

## BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – May 2023



### **President's Corner:**

Greetings!

**We hope you can join us for our Awards Lunch and Games (Open and Limited) on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.** We will honor our unit award winners and have a potluck lunch! If you are unable to attend the lunch, we hope you can still plan to play. Both the open and limited games will begin around 12:30! Food contributions will be greatly appreciated! And enjoy the discounted game fee of \$6/player!

It is helpful to know if you plan to attend the lunch for planning purposes. Email [Unit191brightleaf@gmail.com](mailto:Unit191brightleaf@gmail.com) to let us know. However, you are not required to RSVP to attend.

At this lunch, we will honor Unit 191's Ace of Clubs winners and Mini-McKenney winners. We will also honor our Unit's Goodwill Ambassador, Ray McEntee, and our Hall of Fame winner, Chris Moll, as selected by the unit board. We hope you can attend and join us for this special event.

The Ace of Clubs awards are given to the players **who earn the most masterpoints at club games** during a calendar year in each unit. Points from STaC games or NAP/GNT qualifying events do not count. **Only black points count.** There are 15 race categories ranging from 0-5 MPs to 10,000+.

Mini-McKenney awards are given to the players who **earn the most masterpoints at sanctioned tournaments and club games** during a calendar year in each unit. Again, Points from STaC games or NAP/GNT qualifying events do not count. There are 15 race categories ranging from 0-5 MPs to 10,000+

Game on!

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# Unit 191 Awards Game and Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, May 17

11:30 Awards and Lunch

12:30 Open and Limited (0-750) Games



Ace of Clubs  
Mini-McKenney  
Goodwill Ambassador  
Hall of Fame

***\$6 per player  
entry fee!***

*The unit will provide a ham  
and side salads - if you can  
provide a side or dessert it  
will be appreciated!*

The Triangle Bridge Academy  
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham, NC 27707

*The Unit 191 Board of Directors would like to thank Chris Moll for his many contributions to our group and to the game of bridge over many years. Chris has served on the Board of Directors for multiple years. He has been a bridge teacher, club owner, club director, Unit representative to District 7 and more. He continues to work tirelessly, showing his passion for the game at all levels. As of June 1st, Chris will no longer be a partner in Triangle Bridge Academy. He has decided to channel his efforts more towards the district and national levels. Chris has been a great asset to our Unit, helping us run tournaments and special events as well as a club owner. He always stepped up to help when asked. He provided much knowledge and history regarding the game, the ACBL and its operations making him an invaluable liaison for us to the rest of the ACBL bridge world. While we may not see him as often at club events going forward, be sure that he will continue to compete at the tournament level. All Unit 191 members owe him a great deal of thanks for his work on our behalf. We look forward to seeing him across the table in the future. Thank you, Chris!*

## **Game Schedule**

### **Triangle Bridge Academy**

#### **May schedule of events:**

##### Open face to face games:

Monday – Friday @ 12:30pm

Saturday @ 9:45am

##### Open online BBO games:

Monday, Wednesday @ 7:00pm

##### 750 Limited game

Saturday @ 9:45am / guaranteed partner

**To help with planning, please remember to rsvp for by email.**

[Unit191brightleaf@gmail.com](mailto:Unit191brightleaf@gmail.com)

*Unit 191 is searching for players (less than 750 mph) to serve regularly as the guaranteed partner for ONE SATURDAY MORNING (9:45 game) a month. You will play for free just for showing up! Days available - second, third and fourth Saturdays. Great way to meet new people and find new partners! Send email to [unit191brightleaf@gmail.com](mailto:unit191brightleaf@gmail.com) for more information.*

##### Under 500 Play and review face to face Barometer game

Friday @ 10:00am [Click here to RSVP](#)

##### Supervised play with Henry Meguid for 0-20 players

Tuesday @ 1:30(cost is \$10)

##### Online learn and play

Monday @ 9:00am [Click here to register and pay](#)

**Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee game:**

Face to face: May 2, 12:30pm (lesson at 11:45)

Online BBO: May 17, 7:00pm

**Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events (click for flyer):**

May 5-7 [Charleston Sectional](#)

May 11-13 [Greensboro Sectional](#)

May 11-13 [Highlands Sectional](#)

May 18-21 [Atlanta Sectional and NLM Regional](#)

June 12-17 [Greenville SC Regional](#)

June 23-25 Pinehurst NLM Sectional

**Member Spotlight: Stanley Wilson and Ray Boylan**



Stanley and Ray have been life-partners for 29 years living first in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where Ray grew up. They each have a history of enjoying playing cards with their families: Stanley, multiple card games like Pinochle and Ray, in a family of bridge players. From that background it is no surprise that many family visits included playing bridge. Along the way they occasionally played some duplicate bridge, and a lot of social Chicago-style bridge with friends. This long-term partnership on and off the table has served them well after moving to Durham and playing at Triangle Bridge Academy where they are always learning

something new.

Between these moves they bought a Bed-and-Breakfast in Provincetown, Massachusetts working hard during the tourist season and playing a lot of bridge during the week in the off-season. (There may have been some dinner parties included with those bridge gatherings as well.) They occasionally took lessons from bridge teachers and worked on their partnership. When clubs were unavailable, or club games were rare, they'd enjoy games with friends.

Between their B&B entrepreneurship and moving to Durham, they were active in art circles: Stanley pursued his master's degree in Opera Performance resulting in Regional Performances throughout the US and Mexico and Ray in the vocal area as well as painting with acrylics. Stanley

has a gig coming up in Vermont this summer singing the role of Mime in a production of Wagner's *Siegfried* and is also working on a recital for the end of September in Raleigh. Stanley is the Artistic Director for the Triangle Gay Men's Chorus and Ray sings in the Bass section with the Choral Society of Durham. Keep us posted on local gigs, gentlemen!

They enjoy their gorgeous, high-energy and people-loving dog, Dolly, a Whoodle (a Wheaten Terrier-Poodle mix) that they affectionately call a "Whack-a-doodle".

## **Mentoring Program News**

### **♠♥ April Mentee-Mentor Game Summary ♦♣**

The **in-person mentee-mentor afternoon game** on **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, was a Club Charity Championship game with five tables. It was preceded by an excellent lesson on "**How to Bid and Respond to Reverses**" by Marc Goldberg — *at least two mentors learned some basics they had forgotten*. To see Marc's handout, [Click Here](#). Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard**:

Vanessa Brown & Maggie Lindquist, 1<sup>st</sup> overall & 1<sup>st</sup> EW with 57.50%

Barbara Bute & Ed Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall & 1<sup>st</sup> NS with 56.50%

Barbara Hulka & Beverly Craig, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall & 2<sup>nd</sup> EW with 53.50%

Cathy Simon & Leslie Blair, 4<sup>th</sup> overall & 3<sup>rd</sup> EW with 52.00%

Marguerite Wilkinson & Beth Trimm 5<sup>th</sup> over & 2<sup>nd</sup> NS with 50.00%

Donna Walther - Dwight Smith 6<sup>th</sup> overall & 3<sup>rd</sup> NS with 49.50%

The **online mentee-mentor evening game** on **Wednesday evening, April 12<sup>th</sup>**, was a Club Charity game with six tables playing a Howell movement. We gave back to the local community **\$3** of each player's online game fee; **\$72** is to be donated to a local charity. Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard**:

Gerri Stanczyk & Randy Poindexter, 1<sup>st</sup> overall with 63.18%

Pamela Rush & John Rush III, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with 56.82%

Vanessa Brown & Maggie Lindquist, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with 55.45%

Baker Ward & Bert Ward, 4<sup>th</sup> overall with 55.00%

Bill Marzluff & Karen Popovich, 5<sup>th</sup> overall with 54.55%

Barbara Bute & Beverly Craig, 6<sup>th</sup> overall with 53.18%

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Maggie Lindquist, and Barbara Bute (Board Liaison)

Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

♠ Come Play with UJs in May ♣  
♥ as a Mentee or Mentor ♦



Please join us in May for an in-person mentee-mentor afternoon game at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Triangle Bridge Academy, 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 102, Durham, NC. The game will be preceded by another of Marc Goldberg's excellent lessons – this one on “Balancing” – starting promptly at 11:45 a.m. in the small classroom.

Let us know at <[brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com](mailto:brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com)>  
if you plan to play or if you need a mentor.  
We hope to see you there!

Remember to bring a completed Convention Card for your pair to the game.

Come play with us Wednesday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for the online mentee-mentor game is at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Triangle Bridge on BBO (VACB252858).

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Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Maggie Lindquist, and Barbara Bute (Board Liaison)  
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### **ACBL Unit 191 Membership Report**

ACBL UNIT 191 REPORT

Includes all transactions processed 2/28/23 through 4/01/23

Total Members - 526

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Peter Hendee

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### NEW JUNIOR MASTER

Paul Norton

#### NEW CLUB MASTER

Shelley Hedtke

#### NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Vanessa Brown

Laura Ross

#### NEW NABC MASTER

Russell Schoudt

#### NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Renee Getz

#### NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Gary Zadjeka

Phylliss Woody,  
Membership Chair