

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Carolina Dreamin' Is Only a Few Weeks Away

Hospitality Committee Needs Your Help

Carolina Dreamin' is fast approaching! Tournament dates are March 1-4, and your help is needed with hospitality. I think we would all agree that really good and plentiful food is essential for a successful bridge tournament, as players seem to enjoy the food as much as the competition. Over the years, Unit 191 has offered exceptional hospitality, and we certainly want to maintain this high standard. So, I am asking you to once again bring in your special dishes for our upcoming tournament—baked goods, deviled eggs, sandwiches, fruits, veggies, dips, snacks, desserts, or anything you choose. Also, knowing what foods to expect for each session is very helpful, so please sign up at the Triangle Bridge Club on the sheets posted near entrance to the kitchen.

If, instead of providing food, you prefer to make a cash donation to enable us to buy needed items, simply give money to the director, who will collect in a special envelope and list your name as donor.

In addition, help is needed in the kitchen. This requires coming in approximately one hour before the session begins and then checking on the food during breaks in play. Volunteers should be able to play in the tournament and need not remain in the kitchen. A sign-up sheet for kitchen help is also posted at the TBC.

Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions or you can't make it to the TBC to sign up. Your help in making this year's Carolina Dreamin' another great event for our unit will be greatly appreciated.

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It's Only a Game!

Jim Bean, Unit 191 President

There has been some confusion recently about applying the rule of Zero Tolerance during club games and I would like to take this opportunity to explain the best way for our members to go about enforcing it. The first and best line of defense against an abusive or unethical player is to immediately call the director during the incident. By calling the director in a timely manner he/she is best able to sort out the grievance and give fair warning to the proper parties. Hopefully thereafter everyone can go about their business without further distraction. The director in charge, who may not be the club manager, is responsible for maintaining an orderly game, so please call the director when you have a complaint during a game.

The board of directors of our unit is not responsible for the club games, but does represent the members who play in those games. On very rare occasions a situation arises that the board may have to resolve a complaint or ethical situation, but in most cases the individual director or the club owner resolves the problem before it comes to the Recorder and the Disciplinary Chair.

Please try to remember that not all of us are our best under competitive stress so try to make allowances when you can and don't forget to have fun!

Upcoming Tournaments

Feb 6-12	Hilton Head SC Regional
Feb 16-19	Raleigh
Feb 20-26	Williamsburg VA Regional
Feb 24-26	Wilmington
March 1-4	Durham "Carolina Dreamin'" Sectional
March 8-11	Charlotte
March 15-25	Memphis NABC
March 23-25	Salisbury
April 13-15	Goldsboro
April 16-22	Gatlinburg Regional

Membership Report

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

December and January were active months with our membership bouncing back to a total of 546, matching the record high we reached in March of last year. The 546 puts us 12 (2.2%) over our count this time last year.

We gained 5 new members in December and another 8 in January. From Carrboro we welcome **Leah Downey** and **Laura McCready**, from Chapel Hill **Richard Cole**, **Jene Goshaw**, **Xiyuan Ge**, **Susan Ingelbinck**, **Patricia McFeely**, **John Pinkerton** and **Paul Richardson**, from Durham **Miles Crosskey**, **Karen McCall** and **Mary Tate**. and from Hillsborough **James Hanway**. We hope all of you will enjoy being a part of our bridge family.

We also welcome 10 transfer members including **Elizabeth Charnock** who comes from Unit 179, Central Tennessee and now resides in Durham, **Kay and Randy Joyce** from Unit 119 and now getting settled (I hope) in Chapel Hill, **Susan and Gray McAllister** also from Unit 119, **Dorothy McElwee** from Unit 118 in the Wilmington area and now living in Fearington Village, **Harry McPherson** from Unit 109 in Central Virginia now residing in Mebane, **Andrea Roitman** from Unit 119 and a Cary resident, and **Sally Satterfield** of Hillsborough who ACBL mistakenly transferred out when she moved from Durham **AND** who with Anne Boyd took top honors in the Unit Championship at our holiday gala in December.

We extend a warm welcome to all of you !!

The following advanced in rank during December and January:

Junior Master Vanessa Brown
 Thomas Walton

Club Master Joanne Custer
 Bon Smith
 Robert Sumner

Sectional Master Karen Curtin
 Clay Hamner

NABC Master Joyce Jenzano
 Jackie Marks
 Sally Shook
 Ovunc Yilmaz

Life Master Gary Zadeika

Congratulations one and all !!

Youth Bridge Camp Planned For This Summer!

Maggie Lindquist & Darleen Bates

We are looking for a few good kids!! Dates are being finalized for this summer's Youth Bridge Camp at the Triangle Bridge Club. Our target is rising 5th graders through college-aged youth although if a bridge player vouches for a child younger than that we will accept them.

Most likely it will be held late in June or sometime in July. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fees will be \$75/child/week. Lunch will be included. Pre-registration will be required.

We are considering possibly holding a second week-long camp following the first week (but maybe not immediately) for more advanced instruction and play. All participants from the first session would be eligible to attend the second week. Registration fees and scheduling would be the same as the first week. Please let us know if you think the kids you know would be interested in this.

Introduce Your Kids and Grandkids To Bridge

Mini-Bridge Teaches Bridge Concepts

One way to kindle interest in bridge in your youth is by introducing them to *MiniBridge*, a game which focuses on the play of the hand without bringing in complicated bidding.

MiniBridge is a way to learn bridge for all ages and is both effective and enjoyable. You can download the free program, as well as play online, at <http://www.bluechipbridge.co.uk/MiniBridge.htm>.

The program is supported by the ACBL Educational Foundation.

A reprint from the teacher manual is printed on page 4 of the Alert! so you can see how *MiniBridge* works.

In The Clubs

Although a many of our games in Unit 191 are played at the Triangle Bridge Club, many members play at other equally enthusiastic and friendly clubs in the Unit. This month we highlight one of those- the Roxboro Bridge Club.

The Roxboro Bridge Club was sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League ACBL in October 2004 and has grown steadily over the years. It is not a club that you join, but rather a game open to all levels of players that you come to when it suits your schedule. In Roxboro the games are held at the Senior Center on Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Because they are handicapped anyone can win master points MPs, no matter what their level of expertise. We welcome players of all ages and have several men who play regularly in our game. In 2011 ninety one different players received a total of 827.68 MPs in the Roxboro Club.

You do not need to join the ACBL to play in the games, but those who do receive a monthly magazine. "Bridge Bulletin", and have the opportunity to win MPs and move up in the ranks of the world of bridge players. (Currently there are approximately 166,000 players nationally.) In 2011 in our club Barbara Tuck moved up from Junior Master to Club Master and Charlotte Barnard went from Sectional Master to Regional Master. ACBL members can also compete in tournaments held locally and all over the USA.

A master point race is held every year in our club. The race runs from January to December, This year Gerry O'Neil was a repeat winner with 46.49 MP's. Second place was won by John Barnard with 44.82 MPs, third by Darcus Woody with 37.47 MPs and fourth by Bea Hubbard with 37.05 MPs.

The Roxboro Club is managed by Keith Starr, an ACBL certified director, and his wife Helen. Three other certified directors, Fran Westmoreland, Claiborne Tuck, and John Barnard assist with the games. There is a small fee for each game which covers ACBL fees, a Senior Center donation, and management costs. In 2011 we were able to donate \$1219.00 to Friends of the Senior Center.

Most of our players live in the Person County area, but we also attract players from Clarksville and South Boston VA, Chapel Hill, Henderson and Creedmoor. The Wednesday night game is popular with couples

and those people who work during the day and averages five or six tables, while the Monday afternoon game averages seven or eight tables.

For more information about the club, contact Keith Starr 336-599-9195.

Bridge Lessons And Classes:

All of our classes are taught by ACBL-accredited teachers

Play and Learn Classes- Marty Demko

Modern NT Bidding. Thursday evenings 7-9:30 at TBC began January 12th. Seven-week class for novices to intermediates.

Major Suit Raises II- Friday morning, 9:30-12:00 at TBC beginning February 24th. 7 week course for intermediates includes introduction to Splinters, 1NT Forcing, Passed Hand Bidding, Two-over-one Game Force and Bergen Raises plus review of Major Suit Raises.

All "Play and Learn" lessons are ala carte for \$10. No reservation or partner necessary. Contact Marty at 267-5077 or email MartyD2@aol.com

EasyBridge!- Darleen Bates

Tuesday evenings- 7:00. For beginners. Learn to play this exciting game. Contact TBC- 405-2016.

Play and Review OPEN sanctioned game- Jay Bates

Thursday nights with Jay- 7:00. Play 3 hands, review them, play another 3 hands, review them, etc. Contact TBC 405-2016.

Carolina Dreamin' . . .

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Thursday, March 1

Stratified Open & 299er Pairs..... 7 pm
Bracketed Knockouts..... 7 pm
Continues 10:30 am & 3 pm Fri

Friday, March 2

Stratified Open & 299er Pairs..... 10 am
Stratified Open & 299er Pairs..... 2:30 pm

Saturday, March 3

Stratified Open & 299er Pairs..... 10 am
Stratified Open & 299er Pairs..... 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 4

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 10 am
Determined by MP average
299er Swiss Teams..... 10 am

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