Lee Laske** placed first overall in the Saturday afternoon open pairs to collect another 9.00 points. And, in the Sunday Swiss team event, Mary again joined forces with partner **Lois Mendell** and team mates **Maggie Lindquist** and **Mike Zimmerman** to win 5 matches and collect another 1.30 points.

For the three pair events in which Mary placed, she had a remarkable average of 64.1%. Adding in the fourth session in which she narrowly missed placing, her average was an amazing 61.1%. Congratulations Mary for a job beautifully done !!!



Top Unit Members Winning Points At The Sectional

Overall:

Mary Vickers, Apex	17.17
Henry Meguid, Durham	13.80
Joanna Pagano, Chapel Hill	13.80
Sandy McCay, Chapel Hill	9.94
M J Weeks, Chapel Hill	9.57
Rosa Lin, Chapel Hill	8.80
Paul Morrisette, Durham	8.59
Mike Rice, Chapel Hill	8.47
Ovunc Yilmaz, Chapel Hill	8.21

299ers:

Barbara Veasey, Durham	6.97
Margaret Cranford, Durham	6.97
Carol Wilcox, Durham	5.98
Sandra Manheimer, Cary	5.91
Anne Boyd, Durham	5.37
Ira Mueller, Durham	5.20
Ellen Bonnie Cox, Durham	4.83
Doris Elkin, Chapel Hill	3.74
Dave Streifford, Chapel Hill	3.34
Alice Hughlev, Durham	3.18



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

**BRIGHT LEAF UNIT 191
FUTURE LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL
OCTOBER 21-23**

**OPEN TO NON-LIFE MASTERS WITH FEWER
THAN 500 MASTERPOINTS**

Upcoming Tournaments

Aug 19-21	Fayetteville
Aug 22-28	District 7 STAC
Aug 30- Sep 5	Atlanta Regional
Sep 9-11	Charlotte Non-Life Master
Sep 9-11	Wilmington
Sep 16-18	Carthage
Sep 23-25	Southern Pines Non-Life Master
Sep 30-Oct 2	Morganton
Oct 6-9	Raleigh
Oct 21-23	Durham Future Life Master
Oct 24-30	Charlotte Regional

Bridge Classes and Lessons

Area bridge teachers will be offering a full schedule of opportunities over the next few months for players of all levels to improve their game:

Monday mornings- 9:30-noon. TBC. Henry Meguid. **Advanced Bridge Defense.** Learning to think and plan the defense; clues from the lead, bidding and dummy; counting distribution and tricks; doubles; strategic plays and IMPs vs matchpoints. Six week class starts September 19th.

Tuesday mornings- 9:00-11:30. Glenaire Retirement Community, Cary. Marty Demko. **Polishing Your Basics** (continued from May). Play and Learn course for beginners to intermediates, duplicate or social bridge player. \$10 per lesson. No reservation necessary-just show up. 11 week class begins September 13th.

Tuesday mornings- 9:30-noon. TBC. Jack Whetstone. **Doubles and Overcalls.** Takeout, negative, support doubles. How to make overcalls and responses. \$10 per lesson. 5 week course began August 2nd.

Tuesday mornings- 9:30-noon. TBC. Henry Meguid. **Contested Auctions.** Take-out doubles & advances; overcalls & advances; balancing; coping with NT bids & overcalls; handling two-suited hands; competitive doubles and the forcing pass. Six-week class begins September 20th. \$75.

Tuesday evenings- 7:00-10:00. TBC. Darleen Bates. **EZBridge.** New class starts September 6th. Learn how to play bridge. Beginners to novice. Just show up. First lessons for beginners are free!!

Thursday mornings- 9:30-noon. Seymour Center, Chapel Hill. Harrison Brooke. **Basic Bidding.** Designed for beginners as well as those who want to improve their bidding skills. Covers hand valuation, opening bids, responses, rebids, overcalls, takeout doubles and Stayman Convention. 9 week course begins Sept 15th. \$90. To register, call the Seymour Center, 968-2070.

Thursday evenings- 7:00-9:30. TBC. Marty Demko. **Polishing Your Basics.** Play and Learn course for beginners to intermediates, duplicate or social bridge player. \$10 per lesson. No reservation necessary-just show up. Ideal for individual players or couples to review modern bidding and play. No partner necessary. Begins September 8th.

Bridge Classes (continued)

Friday mornings- 9:30-12:00, TBC. Marty Demko. **"Planning To Win".** Another Pat Harrington "Play and Learn" course, this one on the play of the hand. \$10 per lesson. No reservation or partner necessary- just show up. Eleven weeks begins Sept 9th.

Friday afternoons- 1:30-4:30, Cedars in Meadowmont. Jim Cunningham. **Brush-up on Standard American bidding.** \$5 per lesson. Bi-weekly starting Sept 9th.

For more information on these courses, contact the instructor or pick up a flyer at the Triangle Bridge Club.

Darleen Bates- trianglebridge@gmail.com, 405-2016.
Harrison Brooke- hbrooke@nc.rr.com (preferred) or 489-0210.

Jim Cunningham- jimham53@aol.com, 452-9248.

Marty Demko- martyd2@aol.com, 467-4827.

Henry Meguid- hmeguid@nc.rr.com

Jack Whetstone- jack_whetstone@gmail.com, 244-1660.

Membership Report

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

July brought a dip in our membership from last month's 543 to 537 but still has us 17 members (3.3%) above our total at this time last year.

Joining our ranks during July were **Jennifer Prairie** who has moved from Mississippi to Chapel Hill and **Jackie** and **Robert Tucker** who have transferred from Longboat Key FL and now live in Durham. We bid them a warm welcome !!

Congratulations to the following who advanced in rank during July:

Club Master	Vicky Albright
Regional Master	Linda Baugh
NABC Master	Sandy Manheimer
Bronze Life Master	B. J. Medford

Unit 191 Officers:

Sigrid Olin, President Robin Marin, VP
Maggie Lindquist, Secretary Paul Kobrin,
Treasurer

Alert! Editor: Marty Demko

Deadline for September Alert! is September 3rd

Unit Members Shine In 2010 ACBL Masterpoint Races

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

The ACBL April 2011 Bulletin listed the top 25 players nationally in each of the master point ranges (0-5 through 10,000 plus) for calendar 2010 for both the Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKenney awards. The former includes only points won at club games while the latter shows points won at all ACBL-sanctioned events. Each player is listed in the range to which she or he was assigned as of 01/01/10.

Unit 191 was well-represented in the listings:

Ace of Clubs:

0-5	13 th	Jackie Marks	65.42
	16 th	Joyce Jenzano	65.37
5-20	6 th	Dave Schreiber	99.38
	13 th	Dave Streifford	80.52
20-50	25 th	Dorothea Wilson	82.68
1000-2500	21 st	Howard Su	275.81
	22 nd	Henry Meguid	274.91

Mini-McKenney:

5-20	11 th	Dave Schreiber	150.99
2500-5000	11 th	Josef Blass	858.90
10,000 plus	7 th	Jacek Pszczola	1,997.85

Congratulations, one and all. You've made us proud !!

Ever Thought About Being A Director??

There are always opportunities for new directors and stand-bys in the Unit. Now is your chance to learn the skills necessary to be a club director. You can also improve your understanding of ACBL rules and procedures, even if you don't want to be a director right away.

Priscilla Smith will be teaching the **ACBL Club and Cruise Director Course** in Charlotte on the weekend before the Charlotte Regional in October (10/21-23). The course will start on Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday morning with the exam on Sunday afternoon. Location is the University Hilton. Cost is \$50 (1/2 price) for District 7 members. Contact Priscilla at 770-973-7717 or e-mail: rufnsluf@mindspring.com.

Enroll Now For This Year's Unit Mentoring Program

Sign-Up Period Ends August 20th

Time is running out if you would like to participate in this year's Mentoring Program. Co-chairs Barbara Haskell and Sharon Crane have put together a fine program which should appeal to both mentees and mentors. The deadline for sign up is August 20th, and the program will run from September 1st through May 31st.

Sign up sheets are available on the table at the front of Triangle Bridge Club. Even if you have made your own arrangements for a mentor or mentee, please fill out and place a completed form in the envelope so that we are aware of these partnerships. If you need assistance in finding a mentor, we will do our best to arrange this for you. We would also appreciate hearing from those of you who are willing to be mentors.

The June issue of the Bright Leaf Alert contained all of the details of this program and mentoring guidelines. A copy of these are posted on the bulletin board in the back of TBC.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Barbara Haskell, barbara.haskell41@gmail.com, (919) 542-1202, or Sharon Crane, Scrane531@earthlink.net, (919) 489-4903.

At The Clubs:

Many of the clubs in the Unit will be offering **STAC (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs)** games during the week of August 22nd. This will give you the opportunity to earn silver points in a club game. Check with your club manager or director to see if your club will be participating.

Triangle Bridge Club: Revere Road construction continues and access to the club from the south is still blocked. Access from Route 54 is open and those players from Cary and Apex who come up Highway 55 will need to go a little further to Route 54, turn left one mile to Revere Rd.

August special games at TBC- Eight Is Enough- August 14th; Swiss Teams- Monday 8th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 25th. IMP Pairs- Wednesday 31st.