

# UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF

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## Message from the Unit President:

Happy Spring my fellow unit members! We have lots of activities planned for this spring, some of which will have already transpired prior to the printing of this message, but I am happy to report that all of our activities combined with the efforts of our clubs and The Game Spot have contributed to an all time increase of our membership to more than 580 members. Yeah! We are planning even more activities in May beginning with a **follow up session for the LBIAD event** on May 2 that will be followed by a **first ever Unit Game with two sections**. We will have an Open Section and an 0-199 section with extra points. This Unit Game will help raise funds for future bridge initiatives, i.e., Youth Bridge Camp, our new Adult Bridge Camp, LBIAD and other activities. So please, join us on May 2 at 2pm and support our burgeoning bridge community!

**The first ever 0-200 tournament in our unit will be held May 30-31** at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill. The Bridge Academy is hosting the event. This is a great opportunity for those people who have taken lessons and are now ready to take the plunge into tournament play. All details may be found on the website.

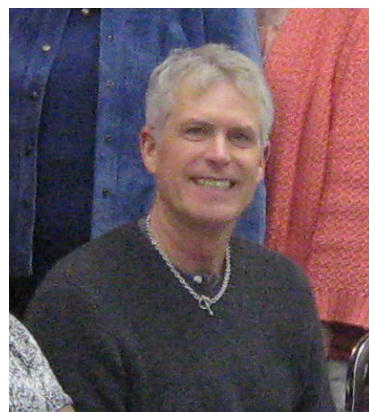
Also, due to popular demand, we will be co-sponsoring with The Game Spot, the Durham Bridge Club and the Tar Heel Bridge Club yet another **double session championship** on June 10th beginning with the morning game at 9:30am and continuing in the afternoon at 1pm at the TBC. Food, fun and prizes will be in big supply that day!

And please don't forget our Summer Camps this year, beginning with the **2 week Summer Youth Camp on June 15th** for a one week or a two week duration. Our **Adult Bridge Camp**, our first ever, promises to be more instructive than our LBIAD program. It begins on July 20th, with either a week or 2 week option. Please see our unit websites for more information.

And lastly, be honing your skills and choosing your partnerships for our **Summer Sectional** be held July 16th-19th. **Jackie Marks** and **Dave Streifford** are going to great lengths to insure everyone a good time. If you need partnerships please contact **Kay Gruninger** and **Linda Brezin** for partners or teammates.

Thanks members for your support and hope to see you at the tables!

**Jim Bean**  
Unit 191 President



Each year, Unit 191 selects a member to represent us in District 7 as a Goodwill Ambassador. The ideal nominee is *"one who gives selflessly of their time to promote and enhance bridge and demonstrates high standards of goodwill, sportsmanship and volunteerism."*



**UNIT 191'S  
2015  
GOODWILL  
WINNER  
ROBIN  
MARIN**

This year's selection is **ROBIN MARIN**. Robin meets all of these criteria as verbalized by multiple unit members including a number of our game directors. As one of her supporters stated, *"Robin epitomizes all that is good about our unit."*

Robin is well known for her many contributions to our tournaments, to our annual Christmas Gala event and to many of our everyday games. She has selflessly given of her time and creative talents in helping to organize these events, adding her special touches to them, and in preparing many delectable goodies for all to enjoy. She has a loyal group of "followers" who "follow" her to the kitchen when they see her coming in the door with a plate, tin, or basket of cakes, cookies or whatever she has decided to cook and bring that day.

In recent years, the Christmas Gala has risen to new levels of elegance and enjoyment largely because of Robin's efforts as Co-chair in planning the event, paying careful attention to all of the details and being on hand to make sure that everything moves flawlessly through the day. Robin has served as hospitality chair for many of our sectional tournaments creating a standard of excellence and special touches that we continue to try to emulate at these events each year. She even recruited her sister, Holly, to be in charge of the kitchen on many of these occasions and we feel that Holly, a non-bridge player, has become one of us. Robin has also served a term on the Unit Board of Directors.

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Robin has been described as being *"unfailingly kind and courteous to other bridge players"* and as being *"quietly supportive of all efforts to enhance others' enjoyment of the game."* It is apparent that she loves the game of bridge and wants everyone else to enjoy it as much as she does. Robin volunteers on a regular basis as a "designated partner" to help make sure that players without partners have an opportunity to play.

Robin is a good bridge player having achieved the Regional Master level. She approaches the game in a conscientious and ethical manner and remains unruffled at the bridge table. At one sectional tournament, she even remained calm when an opponent commented that she must be a Carolina fan since the color of her blouse was a lighter color of blue.

One of our directors said *"seeing her named would bring a smile and a nod from many of us and frown from none."* Most of us have benefitted from Robin's contributions to bridge. We are grateful to her and look forward to many more years of sharing the game of bridge with her.

*Submitted by Joyce Jenzano*



## **A celebration at The Bridge Academy on April 8 honoring Robin Marin for being nominated as the unit's Goodwill Ambassador for 2015**



## **SPRING FLING**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 2  
FOR THE FIRST UNIT  
SPONSORED GAME IN 191!  
THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL  
SECTION FOR 0-199 WITH 0-  
20, 20-100, 100-199  
STRATS, IN ADDITION TO AN  
OPEN GAME. THE GAME  
WILL BE HELD AT TBC  
BEGINNING AT 2:00.**

**THERE IS A FOLLOW-UP OF  
LBIAD IN THE MORNING  
AND PARTICIPANTS HAVE  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY  
IN A GAME OR  
ATTEND A PLAY AND LEARN  
EVENT IN THE AFTERNOON.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

## **2014-2015 MENTOR/ MENTEE FINAL GAME**

The next and final Mentor/Mentee game of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Triangle Bridge Club. Mentees please bring a potluck dish to share with your Mentors for lunch at 12:30PM. The game will begin at 1:00PM. Please check with your mentoring partner and make plans to attend this final game; we are hoping for a good turnout.

Even though this is the last game of this year's program, the mentoring year runs until **August**. So, mentor/mentee pairs should continue to play together until then.

Please mark your calendars with the **Final** scheduled Mentor/Mentee game:

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015 @ 1:00PM**

Co-Chairs:

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

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

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OF UNIT 191. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS.**

**BARBARA MARTIN, EDITOR**

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**LIZ MCGUFFEY**

**DAVE STREIFFORD**

## EGG SALAD ALA JOHN

For as long as John and Sue Torrey have had their Tarheel Bridge Club in the area, John has made egg salad sandwiches. Everyone looks forward to these delectables each Wednesday and Friday. There was a request for the recipe for John Torrey's egg salad, and John happily shared his secrets.

*For 14 sandwiches:*

*Hard boil 11 large eggs. Slice with an egg slicer.*

*Add :*

*- 2 stalks of celery, chopped and drained - I use a Cuisinart, then tilt the bowl to drain for several minutes*

*- 1/2 sweet onion, chopped and drained (Cuisinart again)*

*- dried parsley flakes (McCormick) - Should noticeably darken the surface*

*- ground black pepper - A couple of shakes of the container*

*- Curry powder (the "secret" ingredient) -*

*Visible yellow coating on much of the surface. About four squeezes of the McCormick container.*

*Stir together, then add Hellman's mayonnaise. - Three scoops with a large rubber spoon, enough to get desired consistency.*

*Boiling eggs: I put the eggs in cold water and heat to a boil, then cover with heat off for 10 minutes. Then douse with ice-cold water.*

*I found a trick that makes boiled eggs easier to peel. If you lightly tap a raw egg on a hard counter, it sounds like "bok". If the egg is broken it goes "fud" instead. Tap lightly on each end and the side - reject the eggs that go "fud". Then tap a bit harder on the side, to create a hairline crack in the shell, and put the egg in the cold water for cooking. The sound should be "kik". To test you can tap lightly again - the sound should be "fud". The crack will be visible after cooking, and the eggs will peel easily.*

**John**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi Randy,

Keep pounding the message home. Tempo is so important and it aggravates me that even some A players don't follow these golden rules! Good article!

## BRIDGE CAMPS

*By Maggie Lindquist*

This summer, we have two camps scheduled to teach bridge. You are all familiar with the first one, the Youth Bridge Camp, being held June 15-26. This camp is aimed at young people who are about to start 5<sup>th</sup> grade but is also offered to younger children with the recommendation of a bridge player. This year we were invited to participate in the Durham Expo to inform families of gifted children of fun, educational summer activities. This Expo brought in over 500 people. We spoke to many families who wanted to know more about bridge. We also told them that we would accept younger children from that group because the age restrictions were intended to insure that the participants were ready for the abstract thinking bridge requires. We have had a few registrants already but we need more. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or friends or neighbors with children, please encourage them to come to our camp.

The new Adult Bridge Camp, being held July 20-31, is the result of comments made by some of the Saturday morning students who came to continue learning about bridge after attending the October Learn Bridge in a Day. There are no age restrictions for this camp, not even a lowest age so if some children can't attend in June and they are willing to learn with adults, they are welcome. (As an aside; the children will probably be the stars of the show since their brains are so much more attuned to learning new things quickly than adults are.) Both camps have the first week focused at bare beginners, starting as though everyone in the groups has no knowledge of the game. The second week requires that participants already attended the first week or its equivalent (for the Adult Camp). Again, please let friends, neighbors, etc. who might want to learn bridge know about this camp.

We plan for the participants to have fun and to learn a lot in both camps. The kids who have attended these camps in the past have loved it and those whose parents signed them up for only one week (because they didn't want of force their children to continue if they didn't like it) nearly always wanted to come for the second week although many times they couldn't because they had something else scheduled the next week.

*(See the flyers on Pages 10 and 11 )*

## Sharpener Please

After this year's Wilmington Regional, Peter Boyd gave me an interesting hand. Many players would not see the key issues clearly enough to execute correct declarer play at the table.

Let's see if your thinking is up to the task. If you don't know him, the Peter Boyd to whom I refer is one of the top experts in the country. You may know Peter Boyd-Bowman of Greensboro, but they are different people. Peter was playing with his favorite partner, Steve Robinson. They both hail from the DC area.

Peter's hand was S JTxxxx, H xx, D QJxxx, C ----. Not much of a collection, you are thinking. Well, the auction proceeded, 1NT (15-17), P,P to Peter. He decided to contest the part score, and, though he might have shown 2 suits, he decided to treat his hand as 1 major. His systemic bid was 2 Diamonds which announced to the table that he had 1 major.

Usually partner bids 2 Hearts (pass or correct) but Peter saw his partner put down a 2NT bid. This bid said, "I have a lot more than you might expect" and asked a question, "Do you have a maximum or a minimum?"

"Three Clubs," called Peter owning up to a minimum. Peter hoped that the brakes had been applied, but partner bid 3 Diamonds inquiring about which was his major. With bad thoughts running through his mind, Peter fessed up to the Spade suit, and his partner raised him to game. The auction went P, P, Double by the 1 NT opener. So much for wanting to contest the partial!

The opening lead was the D K (A from AK) and dummy showered down with S KQx, H AQJ, D xxx, C KJxx. Not a bad catch, but still far from cold. The first trick went small, 2 (standard count), small. LHO played the DA, and caught small, T, small. A little Heart now appeared on the table.

What clues have you gathered? LHO has the AK doubleton of Diamonds. He would have lead the A if he had AKx. RHO played a standard count card of the D2, but then played suit preference of the D T indicating a Heart card.

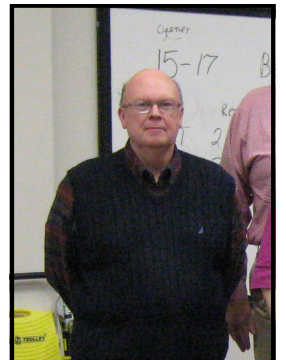
Visualize all the cards and see if you should finesse or not. The 1NT bidder surely has the SA, the D AK which you have seen and the CA. That doesn't leave room for the Heart K, since that would be 18 HCP. You say what if RHO has the CA and the strong NT hand had the HK and the CQ? Beside the fact that it would be a very iffy bid to double without quick tricks, by playing the Diamond ten, RHO said that he liked a Heart shift rather than a Club. All facts lead to not finessing the Heart.

However, your work is not done. If you lead a trump, LHO will win the A and put his partner in with the Heart King for a Diamond ruff anyway. Challenges like these are what make bridge such a fascinating game. Peter worked out what to do to solve his problem. After winning the Heart Ace he led the CK and threw his Heart. LHO won the CA, but had no way to put his partner in for the Diamond ruff and thus the contract only went down 1 for minus 200. This was not a great result, but it was the best he could do at the time. The technical name for this play is a Scissors Coup: you sever your opponent's communications by losing a trick to the safe hand rather than to the dangerous one.

Several things stand out in my mind about this hand. An expert pair got to a horrible contract. Kay and I occasionally arrive at some interesting ones ourselves. Rather than lament our poor judgment or lack of better fitting cards, we try to do the best we can with the contract at hand. We try to use what information that we can gather from the bidding and the play of the cards.

Moral of the story : I emphasize that when you are on a roll at the table almost anything you do will work. When the wheels come off is the time to hunker down and not get discouraged. Try to bring your A game into play. Did I mention that the contract at the other table was 4 Spades undoubled, down 2, so the board was a push? Did I mention that Peter's team won by 3 IMP's and would have lost by 4 if he had gone down 2 tricks?

*Written by Randy Joyce and Sandy McKay*





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

<b>Total Membership for March 2015</b>	<b>589</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Transfer In</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Transfer Out</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	
<b>Snowbird In</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Snowbird Out</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Future Life Masters inactive</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Future Life Masters reinstated</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Life Masters Unpaid</b>	
<b>Life Masters reinstated</b>	

We welcome to our Unit family (10) new ACBL members-- **Virginia Cole, Bedda D'Angelo, Stephen Dong, Randy Grigg, Alice Holmes, Jean Hull and Shengding Sun** all of Chapel Hill, **Mark Francis, Dan Snedecor**, and Sam **Sundar** all of Durham. In addition three (3) players transferred in **Barry Buehler** from unit 126 of Hillsborough, and two (2) snowbirds **Kay Murray** of Durham, and **Terri Van De Carr** of Chapel Hill both from unit 128.

Please join me in welcoming these new players to our bridge family.

We bid a warm welcome to these players and look forward to having them as part of our bridge family.

Advancing in rank eight (8) during the month of March were:

Junior Master	<b>Frances Gravely</b> <b>Howard Kastel</b> <b>Donna Stewart</b> <b>Stephen Stewart</b>
Club Master	<b>Dixie Hapgood</b>
Regional Master	<b>Patricia McFeely</b> <b>Sherry Wogen</b> <b>Warren Wogen</b>

Congratulations one and all!

*(Membership report continued...)*

I regret to inform you that time stopped for **Barbara Ann Black Myers** on Sunday, April 5, 2015. Mrs. Myers was born in Cleveland County, NC and was educated in Tryon High School. She moved to Washington, DC, where she enrolled in Secretary school, and became a paralegal working on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mrs. Myers was also a women's basketball official, working at both the high school and collegiate levels. She eventually relocated to Durham, where she was a secretary for many years at Pearson-town Elementary School. When her children had left home, she would gladly open her home to missionaries, foreign exchange students, and families who were undergoing medical procedures at Duke. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of the Red Hat Club. Mrs. Myers was a volunteer with the Board of Elections, and a very active member of Yates Baptist

## **OUR FIRST AND NEWEST LIFE MASTER**

### **FROM OUR UNIT FOR YEAR 2015**

It is official—our unit's newest life master is **Emily Dursse** and here is her story:

Emily was a student at UNC-Chapel Hill; her roommate taught her the game of bridge. Later on she joined two bridge clubs and played social bridge only until retirement.

Emily is grateful to longtime friend **Sally Foushee** who introduced her to duplicate bridge in 2002. Their first game was at the Bridge Center in Durham in the 199er game. In that game or the next they scored in the high 60's. Emily had no idea what that meant, but she quickly learned that it is not the norm. Over the years Emily went to Regional's in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. Emily fulfilled her gold point requirement at the Charlottesville Regional in late February to become our newest Life Master. Emily states, "It has been a fun and rewarding adventure".

In addition to Sally, she would like to give special thanks to **Jeanne Barbour, Anne Boyd, Leona Whichard** and also would like to acknowledge the late **Gretchen Durham** who also helped her get to this point.

**Well Done Emily!**

**Unit 191 members please check the Directory on our unit website ([unit191bridge.org](http://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.**



# What to do in the balancing seat?

First, you may ask, what is the “balancing seat?” It means making a bid when passing will end the auction. So, this could be in any of the following auctions:

1. P – P – P – 1NT\*
2. 1C – P – P – ? or 1NT
3. 2H – P – P – ? or 2S
4. 1C – P – 1NT – P;  
2C – P – P – ? or X
5. P – P – P – 2S

Let’s consider the last auction first [#5]. Some might play this as preemptive but it also can be a solid opening, such as 13-15 high card points and 6 spades. Partner says, “My hand is so shapely that I can play with little help from you.” However, given this auction, it’s reasonable to count on partner for 7 or 8 points. If non-vulnerable against vulnerable, a jump is more likely to be preemptive [but not always.] Everything depends on partnership agreements. Moving back to the first auction, this is the balancing No-Trump\* bid in 4<sup>th</sup> seat. It usually promises 11-14 and it should be marked on the convention card. Partner “borrows” a King to open.

Auction #2: if 4<sup>th</sup> suit passes in this 4<sup>th</sup> seat, what does that say? If opponents are vulnerable and this player has a big hand with lots of clubs, well, you get the idea. If he/she bids 1NT it should show a decent opening balanced hand with a club stopper. When 4<sup>th</sup> seat overcalls a preemptive bid, as in this case -- 2S over 2H, partner should think “partner has at least 5 spades and at least a robust opening hand.” Partnership agreement governs whether you are obligated to bid, temporize, or be aggressive.

Auction #4 may be the most common. When partner of the opener’s 1C opening responds 1NT, everyone knows approximate point count and shape. What if, as shown here, opener rebids 2C? Two passes follow and now you see partner lay down the X card. What kind of double is this? Is it takeout for the majors? Is it a balance-of-points double? **As usual, it’s all about partnership agreements.**

*Submitted by Dave Streifford*





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# **ADULT BRIDGE** **CAMP**

**When:** July 20-24, 2015 Beginners  
July 27-31, 2015 Continued (week one or  
equivalent required)

**Time:** 9:00 am -2:30pm with a break to get lunch

**Cost:** \$100 per player per week-registration required

**Who:** anyone, the more the merrier

**Where:** Triangle Bridge Club 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC

**Have fun as you learn how to play and im-  
prove your game of Bridge**

**Questions, call 919-933-0008**

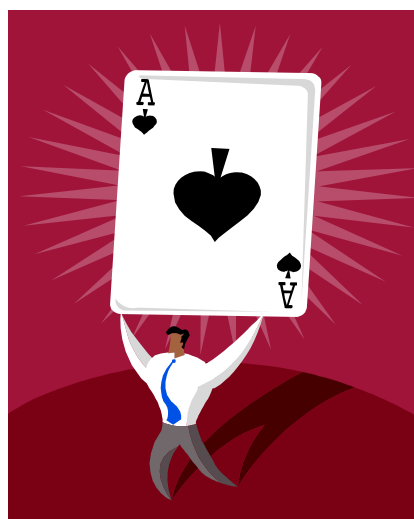
**Registration forms available online at:  
[www.unit191bridge.org](http://www.unit191bridge.org)**



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Bridge

# SUMMER YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP

**The game of Bridge is a card game which requires the use of logic and strategy. It is never boring, always intriguing**

**Have fun as you learn how to play this wonderful game**

**When: June 15-19, 2015 Beginners  
June 22-26, 2015 Continued (week one required)**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$75 per player per week-registration required**

**Who: anyone-recommend rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up**

**Where: Triangle Bridge Club 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC**

**Questions, call 919-933-0008  
provided**

**Lunch and Refreshments provided**

**Registration forms available online at:**

**[www.unit191bridge.org](http://www.unit191bridge.org)**

## Unit 191 Master Point Leaders for First Quarter of 2015

The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney standings below cover the first quarter of calendar year 2015 and show the total ACBL master points recorded for the individuals listed. Each individual is shown for the master point range (not the rank) in which he/she stood as of 01/01/15. Since then, many of those listed have advanced to the next range.

The Ace of Clubs points are those won at the club level only and include those won at clubs in Unit 191 as well as those won at other ACBL-sanctioned clubs. The Mini-McKenney points are those won in all ACBL-sanctioned events.

ACE OF CLUBS		MASTER POINT RANGE	MINI - McKENNEY	
<b>Randolph Bock</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>0 - 5</b>	<b>Randolph Bock</b>	<b>4.98</b>
James Leak III	4.98		James Leak III	4.98
Charles Meyers	4.78		Charles Meyers	4.78
<b>Jo Bays</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>5 - 20</b>	<b>Jo Bays</b>	<b>7.67</b>
Gayle Streifford	4.04		Marian Meyer	4.50
Marian Meyer	3.38		Gayle Streifford	4.04
<b>Charlotte Davis</b>	<b>9.29</b>	<b>20 - 50</b>	<b>David Hamill</b>	<b>14.24</b>
David Hamill	8.64		Phyllis Alexander	11.40
Phyllis Alexander	6.60		Amy Levine	10.51
<b>Linda Brezin</b>	<b>11.29</b>	<b>50 - 100</b>	<b>Dorothy McElwee</b>	<b>18.63</b>
Page Thomas III	9.19		John Pinkerton	17.79
Jennie Robinson	7.84		Page Thomas III	17.67
<b>Larry Kupper</b>	<b>17.25</b>	<b>100 - 200</b>	<b>Ben Kompa</b>	<b>52.78</b>
Phylliss Woody	16.99		Xiyuan Ge	50.89
Nancy Crow	16.99		Nancy Crow	21.52
<b>Linda Owen</b>	<b>17.26</b>	<b>200 - 300</b>	<b>Douglas Steele</b>	<b>27.43</b>
Robin Marin	12.44		Linda Owen	22.02
Ann Vaughan	9.66		Keith Adams	15.64
<b>Betsy Mebane</b>	<b>24.57</b>	<b>300 - 500</b>	<b>Paul Smith</b>	<b>34.06</b>
Paul Smith	23.52		Betsy Mebane	32.93
Katie Wilson	19.55		Katie Wilson	29.19
<b>Melanie Riva</b>	<b>51.51</b>	<b>500 - 1,000</b>	<b>Skip Riva</b>	<b>68.31</b>
Skip Riva	48.26		Melanie Riva	65.08
Andrea Roitman	28.84		Gale Rohrs	43.23
<b>Tom Roberg</b>	<b>55.85</b>	<b>1,000 - 2,500</b>	<b>Tom Roberg</b>	<b>75.65</b>
Jim Bean	44.50		Jim Bean	62.64
Barbara Martin	40.75		Joanna Pagano	60.89
<b>Mort Stromberg</b>	<b>54.22</b>	<b>2,500 - 5,000</b>	<b>Ken Dye</b>	<b>82.64</b>
Ken Dye	43.20		Howard Su	65.33
Howard Su	38.23		Mort Stromberg	59.15
<b>Irene Adams</b>	<b>35.33</b>	<b>5,000 - 7,500</b>	<b>Josef Blass</b>	<b>217.80</b>
Wayne Stuart III	8.73		Wayne Stuart III	85.02
Peggy Barbee	3.66		Irene Adams	38.55
<b>George Bloomer</b>	<b>74.83</b>	<b>10,000+</b>	<b>Kay Joyce</b>	<b>328.70</b>
Kay Joyce	27.19		Randy Joyce	312.16
Randy Joyce	10.65		Chris Moll	156.99