

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – June 2023



President's Corner:

Small Acts of Kindness and of Love For Face-to-Face Bridge Clubs

from Grand River Bridge Club newsletter (Kitchener, On)



Here are a few things that individual players can do to show consideration to their fellow players.

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before game time. If everyone would do this, it would give the game director some much-appreciated breathing space.
- Don't wear perfume or after-shave lotion. Some players are allergic to scents.
- By all means, bring in your delicious baking – but hold the nuts.
- Mute your cell phone. If you're expecting an important call, give your phone to the game director to babysit.
- Stop talking while the director is making announcements. You might actually learn something!
- If you're on lead, make your lead before you write down the contract in your personal record and/or enter it into the Bridgemate. The declarer is dying to see his or her dummy.
- Refrain from snapping your cards. The sound is distressing to players who wear hearing aids (and annoying to others.) *Actually, it is also against the rules.*
- Clean up your coffee spills and crumbs and dispose of all the dirty dishes and other debris at your table before you head for home. It's the maid's day off.

Game Schedule

Triangle Bridge Academy (New schedule effective June 1)

Monday

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Play and Learn online.

(registration required at www.bridgeacademync.com)

12:30 pm - Stratified Open pairs

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Wine & Cheese Social Bridge

(Registration required at www.bridgeacademync.com)

Tuesday

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Supervised Newcomers Duplicate game

(starting June 20)

Wednesday

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

10:00 am - 499er* pairs with 30 minutes postmortem hand analysis

Guaranteed partner

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Scheduled classes

Thursday - the club is closed.

Friday

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

1:30-3:30 pm - Supervised Newcomers Duplicate game.

Guaranteed partner

Saturday

9:30 am - Mini-lesson

10:00 am - 749er pairs

(reservation required on www.bridgeacademync.com)

Guaranteed partner

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee games

2022-2023 program completed

Stay tuned for plans for 2023-2024 program

Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events (click for flyer):

June 5-11: STaC

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

June 23-25: [Pinehurst NLM Sectional](#)

July 6-9: [Durham Sectional](#)

July 27-30: [Flat Rock Open Sectional and NLM Regional](#)

Member Spotlight –

On May 17 we celebrated 2022 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney award winners with a potluck lunch and unit-subsidized entry fees.

The Ace of Clubs award recognizes members earning the most master points at the club level.

The Mini-McKenney recognizes members earning the most Master Points points in all ACBL- sanctioned events.

[Click here](#) for complete list of winners.



Also recognized were Ray McEntee Goodwill Ambassador, and Hall of Fame winner Chris Moll.

Updating your Member Information on the Unit 191 Website

-by Marc Goldberg

One of the nice features on the Unit 191 website is a **Members'-Only** section. This section is password protected and is available only to Unit 191 members. The purpose of the page is to allow members to contact other members to arrange bridge games, chat about bridge issues, or get together socially. It is easy to find a friend's phone number or email address - simply bring up the Unit 191 website (<https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>), log on to the Members Only tab, and locate your friend's line to see their contact information (email, address, and phone number). As a reminder, **this information is private and only for the personal use of Unit 191 members.**

Sometimes, a member's contact information may change. Maybe you have a new phone number. Maybe you changed your email address. How do you keep your listing up to date?

Updating your information is easy to do. But first, understand that the member information in the Members Only tab comes from ACBL. So, it is vital that you first go to your listing in ACBL (i and update the information there. Next, login to the Unit 191 Members Only tab. Select the "Account" tab and update your information. **IMPORTANT- click "Save"** after you change anything and before you leave the page. Otherwise, the changes will not be recorded.

The reason it is important to update the ACBL information first is this. Suppose your phone number changed and you update the Unit 191 Members Only section with your new number. At some future time, the web team may receive an update from ACBL. Installing that update could change your phone number BACK to what it was before.

If you have never logged on to the Members Only tab on the Unit 191 website, you will first have to establish a password. When you select Members Only, a box will come up asking for your email address or ACBL number. Enter that information and click on Set/Reset Password. Bridgewebs will then send you an email with a link to set your password. If you do not get the email, check your Spam or Promotions folder to see if it is in there. If that does not work, contact the web team for assistance. Marc Goldberg, goldberg73@gmail.com or Ed Fuller, edwin.fuller@gmail.com.

Mentoring Program News

♠ ♥ May Mentee-Mentor Game Summary ♦ ♣

The **in-person mentee-mentor afternoon game** on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, was a Club Grass Roots FUNdGame with four and a half tables. It was preceded by an excellent lesson on "**Balancing**" by Marc Goldberg. To see Marc's handout, [Click Here](#). Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard**:

Maggie Smith & Sonja Smith, 1st overall & 1st EW with a stupendous 65.63%

Jo Anne Rosenfeld & Mark Kelleher, 2nd overall & 1st NS with 61.67%

Lisa Vulinec & John Schachte, 3rd overall & 2nd NS with 55.83%

Cathy Simon & Leslie Blair, 4th overall & 2nd EW with 52.08%

Dwight Smith & Donna Walther, 5th overall & 3rd EW with 48.97%

Barbara Hulka & Beverly Craig, 6th overall & 3rd NS with 41.67%

The **online mentee-mentor evening game** on **Wednesday evening, May 17th**, had six tables playing a Howell movement. We gave back to the local community **\$3** of each player's online game fee; **\$69** is to be donated to a local charity. Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard**:

Michael Sauter & Kathy Newman, 1st overall with 57.73%

Larry Stanczyk & Joyce Jenzano, 2nd/3rd overall with 57.27%

Maggie Smith & Sonja Smith, 2nd/3rd overall with 57.27%

Randy Forrest & Bill McCartney, 4th overall with 53.18%

Bill Marzluff & Karen Popovich, 5th/6th overall with 52.27%

Dwight Smith & Donna Walther, 5th/6th overall with 52.27%

Baker Ward & Bert Ward, 7th overall with 51.82%

Brian Fuchs & Rebecca Fuchs, 8th overall with 47.27

♠ ♥ 2022-2023 Unit 191 Mentoring Program ♦ ♣

Many thanks to those who participated in the 2022-2023 Unit 191 Mentoring Program. Special thanks to Marc Goldberg, Ian Cloudsdale, and Chris Moll for their excellent lessons preceding the in-person mentee-mentor games. See their handouts on the unit's Mentoring Program website under the **Lessons and Useful Links** heading. [CLICK HERE](#). Many thanks to the mentors, especially to those

who volunteered as a substitute mentor and to those who took a mentee mid program. *You meant a great deal to your mentees.*

The 2022-2023 Mentor-Mentee Game Winners are listed on the Mentoring Program's website. [CLICK HERE](#).

Three dollars of each player's online game fees were donated to a local charity. Donations for the 2022-2023 program totaled \$711.

The 2023-2024 Mentoring Program will commence in September. Mentees are encouraged to consider whom you would like to be your mentor, and perhaps approach them. Likewise, mentors are encouraged to approach a player whom you envision mentoring. Being a mentor is a great *learning* experience: many of us feel we learn more than we engender. So, if you have not participated in the program as a mentor, consider doing so in the 2023-2024 Mentoring Program. Stay tuned for information on the 2023-2024 program via email notices, articles in the Alert newsletter, and by visiting the unit's Mentoring Program website. [CLICK HERE](#).

While no organized mentoring games are planned for the summer, current mentee-mentor pairs are encouraged to continue to play informally. Alternatively, new partnerships many want to get a head start in the summer for the 2023-2024 Mentoring Program.

Play every card well,

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

Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

ACBL Unit 191 Membership Report

Welcome New Members

Jean L Barber
Maureen Berry
Betsey Epstein
Steven Markey
Maryann Petrosky

Congratulations

Alison S Bowes – New Junior Master
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Dwight Smith - New NABC Master
Bobbi Pinkerton – New Bronze Life Master

Phylliss Woody,
Membership Chair