

MAY ALERT

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WE ARE GOING DIGITAL

Beginning immediately the Alert will now be available on the unit website each month as well as sent by e-mail to the unit membership through a digital link to our website. Although it has been wonderful to see the colorful printed version, it has become prohibitively expensive to print as well as environmentally wasteful. We do encourage our clubs to print one version for those who do not have access to the internet and hope that everyone continues to read our popular newsletter. There is always informative news to catch up on so please click the link at www.unit191bridge.org to read your fresh copy today!

Jim Bean, Unit 191 President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Harrison Brooke

During the first quarter of calendar year 2014, Unit 191's total membership changed very little. We started the year with a total of 552, moved up to 553 in January, had a like change in February to hit 554, and then in March dropped to 551. For both March 2013 and 2012, our total was 552. The table below shows the nature of the first-quarter changes for this year and the 2 years before.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Forward	552	561	546
New members	9	3	13
Transferred in	5	6	15
Transferred out	(5)	(5)	(1)
Snowbird in	3	1	1
Snowbird out	(1)	(1)	(1)
FLM inactive	(18)	(19)	(18)
FLM reinstated	6	5	7
LM unpaid	0	(1)	(1)
LM reinstated	0	0	0
Deceased	0	0	(3)
Total	<u>551</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>552</u>

During March, we had 3 new ACBL members join us—**Michael Lazarus, Richard Leonard and Barbara M. Riley** all of Chapel Hill. Mike's wife **Karen** transferred into our Unit in late 2010 when the couple moved from Eastern Massachusetts. We also had **Ann M. Loucks**, who now resides in Hillsborough, transfer from Unit 361 in Denver. We welcome these newcomers and hope they'll all participate in our many games and other activities.

Our major retention problem continues to be the number of our Future Life Masters who go inactive—for this year 6 in January, 4 in February, and 8 in March for a total of 18 this year. This compares with 19 in 2013 and 18 in 2012. The major reasons are: forgetting to pay ACBL dues, loss of interest, and/or health or like issues which limit individuals' activity. I am encouraged that 4 of those who went inactive in recent months already have been reinstated.

I've never had a problem with the number 13 so am delighted to report that during March there were 13 who advanced in rank—that's 43.3% of our total 30 for the first quarter. Please take a moment to cheer the following:

Junior Master	Diana Spock
Club Master	Ben Kompa—a)
Sectional Master	Larry Kupper
Regional Master	Robert Thorstad - a)
NABC Master	Clay Hamner Bonnie Kress
Life Master	Doris Elkin Mary Newman Margaret Rouse Dave Streifford Katie Wilson
Bronze Life Master	Joyce Jenzano Jerry Parker

Congratulations one and all!!!!

a) Members of the UNC-CH team who qualified for the National Collegiate Championship which will be played in Las Vegas in July 2014. The March **Alert** had an excellent article and pictures on its pages 4 and 5. By the time you read this, the new **Alert** will be on the Unit website so if you didn't read the article and still have your hard copy, dig it out—it's well worth the effort.

THE RALEIGH REGIONAL WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 20-26

TBC WILL BE CLOSED DURING THAT TIME

A GAME WILL BE HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER ON FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

THERE WILL BE A GAME ON MONDAY, MAY 26TH AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

TBC NEWS

Submitted by Darleen Bates

- Friday evening, May 9—Potluck and Bridge at the Game Spot. Space is limited. Let Darleen know if you would like to reserve a spot.
- Evening Swiss—May 5, 14 and 28. Come with a partner, team mates guaranteed.
- NAP qualifying games run in June, July and August.
- Friday evening, June 6, and Saturday afternoon, June 7—World Wide Bridge Contest: 50/50 red/black points at 100% sectional rating. Partner guaranteed.
- 8 is Enough—May 11. Please let Darleen know by 2:00 on Saturday if you are planning to play and she will do her best to get you on a team, and let you know by 7:00pm on Saturday if a team is available. Please provide your phone number in your e-mail.

WHAT IS 8 IS ENOUGH?

8 Is Enough is a team game where players are allotted a number based on their ACBL master points.

A—2000+ master points —A = 3 points
 B—750-2000 master points—B = 2 points
 C—0-750 master points—C = 1 point

The most a team can have is 8; therefore A players MUST team up with 2 C players (3+3+1+1=8). The team's total count is then added together to determine its ranking in the 8 is Enough game. If the team has an 8 count, it is considered an A team. A 7 point team would be a B team, and a 4, 5, or 6 point team would be a C team.

4 C players playing as a team (1+1+1+1=4) or 3 C's and 1 B (1+1+1+2=5)

4 B players (2+2+2+2=8) would be an A team!

3 C and 1 A (1+1+1+3=6) would be a C team!

When is the last time an A player got to be a C??!!

So 8 = A; 7 = B; and 4/5/6 = C.

NEWEST LIFE MASTERS

Congratulations to our newest life masters: **Dave Streifford, Margaret Rouse, Katie Wilson, , Mary Newman, and Doris Elkin.** I invited each of them to share information about themselves and received the following:

DAVE STREIFFORD: Born in Berkeley, worked in St. Louis, retired in Chapel Hill in 1999. *"I have a wonderful wife of 47 years who puts up with my addiction to bridge, two terrific daughters, as well as four fun-loving and talented grandkids, all in the Triangle."*

"My career entirely centered on education and training—teaching economics, computer and international business consulting that took me to 27 countries. Besides bridge, biking, and general fitness, travel and reading, I am currently a volunteer Medicare consultant for the NC State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and work out of the Senior Center in Chapel Hill."

*"Like most of us, I learned some fundamentals of bridge in college and seldom played only socially until 2008 when I took a class from **Jo Anne Vansuch.** I got hooked and started playing duplicate soon thereafter. Many thanks are owed to **Leonard Beeghley,** with whom I got most of the gold, my most current Regional partner, **Jim Wells,** and two teammate pairs, **Katie Wilson/Margaret Rouse,** and **Emily Dursse/Jeanne Barbour,** who enabled Jim and me to get the last bit of gold at the February Williamsburg Regional. I've also been fortunate to play regularly with **Nancy Crow, Diane Saulsberry, Phil Draper** and **Bonnie Kress.** Thanks to all! I've truly enjoyed playing with each of you over the years. It feels great to finally reach this goal, but I will always remember and be humbled by a friend's reminder—'It's mainly an attendance record.'"*

MARY NEWMAN —*"I made Life Master in Hilton Head along with **Katie Wilson** and **Margaret Rouse.** My partner, **Carol Wilcox,** had achieved this milestone in Cambridge, MD, in November."*

*"I started playing bridge my freshman year at Duke. I quickly became addicted, and hold bridge responsible for less than stellar grades my first two years there. I played social bridge for years, but did not start playing duplicate until I retired in June, 2004, and I give credit to **Nancy Young** for the push to play at The Bridge Center. I had no aspirations to make Life Master until **Carol Wilcox** and I won a Gold Rush pairs event in Wilmington, NC, a year ago January. The "high" was too big to ignore, and the journey began, talking us to Gatlinburg, Richmond, Cambridge and Hilton Head. Along the way and much to my surprise, I learned to love team games. Carol was my partner for all of my gold points, and we teamed with **Katie Wilson** and **Margaret Rouse** as well as **Bonnie Cox** and **Helen Moon.** Not only did we play some good bridge, we had great fun as traveling companions. I love bridge and the brain exercise it provides but, even more importantly, I love the many friends I would never have met had it not been for this wonderful game!"*

MARGARET ROUSE—*"I think I can speak for **Carol, Mary, and Katie** in saying how excited we all were to achieve our life master goal.....and relieved!! Katie and I started playing a number of years ago....never even putting that goal on our radar but just playing, taking lessons, and enjoying ourselves immensely! After a few years of playing and accumulating points, we began to realize that maybe this was an obtainable goal and we should pursue it! It took several tournaments for us to figure out we might get there quicker with the "knock-out" route. It was those darn GOLD points we needed. We teamed with **Gary Zadjeika** and **Charlie Marshall** a couple of times. Finally we teamed with **Mary Newman** and **Carol Wilcox** and went to 3 tournaments together and that did it! BYW, do not divide the points you received into the money it costs to get them!! It was a great journey and there were lots of people who helped us get there. But without **JoAnne Vansuch** and **Glenn Marek,** who got us*

out of the old system into the “new” bridge and duplicate style, we would never have made it. Thanks also to **Henry Meguid**, who provided lessons and guidance along the way. Thanks to the games at the Senior Center, the Durham Bridge Club, the Triangle Bridge Club, and the Bridge Academy, we are now four very happy bridge players! Many friends who do not play bridge, want to know if this is the end of our playing days.....answer: absolutely not, we are just getting started. Again, thanks to all who taught us, played with us and against us...we are grateful.”

DORIS ELKIN—“We know it takes a village to do a lot of things. And now you know it takes a Unit to get me to Life Master. Excellent teachers, great mentors, encouragement, laughs, and tips from the table, favorite (and forbearing) partners — thank you. “

UPDATE ON LUCY

A huge thanks to **Phyllis Fuller** for providing the following information on the progress of **Lucy Terrell**:

“Lucy is doing very well. She is walking and planning her “escape” from Hillcrest. Her hip and elbow are healing very nicely, but she is still not able to use her left arm due to the damage to the rotator cuff. All are hopeful she will be able to return home in early May although she will need help at least for a while.”

“Lucy has seen the doctor about her rotator cuff. Her cuff was badly torn and the shoulder frozen. They will not be able to operate, but will have to use therapy to try to unfreeze the shoulder.”

“Lucy has appreciated all the cards, telephone calls, visits and love that has been sent to her. Once she is home, we can all be assured she will be back at the bridge table.”

MENTOR/MENTEE EVENT

Submitted by Linda Harris

Congratulations to the winners of the Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee game on Saturday, April 19. There were 8 tables and winners were:



Overall A and B
Jim Wells and Jim Bean
with a 64.29% game!

Overall A

2. **Jim Cunningham** and **Nancy Crow**
3. **Darleen Bates** and **Sharon Flicker**
4. **Andrea Roitman** and **Linda Owen**
5. **Kay Gruninger** and **Phyllis Alexander**

Overall B

2. **Andrea Roitman** and **Linda Owen**
3. **Kay Gruninger** and **Phyllis Alexander**
4. **Melanie Riva** and **Amy Levine**
5. **Dorothea Wilson** and **Bobbi Pinkerton**

Overall C

1. **Andrea Roitman** and **Linda Owen**
2. **Kay Gruninger** and **Phyllis Alexander**
3. **Melanie Riva** and **Amy Levine**
4. **Dorothea Wilson** and **Bobbi Pinkerton**

The next and **LAST** Unit Mentor/Mentee game for the 2013/2014 term will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 1:00 PM with a potluck beginning at 12:30 PM. Please plan to play and participate in the year-end festivities.

Contact: Sharon Crane at scbridge@earthlink.net
Linda Harris at lharris166@nc.rr.com

This popular program will start again in September. Please consider being a mentor—it’s a great way to give back to the unit, meet a new partner, and have some fun all at the same time!

ALL IN!!! —DOUBLED —REDOUBLED — X 3!!!!!!!!!!

Last month Kay and I traveled to Dallas for the Spring Nationals. We played in 3 National events (The IMP Pairs, The Seniors, and The Mixed) and were lucky enough to get to the finals of each. During these 6 sessions of bridge a truly amazing thing happened to us. We played in 3 **redoubled** contracts!!! I probably have not played 3 redoubled contracts in the past five years, and here we were party to that number in six days of bridge. I know that you want details, so here goes.

The first contract occurred in the evening qualifying session of the IMP pairs. We had a very good game in the first session (second in the field), but our evening session left a lot of room for improvement. A lot of pairs were scuffling trying to qualify, so the action was fast and furious in the second half of the game. With 4 rounds to go, I picked up.....

S-AKJx, H-JT9xx, D-T9x, C- Q.

At favorable vulnerability, Kay opened 1NT (11-14). I bid Stayman and received a 2 Diamond reply. Our weak NT's are frequently ghastly at favorable vulnerability, so I took the low road and bid 2 Hearts, pass or correct. This was non invitational and I could have held a 0 point hand. It now went P-P to my RHO. He sniffed the air and reopened with a X. Well, I had 11 points and Kay had at least 11 and at least 8 cards in the minors. I redoubled to let partner know that this was our hand and she could count on me for some values if she wanted to double their contract. My LHO had 5 Hearts (Kay had the other 3) headed by the AQ, but tailing off to the 4,3,2. He passed, Kay passed, and RHO left it in with his void. My spots were just enough to see me home to make 2. Plus 640 and plus 9 IMP's. Since we finished the session at plus 14 IMP's, this was a major contribution.

The next redoubled contract was our first board in the evening session of the Mixed. We had a mediocre game in the afternoon and needed to pick up the pace to try to qualify for the finals. We were playing against another husband and wife pair who have several National wins in their resumes.

LHO opened 2NT and his wife responded 3 Clubs. I held.....

S-xx, H-xxx, D-xx, C-AKxxxx.

I doubled for the lead and LHO redoubled. Everyone passed. I was sad and glad. Glad that I held so many trumps, but sad that I didn't hold any other face cards and knowing that probably 4 or 5 good clubs were coming down in the dummy. My LHO made my life a lot gladder when he announced that there had been a failure to alert. His redouble showed a partial stopper in clubs. One look at his wife's face told me that she had not been on that page of their notes. Down 1600 for them and a good start to the evening session for us!

My last exhibit was the best of all. We played in the finals of the Mixed, and top was 91. I remarked in the afternoon that it sure was hard to get a top. Almost impossible. About half way through the session we played a very studious young man and his newlywed wife. She opened 1NT (15-17) and I held this hand....

S-xx, H-Kxx, D-AJxxx, C-Axx

I passed. The SYM transferred to Spades, bid Diamonds, then jumped to 6 Diamonds over his partner's attempted sign off in 4 Spades. She bid a firm 6 Spades. I knew that I could lead DA and give partner a ruff, so I doubled. SYM held a fair hand with a Club void. He figured that I was doubling on 2 Aces and one would not cash. He redoubled and there we rested. I led the Diamond A and gave partner a ruff. Declarer still had to lose a trick to the Heart K and played the hand sloppily to go down 1600. Same score again, but a different event. We only got one 91 in the finals, and this was it. I checked all the scores and found that if the young lady had played a little better and had achieved -1000 she would have received ½ MP and we would have only had a 90.5.

Written by Randy Joyce

LET'S PLAY DEFENSE!

Written by *Dave Streifford*

Once the opposition takes the contract it behooves you to figure out the best lead to make. Did partner bid? Is there an unbid suit? Do you have a clearly logical and aggressive lead against a NT contract or should you adopt a passive approach? How to tell partner what suit you want led by partner when you discard on opponent's lead? Before getting over our heads, let's take a look at this auction.

Dealer: North			Vul: None
<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
P	1H	P	2C
X(1)	2D	2S(2)	3H
P	4H	P	P
P			

EW contract for 4 Hearts, but N and S each have given lead directing bids. The double (1) by North tells partner to lead a club. It's not a problem because EW is in a 2 over 1 auction. No danger of East passing North's double. When East rebids 2D and South bids 2S(2), this too is a lead-directing bid. So as East is declarer, South will lead a club. Right? Also, had North not doubled West's 2C bid, this also is useful information for partner. "Don't lead a club!" Similarly, if South doesn't bid 2S, North can infer not to lead a spade (even though it is the only unbid suit). **Take away: what you don't bid is often as useful as what you bid!!**

Here is another example about how to tell partner what to lead. Let's say the contract is 3S, partner takes the opening trick and leads the A of Hearts. Below is the dummy at this point:

987 9 108765 AKQ

How can you tell partner you want a diamond lead? Normally partner would not lead a diamond through weakness, risking a finesse. But if you want that lead, how do you communicate that?

- A. Hope that partner knows not to lead a club, spade or another heart
- B. Begin playing with your diamond ring
- C. Begin humming "Lucy in the sky with diamonds"
- D. Play a low heart

If you guessed (D), that's right. No matter what carding you use, standard or upside down, if you play a low heart your partner knows to lead a diamond (and certainly not the club based on the auction and the dummy club holding). This says, **"Partner, play the lowest suit indicated by my heart."**

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 RGG's....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

Gracie the Gatherer....The BEST HCP Holder in the club

Angie Antenna....Always had her eyes and ears on alert

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.

PSYCHIC BID

Caroline just had to learn the meaning of a bridge term that Astonishing Abe used at her table yesterday. He called it a psychic bid and did not go into a detailed description of what it meant.

The hand arose when, after two passes, Duke had opened 1 Heart and the next to speak, Astonishing Abe, had bid 1 Spade on Two!!! small spades and 4 points. This caused D & C to miss their 4 Spade game and to not bid any game at all. What was this wonder bid called a psychic that wreaked such havoc with our hero's bidding?

Ah, here it was in the Bridge World Magazine's glossary of bridge related terms: "PSYCH" (noun, v.)A call made without the values normally associated with it, TO DECEIVE THE OPPOSITION."

Well, it certainly had its desired effect!

"I wonder what Mr. RGG would have to say about this strange new bid," mused Caroline. It just so happened that D & C played at the TBC the next day, and Caroline got a chance to pick Mr. RGG's brain.

"Ah, the psych has reared its ugly head again," said Mr. RGG. "I don't hear of many of those anymore. Bidding has become so much better than in the early 1940's and 1950's that players are generally proud of their ability to bid hands and don't resort to such trickery as they once did. Dear Caroline, a psychic bid has the sole intent to trick a less experienced pair by making such an outrageous bid that they would never believe that it was happening to them."

"Hold on a second," said Duke, "let me get a paper and pencil so that I can write all this down."

"Duke, you are becoming a better and better

player, and I don't think you want to resort to such unseemly trickery," said Mr. RGG. "You can beat quite a few of your cohorts by skill alone. At this time, you can't beat the best players, but they will not be taken in by a psychic bid either. Psyches prey on the inexperienced and newcomers who think that all bids are what they seem to be. These players will only be hurt and offended by your attempts at trickery."

"Psychic bids are just barely OK if used in *great moderation*. It is a mighty slippery slope when you use them on numerous hands during a session, because your partner will then come to expect this behavior and will start making his bids accordingly. Even if you are as honest as the day is long, it is hard to maintain your reputation if you are playing 'Trick or Treat' on every other hand."

"Hold on a second," said Duke, "my pencil lead broke, and I am missing some of the good stuff."

"What can we do about these strange bids?" asked Caroline.

"Well, the best thing to do is to tell the director AFTER the hand has been played and to try to relate the facts as best you know. Sometimes in the heat of the battle, after a particularly bad result, one's memory plays tricks and clouds what actually happened at the table. Everyone is entitled to a fair reflection of the facts. When a really outrageous bid has been made, for example, the overcall you cited with 2 spades and a 4 count, be sure that the director is made aware of it."

"There is no specific penalty as long as the partner of the one who made the psychic bid makes his normal bid. What I mean is

that if the partner of the one Spade overcaller had 4 Spades and eight points and never raised, then we have a problem. If partners successfully "field" psyches then there is a presumption that it has happened before, and they are acting on past experiences. This is NOT allowed."

"Furthermore, Duke, you don't want to be associated with the behind the scenes word of mouth that will follow such behavior." Caroline nodded in agreement, as Duke silently tore up his hastily written notes.

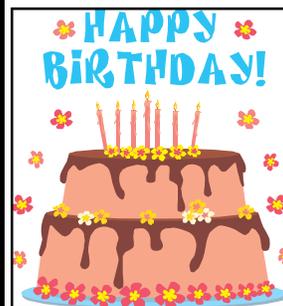
Mr. RGG continued, "Bring your 'A' game every time. Play within the rules, written and understood. Play as hard as you can within these parameters, and you can be so much prouder of your results than if you have to resort to misdirected attempts at opponent confusion in order to win."

Written by Randy Joyce and Sandy McCay

ON A LIGHTER SIDE.....,

It was nice to see Ingrid Toschlog at the tables last week. Ingrid was on our unit board for two years, but resigned and moved to Florida. She will also be here for the Raleigh Regional Tournament.

Happy Birthday to Darleen!



Members who played in the Wednesday night game on April 23 enjoyed cake and the celebration.

MEET JIM BEAN—UNIT 191 PRESIDENT

Steven Petrow, author of numerous books and New York Times columnist, did this interview of **Jim Bean** for the Alert. We thank Steven for his contribution.

Where did you grow up?

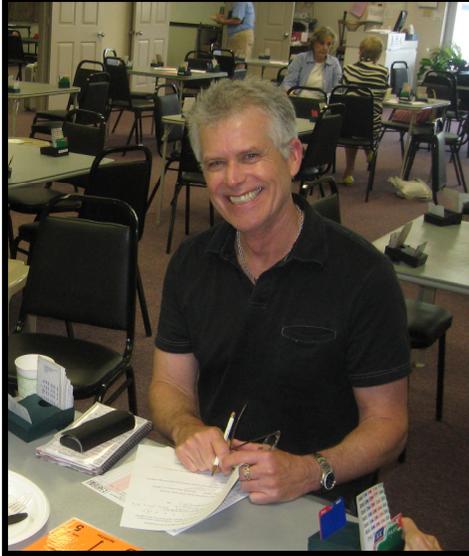
Mostly in Winston-Salem, with occasional stops in New Hampshire as an infant, and Lake Forest, Illinois as a teenager. I am the eldest of six children, which meant that I had to be more responsible than my younger siblings. My parents were New England transplants so I never quite identified myself as a Southerner, but neither did I identify as a Yankee.

What kind of work did you do previously?

My first job was as clerk for Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, a large law firm in San Francisco, because even though I was a Philosophy and English major (at UNC-CH), I thought I might go to law school. Well, by chance and luck I ended up in Los Angeles where I dabbled in modeling and acting, and working in a restaurant where many of Paul Newman condiments were created. Then I went to work for D. D. Bean & Sons, which was founded by my great-grandfather to manufacture advertising book matches. I was the western sales manager that covered over 13 states. After that, I sold residential real estate in Los Angeles and in Marin County in Northern California. In the 1990's, I became interested in equity investing and did well enough to discontinue having to work for anyone else.

Why did you decide to move back to North Carolina?

As I mentioned, I moved to Los Angeles right after college. It was there that I met my first partner, Howard Goldberg, who was a talent



agent. Unfortunately, just after Howard turned 40, he died from HIV/AIDS. As time went on, I felt the draw to come home and be closer to my parents and my four brothers and sister. I was especially glad to be here when my father was diagnosed with prostate cancer and then to help my mother through his illness and passing. But I may not have come here were it not for Steven, my husband. While we were newly dating, he mentioned that the

only other place he could conceive of living other than the Bay Area was the Triangle. It wasn't too much later that we found ourselves looking and embarking on a new adventure with one another. After living for six years in Chapel Hill, we moved to Hillsborough about a year ago—with our Jack Russell Terrier, Zoe.

How did you come to play bridge, especially at such a young age?

I started playing bridge with my grandparents on both sides. When they came to visit or when we visited them, often times they needed a fourth and I was the primary victim. I really didn't have formal training, I just played. I also started playing quite a bit at UNC—to pass the time with friends often to the detriment of my studies.

What challenges you about playing bridge?

The aspects I find most challenging are to make sure that you are on the same page with your partners, that you know your conventions and agreements well. The most rewarding parts of the game for me are the inferences that you can make from the bidding and the play of the hand. I especially like to defend because it requires you to think without the ball so to speak, counting the hand from the very first card

played, seeing dummy and counting the points in each hand. There are so many aspects to the game to engage oneself if you want to expend the mental energy and focus.

What do you hope to accomplish as unit president?

From the onset of joining our unit, I noticed a wonderful camaraderie and friendliness throughout the unit despite the competitive nature of bridge and I believe it is my duty and desire to foster this tradition during my term. Of course, I want to make improvements in our activities and create fun events and celebrations, but it is more important to me that people enjoy the company of each other and have fun in all of our clubs. It is easy to give back to a game that has given me such pleasure.

Why do you mentor other players?

I have gained a lot of satisfaction mentoring other players over the years and it is one of my favorite givebacks to the game. I have especially enjoyed those players who come to me with a burning desire to improve their skills, but also the willingness to put in the time that is necessary to improve their game. I remembered when I was learning the game someone told me that there is a definite correlation between the time you spent studying the game and the improvement in your skill level. It isn't enough just to play. You have to either have an extraordinary innate ability or you need to put in the work. For me, it was the latter and I am still learning and hopefully, improving each and every day. And that is what I like to impart to each mentee, the areas that each player needs to focus.

What do you do when not at the bridge table?

I have many passions and interests, but my first priority is taking care of my life with my partner. I really enjoy taking care of my home and partner and enabling Steven to find the time to be his creative best. I also spend an inordinate amount of time researching investment ideas and

making investments in equities. Finally, I have to say I take great enjoyment in gardening, cooking, traveling, wine collecting, walking, movies, hiking, and gourmet dining.

Written by **Steven Petrow**



MISCELLANEOUS

- The Raleigh Regional is a popular ACBL tournament held every two years – this is a great opportunity to pick up some gold points, see bridge friends, and support our neighboring bridge community.
- There will be games on Monday, May 19 at the TBC – 1:00 and 7:00. There are games scheduled at The Bridge Academy on Monday, May 19 and Monday, May 26 at 1:00. There is no game on Wednesday, May 21 at The Bridge Academy. There will be a game at 1:00 on Friday, May 23rd at The Senior Center.
- Please remember to push in chairs, put your cups and trash in the appropriate place, and pick up pencils after each game – every small effort helps.

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