

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT!

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Bright Leaf Summer Sectional Only A Few Weeks Away!

The tournament committee has been busy with preparations for the 2012 Bright Leaf Summer Sectional which will be held on July 5th–8th at the Triangle Bridge Club. This should prove to be another enjoyable Unit 191 tournament.

Thirteen events for players of all levels. Separate open and 299er games for all events including Swiss teams on Sunday. Novice and intermediate players can feel comfortable playing with others with similar experience. Bracketed Knockouts start Thursday evening and continue through Friday. No events on Friday evening.

Pre-dealt boards for all pairs events and **computerized score entry.** Games will start promptly and results will be available immediately afterwards. No waiting to see how you did. Time between sessions has been extended by 30 minutes. This will give you more time for lunch and to review your results from the first game.

Free lessons between sessions. The added time between games on Friday and Saturday will give us the time to offer a 30 minute **novice/intermediate lesson between sessions** on Friday and Saturday. Guest speakers will be Kay and Randy Joyce on Friday and Henry Meguid on Saturday.

Plenty of delicious food. Our members always provide a wonderful selection of snacks and refreshments for each session. On Sunday, the Swiss Team lunches will be provided by Roly-Poly. A guide to nearby restaurants will be available for your between-sessions meals.

Registration gifts. Check-in at the Registration Desk and receive a Tournament ballpoint pen and a complimentary set of 30 labels, printed with your name, hometown, and ACBL number, for use on your entry forms.

Partnership Desk. Partnership co-chairs are Ron Adams (Open) and Leonard Beeghley (299ers). If you need a partner, let them know as soon as possible. Email Ron at adams.ron@gmail.com or Leonard at lenbeme@gmail.com.

Help Wanted!

Putting on a successful tournament can't be done without the support of volunteers who do what they can to help make the event run smoothly. Here's how you can help support this year's tournament:

Hospitality:

The Hospitality Committee hopes our members will again donate the special treats, snacks, and baked goods that have helped make the Unit 191 tournaments so successful in the past. A poster is mounted at the TBC on which members may list what they plan to bring and for what session. For those unable to get to the TBC to sign up, email one of the co-chairs, Dorothea Wilson at swilson@nc.rr.com, or Robin Marin at rmarin1@nc.rr.com

Playing area setup and cleanup:

The tournament committee will need support in setting up, maintaining the playing area between sessions and cleaning up afterward. If you can help, contact Marty Demko at martyd2@aol.com.

Youth Bridge Camp To Start In Two Weeks

Maggie Lindquist & Darleen Bates

The number of Youth Bridge Camp registrations is growing. We have two full tables and look forward to adding more participants. The Bridge Camp is scheduled for June 25th- 29th from 9:00-2:00 at the Triangle Bridge Club. Fees will be \$75/child/week. Lunch is included. Pre-registration is required. A flyer and registration forms are posted on the Unit website (www.unit191bridge.org).

We are still looking for a few good kids!! Rising 5th graders through college-aged youth are eligible although if a bridge player vouches for a child younger than that we will accept them. Contact Darleen or Maggie if you have any questions.



Betty Whyte 1929-2012

Betty Whyte was the consummate bridge partner. She was smart, savvy, and studious. Night or day she was ready to play regular games as well as impromptu invitations. She apologized to her partner and harshly berated herself if she made a mistake, but she graciously forgave her partner's gaffes. While she liked to win, she did not take bridge so seriously that it prevented her from enjoying the camaraderie of the game and she saw the game as a valuable venue for developing close relationships.

Betty was born Harriet Elisabeth Stafford on July 19, 1929 in Columbia, Missouri to a bridge-playing family. So the seed was planted early. She graduated high school from Dana Hall in Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1947 and earned a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri in 1951. She worked in public relations in Kansas City until her marriage to Laurence Manning Whyte in 1953. They lived in Kansas City, Rye, New York, and Ridgefield, Connecticut before moving to Fearrington Village in 1985. After the death of her husband in 2004, she moved to the Cedars at Meadowmont. She is survived by two daughters -- Virginia and her husband Salikh Ganin of Cary and Laura of Chapel Hill.

Other than family and friends, her three loves were travel, bridge, and reading. Betty was known to say, "I don't know what people do who don't read and play bridge." She had a voracious appetite for books and movies and a keen, ever-inquisitive mind. A bridge partner and friend, Norma Sims commented, "Betty could remember the actors and director of movies she had seen 40 years ago."

Betty met many of her bridge friends when Bob Boggs opened his bridge club in Carrboro in the mid 1980s. Carol McCaskill, Joyce Lenkeit, and Marilyn Kelly became fast friends, who enjoyed dining out and traveling as well as bridge. Betty and Meyer Liberman played regularly at the Fearrington game and she insisted on finding a new partner for him when she could no longer play.

Mary Schochet and Betty met at the Cedars in 2006 and although they played bridge together only occasionally, they enjoyed talking about bridge and dining at the Cedars and local restaurants. "Betty gave all of herself all of the time," Mary recalled, "always putting others ahead of herself."

At the Cedars Betty discovered three other native Missourians who ate dinner together every Wednesday night for six years. Norma Sims, one of this group remembered, "We bonded very quickly. We all had the same sense of humor -- quick, quirky, sarcastic and we poked fun at each other, never at others. Betty was so organized that she became our planner for all sorts of adventures."

Betty loved to organize events -- dinner at Squid's, Lion King at DPAC, museum visits, traveling in the USA and abroad. Joyce and Bob Lenkeit traveled widely with Betty and Larry, often on bridge cruises. One of Betty's favorite places in North Carolina was Blowing Rock, where she hosted friends frequently at the Chetola Lodge.

Betty's organizational skills helped to make her a very gracious hostess. Her daughter Laura said, "She knew how to make people feel welcome. She taught me that when guests feel welcome, the hostess can relax. She always said that a party should never look like you worked too hard."

Jim Pickeral and Betty knew each other only 18 months, but during that short period they became good friends. "Betty was a very generous person who loved to plan outings. Just weeks before her death she was planning a trip to a special exhibit at a Raleigh museum. We ate out together frequently at Acme, her favorite restaurant for Sunday brunch." Jim presided at Betty's memorial service.

Harkening back to another era, Betty always dressed up to play bridge. She enjoyed compliments for her clothes and always wanted to be fashionable. Her mind was always sharp and her daughter Virginia said that "she had about 50 phone numbers for friends, businesses, doctors, and dentists committed to memory."

Recalling her mother's good counsel, Virginia added, "She always apologized when she made a mistake, but she didn't make a lot. We didn't

Betty Whyte (continued)

disagree about much, except the way I wear my hair. She gave wonderful advice and she always told me to honor my word and be polite."

When Betty had a series of viral infections in October 2011, she thought it was the end. She asked her daughters to write her obituary so that she could proof read it. She was after all a journalism major. She wanted her memorial service to be formal, with speakers lined up, and she even planned the food for the reception.

Betty had an innate ability to make others feel comfortable. She enjoyed life and her inimitable spirit endeared her to almost everyone she met. Based on comments from her daughters and friends, three words describe Betty -- gracious, generous, gregarious. She is missed, but thanks to her daughters' generosity, her memory will be celebrated as Unit 191 members compete in the Betty Whyte Bridge Tourney.

Written by Liz McGuffey

Raleigh Regional Winners

Unit 191 Masterpoint Leaders

Overall:

132.24 Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC
74.42 Kay Joyce, Chapel Hill NC
60.81 Randy Joyce, Chapel Hill NC
37.66 Andrea Roitman, Cary NC
33.46 Irene Adams, Butner NC
29.71 Jim/ Linda Hansell, Chapel Hill NC
29.63 Jack Whetstone, Apex NC
25.87 Steve Barsby, Cary NC
25.81 Sandy Mccay, Chapel Hill NC
24.77 Sally Foushee, Chapel Hill NC
24.77 Harry/Jean Mathews, Cary NC
24.77 Pahnea Ratty, Chapel Hill NC

299ers:

37.66 Andrea Roitman, Cary NC
16.50 Phyllis Fuller, Durham NC
15.80 John Aluise/ Doug Steele, Chapel Hill NC
14.24 Joyce Jenzano, Durham NC
14.24 Jacqueline Marks, Chapel Hill NC
14.14 Katie Wilson, Durham NC
12.86 Doris Elkin/ Sally Shook, Chapel Hill NC
12.75 Sandra Manheimer, Cary NC
10.57 Margaret Rouse, Durham NC
10.07 David Streifford, Cary NC

Then And Now, Here And There

Reminiscences From John Torrey

I recently visited some old friends in White Plains, New York, where I lived when I joined the ACBL over forty years ago. We compared notes about how local bridge had evolved over the same forty-plus years.

Back then, in the Westchester County area, there were a dozen or so bridge clubs. Most met once a week. Game time was 8:00 PM – players had to have time to return from the city and have dinner before the evening games. The games were held in hotels or churches; they served coffee and not much else. It cost \$2.00 a session to play. Most games paid about 0.30 masterpoints for coming in first, but clubs had once-a-month "masterpoint night" games that paid a full point. A diligent masterpoint hound could find one or two masterpoint night games in a week. The Westchester County unit held two or three sectionals a year, usually at the White Plains High School, I think.

When I moved to Raleigh forty years ago, the Raleigh Bridge Club had its games in the YMCA on Hillsborough Street. The card fee was fifty cents. Like all the clubs back then, the games were scored by manually computing the matchpoints for each board, and adding everything up on a big (about 24" x 18") tally sheet. The pair scores had to total to a check number - sometimes it took a while!

Today there are only two clubs in the Westchester County area, both running bridge at least five days a week (and two or three sessions a day). The biggest club, the Hartes' Club, had almost 13,000 tables in 2011, the third largest in the country. They charge \$20 a session (but give discounts if you play more than once a week). They serve a very complete lunch for their afternoon games: cold cuts, egg and tuna salad, salads, and a fresh fruit cocktail bowl. The other club charges \$14 a session and serves generous (but not *as* generous) refreshments. The area no longer holds sectional tournaments – they have no location they can afford. The Hartes' Club has preduplicated hands and scores all games with Bridgemates.

I asked a friend in Atlanta about club bridge there. There are several clubs. Most charge \$8.00 to \$10 per session. They serve extensive snacks; one serves a lunch for their Friday morning game. Most offer preduplicated hands and score with Bridgemates.

Membership Report

Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair

During May we bounced back to the record 552 membership total we reached two months ago. We gained 4 new members, had 3 FLMS reinstate (that unfortunately offset by another 3 who went inactive), had 2 transfer in, had 1 LM go on unpaid status, and sadly lost 2 members.

I'm pleased to welcome new ACBL members **Ann Fisher** (Durham), **Wendy Penke** (Pittsboro), **Lee Thomas** (Roxboro), and **Jinsheng Zhou** (Chapel Hill), reinstated members **Betsy Mangum** (Durham), **William McCartney** (Chapel Hill) and **Eve-Simone Pastor** (Raleigh), as well as transfer members **T. W. Bohn** (Durham) from Unit 139 Piedmont Virginia and **Theresa Van De Carr** (Chapel Hill) from Unit 169 Central Carolina.

Those advancing in rank last month are

Junior Master	Maria Beal
	Richard Cole
	Barbara Yowell

Club Master	Bill Ingram
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Congratulations one and all !!!

Upcoming Tournaments

June 14-17	Raleigh
July 5-8	Durham Summer Sectional
July 20-22	Winston-Salem
August 10-12	Morganton
August 17-19	Charlotte Non-LM
August 17-19	Fayetteville
August 20-26	District 7 STAC Week

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Have Fun!

At The Clubs

Triangle BC: Thanks to all who came out for the Pro Am game and congratulations to Maggie Scarbrough and Maggie Lindquist for placing first! The most amazing thing was that this was only Maggie Scarborough's SECOND duplicate game! She showed up, not knowing it was a special game. The club was able to fit her into the game and the rest is history!

No games at TBC on Friday and Saturday, June 15/16, due to the Raleigh Sectional.

Congratulations to the local winners in the ACBL-wide games on June 1st and 2nd. Melanie and Victor Riva scored 62% in the Friday night game and Dorothea Wilson and Dave Schreiber took the honors on Saturday afternoon with 57%.

Since Easybridge lessons are over for the season, the Tuesday night games for the summer will become open play and review games, following the same format as the Thursday night games. Play 3 boards, discuss, play 3 boards, discuss.....etc. Look for a new Easybridge series in September.

Betty Whyte Tournament Standings

Tue 0-300 Bracket: Katie Wilson's team leads after two rounds, followed by the Dabal and Vaughn teams.

Thu 0-750 Bracket: Ray McEntee's team leads the field followed by the Whitehurst and Schrieber teams.

Unit Double KO events- The Bean and Morrisette teams are the only two undefeated teams in the 0-1500 bracket and, in the open bracket, the Joyce and Martin teams each have two wins, followed by the Lin team with two wins and one loss.

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