

Unit 191 Annual Meeting

December 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Sigrid Olin. She extended a special welcome to all of the members of Unit 119 who had joined us for our Holiday Gala and to all other non-members who were present. She also expressed appreciation for the new Triangle Bridge Club facilities which enabled our Unit to host two successful, well attended tournaments as well as providing space for many lessons taught by a variety of outstanding teachers in our Unit.

She took a moment for us to honor those Unit members who died during 2010. Those were Ruth Bricker, Grace Gladstein, Stuart Hurlbert, Julie Jacobs, Terry Kassel, Joyce La Pine, Marty Marks, Dick Morgan and Jim Watson.

She introduced the members of the current board. She also thanked all of the people who helped in so many ways throughout the year.

Membership Report: The membership report was made by Membership Chairman, Harrison Brooke. He commented that our Unit includes four counties, Chatham, Durham, Orange and Person. He was happy to report that our membership currently stands at 515 members, a 26 member net increase over last year at this time. This number includes 40 new members and 13 transfer members. We have 8 new Life Masters to congratulate this year, Ahren Ames, Esther Arnold, Marie Eikinas, Kay Gruninger, Lilyan Levine, Kay Richardson, Ruth Roskoz and Patsy Whitehurst.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Paul Kobrin, assured us that our unit remains fiscally sound. Our Fiscal year end is November 30th, as of that date, the Unit showed a net income of \$2800. Our current cash assets in checking, savings and CDs stand at \$19,300, factoring out the temporary income for the 2010 Gala. The net increase in cash over last year was \$3900. The difference between this figure and the net income is due to the addition of the sale of the Unit's bridge tables to the Triangle Bridge Club.

Looking Forward: Marty Demko offered praise for Jay and Darleen for finding and obtaining the Triangle Bridge Club facilities. Having this space has allowed the Unit to add another Sectional Tournament in 2011.

Kay Richardson and Barbara Haskell are doing a great job with the Mentor/Mentee program.

We have a STAC week coming soon so those who need silver points have their opportunity to win some silver.

In March we have our new Sectional Tournament, Carolina Dreamin', ably co-chaired by Edy Bulthuis and Sandy McCay. Included in this tournament is the potential of winning access to a vacation home in the mountains as a door prize for participating.

The 2011 Summer Sectional will be co-chaired by Marty Demko and Ken Dye, who will also team up to co-chair the Non Life Master tournament in the fall.

A double Knock-out tournament limited to Unit members and run by John Torrey will begin in January. This will be bracketed and unlike the usual Knock-out s, after you lose once, you will still competing in the contest. You will only be knocked out when you lose the second time. Once you are assigned your completion, you will have a specified length of time to meet and play your 24 board knock-out and report the results. Each team will pay \$20/round. Games can be played at any current facility or at private homes. Boards and bidding boxes can be borrowed for home play. This Double Knock-out tournament is anticipated to take up to 6 months to complete.

Election Results: Special thanks to all who were willing to run for a position on the Unit Board. We had a wonderfully talented slate of nominees. Winners were:

Jim Bean

Paul Morrisette

Doris Elkin

John Braun

Additional Comments by the Attendees: Special thanks to Paul and Ruth Ann Schwenke for stepping up to continue the game at the Seymour Center.

Pat Owens was gracious enough to donate the use of her mountain vacation home as the door prize for the March Carolina Dreamin' Tournament.

The meeting was adjourned and the members moved upstairs to play bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Lindquist, Acting Secretary