



ACBL Unit 191 Bright Leaf



Bright Leaf Unit 191 March 2022 Newsletter

As the pandemic seems to be releasing its grip on our communities, we are happy to see more players returned to face-to-face club games and tournaments. Join us as we play the game that we love. This month we start off with a bang!

This week we jump right into our first 2021 Unit 191 Sectional Tournament - “March to Gladness”. Competition begins Thursday March 3 at 7pm with a single session swiss. The tournament continues through the weekend. Remember that proof of vaccination and facemasks are required to keep everyone healthy. Get your partnerships lined up now! Find more details on the flyer at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>.

March 21st – 27th will be a special STAC event hosted by District 7. Be sure to ask Chris Moll and/or Henry Meguid about this event for face-to-face bridge games.

And finally, for all Non-Life Master players get ready for the NLM sectional in early April hosted by Triangle Bridge Academy.

I hope to see you in person soon! Happy spring!

Deanna Larus
Unit 191 President

♠ ♥ **Come Play with Us in March** as a Mentee or Mentor! ♦ ♣

The Unit 191 Mentoring Program started February with an **in-person Education Foundation Fund Game** on **February 1st** and finished with an **online game** on **February 21st**. **Thanks to all who came out to play.** The hands were challenging, the competition was excellent and tough, and all had a delightful time!

On **Tuesday afternoon, February 1st** we had four tables. A **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard:**

Jan Broughton & Russell Schoudt, 1st/2nd overall 61.90%

Barbara Bute & Maggie Lindquist, 1st/2nd overall 61.90%

Anna Stachon & Ian Cloudsdale, 3rd overall with 54.76%

On **Friday evening, February 21st** we had six tables. A **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard**:

- Mike Lavine & Glen Anderson, 1st overall & 1st NS with 60.56%
- Barbara Bute & Maggie Lindquist, 2nd overall & 1st EW with 56.67%
- Larry Stanczyk & Nancy Sparks, 3rd overall & 2nd NS with 55.56%
- Gerri Stanczyk & Randy Poindexter, 4th overall & 2nd EW with 53.33%
- Jill Koury & Janet Dence, 5th overall and 3rd NS with 52.78%
- Dwight Smith & Donna Walther, 6th overall & 3rd EW with 52.22%

We gave back **\$3** of each player's game fee to the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina** in this time of need: **\$69** is to be donated.

Please join us

- for a **face-to-face mentee-mentor game** at **12:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 1st**, at **Triangle Bridge Academy**, 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 102, Durham, NC (the game will be preceded by a 20-minute lesson at 12:00 noon), and
- for another **face-to-face mentee-mentor game** at **12:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 22nd**, at **Triangle Bridge Academy**, 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 102, Durham, NC (the game will be preceded by a 20-minute lesson at 12:00 noon). NOTE: this game will be a New Experimental Bridge Event – **Royal STaC.**, which awards

25% gold - 25% red - 25% silver - 25% black

Come and earn some colored points!

*** PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO PLAY ***

*** If you would like to play and need a mentor, let us know ***

Play every card well,
Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Barbara Bute, and Maggie Lindquist
Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee
Donna Walther (Board Liaison)

Membership (as of February 1, 2022)

Unit 191 Members – **558**

NEW MEMBER

Marcia S Hanson 214 Cedar Club Cir Chapel Hill NC 27517-7212

NEW NABC MASTER

Ingrid E Parish

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Howard G Hochman

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Melanie Riva

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT 191

Deborah A Hoveland

Old Unit # 168 - Central Penn Bridge Assoc.

Elaine M Lowens

Old Unit # 161 - Central Arkansas

Richard Lowens

Old Unit # 161 - Central Arkansas

Judith A Thompson

Old Unit # 124 - Cincinnati

William J Young

Old Unit # 168 - Central Penn Bridge Assoc.

Player Spotlight on.... *Paul Smith*



Paul Smith spent his younger days growing up in Hudson, Ohio where he graduated from high school. He earned his B.A. from Miami of Ohio and later a Juris Doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Paul passed the Ohio State Bar and was granted the privilege and license to practice law. His path to law was a

result of a challenge. It was not his first career choice. His mother wanted him to become an attorney. As a youngster, he was pretty much opposed to anything his "Mom" suggested. Mom told her attorney that her son was going to become a lawyer and he laughed. This attorney told her that Paul needed to be a bright student with a solid academic background. Paul later spoke to the attorney telling him that he would become a lawyer. The attorney told him directly "that he could not." Paul took the challenge and from that day forward became determined to prove him wrong.

Paul worked for years as a trial lawyer, aka professional persuader. In 2010, he retired and has turned to dabbling in real estate investing full time. Still licensed to practice in Ohio, he practices infrequently.

Therefore, do not ask him for any legal advice now. However, if the price is right, he might change his mind.

In 2006, Paul began playing Bridge. At first, he could only play about once a week. He found Bridge to be enjoyable and a good diversion from his duties. The following year he and his wife moved to Clayton, N.C. Still working in Cleveland Ohio, he would travel on weekends to play bridge in North Carolina. At first, he did not have regular bridge partners. His love for the game continued and he subsequently established several partnerships while improving his game. Today, he plays for the love of the game.

Submitted by LaVerne Burch and authored by Paul Smith.