

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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From the President.....

As the temperatures cool, it is nice to see so many people coming out to play bridge. Summer travel time is over and we welcome your return. There is a nice buzz in our bridge community as we come together and head into the winter months. I have been to two sectional tournaments in the last six weeks and attendance is up in North Carolina! It is great to see.

Locally, our mentoring program (organized by **Michael Lavine** mlavine@umass.edu) is in full swing. We have a new online mentoring game (coordinated with Unit 119) that is going well. Just another way to try to help our less experienced players develop their bridge skills. We are seeking more mentors (experts not necessary) so if you can even fill in for a singles session or more, please contact Michael.

Our unit has two big events coming up:

- We are busy planning for our Board of Directors election in November (watch your email for more details).
- Our sectional tournament is scheduled for November 13-16. We have a new location with great lighting and space. We are offering Beginner, Intermediate (limited masterpoints) and Open games so everyone can play and compete at their own level of competition. We hope to see everyone there. Join us!

If you would like to play in the sectional but do not have a partner for a particular session, please contact **Ann Fisher** (afisher97k@gmail.com) and she

can help match you up with someone.

Many people have stepped up to volunteer: Thank you! I have received many emails and am keeping a running list. Someone from the tournament committee will contact you about your assignments. If you want to volunteer and you do not hear from us by November 1st—please email me again. We still need a few morning and noontime greeters, and we need people to volunteer for 15 minutes to help clean up the venue at the end of each game session.

Food Donations: Please bring goodies to share any day of the tournament. Bridge players love to snack during games!! Or if you prefer, you can make a cash donation (collecting at Triangle Bridge Academy) so our hospitality crew will provide. We all love lovingly baked goods or sweet or savory treats.

Hope to see you there!

Deanna





Bright Leaf Unit 191's Fall Sectional

new location

November 13- 16, 2025

Governor's Village,
40115 Moring (upstairs, elevator available)
Chapel Hill, NC 27517,

THURSDAY, November 13
7 PM STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

FRIDAY, November 14
10 AM & 2:30 PM * STRATIFIED OPEN & 749'ER
10 AM 499'er PAIRS

SATURDAY, November 15
10 AM & 2:30 PM* STRATIFIED OPEN & 749'ER PAIRS
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SUNDAY, November 16
10 AM & TBD STRATIFIED OPEN AND 749'ER SWISS TEAMS
PLAY THROUGH WITH LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
10 AM 499'er SINGLE SESSION SWISS TEAM GAME

*FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
2:30 PM GAMES ARE
REGIONALLY RATED FOR
MORE SILVER POINTS!

**Stratification & bracketing for all
games by average pair/team
masterpoints.**

Open Stratification:
0-1500, 1500 - 3500, 3500+

499'er Stratification
0-199, 200 - 299, 300- 499

749'er Stratification:
0-300, 300-500, 500-750

ENTRY FEE: \$14/PLAYER/GAME
0-20 MP play for free!

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There is no group rate.

Dear Bridge Players,

Unit 191's bridge mentoring program started its 2025/26 season in September. The program sponsors games in person, at Triangle Bridge Academy, and online, on BBO. The in-person games have two tiers. Tier I is for mentees with fewer than 250 masterpoints playing with mentors who have fewer than 500 masterpoints. Tier II is for mentees with fewer than 500 masterpoints; mentors are unlimited. Refreshments are provided by a crew of volunteers — **Ray Boylan, Ann Fisher, Martha Schulwitz, and Maggie Smith** — to whom we offer our appreciation.

Tier I plays on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10 AM, preceded by an optional lesson from Henry Meguid at 9:15. The first game was on Tuesday, September 23. Congratulations to **Bedda D'Angelo, Larry Stanczyk, Maryann Petrosky, and Maggie Smith**, who finished near the top and **Stewart Johnson, Ray McEntee, John Buckwalter, and Joan Roberts** who also scored over 60%.

Tier II plays on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM, preceded by an optional lesson at 9:15 given by a rotating set of advanced players. The first game was on Tuesday, September 9. Congratulations to **Joan Roberts, Michael Lavine, Ann Fisher, and Mary Newman**, who finished near the top.

The online game is new this year and is for mentees with fewer than 500 masterpoints. The mentees play together in pairs at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. After the game, a panel of advanced players write comments on all the boards, which are then circulated to the mentees. Many thanks to the panel members for volunteering their time and expertise: **Glen Anderson, John Cobb, Mary Jo Dunnebacke, Renee Getz, Eric Hamilton, and Michael Lavine**. The first game was on Wednesday, September 17 and had five tables. Congratulations to **June Zumoff and Janet Broughton** who finished first.

If you would like to join any of these groups, please email Michael Lavine.

(Please read the article about the mentoring Program in the District bulletin—very nice! Thank you Michael!)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to serve a three-year term on the Unit 191 Board of Directors. The board is responsible for planning, organizing, and assisting with tournaments and special games and promoting and being ambassadors for the game of duplicate bridge. The board meets monthly for one hour on Monday afternoons (following the open game at the Triangle Bridge Academy). If you are interested, please see **Bill Ingram, Mary Newman, or Stanley Wilson.**

If you have ideas or suggestions for the Alert, please contact a board member or send to me at barbaramartin-duke@gmail.com

Marc Goldberg does an outstanding job of maintaining and updating the website. If you only visit the site to see bridge scores, you are missing out! You can find upcoming tournaments, member list, memories, all the alerts in the past 15+ years, lessons from the mentoring program and even more! If you have anything you want posted—maybe an upcoming event—please contact Marc—goldberg73@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Activity in Unit 119 from August
31-September 30, 2025
465 members

NEW MEMBER

Carlton Goldson

TRANSFER INTO UNIT 191

Carole Ricker

Our unit welcomes Carlton and
Carole into our unit!!

CHANGE IN STATUS

NABC Life Master

Anne Tomins

Silver Life Master

Reese Schuler

Congratulations to both Anne and
Reese on your achievement!

TBC celebros el dia de la independiencia Mexicana!



Richard Cole (pictured above) began his travels to Cuba (early 70's) and Mexico in conjunction with his job as professor of journalism at UNC. He developed a love for Mexico and has celebrated Mexican independence at TBC in recent years. **Johanna Karwowska** served margaritas and **Ray Boylan** made delicious tortilla wraps.

Thank you—thank you to Richard, Johanna and Ray for a fun filled bridge day!



Larry Kupper raises a glass to toast Mexico's independence—along with Kay Joyce and Melanie Riva . Skip Riva is ready to play bridge.



Joyce Jenzano and Mark Kelleher enjoy their margaritas as they await the game.

Joan Roberts just wants to discuss her bridge card with Skip Riva—their first time playing together.

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