UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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0-200 Tournament

The first ever 0-200 bridge tournament in our unit will be held on **May 30-31, 2015** at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill and is hosted by The Bridge Academy. If you have less than 200 points, or know someone who qualifies, please plan to attend and get your silver! There will be two sessions on Saturday, May 30, for pairs and a half day on Sunday for a Swiss team event. A special event for 0-20 will be held on Saturday. Partners guaranteed!! Details may be found on the website.

Summer Youth Bridge Camp

The Summer Youth Bridge Camp will be held at the TBC on the following dates:

June 15-19, 2015—Beginners **June 22-26, 2015**—Continued
The fee is $75 per week which includes lunch. Pre-registration required.
This popular event is run by **Maggie Lindquist** and is in its fifth year! (*Flyer on page 7)*

Bright Leaf Sectional

Our unit is hosting our annual summer sectional on **July 16-19, 2015** at the TBC . Mark your calendars and plan to play. **Jackie Marks** and **Dave Streifford** are co-chairpersons for the event and have been working diligently to make this the best tournament ever. Watch for sign up sheets for food donations, to volunteer in the kitchen, or help with clean-up.

Adult Bridge Camp

This will be the first time for offering an adult bridge camp within the unit. **Maggie Lindquist** is coordinating this event.

July 20-24, 2015 —Beginners **July 27-31, 2015**—Continued
9:00-2:30 with a lunch break—$100 per week (*Flyer on page 8)*

0-500 Tournament

Mark your calendars now for a 0-500 tournament on **August 21-23, 2015.**
This event will be hosted by the TBC. More details later.

ALL DETAILS FOR THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE ON THE WEBSITE

Linda Harris and Chris Moll
First N/S and Overall

Steve Barsby and Janet Hitti
First E/W

YEAR END MENTOR/MENTEE EVENT

The final event for the Mentor/Mentee program was held on Tuesday, May 2nd with a lunch provided by the mentees followed by a special game. Thanks to all mentees who provided food, **Jay Bates** for directing, **Linda** and **Sharon** for co-chairing the program, mentees for participating, and a special appreciation to all mentors who volunteered for the year. This has been a popular program in our unit and it only happens because of the players who are willing to give of their time and energy to help those learning the game we all love.

Winners of the special game were:

Linda Harris/Chris Moll—
First overall—61.90%
Janet Hitti/Steve Barsby—
2nd overall—58.93%
Jim Bean/Linda Brezin—
3rd overall—58.04%
K**ay Gruninger/Phyllis Alexander**—
4th overall—55.65%
Andrea Roitman/Bobbi Pinkerton—
5th overall—52.38%

A huge thank you to
Sharon Crane (left)
and
Linda Harris (right)
for coordinating, organizing, and making all arrangements for the Mentor/Mentee Program this past year!!!

GREAT JOB!!!

To Save or Not to Save?

We all know the age-old dictum, "Don't try to save your partner from what you think is a contract doomed to fail." However, you know there are some tried and true tactics that will probably lead to a safer contract. Among these are Garbage Stayman and its sister "Creeping Stayman." Let's take a look at a specific example from TBC's open game on Monday, May 11.

How would you open this hand – 1H or 1NT? At our table and several others, the auction began with North opening 1NT. Here's the full auction:

1NT – p – 2C* - p
2H – all pass
* = Stayman

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Board 21
North Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ A K 3 ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ A 7 ♣ A 5	
♠ J 9 ♥ K ♦ Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3	N W E S	♠ Q 10 8 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ K 6 2
	♠ 7 6 5 4 ♥ Q J 10 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 10 4	

The strict requirement for Garbage Stayman is a 4-4-4-1 shape. No matter what opener rebids, you will pass. However, with this particular holding by South, it's perfectly reasonable to transition to Creeping Stayman. If North rebids 2D, South rebids 2H. This cannot be a 5-card suit, for South would have transferred to hearts initially. North may wonder momentarily what is going on, but deduce that partner holds a 4-card suit and, most likely, a 4-card spade suit, and a hand better suited to play in a suit contract.

On this particular day only one pair played the hand in 1NT. Ironically, the 1NT contract got the top N-S score, making three. This is why we keep playing this great game!

Written by Dave Streifford

OUR NEWEST LIFE MASTER
JOHN ALUISE

"First I dedicated this achievement to my dad and uncle and aunt who first taught me the intricacies of bridge and then introduced me to-duplicate in the 1960's in my hometown of Huntington, West Virginia. I am only sorry that they died before I reached this level of accomplishment in the game that they loved. I was able to play with my dad a few times at the Durham Bridge Club, and we even played in a sectional tournament in Huntington."

"When I joined the Unit 191, I was fortunate to have ***Harrison Brooke*** *as my mentor. He taught me basic bidding techniques and the most common conventions used in duplicate bridge. Without question, my success in bridge would not have been possible without my partnership with* ***Doug Steele,*** *who has been a faithful bridge companion for the past 15 years, during which I earned the majority of the master points that I have acquired. A special thanks to* ***Doug, Susan and Jerry Parker*** *who traveled to New Orleans in March to help me earn the gold points that qualified me for the Life Master award."*

John and his wife Barbara moved to Chapel Hill in 1977 from northeast Ohio. They raised their three children in Chapel Hill, two graduating from UNC and one from James Madison.

John started playing bridge locally at the Senior Center in **Sue Torrey's** game and also at the Bridge Center where **Bob Boggs** directed. His professional career was in the field of organizational and management consulting mainly in the health care industry.

John and Barbara are now enjoying their grand-parenting life style – visiting 7 grandchildren living in New Orleans, Chattanooga and Charlotte and traveling to see family and friends around the country. Their next big trip will be to take all "15" of the family to Italy to visit the town where his grandparents lived before immigrating to the US in 1914.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

TBC NEWS

Join us Friday, **June 5th at 6:00** and/or Saturday, **June 6th at 1:30** for the annual World Wide Bridge games. Need 5 tables to qualify in the World Wide overalls. Books with hand analysis - sorry not available until after the games!!! SMILE!!! Let's make the Friday game extra special by having a potluck at 5:15.

LONGEST DAY - this is an event sponsored by the ACBL to support Alzheimer's. Plan to join us on **Sunday, June 21** for a pairs game at **10:00** followed by the monthly **8 is Enough** game at **2:00.**

If you are unable to play on Sunday, there is another opportunity to participate by playing in pairs games at **9:30** and **1:00 on Monday, June 22** and a Swiss game at **6:00.** There will be a potluck dinner following the afternoon game beginning at 5:15.

Mark your calendars for the NLM sectional at the TBC on August 21-23.

Darleen Bates

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THE LONGEST DAY FOR ALZHEIMER'S

The longest day is Sunday, June 21, and many bridge clubs will have day-long bridge activities to raise funds to fuel the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. It's a day to honor the strength, heart and endurance displayed by people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

Clubs are allowed to run extra-masterpoint games all day on June 21 and June 22 for the Longest Day. Because June 21 is Father's Day this year, the ACBL has extended the Longest Day to include the following Monday. All sanction fees collected by the ACBL will be directly sent to the Alzheimer's Association. Please plan to play in these events and support this worthwhile cause.

MID-ATLANTIC UPCOMING REGIONALS

Greenville, SC
June 8-14

Reston, Virginia
July 6-12

Hunt Valley, MD
August 17-23

Atlanta, Georgia
September 1-6

SECTIONALS

Durham, NC
July 16-19

Winston-Salem, NC
July 24-26

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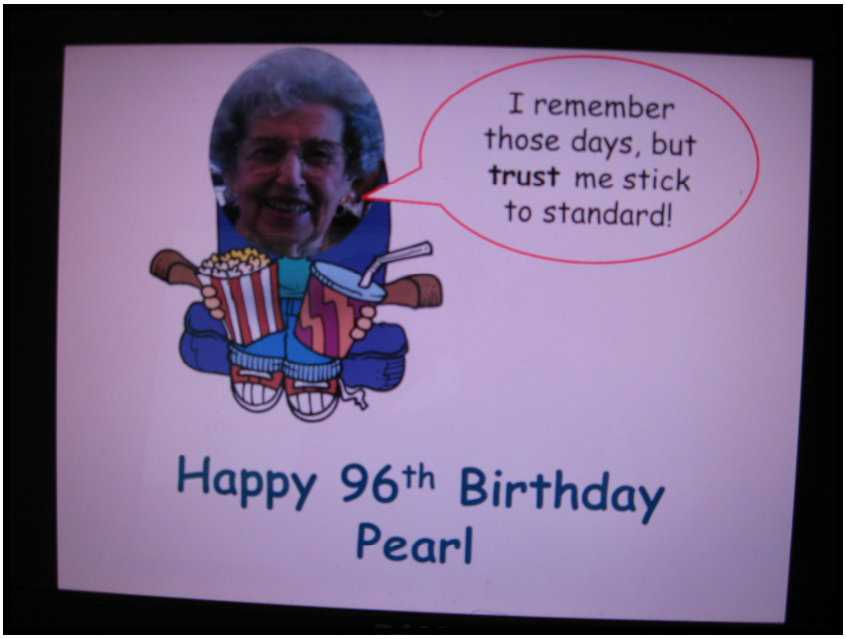
HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEARL!

AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY ON MAY 18TH, PARTICIPANTS CELEBRATED PEARL'S BIRTHDAY!
96 YEARS AND STILL WINNING AT THE TABLES!

BEST WISHES!!!



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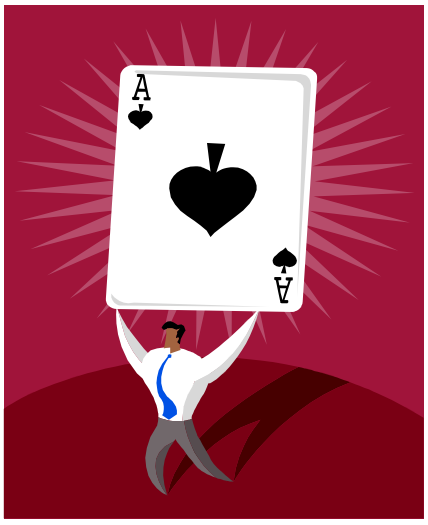

SUMMER YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP

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 5th graders and up Where: Triangle Bridge Club 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC
Questions, call 919-933-0008 Lunch and Refreshments provided

Registration forms available online at:
www.unit191bridge.org

American Contract League Bridge

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 improve your game of Bridge

Questions, call 919-933-0008

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

Total Membership for April 2015	586
New	3
Transfer In	
Transfer Out	
Deceased	
Snowbird In	1
Snowbird Out	
Future Life Masters inactive	(4)
Future Life Masters reinstated	
Life Masters Unpaid	(4)
Life Masters reinstated	

We welcome to our Unit family three (3) new ACBL members-- Howard Craig and Barbara McLean both of Chapel Hill and D. Collins Mullen of Durham. One (1) snowbird, Laura Lind of Chapel Hill, from unit 128.

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

Advancing in rank nine (9) during the month of April were:

Junior Master	C. Randolph Bock Judy F. Cosler Linda M. Kushman Charles T. Meyers Catherine Schwab
Club Master	Marian M. Meyer
Sectional Master	David N. Hamill
NABC Master	Ben J. Kompa
Life Master	John J. Aluise

Congratulations one and all!

Congratulations John J. Aluise on earning Life Master Status!

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.