

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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From our Unit 191 President.....

It's almost tournament time again and Unit 191 needs your support. **Ed Fuller** and **Linda Brezin** are co-chairs for the July 7-10 Bright Leaf Summer sectional tournament and have been working diligently to make this a successful tournament for the players and for the unit. The tournament's success, though, depends heavily on volunteer efforts by Board members and other unit members. We want the tournament to reflect well on our unit and we need volunteers from the membership to help make this happen. We will be requesting your help and hope you will respond favorably.

The Board has spent considerable time this year reviewing our tournament structure. We have been fortunate that both Triangle Bridge and the Bridge Academy have sponsored Future Life Master tournaments this year. With the Unit sponsored FLM tournament to be held at the Bridge Academy in November, we will have a total of four such tournaments for 2016. These events provide significant opportunities for newer players to gain tournament experience and earn silver points. In light of these contributions from the individual clubs, the Board has elected to convert its FLM November tournament to an Open Sectional beginning in 2017, i.e. after this year, the Unit will sponsor three open sectionals each year in February/March, July and November.

We encourage our members to support the unit tournaments by playing in them and by contributing to our hospitality efforts in whatever way they can. We will also be soliciting volunteers who have an interest in serving as chairs or co-chairs of these events in the future and would like for members to consider participating in this manner as well.

The Unit relies heavily on income from our tournaments to support its programs and activities all of which are beneficial to the unit and to the game of bridge. These include the Holiday Gala event, the Mentor-Mentee program, youth bridge activities, awards programs and other special events throughout the year. The Board welcomes any and all suggestions of activities for which the Unit should provide additional support.

Joyce Jenzano

UNIT 191'S CENTENARIAN, IRA VENDIG

Ira Vendig, our unit's oldest member, passed away in March. We all have memories of Ira, mostly how he was able to give his opponents low boards due to his astute bidding and play at the table. Please go to the website and read again the delightful article **Liz McGuffey** submitted in the 2013 April/May Alert.

A memorial for Ira was held at Carolina Meadows. **Linda Harris** writes, *"The room was overflowing and there was a bottle of scotch, Ira's favorite drink. His great niece and great nephew came, also his stock broker. Ira's nephew died two years ago – at 92 or so. His death really upset Ira. He was telling his broker about it and the broker asked him if he had a will etc. NO. So at 101, Ira made his will."*

There were many humorous stories about him at the memorial. He had read every book in the library at Carolina Meadows and was always hunting for something new. His neighbor even went to the library at assisted living to hunt one down and he did. Ira gave him a big grin. A sad story is that while he was a patient in the health center, he commented that if he couldn't play bridge, he didn't want to live. He died a couple of days later.

Quoting Ira (in an article written by **Mary Jo Doherty**), *"I am puzzled about my longevity and good health, it's mostly just good luck. An active mind may help."*



UNIT NAMES JIM BEAN 2016 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



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.”*

This year’s selection is **Jim Bean**. Jim meets all of these criteria as suggested by unit members. *“Jim is always the first to volunteer and works to get the job done. He also brings joy to the bridge table, welcomes opponents, and is complimentary when the opposition makes good plays.”*

Jim supports bridge in many ways. He served on the board for 5 years and two of them as President. In addition to being on the board, Jim has chaired or co-chaired at least 8 tournaments. He has selflessly given of his time to organize the tournaments, get chairpersons, and be present to make sure the tournaments run smoothly. He most recently was Hospitality co-chair for a tournament. Jim has mentored, he recruits volunteers, and rallies players—whatever the bridge community needs doing, he is there.

Jim is a good bridge player having achieved the rank of Silver Life Master many years ago. He loves the game of bridge and wants everyone else to enjoy it as much as he does. He plays the game in an ethical manner and is conscientious about his play.

All members in our unit have benefitted from Jim’s contributions to bridge. We are most grateful and look forward to many more years of sharing the game of bridge with him.

WHERE ARE THE ACES??

By Randy Joyce

Several weeks ago in the local game, I came across an intriguing hand. I picked up **AKTx, K98xx, Kxxx**, void. I opened 1 Heart in first seat, with both sides vulnerable. Partner responded 1NT forcing, and I bid 2 Diamonds. Partner offered 3 Hearts, a limit raise in Hearts, with 3 trumps.

Occasionally, these hands yield a slam, but more often they are a game or part score decision. Following the teachings of old time golf announcers, "Never up, Never in," I proceeded to game. Partner had every bit of her bid, but it fit poorly with my hand: **Jxx, xxx, Ax, KQJxx**. Partner asked a good question after the session which I will share with you. "Should I have devalued my hand because of the 3 small trumps?"

"Yes," I replied, "but with 11 HCP and a nice 5-card suit, you have to bid more than 2 Hearts." She replied that she was glad that I was playing it.

Before you ever play a card, you should formulate a Plan A and a potential back up, Plan B, in case the first one doesn't work. My opponent led the Jack of Diamonds. My Plan A was to win the Diamond Ace and lead the King of Clubs, planning to take a ruffing finesse. If the Club Ace did not appear on my right, I was still going to pitch a loser, try to scramble some tricks and hope for a VERY favorable lie of the cards.

Plan A started out well when the Club K fetched the Ace and a small trump out of me. I played the Diamond King and trumped a Diamond in the dummy. LHO followed with the 7 and the 9, so I believed that he had the D10 remaining.

I cashed the Club Q and J and pitched my last Diamond and a small Spade. Now came the moment of truth, and I had to back my judgment. I am referring to a small quirky thing (maybe a little voodoo-like) that I adhere to in the play of the hand. Read on at your own peril. It works very well for me, but it may not be your cup of tea.

If there is no opposing bidding, and there are 2 aces out, I play for them to be split (in different hands held by the opponents)! Is there any scientific knowledge to back up this theory? Hell, NO. Do I do it every time? Yes! And thereby lies the beauty of it and many other plays in bridge. If you will do the same thing every time when you take a finesse, you will be a long term winner. If you play randomly, maybe not.

Anyway, I decided to play LHO for the Heart Ace since RHO had the Club Ace. I led a Heart and ducked it. I was hoping to find Ax on my left. LHO actually held the following hand. **Qxx, AQT, JT9x, xxx**. And she was end played! At this point in the hand, LHO held **Qxx, AQT, T, ---**. She won the Heart T and had no good play. She actually played a Spade and I won the J in dummy. I led another Heart and ducked again when the J appeared on my right. I lost the A and Q of Hearts, in addition to the 10 I had already lost, but had enough tricks for my game.

The point of this article is manyfold:

1. Bid the games and slams that your point count tells you to bid and stay out of ones that you have absolutely no business thinking about. You will not make every game that you bid, but you will go down in almost every one that you foolishly overbid.
2. With NO OPPOSING BIDDING, be consistent on which way you take finesses. If you play A_x opposite K_T low to the Jack, do it every time. If you play low to the T, do it every time. You will find your winning percentages going up. If you play around and find that one player is extremely long in a side suit, figure that he doesn't have as much room in his hand for the key Q and try to finesse his partner.
3. Split Aces are my thing. In the absence of other evidence, I do it every time. If you adhere to this little quirk, and lose to both Aces in one hand on the first three hands that you play, I'll tell you that I am very sorry, and maybe you should try some other gimmick.

The Bridge Academy



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2016 Future Life Master

Summer Sectional

June 18 -19, 2016

2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd, Suite 102
Durham, NC 27707

Saturday, June 18

10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs
10:00am Stratified 0-50 Pairs
2:30pm **Mini-lesson**
3:00pm Stratified NLM Pairs
3:00pm Stratified 0-50 Pairs

Sunday, June 19

10:00am Stratified Swiss Teams
Play through with lunch included

*Directions: The Bridge Academy is located
in The M&F Bank Corporate Center
Office Building, Suite 102.
Go to www.bridgeacademync.com*

*Nearby Lodging: La Quinta Inn & Suites
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STRATIFICATION
0-100; 100-300;
300-500

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Sidney Lenz 1928 Double Dummy Hand

This, one of the most famous of all double dummy problems, was composed by Sidney Lenz in 1928. We'll post the solution next month.

	♠ 5	
	♥ 8 5	
	♦ AK 7	
	♣ AK 8 6 5 4 2	
♠ KT 7		♠ 8 6 4 3 2
♥ 9		♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ QT 8 3		♦ J 6 2
♣ QJT 9 7		♣ 3
	♠ AQJ 9	
	♥ AKJT 7 4	
	♦ 9 5 4	
	♣ —	

South is to make 7♥ after the lead of the ♣Q.

Please, give it a try!!

REMEMBER: USING A COMPUTER DOESN'T HELP YOUR BRAIN.

P.S. I haven't tried to solve the problem yet. Adhering to my advice, I haven't used a computer to tell the solution. However, whenever you need the solution, I can generate one for you -- hopefully, not by computer. :)

Submitted by Ed Fuller

Bright Leaf Summer Sectional, July 7th thru 10th, 2016

Now is the time to line up your partners and form your Swiss teams for the **Bright Leaf Unit 191 Summer Sectional** at Triangle Bridge, 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC 27713. In addition to the Stratified Open events, this summer we'll have **NEW Future Life Master strata** for those under 500 masterpoints, and two **0-20 masterpoint pair games** for newcomers. Mark your calendar for July 7th thru 10th, 2016! We hope to set new attendance levels.



The Sectional begins Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Open and 499er Swiss Teams. Friday and Saturday is Stratified Open and 499er Pairs at 10: a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Stratified 0-20 Pairs at 2:30 p.m. If you don't want to run out to a nearby restaurant during the break, we will be selling pizza for lunch on both days. Sunday's events are Stratified Open Swiss Teams and 499er Swiss Teams, with a lunch provided at the break.

Check the schedule: Tournament flier is found on the website or on page 3.

Come be a part of the great tradition of the **Bright Leaf Summer Sectional!!**

Need a partner? Blanche Tremblay and Gale Meyer are the partnership co-chairs. Blanche is handling partners for Open Pairs; contact her at (919) 999-0638 or email her at btremblay@twc.com. Gale is handling partners for 499er Pairs; contact her at (919) 306-2850 or email her at galehmeier@gmail.com. An **online partnership desk is available at:**

www.carolinabridge.org/bright-leaf-sectional.html

Coming from out of town, or have friends who are? Let them know we've arranged a group rate at nearby **La Quinta Inns & Suites**, 1910 Westpark Drive, Durham, NC 27713, (919) 484-1422. Reference **Bright Leaf** to receive the group Rate; the deadline for the special rate is June 16, 2016.

In addition to playing, we NEED YOU to help us show our hospitality to the bridge community! We need coffee cakes, banana nut bread, muffins, quiches, deviled eggs, veggie and fruit plates, cheese and crackers, small sandwiches, chips and dips, snacks, brownies, cookies, pastries, and cakes, or just surprise us.

Contact Ed Fuller, who is coordinating food donations at (919) 933-9704 or email him at edwin.fuller@gmail.com. If you cannot bring anything, monetary donations are also appreciated. Make check donations out to "ACBL Unit 191."

Bright Leaf Summer Sectional



Bright Leaf Unit 191

When: July 7-10, 2016

Where: Triangle Bridge (919) 405-2016
5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC

Thursday July 7th

Open & 499er Swiss Teams 7:00 pm

Friday July 8th

Stratified Open & 499er Pairs 10:00 am

Stratified Open & 499er Pairs 2:30 pm

Stratified 0-20 Pairs 2:30 pm

Saturday July 9th

Stratified Open & 499er Pairs 10:00 am

Stratified Open & 499er Pairs 2:30 pm

Stratified 0-20 Pairs 2:30 pm

Saturday afternoon regional-rated game
benefits Junior Bridge (\$1 extra)

Sunday July 10th

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 10:00 am
(Based on Team MP Average)

499er Swiss Teams 10:00 am
(No player over 500 MPs)

Both events are play through
with lunch included

Tournament Stratification

at discretion of Director
499er is NLM only

Tournament Co-Chairs

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For electronic partnership requests:

<http://www.carolinabridge.org/bright-leaf-sectional.html>

Or call a Partnership Chair Directly

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499er: Gale Meyer

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Nearby Lodging:

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1910 Westpark Drive Durham

(919) 484-1422

Reference Bright Leaf for Group Rate

Deadline for special rate is 6/16/16

**Unit 191 Game Coupons to 1st and
2nd place overall winners**



Happy Birthday to **Pearl Schechter**, who turned 97 years on May 18! Birthday celebrations were held on May 18th at The Bridge Academy and May 19th at Triangle. Thanks to **Kay Joyce** for providing the cake at the Triangle, **Henry Meguid** for the cake at the Bridge Academy, and **Linda Hansell** for the photo.

Thanks, Pearl, for the joy and inspiration you bring to all of us! We all only hope we can play as well as you at that age.

Chapel Hill Bridge Club

Dear Fellow Bridge Players,

**Seymour Center
2551 Homestead Road
Chapel Hill, NC
Wednesday's @1:00PM
Bridgemates will be available**

This game is not meant to compete with any other game as it is only for those players with less than 500 points; that enjoy an informal and friendly atmosphere while competing and improving their bridge skills. No intimidation, rushing, or embarrassment is allowed. The game is directed by a Certified Director, and the snacks are great!

If you decide that you would like to play in a game on any Wednesday afternoon at 1:00PM, please drop me a quick email. I will write all interested people a note back to let them know if there is enough for a game and how many tables we will have.

See you at the bridge table!

Thanks.

Linda Harris
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ADULT BRIDGE CAMP 2016

by Maggie Lindquist

Ah, those memories of summer camp from carefree childhood, the experiences, the camaraderie, the fun. Last year a comment that a new player made, wishing that there were an Adult Bridge Camp when she heard about the Youth Bridge Camp made me stop and think, why not, and so we decided to have one. It was very successful and I believe the attendees not only enjoyed it but they added to their bridge knowledge and bridge experience.

We all know that to be successful playing bridge, we not only need to learn how to communicate with our partners, but we also need lots of experience in playing and defending the hands. Bridge camp provides both of these things plus an opportunity to meet and play with others who are beginning the adventure that is duplicate bridge.

The first week, August 8th-12th, is focused on the beginning basics. If you have friends who play social bridge, played bridge years ago and want to get back to it, or who have never played bridge but would like to learn, this is the camp for them. It provides a great foundation on which to build with mini lessons, handouts, question and answer sessions and plenty of hands to play.



The second week, August 22nd-26th, goes into more complex bidding and play as well as a larger focus on Information, Communication, and Evaluation (I.C.E.) as well as defensive play, which will help raise the player's level of play. Campers signing up for this need to have mastered the basics, either by attending the 1st week or by having attended lessons taught by experienced players.

Both camps are held at The Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road starting at 9:00 a.m. each day and going until 2:30 p.m. The price is \$100/person for the week with snacks provided and a break for lunch which is not provided. Checks for the appropriate amount should be made out to The Learning Spot and mailed to **Maggie Lindquist**, 113 Weaver Mine Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

HUGON KARWOWSKI

RECEIVES TOP AWARD



Our **Hugon Karwowski** is one of five researchers in the UNC Department of Physics and Astronomy to share in the 2016 Breakthrough Prize in Physics for "fundamental discovery and exploration of neutrino oscillations, revealing a new frontier beyond, and possibly far beyond, the standard model of particle physics." The five UNC researchers are John Wilkerson, Reyco Henning, Mark Howe, **Hugon Karwowski**, and Ryan Rohm. The prize recognizes their contributions to the SNO and KamLAND collaborations.

Check the unit website for a complete story.

MENTORING PROGRAM FINALE

The final game for the 2015-2016 Mentor/Mentee Program was held on May 17, 2016 at The Bridge Academy. Sixteen pairs participated in this event after a delicious lunch. Thanks to **Henry Meguid** who directed the game.

Congratulations to the winners of this event:

1st **Andrea Roitman – Chris Tolve**
2nd **Pat Livers – Carolyn Heuser**

Way to go!

Special thanks to all Mentors and Mentees for participating in this program, and a huge thank you to the board for their support of this program.

This program is beneficial to new players and also gives experienced players an opportunity to give something back to the unit. Everyone benefits!!

For those interested in being a Mentor/Mentee, please visit the unit web site at www.unit191bridge.org and review the Guidelines.

Thanks.

Best wishes,

Linda Harris and Sharon Crane





Triangle Bridge

News

New Classes~

Chris Moll is offering a class on “Conventions” starting on Tuesday mornings 10:00am – 11:30am (6/7, 6/14 and 6/21) 3 lessons for \$65.00. This class will review conventions you are familiar with and provide the opportunity to learn new ones you wish to add to your partnerships. This class is for players of all abilities but due to the volume of material, the pace will be crisp to allow for a maximum number of conventions to be explored. Your suggestions in the first class will help determine what topics are covered in weeks 2 and 3. We anticipate reviewing Lebensohl and New Minor Forcing among others. You may drop in for \$25/session. This class is not designed for players who are new to bridge. To sign up, please contact tammy26bridge@aol.com

Beginning Bridge: Play of the Hand in the 21st Century focuses on the role of the declarer although we also review basic bidding and discuss standard defense. This class, taught by **Valerie Roberts**, presents the bridge novice with solid knowledge of basic bridge. 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. One need not have a partner.

Student text is *Play of the Hand in the 21st Century*, 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) Triangle Bridge, Durham, Thursdays, July 14-September 8, 2016, 9:30 am-noon

New Games~

0-5 Newcomer game on Friday mornings. Game time is 10:00 with lots of help. You need not have a partner to play. Contact **Jeff Boak** for details: jeff.boak@gmail.com

New Play and Review on Saturday mornings. Game time is 9:30. You need not have a partner to play. Contact **Valerie Roberts** for details: vjroberts3@gmail.com

June Triangle Bridge Special Events

Worldwide Bridge Contest

This international competition, sponsored by the World Bridge Federation, is scored across the world to give an overall winner. The WBF will award prizes based on worldwide matchpointing. The ACBL gives bonus awards to the top two district winners. The Friday and Saturday games are separate events. Each participant receives an electronic souvenir booklet.

Please join us:

Friday June 3rd at 7:00pm

Saturday June 4th at 1:30pm

Sunday Swiss June 12th at 2:00pm

The Longest Day

Please join us with the ACBL to partner with the Alzheimer's Association to support the millions living with this disease every day and those who care for them.

Monday, June 20th (\$10.00 entry fee/player)

9:30am 18 board session

12:30pm Club Championship

4:15pm 18 board session

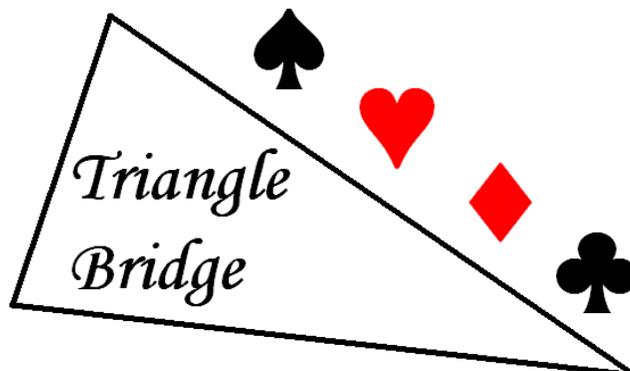
7:00pm North American Pairs

Please join us for friendly competition at its best.

Tammy & Chris (504) 495-7485

Game Times

Morning:	Wed, Sat 9:30am
Afternoon:	Mon, Tues, Thurs 12:30pm Wed 1:00pm Fri 1:15pm
Evening:	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:00pm



TRIANGLE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE



Club Championship		June 2016						
Worldwide Bridge Contest		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3	4
NAP					Morning		0-5 at 10:00am	Open/ Play & Re-view
Local Charity					Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50	Open Game at 1:30pm
Longest Day					Swiss	Play & Re-view	Open Game at 7:00pm	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
				Morning		0-5 at 10:00am	Open/ Play & Re-view	
		Afternoon	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50		
		Evening	Play & Re-view	Evening	Play & Re-view			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
				Morning		0-5 at 10:00am	Open/ Play & Re-view	
8 is Enough at 2:00pm		Afternoon	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Swiss & 0-50		
		Swiss	Play & Re-view	Swiss	Play & Re-view			
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		9:30am & 4:15pm (18 boards)		Morning		0-5 at 10:00am	Open/ Play & Re-view	
		Afternoon	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300	Open & 0-50		
		Evening	Play & Re-view	Evening	Play & Re-view			
	26	27	28	29	30			
				Morning				
		Afternoon	Open & 0-500	Afternoon	Open & 0-300			
		Swiss	Play & Re-view	Evening	Play & Re-view			

Unit 191 Membership Report

Submitted by Linda Harris

During the months of March and April the following occurred:

Total Membership for March and April 2016	March	(603)	April	(605)
New	2		5	
Transfer In	6		2	
Transfer Out	2		1	
Deceased				
Snowbird In	1		1	
Snowbird Out	2		1	
Future Life Masters inactive	5		6	
Future Life Masters reinstated			2	
Life Masters Unpaid	1			
Life Masters reinstated				

We welcome to our Unit 191 family seven (7) new ACBL members-- **Teresa Fitzgerald**, **Ted C. Michie** and **Jayne Bremer** all of Roxboro, **Billy L. Chow** and **Gordon K. Lavin** both of Durham, **Katherine W. Singer** and **Paul R. Singer** both of Chapel Hill. In addition ten (10) players transferred in: **Elaine Landow**, **Craig Robinson** both from unit 141, **Marc D. Goldberg**, **Suzanne E. Goldberg** both from unit 168 all of Durham, **Hope B. Council** from unit 160, **Theresa M. Van De Carr**, **Laura L. Lind** both from unit 128 and **Alan H. Tamura** from unit 391 all of Chapel Hill, **Ann M. Loucks** from unit 252 of Hillsborough, and **Hope Watts** from Unit 118 of Pittsboro.

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

Advancing in rank during the months of March and April were:

RANKS	March 2016	April 2016
Junior Masters	Scott A. Bales	John R. Boger III
	Russell L. Schoudt	
	Mark H. Webbink	
Club Masters	Adrienne M. Fox	
	Sandra F. Gerow	

Continued.....

RANKS	March 2016	April 2016
Regional Masters	Phyllis Alexander	
NABC Masters	Linda Brezin	
	Bill McCartney	
Advanced NABC Masters		Robert S. Thorstad
Bronze Masters	Phyllis M. Fuller	Mary B. Newman
Silver Masters	Deanna M. Larus	
Ruby Masters		Frank H. Hund
		Gale E. Meyer
Emerald Masters		Josef Blass

*****Congratulations one and all*****

Please send suggestions or ideas for articles to

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Special thanks to all who contribute -

Especially Randy Joyce, Liz McGuffey, and Dave Streifford

