

UNIT 191 MARCH ALERT

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

I want to personally thank all of our members who brought food and/or gave cash donations for our March tournament. I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped beforehand and during the tournament, especially my co-chair, **Barbara Martin**, and our Hospitality Chair, **Melanie Riva**, with assistance from **Jackie Marks** and **Joyce Jenzano**. **Kay Gruninger** and **Nancy Crow** efficiently handled the partnership desk, **Diana Saulsberry** and **Linda Harris** caddied on Sunday and of course, **Linda** was there the entire time to do anything. Directors, **Jay Bates** and **Bruce**, assisted by **Darleen**, managed to run the tournament smoothly. What a great effort! The tournament was a big success despite the elements and was due primarily to the hospitality of our membership. Please know that your contributions to our tournaments help support the unit sponsored activities, i.e. our Mentor/Mentee program, Youth Bridge, sponsorship of the UNC bridge team, and the Holiday Gala. So please know that your contributions to our sectionals enrich our unit and support the wonderful game we all love.

Jim Bean, Unit 191 President

P.S. And a special thanks to Co-chairman **Jim** for his able leadership—plus the long hours he put in throughout the tournament. My records indicate this was the 6th tournament he has chaired or co-chaired—we more than appreciate his contribution to the unit!!

There were 339 tables for the tournament—a very good turnout considering the weather presented some issues.

Howard Su was the winner of the award given to the unit member who had the highest percentage playing with at least two different partners. Congratulations Howard!

A JOY_(CE)OUS TOURNAMENT!



In what might be an unprecedented occurrence, **Randy and Kay Joyce** completed the March tournament winning first overall in 4 out of 5 sessions in the pairs' event, with an average score of 66.95%. They then teamed with Bill Wisdom and Dan Fowler for the Swiss Team Event on Sunday and again finished first. The husband-wife duo finished with 56.92 points—quite a record for a sectional tournament in this area. Congratulations to Randy and Kay for their outstanding play!

DOUBLE/TRIPLE SESSION

80+ tables of bridge were played in our unit on March 19th in another successful unit-sponsored event!!! Additionally, the Durham Food Bank benefited from the many food donations. Thanks to all who participated, the unit for providing prize money, the club owners and directors, and a special "Shout-out" to all who brought food for the event. If you missed out, plan to play the next time. This is the second time a double session event has been held, and it is apparent that it is quite popular.



THE ADVENTURES OF DUKE AND CAROLINE

Dramatis Personae

Caroline...Smart, vivacious, trusting; founded her own company at 25, now retired at 50 and seeking new challenges; wants to learn to play bridge the right way, both technically and ethically

Duke Rich, cavalier, devil-may-care; made his money the old fashioned way, he inherited it; sees bridge as a social outlet; not above bending the rules to advance his status

The McAdoos ... Elderly couple from the 299er game

Buzz and Jim College students

The RGGs Expert players who gave and expected the best you had to offer at the table

Laggardly Larry The slowest player at the club

Helpful Hilda The club's expert on gentle gloating

Over the course of many weeks, other characters will be introduced to our little drama. Any relation to real life persons will be purely coincidental.

TEMPO

Submitted by Randy Joyce and Sandy McCay

Duke and Caroline had tickets to the ACC Tournament and spent an entire week in Greensboro. In their absence, two new players from the TBC took center stage.

“Wow!!! What a hand!!!!” Gracie the Gatherer (AKA the best HCP holder in the club) had picked up a real mitt this time. She held the following collection: S AKJx, H AKQx, D KJxxx, C -.

What should she open? 2 Clubs..... No, that was a bad idea since her partner would bid 2 Hearts with a bust and that would leave her poorly placed. Even if her partner responded 2 Diamonds positive, she would have to bid a good 4 card suit at the 2 level or her moth eaten Diamonds at the 3 level.

How about 1 Diamond? Her hand was so strong that she just hated to be passed at the one level. What a quandary! After several deep sighs, Gracie FIRMLY placed the 1 Diamond bid on the table and willed her partner to respond.

Her partner bid 1 Heart. Well, this is the start that she had hoped for. Throwing caution to the wind, Gracie whapped the 4NT Blackwood bid on the table. Her partner blanched, but responded 1 Key Card. 6 Hearts retorted Gracie. Her partner held an unsatisfactory hand (xxxx, xxxx, xx Axx) and the slam went down 2 tricks.

After the round, Gracie asked her partner why she had responded to 1 Diamond with such a miserable hand.

“Well,” said Angie Antenna her partner, “I knew by your long hesitation that you had a problem. I figured that it was either a short diamond suit or a big hand. You know that you hold more of those than the rest of us mortal players. So...” continued Angie, “I had to try to improve the contract. Couldn't you have gone a little slower, and maybe I could have expressed the sad nature of my hand?”

Until this moment, Gracie had always counted herself as one of the most up-standing and ethical partners. Was she the bad guy here? Everyone occasionally has problems and is entitled to think about their bids...aren't they?

It floored Gracie that Angie had worked out what she wanted to happen and had bid accordingly. Thinking back over what had just transpired, Gracie realized that maybe the long thought coupled with the deep breaths and the force with which she had placed (“whapped”) the 1 Diamond bid on the table, had unduly influenced her partner's 1 Heart call. She needed to talk to her mentor, Mr. RGG, to sort this mess out.

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It just so happened that the Club Championship game was the next day. Gracie didn't plan to play, but be there and could help her with her dilemma. When Gracie entered the TBC the next day, she immediately saw that indeed Mr. RGG had already arrived. She asked if she might have a few minutes of his time, and Mr. RGG gladly said yes. He liked Gracie and wanted to help her become a better technical, as well as ethical, player. Gracie laid out the facts, and Mr. RGG took several moments before he spoke.

"Gracie," said he, "your style and tempo in both the bidding and the play are what poker players call 'tells.' Anyone at the table knows when you have not only a good or bad hand, but also whether you liked or disliked your partner's bid or play on that hand. You are naturally outgoing, and I don't think that you consciously mean to give information. You play with your heart on your sleeve, so to say. The problem comes when your partners *just know* what you have because they have seen the same kind of behavior on particular types of hands."

"In the example that you gave," Mr. RGG continued, "Angie had her antenna tuned to your mannerisms and more importantly to the tempo with which you made your bid. She had no valid reason to bid other than the fact that it took you a long time to bid. The deep breaths and the way you put your bidding box card on the table only emphasized this fact. She was not entitled to this extraneous information, which your bidding had not relayed."

"Mr. RGG, what can I do? I don't want to be known as underhanded and be called a cheat behind my back. I try my best to always observe the rules of good sportsmanship and fair play," countered Gracie.

"Well, Gracie, here is what I suggest. Try to establish a tempo for your bids and plays that is comfortable for you. Try to wait about 5-7 seconds before you bid, regardless of whether you have a good or bad hand. Many people say pass with a bad hand in 1-3 seconds. If there is a Skip Bid warning, always try to wait 10 seconds before you bid, so as not to relay information to partner. When you play your cards try to always put the same amount of emphasis on each card played and not smash the ones down that you really want your partner to pay attention to. And foremost, and one of the harder to grasp facets among ethical rules, be sure to explain to Angie that she is not entitled to any body language information, and you don't want her to act on anything she 'picks up' that way again."

"Bridge is a wonderful but demanding game. To learn to play well is a daunting task, but to learn to play by the rules is even more so. Anyone who wants to bend the ethical rules of bridge to try to get an advantage should perhaps try a different game. Texas Hold 'Em Poker not only expects but encourages the players to use any mannerisms to deceive their opponents as to their hand value. In bridge, transparency and honesty are promoted by the alert procedure and the laws."



UNC BRIDGE TEAM QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

The UNC Bridge team—**Robert Thorstad**, **Ben Kompa**, **Parker Xie**, and **Xiyuan Ge** have qualified for the National Collegiate Championship to be played in Las Vegas in July, 2014. **Hugon Karwowski** sponsors the team and has been a faithful mentor to not only this team, but UNC bridge teams for the past several years. The unit thanks Hugon for his interest in encouraging students to play bridge.

I asked the team to provide some information about themselves so we can get to know them better and they willingly provided me with the following:

Ben Kompa started playing rubber bridge in his junior year of high school when his friend taught him during lunch. He started playing duplicate last October. Ben said, “*Bridge is a very logical game. I love learning about the different declaring techniques and I also quite like the statistical analysis of plays and conventions. The UNC bridge team is very fortunate to have wonderful mentors such as **Arthur Moore**, **Erlinda Wehrman**, and **Hugon Karwowski**. My partner Robert has also devoted dozens of hours helping me learn better bridge.*”

Ben goes to the TBC 2 or 3 times a week and play on BBO at least two hours a day. He is a freshman math and biology major with a chemistry minor. In his free time, he works in the lab researching the structure of DNA during cell division plus he exercises by running and lifting weights.

Ben’s mother, father, and two younger sisters live in Columbus, Ohio. Ben wishes to thank Unit 191 for all the duplicate games available and added that this bridge community has been invaluable to his learning.

Robert Thorstad started playing bridge 2-3 years ago and admits to not recalling the exact date. Robert added, “*I really most enjoy a well-played hand (even by my opponents); to me it’s the possibility to play in a really interesting and thoughtful way on every hand that makes bridge worth playing. Probably my UNC teammates have most influenced me in playing bridge; I think we do a really good job as a team of keeping ourselves working and improving to play the best we can.*”

The amount of play for the team is variable but they try to play at least a few times a week. Robert studies psychology at UNC. His major hobby is cooking. He currently is taking a desserts class (his favorite dessert is a meringue in any form). Robert’s dad taught him to play bridge and the two of them play together often.

Robert also commented, “*Really, we just want to share that we think we are in a great and really supportive unit, and we greatly appreciate all of the support and mentoring we continue to get from unit 191. I especially would like to mention **Hugon Karwowski**, **Erlinda Wehrman** and **Arthur Moore**, who have put in a lot of time into helping to mentor the team.*”

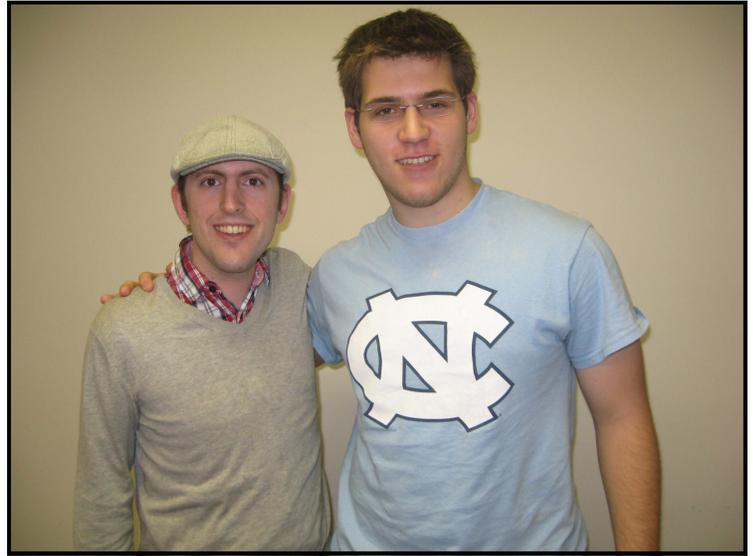
Xiyuan Ge started playing bridge in high school and was taught by his father, but started playing seriously about three years ago. He enjoys the game because it gives him a chance to socialize and meet new people around the region, even the country. He also enjoys the logic behind the game.

In response to the question about who has influenced him the most, Xiyuan said, “*My dad and several of my partners, **Erlinda Wehrman**, **Robert Thorstad** and **Jinsheng Zhou**. He also added,*” *I play relaxed bridge games every day and serious games about twice a month. My majors at UNC are Math/Chemistry/ and Economics, and I spend much of my free time doing research in Fluid Dynamics, reading, badminton and computer programming.*

Xiyuan is an only child and his parents live in Beijing at this time. He thanks everyone for the support from the Unit. Everyone has been helpful, especially Jay and Darleen as well as the board members.



Zimeng (Parker) Xie and Xiyuan Ge



Robert Thorstad and Ben Kompa

Parker started playing casual bridge his junior year of high school in China. Parker enjoys bridge because it is a game about careful planning, psychology, and luck. He stated that the combination of different elements in a 13-card hand is fascinating to him.

When asked who influenced him most, Parker stated, *“The teacher from my high school bridge club taught me the fundamentals of contract (duplicate) bridge and encouraged me to play in the US.”*

Parker plays at the club every couple of weeks and plays on BBO once or twice a week. He is double majoring in Biostatistics and Mathematics at UNC. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to classical music, the only genre in which he is interested. He also likes to do aerobics, browse Wikipedia, play video games and tidy his room.

Parker was born in Zhengzhou in central China, and like most millenials in China, he is the only child in his family. He also added, *“Bridge is a game that tests players’ mettle, values good partnership and connects people from all over the world. Resilience and courteousness are two important qualities of good bridge players of all skill levels.”*

FAREWELL TO RUTH MOLESKI

Written by Grada Arble

Ruth Moleski has moved to Syracuse, New York, forsaking our beautiful spring that’s just around the corner, for the record snows, hail, sleet and other amenities of the far north. But she’s going to be with two of her daughters, and when Ruth wants something, nothing, especially weather, stands in her way.

On the last day she played at TBC, she wanted to be sure to be on time, because she had been very late the week before and her partner—me— had already gone home. To be punctual, Ruth threw caution to the wind, and with her long scarf trailing behind her like Isadora Duncan, flew along at 20 miles above the speed limit. Unfortunately, a policeman managed to catch up with her. He might have thought he was cornering a fleeing felon, but Ruth lowered her window, smiled, and said, “Yes, Officer?” The poor man was so bedazzled by her charm that all thought of giving her a ticket left his mind. Ruth sped on, and made it to the game on time.

We will miss Ruth, her smile and her warmth, and we wish her the best.

A HUNGRY BRIDGE PLAYER

Written by Randy Joyce

Kay and I recently ventured to Williamsburg for the Regional Tournament. We played with teammates from Washington, who were not regular but only occasional teamies. In our first KO, we advanced to the semifinals where we had to play against the top seed in our bracket. In the first half of our match, Kay and I played great and figured to be well ahead. Among other good scores, we had a +870 (2 Spades doubled making 3) and a +750 (5 Clubs doubled making 5, when a different lead would have set it.) We sashayed back to compare and our teammates cried "DISASTER". After comparing, we were down 1 IMP. Disappointing, but not impossible to pick up. In the second half we faced the same pair and had solid if not spectacular results. Our teammates said they had a better round (Really!) and we had just enough to pick up the 1 IMP. A dead tie. The director was summoned and told us that we would have to play a 4 board playoff, winner advances.

Board 1 of the playoff was a flat 3 Diamond contract. Making 3. Board 2 was a flat 4 Spades making 4. Our teammates might save and go for 800, but we hoped not. Board 3 was a flat 4 Spades for the opponents except I decided to misdefend and let them make 5. Lose 1 IMP. I was hoping for some action on Board 4, but got a flat 3 NT. We were going to lose 1-0, and I would be the goat because of my awful defense. As you all know, I take great pride in my bridge ability. Kay and I had played great throughout the whole match (especially Kay) and we were going to lose 1-0 because I lost my concentration for 1 lousy play. Life is not fair. No one would remember all the good things that I/we had done to get to this point. They would just remember that lousy 1 IMP.

Our teammates finished shortly and we hastened back to compare. The first board was flat. Our teammates avoided the 800 point save on Board 2 and that was flat. We lost 1 IMP due to my brain death on Board 3. We really were going to lose 1-0!

On the 4th board, I called out -600 and my teammate greeted me with a big smile and the following announcement. He said, "I thought the first three boards were flat (unless they took the 800 point save) and I was hungry and really didn't want double overtime. So I took some liberties I the play of 3 NT. I knew that you would understand if I judged wrongly, but I didn't, and we are plus 660. We won the match 2-1. I felt as if the weight of the world had been lifted from my shoulders!

WANTED!!!

The unit has sponsored two Double Session events—the first one was held last October and the second on March 19. It has been quite popular —people get to play bridge for two or three sessions and eat all day —plus have an opportunity to win big Bridge Bucks. The unit needs an

EVENT COORDINATOR

This job would entail setting dates for the event, meeting with the club owners, and making sure it all happens when the day arrives. If you think you might be interested, contact **Jim Bean** or a member of the board.

2013 ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI-MCKENNEY AWARD WINNERS

ACE OF CLUBS

MINI-MCKENNEY

0 to 5

5 to 20

20 to 50

50 to 100

100 to 200

200 to 300

300 to 500

500 to 1000

1000 to 2500

2500 to 5000

5000 to 7500

10,000+

Jody Bartlett

Richard Cole

Phylliss Woody

James Wells

Melanie Riva

Skip Riva

Phil Draper

Valerie Roberts

Jim Cunningham

Mort Stromberg

Irene Adams

Kay Joyce

Robert Thorstad

Richard Cole

Phylliss Woody

James Wells

Melanie Riva

Skip Riva

Phil Draper

David Schreiber

Ken Dye

Mary Vickers

Josef Blass

Kay Joyce

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FOR THE RIVAS—A RECORD BREAKING YEAR!

For **Skip and Melanie Riva**, 2013 will be a year to remember in their bridge world! Melanie began the year in the 100-200 MP category and Skip started in the 200-300 MP group. During the year, both became Life Masters. By year's end, in the Ace of Clubs competition, Melanie was first in our unit, first in our district—and first in the National Ace of Clubs with 158 points! Melanie also won the Mini-McKenney Award for Unit 191 and was second in the district.

Skip finished the year with 161 points which made him the winner of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards for our unit. Skip was first for the Ace of Clubs in the district and third overall for the Mini-McKenney in the district. Additionally, Skip was second overall in the nation in the Ace of Clubs division.

Congratulations to both of you—this is quite an accomplishment and Unit 191 is very proud of you!

Even though these awards are based on their achievements in 2013—this husband-wife duo continues to do well in 2014. They finished first overall in the B division of the double session event held on March 19th—playing in the C Flight. You see their names often in the winning column at club games.

Melanie serves on the unit board and was Hospitality chairperson at the March Sectional. There will be more to celebrate this year —the Rivas celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

Congratulations!



HANDS OF INTEREST

Dave Streifford will be submitting interesting or “troublesome” hands for bidding and/or declarer play. The hand of the month is the following:

North deals—none vulnerable

S—10 7
H—QJ87543
D—K3
C—A3

S—854
H—
D—QJ985
C—10 8742

S—6
H—K10962
D—642
C—QJ65

S—AKQJ932
H—A
D—A107
C—K9

Would you open 1 H or 3 H? There was some discussion and the outcome turned on another issue as well. Is partner’s response of a suit to your 2-level preempt forcing or non-forcing? What about the 3-level preempt? Some say forcing; ours didn’t! So, at our table the bidding went like this: 3H—p—4S—all pass. Making 7!!

For those opening 1 H, playing standard or 2/1, the bidding could easily go like this:

1 H—p—1S—p
2 H—p—3D—p
4C—p—4NT—p
5C—p—5NT—p
6D—p—7S—all pass

Likely lead—Queen of diamonds. Do you get trump out first? A better line is to play the A and K of diamonds and ruff the 7 of D high in dummy. Or you just pitch the 7 on the J of Hearts.

Please send me your favorite problem boards and let me know what focus and preferred source of board you’d like to see in this section. Hands like this from club play? Perhaps how and when the pros use the takeout double—as a “Balance of Power “ double? Send to: streif411@gmail.com

REMINDER.....

You don’t want to give your competition at the next table an advantage by loudly discussing the hands you have just played. You also want to keep your voices down, even if you aren’t playing hands, when other declarers are trying to make their contracts. Loud voices are very disruptive. Since everyone doesn’t play at the same pace, we need to be respectful of those still playing when finished at your table.

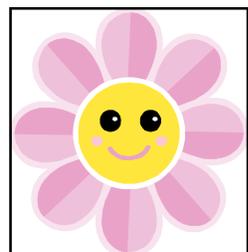
UPDATE ON LUCY

Our friend and bridge player, **Lucy Terrell** fell in her kitchen on Friday, March 14th, broke her hip and shattered her elbow. She had fallen the previous week and tore her rotator cuff. Lucy is now in Hillcrest— Room 203—919-627-6543. Her son is here from Colorado and a daughter lives in Durham. Lucy’s home address is 713 Glen Hollow, Durham, 27705. She would greatly enjoy hearing from her many bridge friends.

Thanks to her dear friend, **Phyllis Fuller**, for providing the information and keeping us updated. Phyllis said, “*Lucy is alert and aware of all that is happening. She is pleased that so many people are asking about her. She is eager to get back to the bridge table so we can play again.*” Phyllis also added that Lucy has enjoyed receiving the many cards and good wishes from her friends.



Lucy, we miss you at the tables and hope you are doing well in your recovery.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

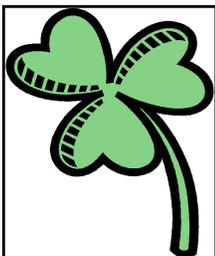
Submitted by Harrison Brooke

The 553 total membership reported for January increased by a modest 1 during February. I'm pleased that we gained 5 new ACBL members—**Bobbi Hardaker** and **Diana Spock** of Durham, **Chadwick O'Connell** of Raleigh, and **Tracy** and **Richard Williams** of Chapel Hill—as well as “transfer” member **Gayle Streifford** (Dave's wife) of Cary who joined ACBL several months ago but was placed in Unit 119 because of her address. Welcome one and all!

One of our Future Life Masters transferred out and another 4 were put on inactive status bringing our total for the first 2 months to 10.

On the bright side is the fact that 9 of our members advanced in rank and I have word that another 4 became Life Masters at recent tournaments but those weren't reported in time for the 1 March report—please see below. The 9 are:

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| Junior Master | Teddy Lovejoy |
| Club Master | William McCartney Page Thomas |
| Sectional Master | Dwight Smith David Sokal |
| Regional Master | Meyer Lieberman Bobbi Pinkerton |
| NABC Master | Janet Strobe |
| Bronze Life Master | Dorothea Wilson |



Carol Wilcox set a pattern when she became a Life Master back in December when teamed with **Mary Newman, Margaret Rouse** and **Katie Wilson** at the Cambridge MD tournament. She then went with that trio (all lacking but a few points) to Hilton Head in February to support them in becoming Life Masters. That's a true friend. The effect of that group continued when Margaret and Katie teamed with **Dave Streifford** and **Jim Wells** in Williamsburg to bring in the bulk of Dave's missing gold points—Dave needed but 0.24 when that event ended and Margaret and Katie had to come back to Durham. The following day, Dave and Jim teamed with **Jeanne Barbour** and **Emily Dursse** to bring in Dave's final gold. Who said, “It takes a village?” Surely it was Carol.

CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL!!

I'm sorry to report that **Shirley Brown** died in her sleep at her home in the Governor's Club late Friday night, 7 March with her husband of 65 years Gilbert, her son Gerald and her daughter Adrian at her side. Her grandchildren and a great-granddaughter joined the family the day following. Shirley bravely battled cancer for a long while. No date has been set for a memorial service.

I strongly urge every one of our members to check the **DIRECTORY** on our unit website and report to me any changes or corrections that need to be made.

MENTOR/MENTEE GAMES

Mark your calendars—there are special mentor/mentee games planned for:

Saturday, March 29

Saturday, April 19

Tuesday, May 6

For more information, please contact Sharon Crane—scbridge@earthlink.net or Linda Harris—lharris166@nc.rr.com

Master Point Leaders for Calendar Year 2013

ACE OF CLUBS

MASTER POINT RANGE

MINI-MCKENNEY

Jody Bartlett 48.20
Robert Thorstad 44.91
David Crow 26.43

0-5

Robert Thorstad 87.89
Jody Bartlett 70.18
Zimeng Xie 48.70

Richard Cole 49.61
Rita Chapman 35.59
Larry Kupper 26.47

5-20

Richard Cole 51.37
Rita Chapman 39.64
Larry Kupper 38.03

Phylliss Woody 57.93
Warren Wogen 49.97
Sherry Wogen 49.96

20-50

Phylliss Woody 70.46
Nancy Crow 56.83
Rita Musante 56.56

Jim Wells 56.54
Carole Crotty 44.48
Bill Ingram 39.21

50-100

Jim Wells 71.30
Carole Crotty 54.80
Bill Ingram 48.45

Melanie Riva 158.48
Betsy Mebane 81.23
Paul Smith 42.69

100-200

Melanie Riva 231.91
Bon Smith 127.98
Betsy Mebane 124.85

Skip Riva 161.31
Andrea Roitman 130.47
Dave Streifford 87.02

200-300

Skip Riva 237.34
Andrea Roitman 197.40
Dave Streifford 127.42

Phil Draper 124.26
Anne Boyd 85.65
Jackie Marks 67.92

300-500

Phil Draper 139.88
Joyce Jenzano 132.30
Charlie Marshall 125.88

Valerie Roberts 132.46
Dave Schreiber 108.26
Gale Meyer 94.33

500-1000

Dave Schreiber 233.21
Gale Meyer 178.74
Valerie Roberts 148.11

Jim Cunningham 141.02
Ken Dye 138.42
Jim Bean 129.66

1000-2500

Ken Dye 257.90
Jim Cunningham 208.80
Kathy Newman 189.52

Mort Stromberg 177.28
Jim Hansell 141.25
Howard Su 132.96

2500-5000

Mary Vickers 244.35
Tammy Moll 238.31
Jim Hansell 218.21

Irene Adams 182.38
Sandy McCay 108.83
Wayne Stuart 50.85

5000-7500

Josef Blass 639.23
Wayne Stuart 315.74
Sandy McCay 299.58

Kay Joyce 148.96
Randy Joyce 72.83
Chris Moll 29.89

10,000+

Kay Joyce 1,062.74
Randy Joyce 975.00
Chris Moll 536.00

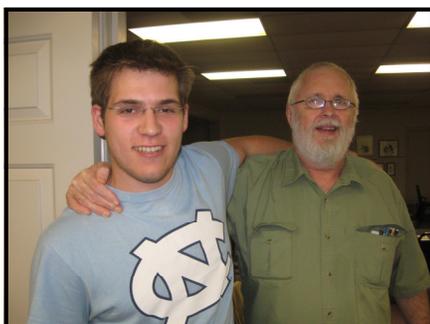
LARRY AND JOE SNATCH VICTORY IN UNIT'S 299ER CHAMPIONSHIP!

On Wednesday, March 19th, the Bridge Academy held the unit's 299er Championship. The two session event attracted 19 tables and was enjoyed by all. Chef Marin and her team, Holly, Ann and Audrey, did a magnificent job staging and serving a delectable lunch as usual.

After scoring a 54.95% in the morning session, **Larry Kupper** and **Joe Haseman** had a strong 68.71% afternoon session for a combined total of 123.66 to edge **Ray McEntee** and **Eric Larson's** 121.46 for the title.



Joe Haseman and Larry Kupper



Ben Kompa teamed with **Arthur Moore** in the evening session and were first E/W.

DOUBLE/TRIPLE SESSION EVENT WINNERS

DOUBLE SESSION WINNERS

FLIGHT A— **George Bloomer and Mort Stromberg** 64.67%

FLIGHT B AND C—**Skip and Melanie Riva** 60.90%

TRIPLE SESSION WINNERS

FLIGHT A—**Irene Adams**

FLIGHT B— **Barbara Martin**

FLIGHT C—**Phyllis Woody**



The Double/Triple Session for Flights A-B-C began at the TBC at 9:30. Delicious breakfast snacks started the day off in the right way.

Dave Schreiber brought a cake to celebrate 3 of his partners reaching the status of Bronze Life Master -

Joyce Jenzano
Deanna Larus
Dorothea Wilson



Joyce Jenzano and **Dave Schreiber** enjoy pizza before the evening session. Joyce, along with **Phyllis Woody** was in charge of the kitchen for 3 sessions—and was still smiling at the end of the day!



THE GAME SPOT

Jeff Boak hosted the first Open House at The Game Spot on March 19. Although the house was not quite ready, several bridge players enjoyed wine and cheese and got to see the new site. This was also a great way to socialize with fellow bridge players and spend some time between the afternoon and evening sessions of the Double/Triple session event.

The next scheduled open house at The Game Spot will take place April 10th, 11th, and 12th during the Master's Golf Tournament. Watch for more details.

GOING DIGITAL

With the onset of e-mail now being offered by the unit, the time has come for the Alert to go digital. I will continue to have a limited number of copies of the Alert printed and placed at TBC. These copies are primarily for those members who do not have e-mail, or who may just enjoy reading the Alert in printed fashion. Please feel free to take a copy home with you and read it, but plan to bring it back when you return to the TBC. If you should want to keep a copy, that's OK—take it at the end of the month. There will also be a printed edition of the current Alert posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. The Alert may also be found on the unit's website.

Ed Fuller has set up the service for the unit and is in charge of the account at this time. If you have an e-mail and you're listed in the directory of our unit but have not yet received the notices being sent out, please contact Ed or a board member.

AWARDS CEREMONY



Phylliss Woody was pleasantly surprised at the awards presentation when her son and his girlfriend showed up for the occasion and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Phylliss won the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney for the 20-50 category.



Jim Bean, Unit President—**Linda Harris** and **Harrison Brooke**, Membership Coordinators prepare for the ceremony. Linda surprised Harrison with a cupcake for his birthday—also a cupcake for **Joyce Jenzano's** birthday.



Phil Draper won the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney for the 300-500 category. Phil accepted the award and thanked his partners who helped him along his journey.

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