

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 22, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Diane Bastian
Paul Schwenke

Absent

Pat Bodoh
Mary Jo Doherty
Barbara Martin
Philip Erlenbach
Jay Bates

Guest

Bob Crawford

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October 27th meeting & the Annual Meeting (December 7) were approved as submitted by Barbara Martin.

Treasurer's Report: Announced that the books will be submitted for the annual audit after the first of the year; Ed Bodoh will provide the services

Old Business

Land Cruise: Information presented by guest Bob Crawford: Noted that a minimum of 13 tables of players are necessary to insure a no loss situation for the Unit. The event will have only stratified games and there will be no handicapping in order to encourage more participation from A & B players. The weekend activities scheduled for the end of February will be promoted at local games in January plus it will receive front-page coverage on the website. Determined that if 13 tables have not registered and payment received by January 31, the event will be cancelled.

New Business

The question "Should the recorder be an active member?" was introduced for Board evaluation. After discussing the issue, it was determined that Harrison Brooke would be contacted to assume the responsibility of Unit recorder, which he accepted. The remaining appointed positions will either remain the same or any changes will be announced at the next meeting. The list will be submitted to ACBL once the proper form has been received.

The recognition party for the Mini McKinney and the Ace of Clubs awardees plus the New Life Masters will be organized by Anne Hennessey which will occur in March at either or both an afternoon and evening game. Paul Schwenke will order the appropriate plaques and medals.

Barbara Martin asked how much chairpersons were permitted to spend without prior Board approval. After much discussion it was determined that a policy for expenditures was needed. Diane Bastian, Barbara Martin and treasurer, Anne Hennessey were appointed to develop a policy for presentation in January.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Summer Tournament: Jay Bates who was introduced and welcomed as a new Board member who reported: The flyer for the July 9 – 11 tournament has been developed; the final printing will be done once the motel/hotel for guest facilities has been selected which is anticipated to be determined within the week. The information will be forwarded to ACBL for advertising before the first of the year. President Hansell stressed the importance of everyone assisting in the advertisement by distributing flyers at all future tournaments. After discussing the tournament with the previous director, the following changes

have been made: Stratification for the C level will be 0-500; there will be a 4 session KO; and, there will be no 2-session events.

Education: An interested individual from the Raleigh area who wishes to assist in bridge instruction in local schools has contacted Diane Bastian. She will pursue this opportunity after the first of the year along with reintroducing the previous Unit program in the schools.

Holiday Party: Barbara Martin presented the final report (on file). Everyone agreed that it was an excellent event. Barbara acknowledged Harrison Brooke who contributed greatly to the general organization. Improvement in the service of the meal would be beneficial; Barbara will discuss this with the hotel staff prior to next year's event.

NLM Tournament Site: Paul Schwenke and the chairpersons have visited the different sites. Determined by them that the Northgate Mall was the better location: The contract has been signed for the tournament, which will be hosted the last weekend in October. Hospitality can be reevaluated because of the neighboring 'Food Court'. At present, a director has not been selected: A list of qualified persons who are known to be better with novice players was given to President Hansell who will make the appropriate request to ACBL.

GNT: Diane Bastian presented the information regarding the game. It will be a two-session event on Sunday, March 21 with John Torrey serving as director. There will be at least four club qualifiers. The event will be publicized on the web site and in the *Alert*, which will include other important information regarding future game dates, substitutions and player qualifications. The necessary sanction has been filed with ACBL. Diane's objective is to broaden player participation.

Website: Request was made that board traveler results be included with the game results.

After much discussion concerning the quality level of the site, it was determined that the site had not improved. President Hansell who will discuss the issues with the current Webmaster noted specifics which had been cited previously and which had not been changed or developed. If he vows to improve, he will be given the deadline of 1/31. If he does not improve adequately by the next Board Meeting, the President will contact Shuba Dey who developed the site for his assistance. Jay Bates volunteered to be an assistant since it is important to have two knowledgeable persons available for the site to be updated on a timely basis. Jay will contact neighboring Raleigh Webmaster Michael Ventura and several Unit members who provide computer assistance for their input and suggestions. Board reiterated that authorization had been given for a person to participate in a web development class; Jay will investigate the possibilities.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 26, 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

**2003 HOLIDAY PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING
FINAL REPORT**

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>*1993-97</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Pre-registered	105	121	144	170	177	170
Lunch			132	170	172	173
Bridge			128	168	168	168
Non-Unit 191 attendees			11	20	13	18
Cost/participant	\$23.21	\$25.75	\$25.69	\$29.30	\$28.57	\$27.77
Member fee	\$15.60	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
Non-member fee	\$23.80	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Unit Subsidy	\$690	\$600	\$753	\$1064	\$1062	\$732.97

*Average for the five-year period

EXPENSES FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Poster materials	\$75.00	\$7.05
Name tags		\$15.33
Postage	\$75.00	\$31.28
2 Directors' Fees @\$75	\$150.00	\$150.00
Caddy fee	\$30.00	\$30.00
Printing of post cards		\$6.00
Meals for 2 directors and caddy @ \$24.33	\$75.00	\$72.99
Sanction Fee	\$40.00	\$50.40
Bridge Supplies		\$30.00
Room Rental	\$150.00	\$192.60
TOTAL	\$595.00	\$585.65

Again, I believe the Sheraton did a good job for our holiday gala. There were some small glitches in the day regarding the set-up and housekeeping, but all were remedied once brought to their attention. I did not hear any negative concerns – all comments I heard were positive and complimentary.

I am recommending that we hold the next holiday gala at the Sheraton – possibly on December 5, 2004. I am going to try and negotiate for the same price as this year.

Barbara Martin

HOLIDAY GALA – DECEMBER 7, 2003

The holiday gala was held at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill on December 7, 2003.

There were 170 pre-registered persons for lunch and 3 guests, the two directors and one caddy.

For bridge, there were 42 tables and 168 players – 150 unit members and 18 players from outside the unit.

Barbara Martin

DECEMBER 7, 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Members present: Erlinda Wehrman, Mary Jo Doherty, Jim Migliore, Mary Jo Doherty, Barbara Martin, Jim Hansell, Anne Hennessey, Jay Bates, Philip Erlenbach

Members absent: Pat Bodoh, Diane Bastian, Bob Boggs

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hansell.

A moment of silence was observed as the names of the unit members who passed away during the last calendar year were read.

Anne Hennessey gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$12,035.14. This is an increase of \$690.44 in our checking and savings accounts over last year. Ann has prepared a full accounting of income and expenses for the year and will give those interested persons a copy if requested.

Jim thanked several people for their efforts in support of the unit this past year. Those persons were:

Tournament chairpersons: Philip Erlenbach and Erlinda Wehrman
NLM chairpersons: Mary Jo Doherty and Jackie Beecher
Holiday gala chairperson: Barbara Martin
Partnership chairmen for unit games: Larry Chambers and Jim Migliore
Pro-Am chairperson: Sarah Jones-Chambers
NAOP and GNT chairman: Bob Crawford
Land Cruise chairmen: Paul and Ruth Ann Schwenke
Mentoring chairperson: Jan Walker

Philip Erlenbach gave a report from the nominating committee. The terms of Jim Hansell, Bob Crawford, Paul Schwenke and Pat Bodoh have expired. Bob Crawford chose not to run again. Jay Bates submitted his name for election. The slate of Jim Hansell, Pat Bodoh, Paul Schwenke and Jay Bates was approved and thereby elected for a three year term.

Paul Schwenke gave a membership report. Our unit is doing well in recruiting new members but there continues to be a problem in retaining members. Hopefully, the mentoring program will help to boost our membership and encourage new players to renew their membership.

The annual meeting was adjourned.

Following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers for the coming year. Officers elected are: President, Jim Hansell; Vice-President, Philip Erlenbach; Secretary, Pat Bodoh; and Treasurer, Anne Hennessey.

There was discussion regarding the location of the NLM tournament. Sites suggested were The American Legion, Hargraves Center, and a new site in the Northgate shopping mall. After all aspects of each location were given, President Hansell made a suggestion that Paul Schwenke, and NLM co-chairpersons, Jan Walker and M.J. Weeks take a look at all three locations and make a recommendation within the next few weeks to the board.

The board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Martin

Unit 191 Annual Membership Report

- 2003 was another good year for Unit 191 membership
- As of November 30 we had 408 members that so far in 2003 is a net increase of 10 members for the year. Over the past three years, while ACBL has been losing membership in each year, Unit 191 has increased its membership by about 11%
- We continue to do an excellent job and rated one of the top Units in ACBL for recruiting new members.
- So far in 2003 we have signed up 49 new members. To date this is the second best year for recruiting new members for the Unit in at least the last 12 years. I don't have records back before 1992.
- For the 12 months prior to this October, Unit 191 was ranked first in our District and 9th out of the 308 ACBL units in new member gains.
- However we continue to lag in retaining new member after the first year or two.
- I believe we are about to turn this around. Now that we have expanded opportunities for novice and intermediate players to compete at their own level in both regular games and a NLM tournament. There are also an increased number of bridge lessons available for new player. And most importantly, with the Mentoring program taking off this year I predict we should see fewer one to three year new players getting discouraged and dropping out. I'll bet at next year's meeting Unit 191, in addition to being a leader in new member recruitment, will also be one of the best ACBL Units in member retention.
- 2003 was also another good year for Bright Leaf members accumulating masterpoints and advancing in rank.
- Through the first 11 months of the year 124 Unit members advanced in rank including 12 new Life Masters, 8 new Bronze Life Masters and 1 New Silver Life Master. In the three years I have been tracking membership this is by far the best performance of the members of this Unit.
- In summary we have had another excellent year on top of a number of very good years. As I suggested before, with the help of folks like Jo Ann and Bob Vansuch, Bob Bogg, Larry Honeywell, and Glen Marek in providing the learning opportunities for newer players to advance their skills and the increasing number of more experienced players to help mentor new and intermediate players I am confident The Bright Leaf Chapter will again be a leader in increasing ACBL in membership in 2004
- In closing I want to really stress how important it is for everyone to support the Mentoring program. We started it two years ago and this year it has really taken off. We have 33 pairs (66 folks) or over 15 % of the unit membership enrolled and actively participating. For those more experienced players that have enjoyed playing duplicate bridge over the years and want to give back a little then I encourage you to sign up next fall as a mentor. For the newer players that are interested in improving their skills I encourage you to enroll next year as a manatee. If you want some additional information on the mentoring program then please talk to Jan Walker.
- Thank you.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 27, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Anne Hennessey, Jim Hansell, Paul Schwenke, Philip Erlenbach, Bob Crawford, Diane Bastian, Bob Boggs, Barbara Martin, Mary Jo Doherty

Absent: Jim Migliore, Pat Bodoh

Guest: Julian Wachs

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hansell.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 8th meeting were approved.

Treasurer Anne Hennessey presented the financial statement – report on file. The checking account shows a balance of \$6,167.11 and the savings account balance is \$6,247.17 for a total of \$12,414.28.

Old Business

Anne Hennessey reported that there were several members honored in September for having achieved a higher rank in the ACBL. The next recognition party will be in the new year.

Diane Bastian continues to encourage new players to play duplicate bridge at the club and has four from the local community who will begin playing in November. There were also four members from the service league whose names have been given to partnership chairman, Larry Chambers for future play at the club.

Bob Crawford has made arrangements for the third annual land cruise to be held February 27, 28 and 29, 2004 at the Ramada Inn on the coast. Jay Bates and Darlene Boone will direct the game and fees for the weekend will remain the same as last year. There is a maximum number of 20 tables and there needs to be at least 10 tables to recover costs.

New Business

Four directors on the board have terms that expire this year: Paul Schwenke, Jim Hansell, Bob Crawford, and Pat Bodoh. Paul, Jim and Pat will see re-election while Bob Crawford has chosen not to run for another term. Jay Bates has agreed to run for director. Jim will put a notice in the ALERT for interested persons to have their name on the ballot. A committee of Bob Crawford, Anne Hennessey and Philip Erlenbach will be the contact persons for the upcoming election. The deadline for filing applications is December 1, 2003. Bob Boggs will print the ballots.

The newly formed Wednesday night game is up and going and Directors Jay Bates and Darlene Boone report there have been 30 different players who have participated. Since December 31 falls on a Wednesday, plans are being made for a New Year's Eve Bridge party, which will include a special championship game.

Diane Bastian volunteered to take on the duty of coordinating GNT and NAOP responsibilities.

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Paul Schwenke reported 410 members in our club, a net of 12 since the first of the year. The membership trends places our club second in the district and 26th overall in this category. In acquiring new members, our club placed first in District 7 and 9th overall. Retaining members continues to be a concern.

Mary Jo Doherty, chairperson for the Non-Life Master Tournament, reported the event was a success and made money, despite having fewer players than last year. (Report on file) The dates for next year's tournament will be October 29-31. Discussion was held regarding the problems involved with the current site, conflict with local college football games, etc. Paul Schwenke volunteered to try and locate a different site for next year. Mary Jo recommended the unit purchase a portable microphone and Polaroid camera. The board approved both purchases - Philip Erlenbach has a camera he will donate. If the camera is not usable, Mary Jo will purchase a new one. Mary Jo intends to write a letter to Unit 119 expressing displeasure for scheduling their NAOP finals during the tournament.

Diane Bastian has contacted the North Carolina School of Science and Math regarding bridge instruction. Their policy states that there must be a certified teacher who is on the staff to be in attendance for each session - currently, there is no one who is willing to make this commitment. She will try again the first of the year. She is going to contact Durham Academy to see if there is interest. There has been much interest in the lessons being given in the unit - and many prefer the neutral locations. Diane will write an article for the ALERT highlighting ACBL software.

Barbara Martin reported on the Holiday party. Cost is the same as last year. (Estimated expenses on file)

Special Reports

Julian Wachs has new software to reorganize the website. This should make the site easier to read and create a better appearance. He also requested that information for the ALERT be sent to both Bob Boggs and Julian. This will avoid duplication of information in the newsletter and website.

Sarah Jones-Chambers (written report) stated that the Pro-Am was successful. There were 13 tables in attendance. Sarah and Mary Jo Doherty will run the game next year.

and hopefully will be able to schedule 2 events for the year. Sarah reported there was a loss of \$54.22 for the event.

The next board meeting will be held December 7th. If there is a need for a meeting in November, board members will be notified.

Bob Crawford made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Philip Erlenbach seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Martin

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 8, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Diane Bastian

Pat Bodoh
Bob Crawford
James Migliore
Erlinda Wehrman

Absent

Philip Erlenbach
Mary Jo Doherty
Paul Schwenke
Barbara Martin

Guest

Jackie Beecher

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July 14 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Anne Hennessey presented the final financial report of the Sectional Tournament (full report on file) that showed a profit of \$2,691.30. The rental of the school did not include the extra custodial services, which amounted to \$147.50. Also, reported that the savings account has deposited \$6247.17 and the checking account has \$4605.04 in deposits.

Bob Boggs announced that he does not intend to renew the contract for the office space which houses The Bridge Center after February 2005 but that the owner is willing to continue to lease the facility at equal terms. The report that former treasurer, Bill Louv made concerning such an occurrence whereby the Unit will need to assume the responsibility for obtaining sufficient space for games was sited. Noted that following the election of new Board members & officers in December, the situation will be studied in depth.

Old Business

President Hansell announced that there will be a special committee formed following the NLM Tournament which will include the former tournament chairpersons plus Darlene & Jay who have volunteered to chair the next Sectional. They will study the tournament procedures and make recommendations for future events; the report will be presented to the Board for discussion.

The official recognition party organized by Anne Hennessey will honor 14 players. Sarah Chambers, chairperson of the Pro-Am event, has arranged for two rooms at the Senior Center, one for the game & the other for the recognition party.

Introduction of potential members to games: Diane reported that she had invited 6 persons to play: three refused, stating that they had a bad experience at the NLM Tournament last year. Three played and two joined the Unit. Due to her success, it was approved that unlimited free plays would be available for non Unit 191 members.

Land Cruise: There have been no volunteers to organize the previous successful event. Bob Crawford will consider the undertaking.

Information relating to liability insurance has been received: Filed for future reference.

New Business

The Board will develop a slate of candidates for four positions whose terms are to expire December 2003. Phil will include a request in his next *Alert* article-seeking members interested in running, with emphasis on non-life masters. Jim Hansell announced that he would run for reelection; Bob Crawford announced

that he would not seek reelection. Both Pat Bodoh & Paul Schwenke need to advise the board whether they will run for reelection.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Membership: Reported that membership is presently 411, a decline of 3; this does not include two recent deaths. Bob Boggs announced that the Unit spent \$34.50 to provide free plays to currently enrolled students.

NLM Tournament: Reported by Guest Jackie Beecher that the tournament is organized and that flyers have been circulated. Noted that there is one conflict: the NAOP final in Raleigh. Besides the normal partnership games, KO's will begin the first day and both a BAM & Swiss Team event have been scheduled. Members are serving as sub chairpersons for the various operational functions of the tournament. Emphasized that Fred Meier should be contacted to learn if another group is scheduled to use the smaller room at the American Legion Clubhouse.

Discussion followed regarding the procurement of inexpensive storage facilities to store the Unit playing tables and other items. Jackie and Diane will investigate; Board approved the renting of space if the fee is less than \$80/month.

Education: Diane announced that Harrison Brooke would present a workshop for novice & intermediate players on the protocol proprieties and mechanics of duplicate bridge. There will be no charge for his services but he has requested giving each attendee a coupon valued at \$1.00 for one session at the NLM tournament. Approved

Diane has spoken with the active bridge instructors in the community; many do not wish to present classes due to various personal reasons. Glenn Marek will offer a series of lessons at the Bridge Center.

Announced that Jay Bates & Darleen Doucette know a teacher who will partner with our Unit to provide bridge instruction for school age students at the School of Science & Math; Jay & Darleen will also supervise bridge games there twice a week.

Diane will be meeting with the Chapel Hill High School principal and the teacher who has replaced retiring Bud Stewart in an attempt to continue with the bridge program Bud has previously supervised. Prior to the meeting, she wishes to have a sufficient number of volunteers to coordinate the program.

The Easybridge series of lessons begins September 9.

Game Postings on the Web: Noted that there is a delay in the posting of the Wednesday and Friday afternoon game results. Bob Boggs explained the procedure for postings; the timely posting of results is determined by the quickness by which the corresponding game directors forward the information to him. Diane will write an article for the *Alert* explaining the procedure.

Requested that Webmaster Julian Wachs attend the next board meeting for further discussion on how the web site can be improved.

Partnerships: Announced that Jim Migliore will be traveling the month of October; Erlinda volunteered to arrange partnerships for daytime play while he is gone. Membership to be notified via email and in the *Alert*.

Special Reports

District Meeting: Barbara Heller has been elected as president, District 7; Bruce Reeves was elected as president, ACBL. There will be a club director refresher course; all directors are encouraged to attend to learn of the rules & regulations changes.

Mentoring: Announced that Jan Walker has formed 30 partnerships for the program. She is planning 3 games to be scheduled three months apart for the mentors and mentees.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 11 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 14, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Paul Schwenke
Erlinda Wehrman

Pat Bodoh
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
James Migliore

Absent

Diane Bastian
Bob Crawford
Mary Jo Doherty

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 24th meeting were approved. Announced that files older than 3 years had been destroyed but those that pertained to sanctions & discipline had been kept.

Treasurer Anne Hennessey reported (full report on file) that the Unit has a total of \$12,931.22, of which \$10,000 is in a savings account. The final report of the recent Sectional Tournament has not been completed. Uncertain as to whether the Unit paid a deposit fee on the facilities and also understood that a bill for extra janitorial services will be submitted within the week from the school. A more detailed report will be presented at the next meeting

Old Business

The new life master recognition party, which will honor 10 players at this date, will be held at the Pro-Am game that will be at the Senior Center on September 28.

New Business

The previous successful Land Cruise is in need of an organizer: An announcement will be made in an *Alert* article for a volunteer(s).

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Sectional Tournament: Phil Erlenbach reported noting the success of the tournament with an overall 24.3% increase in attendance. The caddies (Jay Bates & Darlene Doucette) were excellent and volunteered to organize the tournament next year: Hansell will confirm.

Noted the problem areas: Strat levels need to be evaluated using input from Directors Marie Killoran & John Torrey; KO's first session would be better Friday evening; Single sessions should be held for remaining games; Friday afternoon game should start at 1:30 because of the conflict of the summer school dismissal time; Hospitality & Sunday lunch could be better organized. Stated that it would be better to have one person responsible for the photo taking of winners & the awarding of prizes.

Phil requested more free plays for acknowledging extraordinary assistance from players.

Membership: Paul Schwenke reported that membership is presently 416 and that our Unit has shown a 13% increase in the last 12 months which makes us first in the District.

Holiday Party: Plans are proceeding for the December 7th date.

NLM Tournament: Reported via email by Mary Jo Doherty that plans are proceeding on a timely basis.

Announcements:

Reported that John Aluise will be submitting his credentials for membership on the Design Steering Committee of the proposed new Senior Center in Chapel Hill.

NAP finals will be held at the Bridge Center September 6 at 1:30 PM.

Julian Wachs, our Webmaster is procuring suitable software to improve our website.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 23, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Paul Schwenke
Mary Jo Doherty

Pat Bodoh
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
James Migliore
Erlinda Wehrman

Absent

Diane Bastian
Bob Crawford

Guest

Julian Wachs
Mary Delaney

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Guest Website Manager Julian Wachs introduced. Stated that the site was managed by mindspring with whom he intended to be greater contact. Noted that the home page should change more often, offering more interesting items; he needs a creative person to provide information. Hansell suggested that he meet with Karwowski. Changes/additions should be sent directly to Julian (JWACHS539@cs.com). Suggestions to improve site presented & discussed by board: Noted that special game results were not being listed. Question raised as to why certain game results were not listed on the web site on a timely basis: Noted that often the results are not forwarded to Boggs who is presently imputing the data and that an unknowledgeable person can create havoc. Julian will work with Sue (through her husband, John) so that her results can safely be entered.

Hansell presented a summary of the recent District meeting: Sanctions for tournaments should be presented a year in advance of the scheduled date; District 7 treasurer reports a balance of \$100,000; Bob Heller reported that the tournament participation has increased which he attributes to novice players; each Unit must request files for NAP games (our Unit will host the game September 6); committee which had studied the separation of the District recommended not dividing as it was not advantageous but will study cost effectiveness.

Minutes of the May 19th meeting were approved. Counsel sought as to how long files/records should be maintained. Determined that 5 years would be sufficient for minutes, 7 years for treasure reports. All disciplinary actions should be evaluated individually; Mary Jo Doherty will assist with those decisions.

Treasurer Anne Hennessey presented the year-end audit (report on file) that was completed by Johanna Pagano at a charge of \$81.25. The report stated that, "in her opinion, the books presented fairly the financial position of the Unit". Johanna made three recommendations which have been implemented.

Old Business

The new life master recognition party will be postponed until September because of the number of honorees traveling.

The new game directed by the Schwenkes has had excellent results in attendance. Average number of tables has been 11 with a total of 89 different persons playing: Noted that there has been a great repeat.

New Business

The Golden Age Master Award has been established by the ACBL for players who have achieved a significant number of master points without gaining the necessary colored points to become life master. Noted that within our Unit, 9 persons qualify for submission to the ACBL for approval; Harrison Brooke will contact individuals and submit necessary paper work.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Sectional Tournament: Donations/hospitality contributions have been excellent; more assistance will be needed for clean up following the final game. Suggested that final results not be posted until clean up is accomplished. A suitable number of chairs (230) and large tables (8) have been reserved through the school. Four permanent signs for parking will be constructed. Discussion followed regarding having good handicap parking: Suggested made to contact the security guard who has a golf cart to learn if he could be hired for transport purposes.

The Herald Sun Award will be presented; the stipulations for the award (more than one partner, no team game events) will be publicized.

Donations have been received for winner prizes.

Membership: Noted that again membership has shown an increase; 420 players reported at the end of May.

Special Report

Mary Delaney presented the report (full report on file) on the proposed senior center. Question posed as to how much storage space the Unit should request: Determined that 60 square foot would be sufficient. Mary will relay information to authorities. Announced that it would be imperative for a representative from our Unit serve on the Design Steering Committee. Suggested that John Aluise be contacted to fill the role, Mary will speak with him.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 14, 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 19, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Paul Schwenke

Pat Bodoh
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Diane Bastian

Guest

Mary Jo Doherty
Bob Crawford
James Migliore
Erlinda Wehrman

Sarah Chambers

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Hansell introduced new board member Mary Jo Doherty. Also, announced that Mike Kawalec had resigned his appointed position serving as the Unit's proposed Senior Center representative. Suggestions made as to potential replacements.

Minutes of the April 14th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report presented showing a balance of \$8670.79 (full report on file), which was approved. Year-end audit is pending.

Old Business

Introduction of potential new members to Unit: Diane Bastian announced that she will introduce 8 non-members to a game at the Bridge Center in July. The Unit will underwrite the fees for the players and Diane will treat them to lunch at Panera Bread prior to the game.

Hansell introduced the issue regarding the 'conflict' between the Cary and Durham games. Stated that this conflict needed to be halted, as it was unhealthy for the advancement of bridge. Recently, the Durham Board determined that it was important for them to develop a positive plan, and stop blaming the Cary game for the decline in attendance. Therefore, the Durham Board will:

- Communicate with Duke students to encourage their participation;
- Stratify the game to recruit players;
- Regular players will invite a new player to be their partners once a month;
- Harrison Brooke will write a positive notice for a future *Alert* publication;
- New starting time will be 10:30 A.M.

Paul Schwenke informed the Board that the ACBL has developed a new process whereby games can be handicapped in order that players with fewer master points can be ranked in the final results.

Determined that games outside the Unit should no longer be promoted in official Unit publications/letters.

New Business

Announced that the Bridge Center will:

- Eliminate the Tuesday evening game effective the first of June;
- Will begin Easybridge September 9 (Tuesdays at 7 PM); 1st 4 lessons are free, following charge will be \$5/lesson; textbook will cost \$10.

New Life Master Recognition: Party to be held June 26/27; location to be determined.

Sanctioned New Game: Paul Schwenke announced the introduction of a limited (under 500) game at the Bridge Center, beginning Saturday, May 31, at 9:30 A.M.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Sectional Tournament: Phil Erlenbach, Erlinda Wehrman and the President met with the high school authorities/representatives: A specific problem (a cooler that had been erroneously taken last year) was resolved in that the Unit will replace it.

Having a sufficient number of comfortable chairs is questioned: If the school does not have the necessary 230, the Unit will rent those needed.

Unknown at this time is the status of caddies.

Flyers are currently being distributed: Board members were reminded to take them to all future tournaments.

The presentation of the Herald Sun Award was discussed: Determined that if the newspaper wished to have it continued, the Unit would publicize the Award better along with the stipulations for being included in the competition. Hansell will make necessary contacts.

Discussed as to whether the Unit should solicit prizes since solicitation requires time; question, does this extra effort provide sufficient advantage? Determined that those limited prizes solicited should be used for winners of the various strata & KO's.

Hospitality will begin by requesting goods/money/time from members; three persons have been designated to supervise the kitchen, one each day.

A potential problem regarding parking was discussed: Learned that an alternate was available via an entry off Sunrise Drive which will be publicized both on the website & in the *Alert*.

Entry fees determined will be \$8/person/session.

Requested that all board members bring personal card tables to supplement, if necessary, the 40 that the Unit owns.

Membership: Reported by Paul that once again the Unit showed a net gain: Three new members, which makes a total of 415. Noted that our recent yearly average has been 40: We have 22 new members at the end of the first 4 months, which demonstrates the Unit is ahead of recent initial periods.

Junior Player Support: Reported by Bob Boggs that 5 students have played, three have returned.

Web Site: Reported by Jim Migliore that Julian Wachs is proceeding with corrections/additions. Both Julian and Hugon Karwowski will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss as to how the site may be 'spruced up' and how board members should submit information.

Education: Diane Bastian reported that lessons within the Unit would begin in the fall: Larry Honeywell is currently canvassing members as to what subject material is most important. Diane has been unable to confirm Hugon's offer to teach lessons during the summer months as he has been traveling.

Bob Crawford's program with the Chapel Hill High School will continue next semester: Bud Stewart who is retiring from the school system will continue to offer teaching assistance. It is Diane's desire that the Unit will be able to introduce a similar program in both the Durham Academy and the N. C. School of Science & Math.

Requested that Diane provide a column/corner regarding lessons/bridge tips in forthcoming *Alert* issues.

Pro-Am Game: Sarah Chambers reported regarding a possible 2nd game for 2003: Noted that scheduling was a concern. Determined that a game should be scheduled for August/September/October with the idea of having two games annually beginning 2004.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 23, 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 14, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Paul Schwenke
Bob Crawford
Erlinda Wehrman

Pat Bodoh
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Diane Bastian
James Migliore

Guest

Nick Keebler

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Special report from guest Keebler regarding proposed Senior Center (full report on file): It was strongly recommended by Keebler that an Orange County resident be assigned to continue with promoting our interests: An individual will be designated. The County will be distributing a questionnaire for citizens to respond to learn more regarding the needs of the community. Unit will encourage member response once a copy of the questionnaire has been obtained.

Announced that Carol McCaskill has resigned; replacement to be appointed by president considering input from other board members.

Minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved.

Old Business

Award Ceremonies: Phil Erlenbach proposed that the current method of award presentations be continued for another year (annual presentation in March of the Ace of Club & Mini McKenney winners plus the awarding of plaques for life masters & higher achievers at the Bridge Center); quarterly parties for new life masters & others to continue, location will be determined as to where the winners play most often. Seconded & approved.

Land Cruise: Noted (full report on file) by Paul Schwenke that the event was a repeated success and that there is sufficient demand and interest to host another event; someone needs to be designated to organize it. Bob Lenkeit is available to direct the activities.

New Business

Actions to items noted from Chambers & Karwowski's letters

Lessons & communication: Diane Bastian has spoken with the various local instructors & will list their programs both in the *Alert* & on the website. One instructor, Larry Honeywell is willing and interested in presenting more lessons: Diane & he will develop a program. Also, suggested that Karwowski be contacted, requesting him to expand his present program or develop another to compliment that which he is currently offering to accommodate the evening only players interested in lessons.

Harrison Brooke has written an article regarding protocol and etiquette for bridge players; information will be reprinted for distribution along with a presentation by Diane at both the Tuesday and Friday PM games. It is Diane's goal that with more knowledge, the novice players will begin to be more comfortable at open games and not be as intimidated by open players.

Another suggestion is that instructors develop a program with varying topics covered in separate sessions whereby participants would be permitted to register for one session only.

An informal panel of "A" bridge players for an interactive presentation to respond to questions from the audience is being suggested as a future program: A fall date is targeted. Suggested that a similar program might prove to be of interest following one of the sessions at the NLM sectional.

Following her presentation, Diane was appointed to be the Educational Liaison for ACBL. Information regarding the various new programs will be summarized for the next edition of the *Alert*.

Announcement made by Bob Boggs that he has received notification from ACBL that they have reconsidered their decision to eliminate the *Easybridge* program.

Junior Fund Month & support of younger players: Boggs indicated that extra funds received at the specific games are forwarded to ACBL. (For Bridge Center games, the extra funds come from the Wainwright fund.) Agreed to begin a program for regular full time students under the age of 26 (as specified by ACBL) to play at half price at the Bridge Center, Chapel Hill Senior Center, and Durham Bridge Club for the maximum of 10 times. Unit will subsidize: Boggs will organize program.

Pro-Am Game: Unit will request Sarah Chambers to organize two games annually, starting this year. If enough interest and support were noted, Unit would consider offering these games quarterly.

Communications/promotions/advertisements from board: Each chairperson is responsible for distributing information for publicity/publication through the Unit's sites (web and/or *Alert*). Boggs is publicity chairperson.

Website: Jim Migliore is currently updating site. Noted that newly retiree Julian Wachs has both an interest and expertise in this area and might be available for assistance; Migliore will contact him. The consideration of hiring a professional Webmaster was tabled.

Introduction of potential new ACBL members: Diane Bastian proposed a program whereby she would invite eight non-member players to a Tuesday or Friday PM game. Unit will underwrite the program for one session after which an evaluation will be made as to whether it should be repeated. Phil Erlenbach made the motion to accept proposal; seconded and approved.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

GNT: Reported by Bob Crawford that participation has improved as demonstrated by having 3 teams playing in each of the three sections. Unit participates in two qualifiers each year; study of the locations of the sites for the proceeding four years showed that the location had been evenly divided between the Bridge Center & the Senior Center. Determined that since the Bridge Center hosts seven games per week versus the one game a week at the Senior Center, the chairperson should continue to determine the location, as deemed appropriate to the two locations.

Sectional Tournament: Jay Bates will direct the caddies.

Membership: Announced by Paul Schwenke that the Unit has 11 new members with a total of 410, which is the highest in recent years. Paul sends a monthly letter that includes information regarding local games to new members and directors.

Education: Bob Crawford is investigating establishing a second program at another area high school similar to that which he is currently providing assistance. The Chapel Hill High School instructor, Bud Stewart who initiated the current existing program will be leaving the school district; as yet, his successor has not been selected.

Announcements: Phil Erlenbach reported on the MABC Board Meeting:

Easybridge programs continue to be promoted by the District even though the ACBL had eliminated their subsidies. As noted earlier, ACBL is reconsidering their decision: Teacher Accreditation Programs for *Easybridge* will be offered at various regional tournaments beginning in 2004. Registration must be made 30 days in advance; an insufficient number of participants will cancel the training sessions. The Region is investigating the possibility of having students teach other students.

Publication of the District 7 News is done in 8 page increments; price of a page is \$150, four months advance time is necessary. Bob Heller is the contact person. Undetermined as to whether our Unit has submitted information for upcoming tournaments; Boggs to contact Heller immediately requesting him to publish advertisements and to bill Unit of any charges.

Study, which would have permitted District 7 to withdraw from MABC, has been tabled. The District will review the various reasons cited which led to the decision to consider withdrawal and will address each.

Future Regional tournaments: Myrtle Beach will be the location in 2005 the week following Thanksgiving; after which Myrtle Beach will alternate with Charleston for the tournament scheduled between the Christmas/New Year's holidays.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 19, 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

1st. Unit 191 Land Cruise
March 14, 5,16 2003
Final Report

1.	Attendance	70/17 ½ Tables	Life Masters	10
	Unit 191 Members	48	NLM 100+MP	15
	Other	22	NLM 100- MP	45

2. Comments

Generally most people said they had an excellent/fun time and would like to do it again next year.

Major complaints/suggestions for improvements:

- a. A couple Life Master players did not like the Handicap scoring saying it favored players with few Masterpoints.
- b. Complained about not enough non-smoking rooms..
- c. Wanted to only play one team game on Saturday.
- d. Wanted to have a continental breakfast followed by only by one team game on Sunday and then leave.

3. MP Results

91 MP's Awarded

All 70 participants won at least 0.16 MP

Overall winner was Debbie Edwards with 4.7 MP.

Top novice (<100MP's) was Don Ward with 3.83 MP's

4. Financials

Cost /pair for 2 nights lodging, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, bridge, hospitality & prizes.

Unit 191 Members \$215. Non Unit 191 Members \$225

Income	\$7,811
Expenses	
Ramada Inn Room & Meal Packages	\$5,778
Fixed Costs (Director & sanction fees, room rental, supplies, copies, etc.)	756
Hospitality	590
Awards	636
Total	\$7,760
Surplus	\$ 51

5. Future

- a. There is more than sufficient demand and interest within the Unit (especially NLN players) and surrounding area to hold another Land Cruise next year.
- b. Ruth Ann and I do not intend to volunteer to organize this event next year. Way too much work, both before and during the event.
- c. Bob Lenkeit says he may be willing to direct the Land Cruise again but will not organize it.
- d. If the Unit is not able to find someone else to organize it, Ruth Ann and I may be interested on organizing & directing a Land Cruise next Spring on a "for profit basis."

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 24, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Paul Schwenke

Pat Bodoh
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Diane Bastian

Absent

Carol McCaskill
Bob Crawford
James Migliore
Erlinda Wehrman

Meeting called to order by President Hansell.

Minutes of the January 9th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report presented showing a balance of \$7,767.55 (full report on file): Joanna Pagano will do a year-end audit after the Philadelphia Spring NACB (March 6-16). Report approved.

Old Business

Land Cruise: 34 pairs have been registered which is the financial break-even point; maximum of 40 pairs is possible but February 24 is the date at which Paul must release remaining blocked rooms.

Senior Center: Recent newspaper publication solicited information regarding community desires. Keebler will be contacting Jerry Passmore for a meeting at which time he will present him an agenda, which will detail items the Unit wishes to have incorporated in the new Senior Center. He will be suggesting that the Unit be allotted sufficient space for our weekly games and that other space be made available at the time of tournaments; it will also be noted that the space for our daily games should not be included in space set aside for social bridge games. Keebler also requested that a Board member attend the March 21st community meeting to promote our interests, a representative to be determined. He also recommended that another letter (similar to that written by President McManus, June 28, 2002, on file) be sent restating our wishes along with a list of members (without their addresses): President Hansell to compose the letter. Noted that 64 square feet is recommended/table for suitable game space. Recommended that the Unit encourage member response to the newspaper article, which requested input from area seniors. Request to be publicized in the *Alert* along with an alternative list of suggested responses.

Program for honoring LMs & other honorees: After discussion, it was approved that Thursday, March 27 at 12:30 and/or 6:30 will be the more appropriate time for acknowledging the Unit 191 2002 Ace of Club winners & Mini-McKinney awardees along with new (2002) life masters and other members having achieved a higher status. Paul has received the pins; Barbara will order the plaques; Pat will issue the invitations; Phil will make the awards.

New Business

Web Site: Discussion regarding Hugon Karwowski's email (on file) relating to the website which he regarded as lacking publicity and pizzazz, along with not providing sufficient information regarding bridge lessons. Noted that both Shuba who still lives in the area and Hugon would be excellent resource persons for Jim to improve the website. Diane will research the opportunities for bridge lessons in the area and will create an addition to that particular section. Approved that the Unit would underwrite

suitable educational opportunities for website development for Jim, understood that it would be reasonably priced. President's response to Hugon's email is filed.

District 7 Meeting: Erlinda and Diane will serve as our representatives at the District meeting to be held in Gatlinburg in April.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Sectional Tournament: Requested that flyers promoting the tournament be distributed at all forthcoming tournaments. Suggested that the Unit purchase the metal strips, which are inserted into the ends of the card tables to support bidding boxes: Approved; Paul authorized to purchase 200 units prior to the next tournament.

Directory: New edition distributed. Noted that the quality of the printing quality was marginally acceptable. Different sources should be investigated for future printings. Determined that future directories should be printed at the first of the year once new officers/chairpersons have been selected.

Membership: The new monthly ACBL membership reports include email addresses. Membership incentives from the ACBL for the calendar year have been defined: increase of 0.1-1%: payment of \$0.50/member; 1-5%: \$0.75/member; 5% or greater: \$1.00/member with a maximum payment of \$5000 to a Unit.

GNT: Crawford and Boggs must organize the event prior to the March 30 deadline.

Education: Announced that the Unit will be receiving bidding boxes which are no longer used elsewhere: They will be given to Bob Crawford for his educational program in the local school(s).

Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 11 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 9, 2003

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Jim Hansell
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Paul Schwenke
Erlinda Wehrman

Absent

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Diane Bastian

Carol McCaskill

Meeting called to order by President Hansell who introduced our new board member, Diane Bastian.

Minutes of the October 28th meeting approved after spelling correction made (corrected copy on file) along with the minutes of the annual meeting.

No treasurer's report, a year-end audit will be done: Joanna Pagano will be contacted to provide the pro bono services.

Old Business

Senior Center: Board approved the recommendation that Nicholas Keehbler be asked to serve as our representative to follow the development of the senior center in order to incorporate the Unit's desires for having both adequate playing and storage space in their architectural plans. Keehbler accepted the responsibility.

Program for honoring LMs & other honorees: Anne Hennessey announced that on Thursday, January 30th at 12:30 & 6:30 (30 minutes prior to game time) there will be a celebration for acknowledging new life masters and other members of the Unit who have achieved higher status. Both Bob Boggs & Hugon will publicize the events. Anne will personally invite honorees; if all will appear at one of the events, the other will be cancelled.

New Business

Persons having contagious ailments are to be discouraged from participating in the scheduled games; discussion followed. Phil Erlenbach was asked to use his judgment based on the discussion as to whether the issue should be addressed in the *Alert* in a future issue.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Annual Meeting/Holiday Party: (full report on file) Noted by Paul Schwenke that both the same number of players attended and that the Unit incurred a deficit similar in amount to the preceding year. It was agreed that the Sheraton had excellent facilities and served a good meal. A couple of complaints were registered: One was that the event should be promoted as being a 'holiday' rather than a 'Christmas' Party. The contract for next year's annual meeting has been received and needs to be finalized within the next few weeks: Barbara Martin was given the authorization to proceed as she deems fit.

An additional note was that the Carolina Inn's new catering manager contacted Paul the first of December questioning him as to why our organization was not using their facilities this year. He explained that the Inn no longer had sufficient space for the increasing size of our group, that their rates had been increased, and that the previous manager had been slow in responses. The Inn did not contact Paul further.

District Meeting: Reported by Jim Hansell as it being insignificant other than the organization proposing a study whereby the District (which entails both 6 & 7) is split into two separate groups.

Sectional Tournament: Reported by Phil Erlenbach that flyers have been printed and are ready for distribution; requested that players attending future tournaments distribute them to promote a personal contact. Also recommended that an e-mail be sent to neighboring directors; also, Eldon Clayman should be contacted for him to relay the information to other playing groups within our District. Donations briefly discussed: Diane Bastian volunteered to assist with the procurement of soft drinks through local distributors.

NLM Tournament Location: Contract with the American Legion has been signed for 2003 tournament dates (October 17 – 19) at the same price. The 2004 dates of October 29 – 31 have been approved by the ACBL; mid October dates are valid for the other years. Mary Jo Doherty will be the chairperson; she will select her co-chair.

Membership: January report from ACBL is late as anticipated for the first month of the year. Membership total remains in the plus/minus range of 400. ACBL brochures *Exciting World of Bridge* have been distributed: Paul would like other locations identified for future placement along with follow up information as to how well they are being received prior to making the decision to order replacements.

Land cruise reservations for 32 pairs have been received with a maximum of 40.

Directory: The new edition is being prepared for the printer for distribution next month. Determined that it will be printed in black & white and that the ACBL non-sanctioned games will be listed separately.

Education: Program with the Chapel Hill High School is progressing nicely with 12 – 18 students participating in the noontime games. Bob Crawford stated that he needs volunteers to assist with both teaching & playing. He has been approached about expanding the program to include the Durham High School. An article, which describes his endeavors, is to be included in a future edition of the *Alert* in order to encourage unit members to participate. Approved that the Unit will provide participating students with free game plays at the Bridge Center.

Announced that a Carolina Meadows player has donated a set of metal bridge boards owned by his deceased wife; they will be exchanged with a set that Bob Boggs has in storage which then can be used in the play at the high school. Noted that the set currently being used belong to Harrison Brooke and need to be returned. A thank you letter will be sent to the donator.

Other Business

Appointment of Unit positions: Jim Hansell will continue in the interim as the tournament coordinator; other positions assigned/to be confirmed shortly.

Noted that the Durham Bridge Club sponsored a charity game benefiting the church where their games are held: The question was raised as to if they had held the required ACBL charity game prior to their game for charity. Phil Erlenbach will investigate.

Discussion followed regarding the 'promotion' of the Cary Wednesday game by their directors at our unit games. Determined that since the game is outside our unit and if the subject of the promotion is to be discussed further, the Bridge Center Director should handle the issue.

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, February 24, 11 AM.

Meeting adjourned.

2002 Holiday Party/Annual Meeting Final Report

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>1993-97(a)</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Pre-registered	105	121	144	170	<u>177</u>
Lunch			132	170	<u>172</u>
Bridge			128	168	<u>168</u> <i>168</i>
Non Unit 191 Members (Pairs)	8		11 (1)	20 (5)	<u>13 (2)</u>
Cost /Participant	\$23.21	\$25.75	\$25.69	\$29.30	<u>\$28.57</u>
Member fee	\$15.60	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	<u>\$22.00</u>
Non Member fee	\$23.80	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	<u>\$30.00</u>
Unit Subsidy	~\$690	~\$600	\$753	\$1,064	<u>\$1,062</u>

(a) Average for the five-year period (1993-97).

Once again the Holiday Party, Annual Meeting & Unit Championship Game were a success.

The 99'r novice game we held for the second time and was again well received with 12 1/2 tables.

Feed back was extremely positive. In addition to the verbal comments, which were all positive, 43 questionnaires were returned. All rated the Food, Facilities and Game as Good or Excellent except two people commented that it had too much of a "Christmas" theme and should be a "Holiday Party". Specifically they mentioned the symbols on the nametags and notice on the web site and in one of the "Alerts." I discussed this with one of the folks who signed her name to the questionnaire and believe she is OK with what we are trying to do. Other than being a little more careful with the publicity, we would not do anything different in the future. Most people that we talked to commented that the quality of the food, service, and facilities at the Sheraton were superior to the Carolina Inn. I also found the Sheraton management to be much more professional and much easier to work with than the Carolina Inn staff. Given all the storm problems that occurred during the few days prior to the event we believe the Sheraton did and superb job.

For 2003

The Sheraton has submitted a contract for this event on Sunday December 7, 2003 with the same terms and conditions (not sure about the base cost of the meal) as 2002. We recommend returning to the Sheraton for next years Holiday Party.

Continue to have a 99'r game and have someone playing music between sessions. However would not do the poinsettia door prizes.

Feed back Questionnaire

As mentioned above, we received 43 questionnaires commenting on changes/initiative Unit 191 has made during the past two years. By far the majority of the comments were extremely positive and supportive. Specific comments worth noting are summarized below. Also a few folks volunteered to help with future events and they are also listed below.

Comments

- 1.. Changed format and Frequency of "The Alert" "Need more Zip."
2. Directory "Print too small." (2)
4. Unit Sectional "Should be a 199 game instead of 299 game."
9. Honoring new life Masters with party and plaques "Don't do it".

Volunteers

Darleen Doucette	Mentoring/working with the high school program.
Jay Bates	I could work with a group @?.
Jackie Beecher	Possibly introducing bridge to school kids.
Debbie Edwards	Willing to help with an activity.
Sally Foushee	Not food
Rita McGannon	Non Life Masters Tournament
Kay Murray	High school teaching program
Carol McCaskill	Wherever needed.
Peter Purcell	Willing to help with an activity.
Jane Woodhouse	Would like to help with teaching bridge in schools.

Paul Schwenke & Barbara Martin
1/7/2002