

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Future Life Masters Sectional Tournament Coming Next Month

Ken Dye, Tournament Chair

All of you Future Life Masters - mark your calendar NOW - for the Bright Leaf Unit 191 Future Life Masters Sectional on October 21-23rd. This is a very special sectional for non-life masters with under 500 master points in a great location, with wonderful hospitality, and offering the chance to play in a tournament in which the sometimes scary "big boys" will not be present.

The schedule includes stratified pairs sessions on Friday and Saturday at 9:30 am and 2 pm. Knockout Teams play on Friday at 2 pm and continue on Saturday at 9:30 am and 2 pm. Sunday is Swiss Teams starting at 10 am with lunch included.

Want to play, but need a partner? Contact Leonard Beeghley at lenbeme@gmail.com or 919-237-2986.

Life Masters (and everyone else!), please help with hospitality for all these Future Life Masters. We need kitchen help for each session and clean-up, food donations, and cash to purchase soda, coffee, and other supplies. Contact Betsy Mebane at betsy_mebane@hotmail.com or 919-469-9738 to volunteer. In October, sign-up sheets for food donations will be posted at Triangle Bridge Club.

If you have any questions - contact Ken Dye at kennethdye@msn.com or 919-638-5372.

Let's make this year's Future Life Masters Sectional the biggest and most successful one yet! We need your participation and help for this to happen.

Membership Report

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

During August our membership dropped from 537 to 535 primarily due to the number of Future Life Masters who failed to keep their ACBL dues current and thus were put on inactive status. We still exceed by 15 (2.9%) our total this time last year.

I'm pleased to introduce new ACBL members to our Unit - **Shirley Law** and **Brenda Rogers** of Chapel Hill, **Donna** and **Stephen Stewart** of Fearnington Village and **Thomas Walton** of Durham. Also joining us are **Anil Jain** who has transferred from Unit 202 in Georgia and **Rosalyn Katz** from Unit 140 in New Jersey -- both now residing in Durham -- and **Sara Ramsey** of Raleigh who has transferred from Unit 119. We welcome you all to our bridge family.

The following advanced in rank during August:

Junior Master	Phyllis Alexander
Sectional Master	Larry Campbell
	Meyer Liberman

Congratulations one and all!!

Once again I remind our Future Life Masters (FLMs) that the masterpoint requirements for achieving the rank of Life Master changed as of 1 January 2010. Now one must have a minimum of 500 points rather than 300 and those must include the required number of color points.

A Future Life Master whose dues were current as of 31 December 2009 is grandfathered for the 300 minimum provided her/his dues remain current until she/he reaches the rank of Life Master. For those who joined ACBL 1 January 2010 or later and those who have allowed their memberships to lapse, the 500 minimum is required. If there are any questions about this, please let me know.

Upcoming Tournaments

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
Nov 4-6	High Point
Nov 7-13	Virginia Beach Regional
Nov 18-20	Spartanburg SC, with D-7 NAP Finals
Dec 12-18	District 7 STaC Week

Double Knockout Results

John Torrey, Tournament Director

Two brackets of the 2011 Double Knockout have completed. The third will have a maybe-final match on September 15.

The top bracket was won by the team of Rosa Lin, Mike Rice, Hugon Karwowski, Ovunc Yilmaz, Joe Blass and Kenneth Chuk. Second was Jim Drake, Joanna Pagano, Sandy McCay, and John Torrey. The winners were undefeated, and the second place team lost only to the winners.

In the second bracket the winners were Jim Cunningham, Barbara Martin, Jim Bean, and Henry Meguid. Second were Jay Bates, Darleen Bates, Maggie Lindquist, and Mike Zimmerman. This bracket had enough teams to award a third place winner, which was Erlinda Wehrman, Vanessa O'Callaghan, Aaron Balleisen and Edward Balleisen.

The third bracket match will pit the undefeated Marcus team (Rosalie Marcus, Paul Kobrin, Stephen Barrett and Chuck Becker) against the once-beaten team of Julian and Liz Wachs, Bill and Jo Ann Colton, and Joe and Diane Bastian. If the Wachs team wins they will play again to determine the event winner. Third place in this bracket are Marylin and Vance Kelley, and Susan and Gerald Parker. Fourth were Betsy and Ken Schooff and Sigrid and Jack Olin.

At The Clubs

Orange Senior Center: No game on September 30th as the Senior Center will be getting ready for a BIG yard sale the next day. Proceeds from the sale will go to support programs at the Center. If you would like to contribute good stuff, please check the list in the lobby to see what they want and don't want. FYI, the club donates a portion of all Friday games plus the extra \$1 per player from each of three Charity games per year to this cause as well. Plan to attend John Torrey's game at the Triangle BC that day.

October 7th- On the Friday of the Raleigh Sectional there will be a game at the Senior Center but not at Triangle BC. While we have never exceeded our maximum capacity of 16 tables we do want to remind you again of that limit and suggest it would be wise it come a little early that day to assure you have a place to play.

October 21st. On the Friday of the Future Life Master Tournament, there will be a game at the Senior Center so

Unit Tournament Winners

August STaC

Overall Winners:

Henry Meguid/Mort Stromberg	15.28
Dave Schreiber	11.94
Glenna Hurlbert	10.44
Maggie Lindquist	9.19
Rosa Lin/Mike Rice	8.87
Esther Flashner	7.98
Dorothea Wilson	7.72
Hsun-Kang Su	6.35

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Dave Schreiber	11.94
Dorothea Wilson	7.72
Joyce Jenzano	5.17
Laura Lind	3.46
Jackie Marks	2.97
Patrick Domico	2.33

Atlanta Labor Day Regional

Overall Winners:

Sandy McCay	39.97
Henry Meguid	30.71
Vanessa O'Callaghan	23.71
Jim Cunningham	22.08
Kenneth Dye	19.79
Frank Hund	11.60
Rosalie Marcus/Paul Kobrin	4.66

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Nancy Benedict/Penny Dabal	3.11
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At The Clubs (continued)

that Life Masters will have a place to play that day. Future Life Masters are strongly encouraged to attend the Tournament. A designated sub will be available should you show up without a partner.

Triangle BC- A gold point opportunity!! **ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game** on Wednesday evening, Sept 14th. Booklets with hand analysis. 1.00 Gold to section tops, remainder ½ red/ ½ black. \$8 game fee. - partners guaranteed.

Sunday Eight Is Enough Team game is on Sept 25th.

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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. Postponed until mid-October.

Tuesday mornings- 9:30-noon. TBC. Jack Whetstone. **Rebids by Opener and Responder.** Min, medium and max hands. \$10 per lesson. 5 week course begins September 13th.

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

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 22nd.

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 16th.

Bridge Classes (continued)

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

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Marty Demko- martyd2@aol.com, 467-4827.
Henry Meguid- hmeguid@nc.rr.com
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244-1660.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

BRIGHT LEAF UNIT 191 ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY GALA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

**NEW LOCATION!
RIZZO CONFERENCE CENTER
UNC CAMPUS, CHAPEL HILL**

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.

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Deadline for October Alert! is October 3rd