

# BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – AUGUST 2022



## **President's Corner**

It is Awesome August! Steamy outside even when not raining! – good time to play bridge inside. Our July sectional tournament was so much fun! We are so thankful for all the players from Greensboro area and the Raleigh area who came to play! Thanks also to all Unit 191 members who supported our Unit especially those who volunteered their time to make the event a success! Special kudos to Gail King (chair) and Ann Fisher who worked tirelessly that weekend. Other helpers included Sandra Irby, Bev Craig, Ray McEntee, Diane Saulsberry, and Maggie Lindquist. Thank you so much! Our next special event is the Future Life Master tournament starting on Friday (August 5-7) at Triangle Bridge Academy. Anyone who is not a Life Master and has less than 750 masterpoints is invited to play. Join us! In September, our mentoring program begins its new year as the weather cools. Please consider joining this wonderful program either as a mentor or as a mentee.

“One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.”

Reminder: Our Unit 191 website (<https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>) is carefully maintained by Marc Goldberg each week. There you can find game schedules and links to results, our membership directory, and much, much more. Please check it out and make sure that you are registered there. We have more than 500 Unit members listed. So reach out and find a partner and join us at a weekly game. Hope to see you at a bridge table soon!

Deanna Larus,  
President Unit 191

## Mentoring Program News

♠ Want to give back for past mentor's help? ♣

♥ Want to step up your bridge game? ♦



Are you a **bridge player who would like to give back**? Think of the *mentors* who have helped you improve your bridge skills and enjoyment of the game. Perhaps you know someone who might be interested **in having a mentor**? Consider asking them or let us know you would like to be a mentor and we will match you with a mentee.

Are you a **Non-Life Master with under 500 masterpoints** who would like to improve your bridge skills and enhance your enjoyment of the game? Perhaps you have played against someone you would like to mentor you? If so, ask them to mentor you or let us match you with a mentor.

Unit 191's **2022-2023 Mentoring Program** begins in **September**. **Now is the time to form mentee-mentor partnerships for the fall**. You could even get an early start playing in the online mentee-mentor games this summer.

To facilitate matching mentees with a mentor and to assist mentors in knowing a mentee's bridge expectations, we ask mentees and mentors to fill out Mentee and Mentor Sign-Up Forms. Hyperlinks to the forms are on the unit's [Mentoring Program webpage](#) or for the mentee form **Click Here: [for mentee PDF format](#) or [for mentee RTF format](#) or [for mentee Word format](#)** and for the mentor form **Click Here: [for mentor PDF format](#) or [for mentor RTF format](#) or [for mentor Word format](#)**.

As the Mentoring Program Committee plans for next year's mentee-mentor program, we welcome **YOUR IDEAS** to enhance enjoyment, socialization, and enrichment. Please send us any ideas you have. We will compile all ideas and try our absolute best to develop a format and schedule with our great clubs and directors to continue our development going forth.

Please place your ideas and completed mentee sign-up forms in the Mentoring Program Folder at Triangle Bridge Academy or email them to <[brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com](mailto:brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com)> **and** to Beverly Craig <[craig@lr.edu](mailto:craig@lr.edu)>.

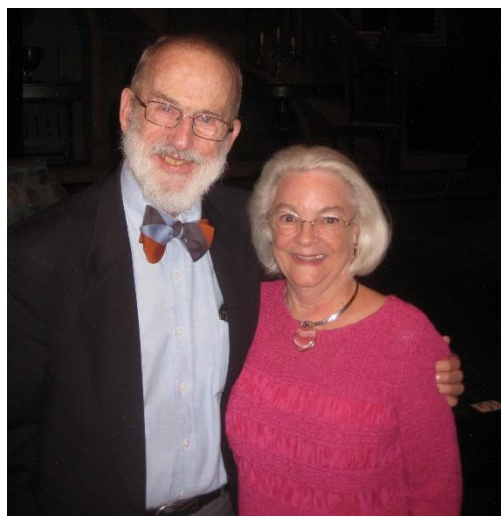
**STAY TUNED!**

We are planning a  
*Start-Up Celebration*  
for the  
**NEW Mentee-Mentor Season.**

Both an email announcement  
&  
September Alert Announcement  
will follow later when planning is  
complete

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

## **Member Spotlight – Gray and Susan McAllister**



Gray played bridge at Graham Memorial Hall and in Durham during college and UNC medical school. (Shhhh!) He used an allis, Al Grayson, while playing during medical school so faculty wouldn't know that he was playing bridge instead of studying (Results were published in the local paper).

After Gray studied and practiced psychiatry elsewhere, he moved back to Chapel Hill. Gray and Susan met at the beach and after a number of years of marriage with Susan refusing to play duplicate, she relented and took bridge lessons from Morgie Duke. With this knowledge she and Gray began playing duplicate together while she continued to play with classmates from Morgie's lessons resulting in "girlie" games that she still enjoys.

Somewhere along the way, Gray ran across a 2-page paper that his father had written on Precision. He liked the ideas of opening 1D/H/S with 11-15 points and signifying a 16+ point hand with a 1C opening. As a result, he and Susan play what they call "Simplified Precision" based on those 2 pages and a book, *Simplified Precision* by C.C. Wei. Obviously, this works well for them as they achieved Life Master along the way.

They continue to play and enjoy playing bridge.

### **Durham I/N Sectional**

***Need those Silver Points?*** Join us at the Durham I/N Sectional Tournament (under 750 mps) **August 5-7** at the Triangle Bridge Academy. Stratified pairs on Friday and Saturday, SWISS on Sunday (lunch included). [Click here for flyer](#)

## **Game Schedule Triangle Bridge Academy:**

### **August live schedule of events:**

#### Open games:

Monday – Friday @ 12:30pm

Saturday @ 9:45am

#### Limited (under 300mps)

Friday @ 9:30am [Click here to RSVP](#)

#### Supervised play (beginners only)

Tuesday @ 1:30pm [Click here to RSVP](#)

### **Special club games this month:**

August 1-7 Charity Club Championship

August 8-10 Club Championship

August 15-21 STAC Week

August 11-14 NAP Qualifying

August 22-31 NAP Qualifying

### **Online (BBO) games**

Open games Monday and Wednesdays only @ 7:00 pm

Final Nap Qualifying Monday August 8, Wednesday August 17,

Monday August 29 and Wednesday August 31

### **Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee game:**

Friday August 19: 7:00pm BBO

### **Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events** (Click for Flyer)

August 4-7 [Charlotte Sectional](#)

August 5-7 [Durham I/N Sectional](#) (under 750 mps)

September 9-11 [Pinehurst Sectional](#)

September 16-18 Wilmington Sectional (flyer not Available)

September 16-18 [Greensboro Sectional](#)

September 29-October 2 [Raleigh Sectional](#)

October 8 Greensboro NAP District Finals

October 24-30 [Charlotte Regional](#)

## **Unit 191 Elections**

**Elections for the Unit 191 Board of Directors are coming up.** Each year, four of the board member's positions are up for election. Please consider stepping into this leadership role. The Board welcomes new members who want to bring their energy, effort, and enthusiasm to the

Board! If you would like to be considered as a candidate, **please contact Gail King** ([Kinggail2008@yahoo.com](mailto:Kinggail2008@yahoo.com)), the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and your name will be added to the list. The Board meets monthly and helps guide the Unit in providing bridge opportunities for players, growing membership, and promoting the game of bridge.

### **ACBL Unit 191 Membership Report**

*We welcome new Member...Kathleen S Pavlik*

*We will miss...*

Cheryl D Chandler...Transferred to Unit # 119 - North State

Carol Grizzard...Transferred to Unit # 206 - Southeastern Tennessee

Vernon Grizzard...Transferred to Unit # 206 - Southeastern Tennessee

### **Congratulations to those reaching new milestones**

Regional Master

Regina Bann  
Randall E Brubaker  
Mark Francis  
Dan Snedecor

NABC Master

Jeffrey S Kimmel  
Charles T Meyers

Advanced NABC Master

Karen Popovich  
Barbara Bute

Life Master

Eileen Bok  
Reece Schuler

Bronze Life Master

Leslie Blair  
Renee M Getz

Silver Life Master

Joyce H Herr  
Charles S Marshal  
Kamal Das

Gold Life Master

Clay Hamner  
Deanna Larus

Sapphire Life Master

Suzanne E Goldberg  
James Cunningham

Phylliss Woody,  
Membership Chair