

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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Carolina Dreamin' Tournament

As tournament co-chair I am writing this column before the event so that I can make the March Alert deadline and to get my timely appreciation in print. It looks like the weather this year will not be a factor so we hope all those who want to play, will find their way to the TBC. As anyone who has been involved with prior tournaments knows, there is a lot that goes into hosting a tournament. I first would like to give a special thanks to our unit members for their generous support of their time, their home made goodies and their cash donations. We could not have done it without you!

I want to also give thanks to our sleuth helper, **Barbara Martin**, who works quietly behind the scenes, helping with the prizes, publicity and being our **Thursday** night hospitality person. A gracious thanks goes to our hospitality team, **Carole Crotty** and **Betsy Mebane**, whose marching orders are still reverberating in my head. Our partnership desk **Kay Gruninger and Nancy Crow** will undoubtedly do their utmost and thank you for being our tournament matchmakers. A warm thanks goes to our hosts, **Chris and Tammy Moll**, who are hosting their first Open Sectional at the TBC. And lastly, to my co-chair, **Linda Harris**, thank you Linda for your patience and persistence in ensuring that this Carolina Dreamin' tournament will be the best ever. We hope that all our unit members in the end will win the majority of its prizes and points!

Jim Bean
Tournament Co-Chair

P.S. A very special thank you to Jim for being co-chair of this tournament. He definitely has set a record in our unit for running tournaments—this being his ninth! His organization, planning, recruiting members to help, and being there constantly makes for a tournament to run smoothly. Unit 191 appreciates and thanks you for your time and effort.



It is with great pleasure we announce that Triangle Bridge LLC is resuming the daily operations of the Durham Bridge Club, which is thought by many to be the oldest active bridge club in North Carolina. **Chris Moll** will be the new managing director of the Wednesday morning game. Please mark your calendar for the grand reopening on Wednesday, **March 23rd** at 9:30am.

Tammy & Chris

THE DAY AFTER.....

It's too soon to get a final tally for the tournament held this past weekend, but the table count was high and every session was well attended plus the weather cooperated this year. The proceeds from the tournament help the unit to offset expenses throughout the year—sponsoring the mentor/mentee programs, operating costs, and the bulk of the proceeds is used to subsidize the popular holiday gala.

Results should be posted on the MABC website soon.



The Carolina Dreamin' Team —
Co-chairs, **Linda Harris** and **Jim Bean**; Partnership chairs, **Kay Gruninger** and **Nancy Crow**; Hospitality, **Carole Crotty**, **Betsy Mebane** and **Kelly**. Well done Team!

The Thursday night Swiss team event—a first for a Unit 191 tournament proved to be a popular session with 35 tables. Overall winners are pictured below—Audrey/Lance Shull and Karen/Steve Callihan.



Thanks to **Dave Schreiber** for the beautiful flowers!





SWISS TEAMS AT CLUBS — *written by John Torrey*

A few years back it was common for the clubs to run GNT Swiss team events during the GNT season, which extends from September to the following April. The TBC has at least three evening team events each month; these do not attract big crowds but they do get a loyal group of players who enjoy the change of pace that a team game provides. But afternoon Swiss games have been very rare lately.

A normal club Swiss game consists of four six-board matches. Each match is scored by IMPs based on your team's net result on each board (see the table on the back of your convention card). IMP scoring is a lot more like Real Bridge than pair scoring, where overtricks can matter a great deal and each hand has the same weight. With IMP scoring it's important to bid your games and slams, and be sure to make your contracts and defeat theirs.

In a 10-table four-round Swiss game, each team plays less than half of the other teams. After the first round (where opposing teams are chosen randomly) the rule is that the two highest ranking teams play each other, then the two next-highest, and so on. It is common for a GNT Swiss to attract some of the strongest teams around, but by the third round (and even in the second to some extent) the teams have sorted themselves out: the strongest teams are battling each other for the lead, and the weaker ones play each other for the generous masterpoint awards in the B and C strats. (Sometimes lightning strikes a low-strat team and they end up playing their last match against an A team, with first overall in the balance. That's a good thing!) At the end of the day, at most one team will emerge with no match wins at all.

GNT Masterpoint Bonanza

A GNT Swiss at a club pays a lot more masterpoints than a club championship pair event (and the GNT pints are half red, for those looking for red points). There are three reasons for this: First, the GNT awards points at full sectional rating, which is higher than the 80% -sectional scale for a club championship. Second, each award goes to a full team of four players, instead of the two players in a pair. Finally, almost everyone in a Swiss event wins at least one match, and each match win earns points.

I compared the masterpoint awards for two games held this year at my club. On January 27 we had a 10-table Junior Fund club championship. There were six A pairs, six B's and eight C's. Eleven pairs won points: three A's, four B's, and four C's. The top award was 2.92 and the total of points awarded was 25.76. On February 12 we had our first afternoon GNT Swiss team game, which also attracted ten tables. There were five A teams, three B's and two C's. The top award was 3 masterpoints, and almost 43 total points were awarded, with more than a full point each in overall awards. One team won no points, and they each got a free-play coupon for a future Tar Heel club game.

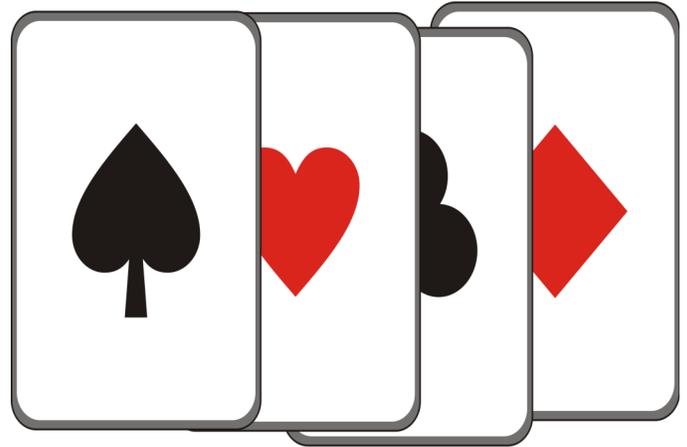


Next Tar Heel GNT

The next Tar Heel GNT will be on Friday, March 18. Game time is 1:15. The best way to be sure that you have a compatible team is to arrange one in advance. A team needs four players but can have five or six if some do not mind sitting out. The club will have a stand-by partner and stand-by teammates, so single players will get partners and teammates, and un-teamed pairs will have teammates. As with the February game, the club will give free-play coupons to the players on any team that wins no masterpoints.

2016 SUMMER YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP

Maggie Lindquist and Ed Fuller



We are excitedly looking forward to having kids come to learn this game we all love, starting **June 20th** for the first week followed by the more advanced second week beginning **June 27th**. As I am sure you have all seen, we have large posters promoting this year's camp and have been promoting it in a variety of ways. We have a camp listing for Parents Magazine online; we have our Unit Website posting; we have sent info to past participants and to the Raleigh Juniors coordinators as well as to various bridge groups such as The Preserve. We need people willing to approach PTA's at schools to inquire if someone could come to their meeting to talk about the educational benefits. We also need ideas for reaching parents and children from non-bridge families and happily welcome any brainstorms you might have had.

This year the dates for our camp and the dates for the Raleigh Juniors camp don't conflict. Raleigh has also decided to limit their attendance to a more manageable 15 students. Molly and I have agreed to refer children to each other's camps when their family schedules conflict with our camp dates. Bridge players are a relatively small community and it is important for us to work together for the success of the future bridge community.



We have established a non-profit corporation for **Youth Association (BE4YA)** to help fund this venture but we really need the participation of bridge players in a variety of ways, from promotion to transportation to preparing the refreshments as well as participating as table mentors or providing a 4th at a table during the camp. **Please come help us.**



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 20-24, 2016 Beginners

June 27-July 1, 2016 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

UNIT 191 MASTER POINT LEADERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney standings below covers the 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.

0-5	50-100	300-500	2,500-5,000
<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Beverly Craig 20.57	Linda Brezin 66.95	Betsy Mebane 88.57	Mort Stromberg 262.87
Herbert Fussman 17.26	Bill McCartney 57.14	Katie Wilson 79.39	Ken Dye 186.43
John Schachte 13.16	Page Thomas III 53.96	Barry Buehler 79.27	Howard Su 156.60
<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>
Beverly Craig 25.43	Linda Brezin 103.24	Betsy Mebane 132.56	Mort Stromberg 308.38
Judy Cosler 23.41	Bill McCartney 100.76	Clay Hamner 110.08	Ken Dye 265.78
Howard Craig 19.28	Page Thomas III 80.85	Bonnie Kress 100.57	Howard Su 247.53
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5-20	100-200	500-1,000	5,000-7,500
<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Marian Meyer 23.12	Larry Kupper 103.93	Melanie Riva 195.81	Irene Adams 168.78
Trenna Corey 20.01	Richard Cole 79.56	Skip Riva 176.64	Wayne Stuart III 32.89
Charles Meyers 19.56	Nancy Crow 78.60	Andrea Roitman 140.33	Peggy Barbee 16.58
<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>
Marian Meyer 30.93	Ben Kompa 166.74	Melanie Riva 263.82	Josef Blass 932.68
Charles Meyers 26.51	Xiyuan Ge 143.61	Skip Riva 253.04	Wayne Stuart III 334.98
Jo Bays 22.36	Larry Kupper 124.82	Andrea Roitman 177.45	Irene Adams 204.03
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20-50	200-300	1,000-2,000	10,000+
<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
David Hamill 33.24	Linda Owen 52.14	Tom Roberg 248.81	George Bloomer 301.41
Phyllis Alexander 27.80	Ian Cloudsdale 42.66	Jim Bean 182.03	Kay Joyce 182.46
Charlotte Davis 22.17	Janet Strobe 40.00	Barbara Martin 133.05	Randy Joyce 85.78
<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>
David Hamill 74.56	Linda Owen 98.32	Tom Roberg 371.13	Jacek Pszczola 1868.35
Phyllis Alexander 43.79	Janet Strobe 57.89	Jim Bean 224.14	Kay Joyce 1238.70
Ira Mueller 41.48	Ian Cloudsdale 56.31	Kathy Newman 213.56	Randy Joyce 1122.83

ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ The Durham Bridge Club game held on Wednesday mornings at the TBC has been canceled until further notice. See the front page for details.

★ There will be an Eight Is Enough event held on March 6—2:00pm at the TBC. Call Darleen if you need a team or would be willing to be on a team.

★ B. Wayne Stuart III was the winner of the Carolina Dreamin' award for the 2016 tournament—given to the unit 191 member who wins the most masterpoints playing with at least two different partners. Well done Wayne!

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MONTHLY AND IS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 191. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS FOR ARTICLES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

**BARBARA MARTIN,
EDITOR**



REMINDERS FROM ACBL'S ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY

The purpose of the zero tolerance policy is to create a pleasant atmosphere and to eradicate unacceptable behavior for ACBL events. The objective is to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all.

Below are some examples of commendable behavior which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:



1. Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table.



2. Greeting others in a friendly manner.



3. Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.



4. Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (this is a regulation, not just a nicety).

Some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated are listed below:



1. Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.



2. Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.



3. Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.



4. Loud and disruptive arguing with the director's call.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

Triangle Bridge

8 is Enough Swiss team is on Sunday, March 6th at 2:00pm. Please contact Darleen dar_boone@hotmail.com if you need partners by 2:00pm Saturday.

We are having **five GNT Swiss team** events on March 2nd, 14th, 16th, 18th and 28th - teammates are guaranteed.

Morning games are at 9:30am

Afternoon games start:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12:30pm
- Wednesday 1:00pm
- Friday 1:15pm

Evening games start at 7:00pm

- Play & Review is every Tuesday and Thursday
- Team games are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month (teammates guaranteed)
- Pair games are held the other Monday and Wednesday evenings

We offer a variety of limited games:

- 0-50 on Monday at 12:30pm and Friday at 1:15pm
- 0-500 on Tuesday at 12:30pm
- 0-300 on Thursday at 12:30pm

Tammy and Chris

A Challenge

Submitted by Dave Streifford

Most bridge players like puzzles of one sort or another. This particular puzzle comes to you from a Mentor-Mentee game. It's a challenge because two N-S pairs who bid 2H should never make 4, but they did it.

Board 8 ♠ Q 6 5 2
West Deals ♥ A 6 4
None Vul ♦ 10 8
♣ A 9 8 6

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

♠ 9 4
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 10

S 2♥, EW 1N; EW 2♦, EW 1♠; N 1♥, EW 1♣; Par+100: EW 2♠x-1; EW 2N×-1; EW 3♦x-1

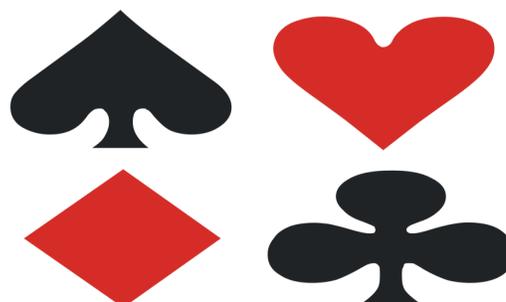
Can you see how South can make 4?

Hint: The only pairs to make 4 had a favorable lead and a gift from East.

Sorry, no prizes, just the satisfaction of figuring out what could have happened. A solution will be printed in the *April Alert!*

“A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer.”

[source: http://www.pattayabridge.com/Famousbridgequotes_main.htm]



Opportunities for learning at Triangle Bridge Club...

For people who want to learn solid bridge fundamentals...

...on a drop in basis contact **Jeff Boak**: jeff.boak@gmail.com - (919) 423-7107.

· **Mondays February 15 until March 14 at 10:00 -12:15.** Classes on More Bridge Fundamentals for newcomers and returnees to bridge. A summary review of the last week's lessons at 9:30 (email that you are coming early). The new lesson for the day at 10. These drop-in, second level classes start with reviewing the core fundamentals of the Learn Bridge in a Day? (r) system and then adding some simple conventions. We play a lot of hands while working on improving leads, carding and taking more tricks as declarer or defender. \$10 per session.

· **Monday, February 15 until March 14 1:00** - Play and Discuss lessons for intermediates with 0 – 99 masterpoints. A mini-lesson at 1:00 and then bidding and playing hands starting at 1:30. \$10 per session.

· **Fridays, February 19 through March 11-** A 0-5 fun and informative teaching game at 10am. ACBL allows the director to help during the bidding, while players can still earn masterpoints. \$9 per session.

· **Saturday, February 20 through March 12th** - Play and Discuss lessons for intermediates with 0 – 99 masterpoints. A mini-lesson at 9:30am and bidding and playing hands starting at 10:00am. \$10 per session.

...in a structured class setting contact **Valerie Roberts for Beginning Bridge: Standard American Bidding in the 21st Century.** Standard American Bidding presents the bridge novice with solid knowledge of basic bridge. This is the first class in the ACBL series, *Bridge in the 21st Century*. It looks at bidding, defense and the play of the hand. It also provides former players a chance to review and improve bridge techniques in the most modern Standard American bidding system. Each lesson develops in a logical and progressive fashion with lots of hands on practice. This card game is challenging, and this class is fun! One need not have a partner but class size is limited. Student text is *Bidding in the 21st Century* which is available through Amazon or Baron Barclay. Further questions may be directed to vjroberts3@gmail.com To register please call 919-294-4138.

Fee: \$125 (9 weeks), Fridays beginning March 25, 2016, 9:30 am-noon

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For the more experienced player, Chris Moll presents more advanced lessons.

●Chris Moll's first class "Play of the Cards" is ending with a General Review and Concepts for Declarer Play and Defense on **Tuesday, March 8th, 10 – 11:30am**. You may drop in for \$25.

●Chris Moll's second class "Hand Evaluation" will continue on **Tuesday mornings, 10 - 11:30am (3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26 and 5/3)**. Modern hand evaluation has little to do with HCP and requires the knowledge of various techniques and alternative methods to enable better skills for reaching optimum contracts. This class will cover both regular and competitive auctions. 5 lessons \$99.00. Pre-registration requested as minimum of 8 required. If you do not wish to attend all 5 lessons, you may drop in for \$25/session. This class is not designed for players who are new to bridge. For questions or additional information, please contact Tammy at tammy26bridge@aol.com or (504) 452-0220.

●Chris & Tammy Moll will be offering a class on "Solidifying Bidding Concepts" on **Thursday mornings, 10 – 11:30am (4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 and 5/19)**. A rigorous review of basic bidding concepts and methodologies that all players need to master before advancing their games. This class is perfect for those who have been away from the game for a while or who have been taking lessons and are struggling to put concepts together. A solid bidding foundation is essential and will improve your game tremendously. 5 lessons \$99.00. If you do not wish to attend all 5 lessons, you may drop in for \$25/session. For questions or additional information, please contact Tammy at tammy26bridge@aol.com or (504) 452-0220.

For the newcomer ready to start playing duplicate but not ready for an open game

Mondays at 12:30 for 0-50

Fridays at 10 for 0-5

Fridays at 1:15 for 0-50

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...in a structured class setting contact Valerie Roberts for Beginning Bridge: Defense in the 21st Century. Defense focuses on the role of the defenders during the play of the hand, although students also review bidding and declarer play. This class presents solid knowledge of basic defense to the new bridge player. It also provides former players a chance to review and improve defensive techniques in the most modern Standard American bidding system. Each lesson develops in a logical and progressive fashion with lots of hands on practice. Defenders communicate with their cards in a logical and purposeful fashion. One need not have a partner for the class, but class size is limited.

**To register please call 919-968-2070
\$125 (9 weeks)
Seymour Center, Chapel Hill
Tuesdays beginning March 15, 2016**

For players looking for a place to practice~

Bridge Lab: a drop-in duplicate practice game designed for fun and practice. Open discussion is encouraged during and after each hand. This is a relaxed environment to practice bridge skills. No partner is needed and the fee is FREE. **Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30-noon.** Contact Carole Crotty for more information at 919-767-8048 or ccrotty18@hotmail.com.

Supervised duplicate practice game every **Monday morning from 9:15-noon.** Ask questions and discuss hands. Come with a partner, improve bidding and play. Make friends, learn more, and prepare to move to the sanctioned games (where you can't ask a million questions). If you need help finding a partner contact Valerie Roberts at vjroberts3@gmail.com who will help you find a partner. \$7 fee.

So many opportunities at Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill



A Note from Barbara Seagram

I travel all over the world playing and teaching bridge. My husband and I have now visited 161 countries. Naturally, there is no bridge in many of these countries which is a shame as I believe that it is the solution for world peace.

However, we have visited many bridge clubs everywhere and I can tell you that the **Bridge Academy** is one of the finest bridge clubs we have ever had the pleasure of visiting. Henry (and his team of incredible volunteers) is doing everything right. This bridge club has all the stepping stones for less experienced players to start off at a gentle level and gradually move on up into playing in stronger competition. It is important for novices to play against stronger players. (I liken this to playing tennis against someone who cannot hit the ball back over the net. It is not as good a learning experience.)

We were very impressed with the physical venue. It is beautiful. Henry is a superb bridge teacher and the members of the club are privileged to have him there to direct and teach. What is also important is that the club supports Zero Tolerance and it is very evident in the atmosphere which permeates the club.

We wish Henry and the team all the success in the world and look forward to our return on Tuesday, February 7th next year!

We also are grateful to those who attended the seminar for their support of our Cambodia cause. Alex and I sustain four schools in Cambodia and also do a lot of work with land mine victims and their children. We also have a weaving center and we support families with health issues and we get them medical help. Their attendance allowed me to make a substantial donation to our four schools in Cambodia.

Best Wishes,

Barbara Seagram

*The Bridge Academy was pleased to host superstar teacher and best-selling author **BARBARA SEAGRAM** from Toronto, Ontario for a bridge seminar – “Foreplay and End Play: Strip-ping can be Fun” – on SA Note from Barbara Seagram*



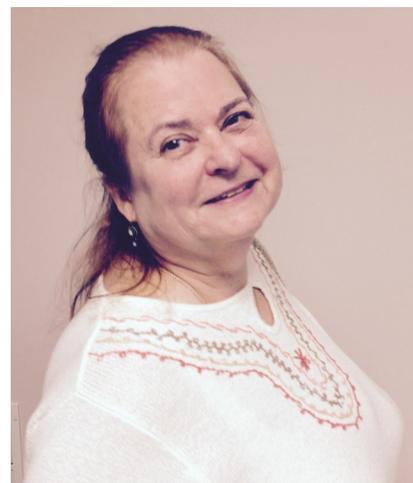
Triangle Bridge March Schedule



		March 2016						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1		1	2	3	4	5
Unit				Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50	Morning
Charity-local			Play & review	GNT Swiss	Play & Review			
Club Champ								
GNT Swiss								Morning
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	8 is Enough @ 2pm	Open & 0-50	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50		
		Evening	Play & review	Evening	Play & review			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		Open & 0-50	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	GNT Swiss & 0-50	Morning	
		GNT Swiss	Play & Review	GNT Swiss	Play & review			
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		Open & 0-50	Open & 0-500	Morning	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50	Morning	
		Evening	Play & review	Afternoon	Play & review			
				Evening				
	27	28	29	30	31			
		Open & 0-50	Open & 0-500	Morning	Open & 0-300			
		GNT Swiss	Play & review	Afternoon	Play & review			
				Evening				



MARY VICKERS
DIAMOND LIFE MASTER



Like many other players I got into the bridge world at a very difficult time in my life. My marriage and career were falling apart. I needed a new intellectual direction. Bridge sectionals gave me a place to go when my children were with their father. I dived into the bridge world head first. I went to tournaments mostly without partners and met wonderful people. Sometimes I slept in my car when I didn't have the money for a room. I remember getting my last points for my Life Masters with a lady I had met at the partnership desk that day. The thrill was greatest for her!!!! She got her first gold points that day! A few years later this stranger walked up to me and introduced herself as that lady and thanked me again. Wow.

I moved to North Carolina at this time of my life and found a wonderful bridge community. Over the years I have met and developed a number of great partners in North Carolina but I still go to most Nationals and meet great new partners

I met my second husband at a bridge tournament and we travelled all over North America as he was a Tournament Director. After he retired from directing we were bridge partners. I still use the notes we wrote up together and gradually am getting partners who will try some of the more unusual conventions we played. He passed on March 11, 2001. I still miss my favorite bridge partner.

I thank the great people who handled partnership desks at all levels.. They are the people who made my life tolerable at one of the toughest times in my life. The Life Master milestones are nice but the journey has been great.

Congratulations Mary!

Membership Report
Linda Harris, Membership Chair

During the month of January the following occurred:

Total Membership for January 2016	610
New	3
Transfer In	2
Transfer Out	
Deceased	
Snowbird In	
Snowbird Out	
Future Life Masters inactive	5
Future Life Masters reinstated	4
Life Masters Unpaid	3
Life Masters reinstated	

We welcome to our Unit family three (3) new ACBL members—Judy Bursiek, Jim Lamont both of Chapel Hill and Susan Hertz of Durham. In addition two (2) players transferred in Brian Russell from unit 487, and Carol Smithwick from unit 130 both of Chapel Hill.

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

Unit 191 Members:

You may be aware that two (2) new ranks Ruby and Sapphire Life Master were created by the ACBL Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2016.

These rules apply to you if you joined the ACBL after January 1, 2010 or reinstated your membership after that date.

***A Member who became a Life Master prior to January 1, 1990 will be exempt from the pigmented point requirements for this rank. Each player who has attained the rank of Life Master as of December 31, 2011, will not have to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for their next rank advancement. After attaining their first rank after January 1, 2012, all players will be required to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for subsequent rank advancement (this also applies to the new ranks added in 2015). For example, a current Silver Life Master on December 31, 2011 would retain the current requirements for Gold Life Master, would not have any pigmented requirements for Ruby Life Master, but would need to fulfill the new requirements for Sapphire and Diamond Life Master.**



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Advancing in rank (24) during the month of January were:

RANKS	January 2016
Junior Master	Stephen Dong
	Mary Ferguson
	Stephen Gibson
	Lamar Harrison
	Betty House
	Marylou Lofrese
	Katherine Nickerson
Club Master	Beverly Craig
	Howard Craig
	Caroyln Heuser
Regional Master	Linda Brezin
	David Hamill
	Jennie Robinson
	Zimeng Xie
NABC Master	Eloise Fontaine
Bronze Master	(5)
Silver Master	(3)
Sapphire Master	(1)

We’re very proud of the achievements of all the above!!!

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.

