

# UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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## BRIGHT LEAF SUMMER SECTIONAL

Co-chairmen **Paul Morrissette** and **Leonard Beeghley** have been busy with preparations for the 2013 Bright Leaf Summer Sectional which will be held on July 11-14 at the Triangle Bridge Club. This should prove to be another enjoyable Unit 191 tournament.

There will be twelve events for players of all levels which include separate open and 299er games for all events including Swiss teams on Sunday. Saturday afternoon's event will be a charity game which awards 40% more points to the winners.

Partnership co-chairpersons are **Mary Vickers** (Open) and **Carol Schachner** (299). If you need a partner, let them know as soon as possible. If you are willing to be a partner, please contact them to be put on a list. E-mail: **mvickers@mindspring.com** and **cschachner001@nc.rr.com**.

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

### HOSPITALITY

**Gale Meyer**, hospitality chairwoman, will soon put a poster on the wall at the TBC by the kitchen for food contributions and kitchen help. Please sign up as early as possible to enable Gale to make the overall planning much easier. Our members are noted for making special treats, snacks and baked goods. Cash donations are happily accepted.

### PLAYING AREA AND SETUP AND CLEANUP

The tournament committee will need support in setting up, maintaining the playing area between sessions, and cleaning up afterward. It only takes a couple of people staying an extra 15 minutes after each session to make this an easy job. If you are able to help in these areas, please contact Paul or Leonard.

## JOHN TORREY NAMED UNIT 191 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR 2013

Unit 191 is proud to announce our nominee for induction as a Goodwill Ambassador in District 7 this year. **John Torrey**, director and game owner, is this year's nominee. We are sure that unit members will agree that he is an outstanding candidate for this honor.

The ninth annual District 7 Goodwill celebration took place June 15 at the Greenville Regional. ACBL CEO Robert Hartman was the speaker and Eric Rodwell provided entertainment.

Quoting the District 7 News: "John is a director and has been an active part of the bridge community for decades. He is interested in providing a level playing field and promoting an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie. He continues a tradition, started by his late wife Sue, of providing complimentary sandwiches and cookies before his Wednesday and Friday games. Another of his contributions to bridge is that he wrote a computer program to serve as a bridge timer". **CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!**

# YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP



Maggie Lindquist held a bridge camp for these students the week of June 17-21. A second week of camp will be June 24-28. Eric Larson, unit member, volunteers at the program. When asked how they were doing, one camper replied, "We are having fun and learning too." What a great way to spend summer vacation! Thanks to our unit for sponsoring

## BRIGHT LEAF SUMMER SECTIONAL

**JULY 11-14, 2013**

Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC

### Thursday, July 11

Stratified Open and 299 Pairs 7:00 pm

### Friday, July 12

Stratified Open and 299 Pairs 10:00 am  
Stratified Open and 299 Pairs 2:30 pm

### Saturday, July 13

Stratified Open and 299 Pairs 10:00 am  
Youth Bridge Pairs 10:00 am  
\*Stratified Open and 299 Pairs 2:30 pm  
\*Benefits Junior Fund

### Sunday, July 14

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 10:00 am  
(Based on team MP average)  
299er Swiss Teams 10:00 am  
(No player over 300 MPs)

*Swiss Events are 2-session play-through with lunch included*

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

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### Nearby Lodging

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# MENTORING PROGRAM'S FINALE

The final event of the 2012/2013 popular mentor/mentee program was held on June 1, at the TBC. 13 pairs participated in the game after a delicious lunch. **Dave Streifford** and **Jim Wells** were the winners at the event.

Co-chairpersons **Sharon Crane** and **Linda Harris** thanked everyone who had participated this year and encouraged everyone to sign up to either be a mentee or a mentor for next year. This program is a great way for mentees to have the opportunity to play with a person who can teach them the game, and the mentor gives something back to the unit. Everyone benefits. This past year was one of the most successful mentor/mentee programs to date. Special thanks go to Sharon and Linda for recruiting members and organizing all the special games. Both have agreed to run the program again next year and would greatly appreciate your support.

A huge thank you to the unit board for their support of this program. This year, mentees paid card fees for their mentor each time they played. The board generously reimbursed the mentee \$4 for every session.



Linda Harris and Judy Laney share a hug before the start of the final mentor/mentee event

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Harrison Brooke, Membership Chair*

During May our membership increased by 5 to bring us to 559, just 2 shy of the record 561 we reached back in December. We welcome new members **Linda Karp** of Chapel Hill and **Linda Kushman** of Fearington Village as well as transfer members **Claire** and **Walt Bassett** of Durham who come from Unit 126 in Connecticut, **Rita Chapman** of Morrisville and **Pearl Schechter** of Chapel Hill both from Unit 119. We're pleased to have all of you as part of our bridge group.

We continue to lag behind in terms of new ACBL members we have attracted. The 8 new members for the first 5 months of the year are 13 (62.1%) behind this time last year and 8.3 (50.9%) behind our average for the past 3 years.

Congratulations go to those who have advanced in rank:

Junior Master  
Regional Master

**David Crow**  
**Joyce Herr**  
**Jim Wells**

NABC Master

**John Barnard**  
**Bonnie Cox**

Last month I announced that **Peggy Barbee** had gone beyond the 5,000 master point mark and mistakenly termed her a Platinum Life Master when I should have said Diamond Life Master. Knowing that's her favorite "rock" and one(s) she wears so well, I can't believe I made that mistake. I am encouraged that so many caught the goof and were quick to let me know.

I was happy to get word on Saturday, 26 May at the Richmond Regional **Kay Murray** fulfilled her gold point requirement to become our newest Life Master. She was partnered with her (and our) dear friend **Mary Cole**. I'll get official notification in my July report. Meanwhile, congratulations for your success.

# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## **DURHAM BRIDGE CLUB**

### **“BREAKFAST WITH KEN AND BETSY”**

Come play bridge on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and enjoy breakfast as well as play in an enjoyable game. A delicious breakfast is available so come early to partake in a quiche, sweet breads, deviled eggs, and biscuits, etc. Each week is something new!! **Ken Dye** directs—**Betsy Mebane** is the chef—a great team!

The Durham Bridge Club generously gave free plays to the mentor who had the highest percentage playing with his/her mentee at every Wednesday morning game. The unit thanks the club for supporting this very worthwhile project.

## OUR NEWEST LIFE MASTERS

Although it isn't official from the ACBL, we are aware that our newest life masters are **Andrea Roitman** and **Kay Murray**.

Andrea started playing bridge in the early 1970's during her lunch hour at work—"They needed a fourth and taught me at the same time we all played." I started with about 30 master points that I had gotten probably over 30 years ago and it took about 2 years from the time I started playing at TBC.

When asked what she enjoys most about the game, Andrea said, "I like anything challenging and competitive. This game is particularly fun because it provides a social setting where you get to meet new, really smart people all the time and can keep improving by playing with strong partners and opponents",

In response to the question about her favorite partners or those who have helped her along the way—Andrea said, "There are so many people I am grateful to. I would have to say I owe the most to **Jim Cunningham**. He first approached me when I needed a partner and offered to mentor me. It is hard to imagine a better mentor —Jim gives his all to bridge, analyzing all our games and giving me the benefit of all his years of experience. I also want to thank **Jack Whetstone** for his sound advice in all the games we've played together. And of course, I need to thank my most recent mentor, **Ken Dye**, who challenged me with his quick wit and demonstrated how great players make overtricks when nobody else does. And I would certainly be remiss if I didn't mention **Tom Roberg**, my most regular partner. I feel like we 'grew up together' playing duplicate bridge when we started partnering at the Triangle Bridge Club when we were both 'newbies'. It is always a pleasure to play with Tom. And I continue to find new partners who are great players that I really enjoy playing with".

Andrea is married and has 2 married daughters who both now live in North Carolina. She has 3 beautiful granddaughters and will have a fourth granddaughter in November. Some day she fully expects to be playing bridge with her oldest granddaughter, who is now 3 years old. She definitely is working on it!

In addition to bridge, Andrea loves to play table tennis and pickle ball. With her NYC upbringing, she loves the theater and great restaurants. She and her husband enjoy traveling to interesting and unusual places.

Andrea and her husband moved to North Carolina in 2008 when she retired from her job at The Port authority of NY and NJ.

Congratulations to Andrea and Kay—hopefully, the first of many bridge milestones!

(As of the printing deadline, I had not heard from Kay Murray—look for her statements in the next Alert).

# USING BIDDING BOXES

The use of bid boxes at clubs and tournaments has become pretty standard, but if you're new in duplicate, bid boxes may also be new to you.

Here are some tips to make first encounters pleasant:

- **Decide on your call before you touch a bid card.** Don't think with your fingers—decide whether you're going to bid 2 spades or 3 spades before you reach for that bid card.
- **Look at the bid card before pulling it completely out of the box.** You'd find it hard to convince a director that you inadvertently pulled the "pass" card when you meant to bid 6 spades.
- **Display your bid cards neatly left to right in front of you.** If all four players do this, a complete record of the auction is displayed.
- **Conclude the auction properly by placing your "pass" card on the table.**
- **Even when the auction has concluded, don't rush to gather up your bid cards and place them back into the box.** Many players find it helpful to let all bid cards remain on the table until North has recorded the final contract and the opening lead had been made.
- **Try to avoid inadvertent calls.** What is normally a clear situation with spoken bidding becomes some hazy when bid boxes are used.
- **The Laws read:** Until his partner makes a call, a player may substitute his intended call for an inadvertent call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought.
- **An inadvertent call is inadvertent if—and only if—it was a "slip of the fingers," the bid box equivalent of a "slip of the tongue."** You reached for the 3 club card but the 3 diamond card accidentally came out.
- **In these situations, the correct call may be substituted without penalty.** A player who calls attention to the inadvertent bid as soon as he notices what he actually pulled from the bid box has done so without pause for thought, even if some time has elapsed.
- **This is the "oops" rule:** with spoken bidding, you would have said, "Three clubs—oops, I meant three diamonds." With bid boxes, you may say, "Oops" and substitute the 3 club card for the 3 diamond card.

*Submitted by Randy Joyce*

## THE INIMITABLE JOHN TORREY

John grew up in New Brunswick, New Jersey and at about 15 years of age started playing bridge with his parents, aunts, and uncles, who were “terrific teachers.” He continued bridge in college where he played duplicate bridge at the Harvard Bridge Club. He remained disciplined, restricting himself to a game a week, majored in math, and took a job with IBM upon graduation.

John’s father was a physics professor at Rutgers and his research focused on magnetic resonance spectroscopy and led ultimately to the development of magnetic resonance imaging, a commonly used diagnostic aid in clinical medicine. He actually worked with a team that later won a Nobel Prize for this early research. John said, “My father was proud of the fact that his research helped rather than hurt people.”

Asked about his most remarkable moment, John said he was proudest of his family. Fittingly, John and Sue met at the bridge table. Sue’s first marriage ended in divorce and she found herself with four children and no child support. John and Sue married in 1969 as he was starting his second year at IBM. They had two more children and struggled financially early in their marriage. When IBM wanted John to relocate from New York to NC, Sue resisted until John convinced her that with a lower cost of living, they could have a better house in NC.

John remembers with reverence summers spent at his grandparents’ compound on Long Island. Several houses and numerous bedrooms accommodated the large family that gathered there. Although John had no brothers and only one sister, his mother was one of seven children, affording



John 20 first cousins! His grandfather had a natural rapport with his grandchildren and they spend halcyon days boating, sailing, and swimming. John continued this tradition of fun in the sun with his own children.

Everyone playing John’s and Sue’s games has sampled their delicious egg salad sandwiches. As it turns out, John is the one over the years who prepared the sandwiches. In his usual analytical fashion, he developed a unique way of streamline sandwich production. He gently raps each egg against an edge until he hears a “klunk” causing a hairline fracture that enables fast and easy shelling once it is hard boiled. His sandwiches are tasty and fresh and they disappear quickly, as do his chocolate chip cookies and brownies. It is not surprising that John enjoys cooking. His favorite thing to make is loaf bread, but he bakes a mean ham for his special holiday potluck each year.

In the early 1990s John started directing at the Raleigh Bridge Club and in 1994 became an ACBL Director for Regional Tournaments in the middle-Atlantic area represented by Districts 6 and 7. He gives all the credit for his excellent director training to Millard Northway, an ACBL supervisor and facilitator, who recently died. John believes that “all directors are good at helping out what needs to be done. Bad people

don't get assignments."

John has used his natural analytical and mathematical ability in many ways to benefit the local bridge realm. He created the Howell Movement used in games with seven or fewer tables and he wrote a program for a computer timer used in club games and local tournaments. He serves Unit 191 not only with his considerable skills but also with his quiet generosity. He personally purchased the card sorter that facilitates pre-dealt hands and permits hand records for each game.

John is dedicated to the promotion of bridge and with directorial authority ensures that no one has an unfair advantage over another. He enjoys directing and at 70 years plans to continue directing at local games and tournaments, even though he no longer does long distance tournament directing. He has few health complaints, but with his hearing loss he sometimes misses the ring of a cell phone during the game.

John's sense of humor is alive and well. It is common to hear John announce "one more diabolical round" with a sly grin and a twinkle in his eyes. Players comment that John's hands are always "interesting", with unbalanced distribution, but no one complains. Everyone likes a good challenging game of bridge and John delivers.

*Written by Liz McGuffey*

## GREENVILLE REGIONAL

Many Unit 191 members attended the Regional Tournament in Greenville and represented our unit quite well. Top winners were:

Kay Joyce	77.39
Randy Joyce	74.77
Mary Vickers	54.65
Sandy McCay	22.45
Wayne Stuart	21.50

Congratulations to all who participated!

## DISTRICT NEWS

*Submitted by Chris Moll*

Most of the things that occur at ACBL headquarters or District 7 meetings have little or no impact on anything that most of us would ever care about. But some actions taken can have an impact on you and your enjoyment of the game.

If you are a club owner, District 7 voted in Gatlinburg to lower the amount you pay to run GNT games so the expense to you is the same as for other special events. For you the player this should make it more likely that club owners will want to offer special events for you.

If you are a player, District 7 voted in Gatlinburg to lower the price per player per session down to \$10—cheaper than playing in a District regional to pay in the District NAP Finals in Spartanburg November 23-24. Even better, Flight C—non Life Master or less than 500 points, the price to play is only \$5.00.

You should be proud of the efforts of your unit board in running Sectionals. Only Durham in March and Charlotte in April showed a year over year increase in table count and broke their previous records.

On a personal note, the Grass Roots Committee has created funding for projects at the District level throughout the ACBL from the funds collected by the annual special event month first held in December 2012. Many districts needed funding to promote GNT and NAP events. The District 7 board decided in Greenville to allow a special committee led by VP Jim Villanueva to determine other uses for these funds, I am looking forward to working on this committee to establish special projects to enhance bridge.

Chris is our unit's representative to District 7—if you have concerns, please e-mail him at [Chris26bridge@aol.com](mailto:Chris26bridge@aol.com).

# A TALE OF THE TWO OF HEARTS

(With apologies to Robert Darvas)

Submitted by Randy Joyce

If you don't believe that truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction, do not read the following article. These two hands actually did occur many years ago in a Greensboro Swiss Team. You have been forewarned: read on only at your own risk.

As my teammate, Ken Anderson of Greensboro, pulled his hand from Board 1, he inadvertently plucked the Heart Two from Board 2. Curse the bad luck that both decks were blue in color, so no one noticed. Ken couldn't be bothered to count his cards and thus did not realize that he now had 14. The auction on Board 1 went, short and sweet, 1 NT-Pass-3NT all Pass. Ken led the Heart Ten and contemplated the following layout:

S Jxx  
H Kx  
D Qxxx  
C KJxx

S Txxx  
H T9xxxx (2) (extra)  
D X  
C xx

SKQx  
H AJx  
D xxx  
C ATxx

S Axx  
H Q2  
D AKJxx  
C Qxx

Declarer played the Heart K, Ken's partner, Bill Wisdom, played the Heart A and returned the Heart J. Ken failed to notice the Heart 2 that declarer had played on the first trick, but he did realize that all thirteen Hearts were not accounted for, and he did not have an entry. On the run of 5 rounds of Diamonds, Ken duly discarded what he thought were four worthless Hearts. When declarer gave up a Club, the defenders had only one more Heart to cash; the 3 NT contract

which should have been set three tricks, was allowed to make. My teammates were both perfect gentlemen to each other, so nary a word was said about this ludicrous defense.

As Ken pulled his hand out of Board 2, he failed to notice that he was short one card, namely the Heart Two. The auction proceeded P-P-P-2NT-P-6NT-All Pass. Ken led the Heart Q and saw this dummy.

S AK9  
H Kxx  
Jx xx  
C xxx

S QJT  
H QJT9 (2) (not here)  
D xxx  
C xx

S xxxx  
H x  
D xxx  
C QJTxx

S xxx  
H Axxx  
D AKQ  
C AKx

Declarer had very little hope for his contract, but he had seen these defend before, and so he set out with grim determination. Declarer ducked the Heart Q in both hands and won the Heart J continuation with the K in dummy. He cashed the A, K, Q, of Diamonds and the A, K of Clubs. Declarer now led a Spade to dummy and discarded a Club from his hand on the Jack of Diamonds. Ken was caught in the jaws of the truly rare and exotic "Short Card Squeeze." The five-card end position was as follows:

S A9  
H x  
D J (led)  
C X

S QJ KEN  
H T9  
D  
C

S  
H Immaterial  
D  
C

S xx  
H Ax  
D  
C x (discarded)

If Ken had had the Heart two, he could pitch it safely, but without it, he had to unguard one of the majors. When he pitched a Heart, declarer now ran his A and x of Hearts and squeezed Ken out of his Spade trick. Our teammates again said nothing to one another about this horrible defense. Declarer was just hoping that he would get a few more good hands against these guys, because it seemed as if any contract, no matter how bad it looked on the surface, was a possible make.

When the boards arrived at our table, we were astute enough on Board 1 to realize that one hand contained 14 cards. When the director took the board to the other table to get the situation cleared up, he realized what had happened. How would you rule? Well, the director certainly gave a sensible ruling for the situation. He put the Heart 2 back in place on Board 2 and said, "Play on Boys."

Virtue was rewarded, sort of. Our team did rally from 24 imps down on these two boards to win the match by 3 imps. Our teammates overall play continued on the same level, so we only had a modest 4-4 record at the end of the event.

## THE RULE OF.....

Most of us know Larry Cohen for his best selling bridge book **TO BID OR NOT TO BID**—about the Law of Total Tricks. This was the best selling bridge book of the 1990's.

Larry is also noted for his many articles about "The Rule of ##". He has written about the following:

- Rule of 11
- Rule of 15 and CRIFS
- Rule of 17
- Rule of 2,3,4
- Rule of 20
- Rule of 7

Look forward to hearing more from him at the seminar.

# A DAY WITH LARRY COHEN

The Governor's Club Bridge Club is presenting a seminar with **Larry Cohen** on Friday, August 16, 2013. Larry is one of ACBL's most influential 52 people, and one of the most sought-after of all bridge teachers and authors in the world. The seminar is designed to apply to players of all skill levels. Larry will be teaching:

- **2/1 Game Force: The Modern Way to Bid**
- **Helping Partner on Defense**
- **Third Hand Play and Signals**

The seminar will take place in the Governor's Club Country Club Ballroom, 11000 Governors Drive, Chapel Hill from 9:00-4:00pm and includes lunch.

The seminar fee of \$100 per person includes instruction, morning and afternoon play of lesson deals, lunch, and take-home materials written by Larry.

For reservations, please send your check for \$100 made payable to Governors Club to **Mary Ellen Pasquale**, 50011 Brogden, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Please include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Any questions concerning the event may be sent to [GCBCseminar@gmail.com](mailto:GCBCseminar@gmail.com)

No seminar cancellations will be accepted after August 1. Seating is limited and a full crowd is expected.

Make your reservation now for this event and enjoy the special opportunity to learn from a well known pro, plus spend a delightful day with bridge friends.

# HISTORY OF THE BRIGHT LEAF SECTIONAL

With the July sectional tournament quickly approaching, I thought it might be of interest to our members to know a bit of history about the sectional. The idea seemed great until I tried to gather information. Unfortunately, records have not been kept and I have had to rely on **Peggy Barbee, Harrison Brooke**, notes from **Dorothea Wilson**, who had a meeting with Peggy and Harrison previously, and the ACBL. From the above, I gathered the following:

The exact year of the first sectional tournament is unknown, but Peggy did recall that Vic Hugins, who owned a hardware store in Chapel Hill, was chairman of the first Regional Tournament (year unknown) held in Durham. The Durham Bridge Club gave him many items for running the tournament. The first tournament was held at the Washington Duke Inn and then the Durham Civic Center. Both sites were necessary to accommodate all the players. Oswald Jacoby, a well known bridge player from Texas attended the first tournament. Jim Masson was chairman of the second Regional Tournament. These tournaments were very labor intensive and our area lacked the space. From that time on, the Regional Tournaments were held in Raleigh. Sectional tournaments, however, were held on an annual basis from that time on.

The unit gave silver as trophies to the winners at the tournament. The silver was purchased at Brendle's or Best Buy. (Peggy has quite a lot of silver). It isn't known when silver was no longer given, but I do know that when I started attending tournaments in the area, there were several door prizes given. These prizes were solicited from local merchants and restaurant owners. This solicitation endeavor was very time consuming and the decision was eventually made to give free plays or cash to the winners.

In the late 50's, Hugo Germino, a Sports Editor for the Durham Herald Sun, was playing bridge in Raleigh with a woman known for her big hats. The woman had a large house and Peggy and several others started playing duplicate bridge there

every Sunday night. Hugo later directed the Durham Bridge Club games and also taught bridge, usually in private homes with four people. Hugo talked the Herald Sun into donating a challenge trophy to the club. The trophy would be presented to the person who earned the most master points playing with at least two different partners at the Sectional Tournament. The year was 1961, and Hugo was the first winner and he also won several times after that. The trophy, having used all its space for the winners' names, was given to Hugo's children a few years ago. A certificate is now printed each year with the winner's name being added. Harrison has a list of winners for every year but one and that list contains 50 names. We know that sectional tournaments have been held for over 50 years.

A list of winners since 2000 is included in the chart on the next page. Hugo won the award in 1961, 1964, and 1979. Current members who received the honor before 2000 are: **Peggy Barbee**—1984, 1987, 1988, and 1993; **Lona Ruth Kennedy**—1986 and 1989; **Harrison Brooke**—1996 and 2003; **Jim Drake**—1997; former members **Dan Barlow** (1991); **Xin Ge** (1999); and deceased member **Sue Torrey** in 1990 and 1992. A complete list of winners may be found on the certificate at the TBC.

The sites for the early tournaments were at a Holiday Inn on Chapel Hill Street, which is no longer there, and the Durham Armory. In the mid-1990's, the tournament was held at the American Legion in Chapel Hill and the Daniel Boone Village in Hillsborough. Sites of the tournament from 2000 until present are included in the chart.

Following are some memories I have of previous tournaments:

- **Jim and Linda Hansell** were chairpersons of the sectional for three years in a row (2000-2003) and each year, the tournament was in a different location.

- When the tournament was held at Chapel Hill High School, **Maggie Lindquist** and **Robin Marin** were in charge of hospitality. There was no kitchen facility available for our use—but Maggie and Robin brought in lots of coolers, had everything under control and made it work.
- At East Chapel High School, the air conditioning was not able to be regulated and it was so cold in the playing area that people brought blankets. Both East Chapel Hill High and Chapel Hill High schools were great facilities, but summer school classes took (rightfully so) priority.
- For the Swiss team event on Sunday, it was typical to purchase boxed lunches. **Sue Torrey** always made potato salad—the best potato salad I have ever eaten! I asked John if he knew the recipe and he replied, “The only thing I know is that she used one hard boiled egg for every potato. I have never been able to duplicate it.”
- **John Torrey** has been directing since he moved here in 1994. Bob Leonard directed in the 1990’s, Marie Killoren and John directed all the tournaments until Jay became a director in 2010, and since then, John and Jay have directed all tournaments.
- In 2005, the Unit Board purchased 60 card tables. The tables were stored in the tack room at

- **Erlinda Wehrman’s** farm for a couple of years, in the basement of **Patsy Whitehurst’s** home, and then at a storage shed in Durham. **Ron Adams** was in charge of getting the tables to the site when needed—tournaments and/or the holiday gala. In the words of Ron: “As for the tables, I would rather forget about them, but I was responsible for the tables the years I was chairman of the tournament and also for getting the tables to the FLM sectionals in October. It was always a challenge to retrieve them. Erlinda would put them in her pickup truck (which she donated for hauling the tables). I went to the farm and drove the truck to the site. Getting them into and out of the venue was quite a task and always seemed to be done in very hot, muggy weather. I was happy to learn the TBC was acquiring the tables from the unit in 2012 and thought my job was finished, but Jay and Darleen did not have enough chairs for the first sectional at TBC so we had to move chairs from the church across the street.”

*Barbara Martin*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TABLE COUNT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSONS</u>
2012	TBC	328	M. STROMBERG	M. DEMKO/K. DYE
2011	TBC	343	M. VICKERS	M. DEMKO/K. DYE
2010	TBC	253.5	SANDY MCCAY	RON ADAMS
2009	CHAPEL HILL HIGH	238	E. WEHRMAN	R.ADAMS/G.ARBLE
2008	SHERATON	310.5	D. WALTHER	DAVE ASHBY
2007	MILESTONES	312.5	J. COLLIER	JEFF PUCKETT
2006	MILESTONES	243	J. COLLIER	JAY BATES
2005	MILESTONES	297	J. COLLIER	JAY BATES
2004	E. CHAPEL HILL HIGH	263.5	J. COLLIER	JAY BATES
2003	E. CHAPEL HILL HIGH	212	H. BROOKE	P. ERLNBACH/ E. WEHRMAN
2002	E. CHAPEL HILL HIGH	212	SHUBA DEY	JIM/LINDA HANSELL
2001	DURHAM ARMORY	222.5	J. COLLIER	HANSELLS
2000	MEBANE ARTS CENTER	N/A	J. COLLIER	HANSELLS

