

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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Memo from the President:

Unit News: The Bridge Academy has found a new home and is joined by the Senior Center in a new location: 2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC. Congratulations to them both for finding a permanent home and venue that will offer many bridge activities throughout the week. Be on the look out for their Grand Opening sometime in July. The unit wishes them well in their new endeavor! (See page 2 of this month's Alert for more details).

Also, please hold your calendars for our Bright Leaf Summer Sectional beginning on the 16th of July. It should be a sizzler! Please, anything you can do, volunteering in the kitchen, bringing goodies from your homes or just joining us for a marathon of bridge will be welcomed! See you there.

Happy Bridging.

Jim Bean

2015 BRIGHT LEAF SUMMER SECTIONAL

We hope you have the following dates, **July 16—19**, marked on your calendars to attend our unit's summer sectional. The event starts with the pairs on Thursday, July 16th and ends with the Swiss team event on Sunday, July 19th. The complete schedule may be found on the website.

If you need a partner or the other half of a Swiss team, we'll match you up—contact one of our partnership chairs:

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919-929-4978

Our unit is becoming very well known as hosting the tournament that offers lots of good food. Please plan to sign up on the sheets by the kitchen for your food contribution to allow the hospitality chairperson to better plan for the food setup. We would enjoy having you make one of your favorite recipes! Or make a monetary contribution to defray some of the additional expenses. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen or to help clean up after each game, please contact:

Jackie Marks or Dave Streifford, Tournament co-chairs

Do you enjoy a game of bridge at your home?

If yes, then you will be excited to know that The Bridge Academy is striving to create a friendly and inviting playing and learning environment at our new home at 2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd. The renovation is underway and at a date to be determined in the next few weeks, The Bridge Academy and the Friday game at The Orange Senior Center will be celebrating their move to this new permanent location, approximately two miles from our first location at The Dick Levin JCC. **An exciting week of bridge festivities is in the works for our grand opening week, so stay tuned!**

Your opinion matters!

Please help us improve your bridge experience at our new location by completing our customer survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thebridgeacademy>

Alert
We are moving!



- Spacious playing room with floor to ceiling glass windows
- Open floor plan
- State of the art teaching classroom
- More limited games
- Special events
- A year around teaching calendar for all level of players
- Workshops
- Support of unit's mentoring and youth bridge programs
- Great location with access to many restaurants
- Easy access from Chapel Hill, Governors Club, The Carolina Preserve, Fearington Village, Cary and Raleigh
- Plenty of parking spaces
- Great hospitality

CONGRATULATIONS KAY AND RANDY!

Kay and Randy Joyce scored a %72.92 in the WWB bridge game held at Triangle Bridge Club on Saturday afternoon, June 8th.

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/Results/252858/2015/06/150606A.HTM>

This made them 7th in the world and 4th in USA. It was refactored to %70.29 in ECATS <http://www.simpairs.com/default.asp?session=006993>



Thanks to **Pearl Schechter** for submitting the following excerpts:



Player 1: *"I am thinking of patenting a game that is similar to, but does not really resemble, bridge."*

Player 2: *"No point. My partner plays that already."*

STAYING SMART?

A study at the University of California, Berkeley, found strong evidence that an area in the brain used in playing bridge stimulates the immune system. Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization, and sequencing. A 2014 study by the University of Wisconsin—Madison found that playing bridge can help people retain their mental sharpness. Researchers discovered that the frequency of playing bridge is associated with greater brain volume in several regions that are affected by Alzheimer's disease. Those who played more frequently also scored higher on cognitive tests.

Playing bridge is definitely working for you, Pearl!

20,000 AND COUNTING.....

Congratulations to Kay Joyce who reached the 20,000 masterpoint level!!

Well done!!



TBC NEWS

- **Daytime Swiss** - 0-500 Tuesday July 14
- **Open Swiss** —Thursday July 30
- **Night Swiss**—Monday July 13 and Wednesday, July 22. Remember to come with a partner, teammates guaranteed for these team games.
- **8 is Enough**—July 12—email Darleen by 2:00 on Saturday if you are available to be added to a team.
- **Sunday Paris game**—July 26—partner guaranteed
- Start getting your partners ready for the first Triangle Bridge Club NLM sectional August 21-23
- New EasyBridge series will begin in September. More details to follow.

TRANSITIONS

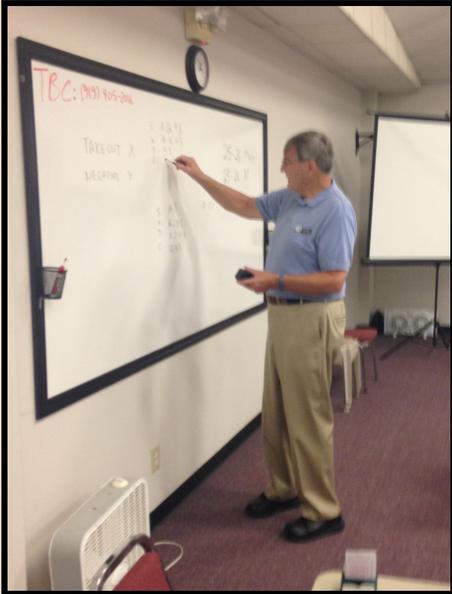
We are saddened to hear of the passing of fellow bridge player, **Joanne C. Koepke**, on Sunday, June 21. No memorial service is planned. In addition to bridge, Joanne was very involved in the Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue Mission. Donations to them in her name are appreciated (<http://www.goldenrescuenc.org>). She is survived by her son, John, and his family, who live in Chapel Hill. Joanne's husband, Frank, passed away earlier this year.

Condolences to **Kay Gruninger**, whose husband passed away on June 25. A memorial service will be held on July 19.

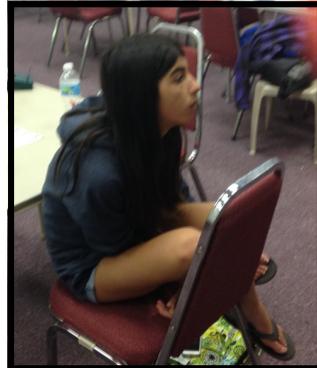


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YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP



These students are paying close attention to the lesson **Ed Fuller** is giving during the Youth Bridge Camp held at the TBC June 15-18. A second week was held June 22-25. **Maggie Lindquist** is in charge of the camp and this is the fifth year for this successful program. Maggie's main assistant was **Ed Fuller**; **Linda Harris** was in charge of snacks and lunches; **Judy Laney, Rita Chapman, Ingrid Toschlog,** and **Phylliss Woody** filled in to make complete tables for play. Special thanks to Maggie for being responsible for this program and to all volunteers!



In bottom left photo—students participating from front to back are **Ezekial Verinder, Caitlin Werth, Isabelle Cooper, Sejal Mayer-Patel, Olivia Haynie, and Zion Verinder**



WEEK TWO OF THE YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP



Jenny Nelson, Isabelle Cooper, Caitlin Werth, and Virginia Burhn



Carol Crotty watches the class. Two of her granddaughters were participants in the class



Maggie was in charge of the bridge camp for both weeks



How many do you have to make?



What's your hand?



A pause in the action for a photo



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.

Unauthorized Information

S.....T

H.....JTxx

D.....xxx

C.....QTxxx

Duke picked up his hand for the last round of the weekly Swiss and wanted to scream. He certainly must have set a record for holding poor hands today. He had only played 2 hands all day, and this looked like a longshot to be number 3.

Coming out of his reverie, Duke heard the bidding go 1NT on his right (some people just attracted high cards,) and a prompt announcement on his left of 11-14. Duke usually didn’t bother to look at his opponents unless they might be helpful to him later, but he paused to see who was playing a different system than all the people that he played against. He didn’t know them, but they looked competent. Probably from Raleigh, he mused. Duke passed and LHO raised to 2NT.

Caroline waited about ten seconds for an alert, and none was forthcoming. After another ten second delay, Caroline asked, “What was 2NT?”

“Natural and invitational to 3NT,” was the answer.

After another 15 seconds, Caroline asked, “Can the 2NT bidder have a 4- card major?”

“If his hand was 4-3-3-3,” was the answer.

Caroline dallied a while longer and asked, “What’s his point count?”

“Usually 11-12,” was the prompt reply. After another 15 seconds, Caroline passed. This was quickly followed by two more passes.

Duke was on lead and decided to ask himself if he had any clues as to what might be a killing defense. Well, the tricks were going to have to come from Caroline’s hand if they were to beat this contract. She would have to hold a source of tricks, and he couldn’t dawdle over his lead. He led the Spade Ten.

Dummy had 3 spades to the J and a square 12-count. Caroline looked a little sheepish and claimed the AKQxxx of Spades before declarer played a card. Down 1. With any other lead, N/S would have made 8 tricks for their contract.

Nothing was said at the table, but after comparing (which was a big win for D & C's team), Duke saw the unknown player talking to Mr. RGG. They seemed to be friends, and both of them shook their heads as the conversation went on.

After the scores were announced, Mr. RGG ambled over to D & C's table.

"Nice finish today, Guys," he said to them. "1st in C and 3th in B. You are getting better and better."

Duke was about to accept his congratulations when Mr. RGG told them that he would not be able to assist them any further.

"WHAT?....." cried a distressed Caroline. "Why would you not want to help us any further? Does it have something to do with all my questions on the last board?"

Duke piped in that he had reasoned out that a Spade was the right lead based on his hand and general lack of HCP.

"Duke," said Mr. RGG, "your reasoning was spot on, but after Caroline unfortunately asked so many pointed questions, you were not afforded the luxury of making that lead. Caroline had drawn a road map, not through her bidding, but through her inquiries. It's not fair to have a tough choice of bids, decide to not take a bid, and then get your message across with questions that draw your partner's attention to you probably holding a long suit. Brad, your RHO, is a friend of mine and knows that I think quite highly of both of you. He didn't make a fuss at the table, because these things usually work out to a "He said / She said" situation, and he didn't need any more aggravation. He told me that he would get his revenge by telling anyone who would listen how unethically that you had behaved.

"Duke and Caroline," said Mr. RGG, "I don't need the aggravation either. I win and lose by skill and don't need to be associated with those that need to resort to underhanded methods. Caroline, you were within your rights to ask what the opponents were playing, but not to put them through the 3rd degree about the exact nature of their hands. Duke, I am aghast that you would take the questions that Caroline asked and use them for your own ill-gotten gain. I don't want my name associated with results that were gained this way."

"I am truly sorry for making such an issue of getting an explanation. I see now that I told partner what I had and did not have to risk a bid to accomplish that goal," said Caroline. "What do you have to say for yourself, Duke?" Caroline asked.

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Well, I think that I worked it all out at the table and I should be commend....OWW," said Duke, "Why did you just pinch me?"

"Duke, you were wrong to take advantage of my questions, and you need to apologize rather than tooting your own horn. If I had passed in tempo, and you had found the lead, I would have been the first one to sing your praises. Don't you see the difference?" said Caroline. A begrudged "Yes" was uttered from Duke's lips.

"Please, Please, Please, reconsider Mr. RGG. We need your support and tutelage. I know better now and if Duke doesn't see it, he will have some new lumps growing out of his pointy head," pled Caroline.

"I will stick with you, but if I hear of this type behavior again there won't be another chance," Mr. RGG said. He truly wanted his proteges to understand that acting on unauthorized information is unethical.

(This situation and hand really happened at the table in a match that your correspondent lost by a huge margin. No amount of analysis will convince me of the legality of the lead in the context of what preceded it at the table.)

Written by Randy Joyce and Sandy McCay



Clockwise: Ira poses in front of his birthday cake; Unit President leads everyone in the birthday song; Ira with Evelyn Tuck, his regular Thursday afternoon bridge partner; the local news station showed up to film the events; Melanie Riva serves the cake to Pearl Schechter; birthday balloons; and THE CAKE!

Best Wishes Ira!!



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

Total Membership for May 2015	587
New	6
Transfer In	3
Transfer Out	1
Deceased	
Snowbird In	
Snowbird Out	
Future Life Masters inactive	(9)
Future Life Masters reinstated	2
Life Masters Unpaid	(3)
Life Masters reinstated	

We welcome to our Unit family six (6) new ACBL members-- Dorothy R. Cass, Herbert Fussman, Sharon J. Kuncl, and Jesse R. Muirhead, all of Chapel Hill, and Forrest E. Cookson and Janice Wysocki both of Durham. In addition three (3) players transferred in: Michael Busch from unit 119, Steven M. Fine from unit 128, both of Durham and Sharon K. Laner from unit 498 of Pittsboro. 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 nine (9) during the month of May were:

Junior Master	Jean Adams James Leak III John Schwab Judy Sladen Dan Snedecor
Sectional Master	Diana Spock
NABC Master	Beth Watson
Bronze Master	Betsy Mebane
Silver Master	Gale Rohrs

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