

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UNIT ACTIVITIES!!

As we MARCH FORTH, there are many activities on the agenda in the unit for everyone to participate. Please mark your calendars for these events and plan to participate by:

- Notifying your family, friends, and neighbors of the many bridge possibilities in our unit
- Being willing to pass out flyers advertising the events
- Volunteering to help in any way at the function
- Playing in one of the events

APRIL 26

LBIAD

Held at the TBC—1:00-6:00

Hosted by Jeff Boak

May 2

**Follow-up sessions for LBIAD participants, and
intermediate players**

Regular 9:30 game

**Special unit sponsored game with extra points at 2:00
for everyone with a separate 0-20 section**

May 30-31

The first 0-199 tournament in our unit!!

**Hosted by The Bridge Academy
Sheraton Chapel Hill**

June 6-15 and June 22-26

**Youth Summer Bridge Camp
Maggie Lindquist**

Detailed information about each event may be found on the website. I hope each of you will participate in some way as we continue to grow our membership and provide activities for everyone.

Jim Bean, Unit President

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WEBSITE

If you've not checked the website recently, you're missing out on volumes of information about our unit. **Ed Fuller**, Webmaster, has included announcements about:

- Articles about people in the unit
- Photos of events held in the unit
- Current list of classes being offered in the unit
- Current people teaching in the unit
- Past newsletters
- Memories
- Board minutes
- Etc.

Ed welcomes any suggestions or ideas to make the site even better!!

MARCH MADNESS

Unit 191 had its own version of March Madness on March 18 at a double session event sponsored by the Durham Bridge Club, the Tarheel Bridge Club, the Learning Spot, and Unit 191. Players came decked out in their favorite team colors with friendly comraderie among everyone.



Phylliss Woody
And
Lila Berry

GO UNC!

Bottom:

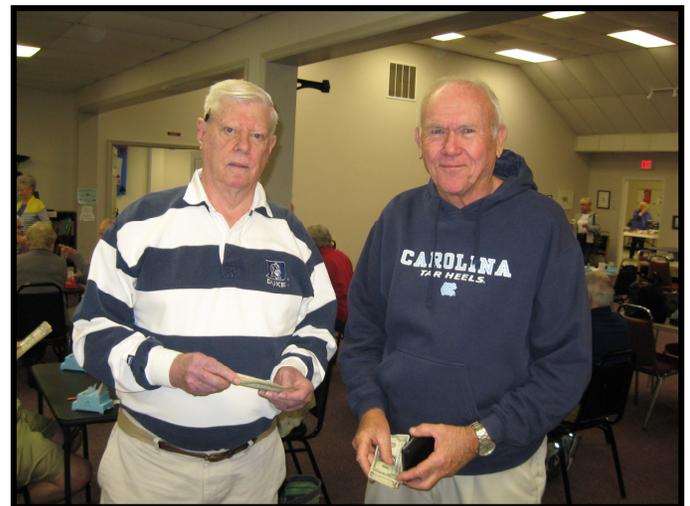
Kay Gruninger
No doubt about her
favorite team



Phil Erlenbach, Barbara
Martin, and Chuck
Becker
GO DUKE!



Karen and Larry Calhoun
GO NC STATE!



Phil and Jim—partners at the table
Opponents on the court



And there were
players at the
event who were
“normal” in dress.
Linda Brezin and
partner Meyer
Leiberman, con-
template their bid-
ding against oppo-
nents Linda Owen
and Priscilla
Bernstein



Membership Report
Submitted by Linda Harris
During the month of February the following occurred:

Total Membership for February 2015	576
New	6
Transfer In	5
Transfer Out	(2)
Deceased	
Snowbird In	
Snowbird Out	
Future Life Masters inactive	(9)
Future Life Masters reinstated	6
Life Masters unpaid	
Life Masters reinstated	

We welcome to our Unit family (6) new ACBL members-- **Jerry L. Bell, Barbara L. Bindrim, Patty R. Campbell, Mary Clemmings and Padma Srivastava** all of Chapel Hill and **Alice M. Parsons** of Pittsboro. In addition five (5) players transferred in: **Fran Milberg** from unit 118 of Wilmington, **Jeffrey Milberg** from unit 119 of Cary, **Grzegorz Narkiewicz** from unit 999, **Rick A. Short** from unit 171 both of Chapel Hill, and **Jennie N. Robinson** from unit 244 of Durham. We bid a warm welcome to these players and look forward to having them as part of our bridge family.

Advancing in rank 12 during the month of February were:

Junior Master	Sandra F. Gerow
Club Master	Teddy Lovejoy
Sectional Master	Ira D. Mueller
Regional Master	Susan Ingelbinck Dorothy P. McElwee Page Thomas III
NABC Master	Katherine E. Baer Robert S. Thorstad
Life Master	Emily T. Dursse
Bronze Life Master	Jane I. Kiernan
Silver Life Master	Valerie Roberts
Gold Life Master	Darleen J. Bates

Congratulations one and all!

Unit 191 members please check the Directory on our unit website (unit191bridge.org) and report to me any changes or corrections that need to be made. Please remember Contact information in this directory is provided as a courtesy to Unit 191 members. Unauthorized use of this information is forbidden.

UNIT 191 FIRST 0-200 NEWCOMERS SECTIONAL

Hosted by The Bridge Academy
May 30-31
The Sheraton Chapel Hill—One Europa Drive

All details and information may be found on the unit website

The Bridge Academy



Have fun, Play better

2014-2015 MENTOR/ MENTEE GAME DATE

Please mark your calendar for the
next scheduled Mentor/Mentee game:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
1:00 PM

Co-Chairs: **Sharon Crane**
(scbridge@earthlink.net)
919-489-4903

Linda Harris
(lharris166@nc.rr.com)
919-414-6716

RESULTS OF MARCH MENTOR/MENTEE GAME

Overall winners in the special Mentor/Mentee
game held on March 28 were:

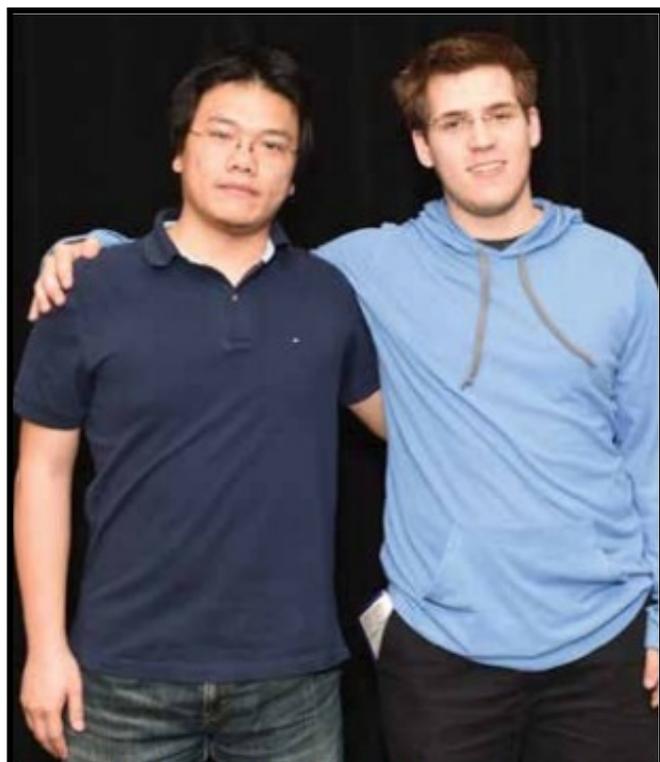
1st—**Katie Wilson and Betsy Mangum**
2nd—**Valerie Roberts and Jo Bays**
3rd—**Erlinda Wehrman and Ben Kompa**
4th—**Maggie Lindquist and Paul Smith**
Tie for 5th

Jim Bean and Linda Brezin
LaVerne Burch and Alice Hughley

Thanks to **Sharon** and **Linda** for organizing the
event and to **Jay** for directing.



UNC DUO TAKES SECOND PLACE— FLIGHT C IN NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS!!



Second in the NAP Flight C: Xiyuan Ge and Benjamin Kompa.

UNC student, **Ben Kompa**, and former UNC student, **Xiyuan Ge** placed second in North American Pairs in Flight C!

The NAP event has been a major ACBL pair championship since 1979 and was originally known as the Grand National Pairs. The grassroots event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit, and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2015 Spring NABC, in New Orleans, LA. The contest is run as a flighted event: Flight A (Open), Flight B (fewer than 2500 MPs) and Flight C (Non-Life Master with fewer than 500 MPs).

To qualify, Ben and Xijuan won the Distric 7 finals of NAP in Spartanburg, SC, last November. At the New Orleans Nationals, the final was a 4-session event with over 40 pairs participating. Ben and Xijuan placed 2nd overall and were awarded 30 MPs.

Ben graciously agreed to answer questions and give more information on their journey to the finals of the NAP.

"We decided to try to play for the NAP D7 bid in August. We had played in Vegas after we were runners up in the Collegiate Championships and really played well together. We qualified at the TBC by being the only C pair at one afternoon game....suffice to say we did not have a good game. AT the district qualifier, which was conveniently held again at the TBC, we had a 53% in the first session and were sitting in third. In the final session we had a 69% game and ended up having the highest average across D7 in the qualification tournament—in A, B, and C!

I asked Ben about a favorite hand from the New Orleans tournament and here it is:

DLR: S
VUL:

	♠A5	
	♥Q9	
	♦A108432	
	♣Q87	
♠106		♠K87432
♥A8753		♥KJ2
♦KJ97		♦
♣K6		♣A543
	♠QJ9	
	♥1064	
	♦Q65	
	♣J1092	

"Xiyuan always sits west and I always sit east. We play Precision. The auction went: 1 Heart by Xiyuan—2 Diamonds by North, and now I have a problem. Our methods allow me to show both invitational and GF hands with heart support for partner, but I have 6 Spades. Xiyuan and I abuse our lower opening limit (all 11 point hands, some 10 point hands, and even some 9 point hands), so this hand is not a GF, even with the void. With only 3 hearts, I'm afraid of a forcing defense, which I can only control for 3 rounds. In Spades, if partner has two, I can control the force for a much longer time. I bid 2 Spades. The auction then went: P—2 NT by Xiyuan - (P) - and now I bid 3 Clubs, trying to see if partner has two card support for me. If he bids 3 NT,

I was planning to pull it to 4 Hearts. Xiyuan comes up with 3 Spades though, and I bid 4 Spades to end the auction."

"To review: Partner opened 1 Heart, (2 Diamonds), 2 Spades, (P), 2 NT, (P), 3 Clubs, (P), 3 Spades, (P), 4 Spades, all pass."

"South led a low diamond. I ruffed in hand and then thought. A lot. My table feel said South had a lot of good spades. I have maybe one heart loser, probably one club, and the potential for a lot of spade losers if I don't play correctly. I decided to go for a cross ruff and see if I could endplay south somehow. I played a low club to the King, back in clubs to the Ace, and ruffed a club. I crossed back to the King of hearts, and played another club. South followed and East pitched the Queen of hearts, refusing to over-ruff my 6 of Spades. This led me to believe North had the Ace of Spades, and South the QJx. He played a Diamond back, I ruffed, and claimed the hand, losing only another Spade."

P.S. Jim Bean and I played against Ben and a different partner at a Swiss team event in Raleigh—with Ben declaring in a skinny 4 spade contract. After making the hand, Jim commented on his excellent play and he replied that after the first two tricks, he knew where every card was. He was absolutely correct!! This is a warning when you play against him!!

In response to the question about the influence of the UNC Bridge Club, Ben's reply was:

*"The UNC Bridge Club was our introduction to each other as a partnership and our precision system was adopted from a team version of precision, which we modified quite a bit. The club this year is growing. Previously, we had only had 4 people. Now we have about 10-15 people learning! We have a varsity and JV team. The varsity team is still in the hunt for a berth to the collegiate tournament (ACBL changed the qualification system). We have the support of many members of the community including **Josef Blass, Dr. K., Arthur Moore and Erlinda Wehrman. Wayne Stuart** also helped Xiyuan and I tinker with our system. Josef is particularly helpful; because of his connections, we now have weekly sessions with **Joe Grue, Bermuda Bowl silver medalist!**"*

What is your mode of practice?

"Xiyuan and I are both in school (Xiyuan attends New York University) so squeezing in bridge is hard. We really didn't practice except when he was in town until about two weeks ago. Then we practiced almost everyday. I wrote up system notes, which ended up at 24 pages long. We bid and played a lot on BBO, then played a few games at the nationals to try out our new system."

Congratulations Ben and Xiyuan!!

Thank you **Hugon** for providing information, Ben for your thoughtful commentary, and Ed Fuller for the photo.

BE SCENT-SITIVE!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances.

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than disliking a particular smell—it's a real health problem.

The ACBL asks everyone to give this issue the consideration it deserves. Please, if you're going to play in a club or a tournament, don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

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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

Astonishing Abe... Tricky!!! Bidder

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.

HUDDLE, HUDDLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE

Written by Randy Joyce and Sandy McCay

Duke had scheduled a first time game with the hottest player at the TBC, Hurried Harry, who was on a roll and winning at an alarming rate. Harry had gotten his moniker as Hurried since he seldom thought for an instant about any bid or play. Duke was looking for a change of pace from Caroline and her more deliberate style.

After purchasing an entry, Duke and Harry proceeded to their table and filled out a convention card. Harry professed to be more a "Natural" player and said that he did not rely on too many frills and conventions. Our intrepid duo started against Angie and Gracie.

The action started on Board #1. Duke was dealt K, Axxx, Qxxxx, xxx and passed as Dealer. LHO passed and Harry opened 1 Club in third seat. Duke didn't know Harry's style regarding light openers in 3rd seat but he guessed that he would find out.

Gracie overcalled 2 Spades and Duke made a negative double. The auction proceeded P on his left and 3 Hearts by Harry. Gracie passed and Duke decided to pass. Angie twitched her ears and backed in with 3 Spades.

An amazing thing then happened. Harry paused for thought...and then more thought. Finally after about 90 seconds, Harry passed. Gracie passed and it was up to Duke. He reasoned that Harry would probably not open light on the first board that he played with a new partner and the opponents were probably cold for 3 Spades.

So what if Harry thought so long before making his bid. He was probably just thinking about the weather or some other nonsense. Duke bid 4 Hearts and was pleased with the result of +420. They could only beat 3 Spades one trick, so the opponents had a profitable save if they had chosen to take it.

Round 2 saw the guys paired up against the McAdoos. The first board was uneventful but not the second. Harry opened 1 Diamond and Mrs. McAdoo jumped to 2 Hearts. Duke had a real Dog of a hand. He held xxxx, xxx, Qx, Rxxx and passed like a shot. The auction then went P, P, P. Mrs. McAdoo struggled mightily but had to go down 1 trick. Harry held 19 HCP but lack of a fit would have seen our heroes going down several tricks. Mr. McAdoo asked to see

Harry's hand after the deal had been played, and upon seeing it, he muttered something about "ethics on parade." The guys got up and left for the next table.

As fate would have it, Duke and Harry arrived to play against Buzz and Jim the last round. Duke knew that he and Harry had a big game going and hoped to avoid any disasters that might cost them 1st place. On the first board of the set Buzz played a 3NT contract perfectly and made an over-trick. Duke reckoned that the field would have trouble making their contract and certainly not over-tricks.

The win would probably come down to the last board. Duke picked up a moderate hand Txx, Kxx, JTxxx, Ax and heard Harry open 1 Spade. Buzz overcalled 2 Hearts and Duke bid 2 Spades. Jim jumped to 4 Hearts and Harry paused for thought. Finally, after another 90 second break in the action, Harry emerged with the Red x card. It went Pass by Buzz, and Duke paused for thought himself.

He reckoned that the boys certainly knew what they were doing, so he pulled the double to 4 Spades. It went all pass, and when the dummy was spread, the director was summoned. As it so happened, a large part of Harry's double was based upon the A K Q x of Diamonds and with Buzz being void, the Doubled 4 Heart contract would have rolled home. The director admonished Duke for pulling the double when he had no reason to do so other than partner's hesitancy, and told him that he was reverting the contract to 4 Hearts doubled for -790.

Everyone encounters problems at the bridge table. It wouldn't be much of a game if there weren't some mental challenges. You or your partner are certainly entitled to think when you have a problem. The catch comes when partner chooses to act upon this information. He/she has no legal right to information conveyed by a huddle or break in tempo.

When partner pauses for thought, he does not have a clearcut action but one that is somehow outside the bounds of what you might expect. The partner of the one who breaks tempo must bend over backward to make sure his bid is not influenced by partner's huddle.

Do you see what has happened on all these hands? Either Duke or Harry made a more successful bid based on his partner's hesitation (1 & 3), and on the other one (2), Harry's action was influenced by What is meant by "bend over backwards"? On hand 1 Duke had a normal hand for the bidding, and he should have passed. If Duke had held x, Axxxx, Qx, Qxxxx he might have considered bidding 4 Hearts on the theory that he and partner had a two suited fit. After the huddle, bidding on is not appropriate, even with this hand. On hand 2, Duke should have waited 10 seconds after the skip bid as proprieties dictate. Then his partner would not have "unauthorized information," and the McAdoos would have a level playing field. On Hand 3, Buzz and Jim did not let Duke get away with making a decision based on the hesitation when Duke just had a normal 2S bid and no reason to pull partner's hesitant double.

If a bid is made by the partner of someone who makes a protracted break in the action, summon the director to see if their bid is justified. If it is not, you might be entitled to redress and an adjusted score.



ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS RECOGNIZED



Linda Brezin
Ace of Clubs 5-20



Nancy Crow
Ace of Clubs 50-100



Larry Kupper
Ace of Clubs and
Mini-McKenney
20-50



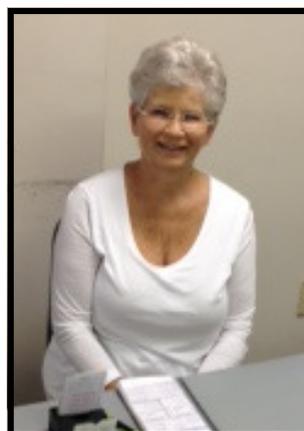
Andrea Roitman
Mini-McKenney
300-500



Kathy Newman
Mini-McKenney
1000-2500



Jim Wells
Ace of Clubs and
Mini-McKenney
100-200



Melanie Riva
Ace of Clubs
300-500



George Bloomer
Ace of Clubs
10000+



Jim Bean
Ace of Clubs
1000-2500



Skip Riva
Ace of Clubs and
Mini-McKenney
500-1000



Irene Adams
Ace of Clubs
5000-7500

THANKS TO LINDA HARRIS FOR ORGANIZING THE PARTY TO HONOR THE AWARD WINNERS. THE TOP 3 FINISHERS IN EACH DIVISION MAY BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.

Other winners were:
Ace of Clubs
Susan Korn 0-5
Betsy Mebane 200-300
Mort Stromberg 2500-5000

Mini-McKenney
Christine Chai 0-5
Ben Kompa 5-10
Robert Thorstad 50-100
Howard Su 2500-5000
Josef Blass 5000-7500
Kay Joyce 10000+

