

Greetings Unit 191 Bridge Players and Friends,

The Unit 191 Mentee-Mentor Committee has developed an online plan for this year's Mentee-Mentor games. As we have all found during this pandemic, changes are needed to protect ourselves and others and to decrease the spread of the virus; thus, we have planned our games with these things in mind.

**To be a Mentee:** You must be a Non-Life Master player with less than 500 Masterpoints who wants to build your bridge skills and enhance your enjoyment of the game with the aid of a mentor.

**To find a Mentor:** You may ask someone to mentor you or you may ask the Mentee-Mentor committee to match you with a mentor via an email to <[brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com](mailto:brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com)>.

**To be a Mentor:** You must be a bridge player who would like to give back for the mentors who have helped you build your bridge skills and enhanced your enjoyment of the game.

**Preparation:** Once you have established a mentee-mentor partnership, share your convention card with each other as well as specifics of what you each would like to accomplish during your mentorship.

**Signing up for a mentee-mentor game:** To facilitate online play (i.e., to help the club managers run the online games), mentees and mentors need to sign up beforehand via an email to <[brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com](mailto:brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com)>. Please provide each player's ACBL number & **BBO name**.

***If your partner is unable to play in any scheduled game***, let the Mentee-Mentor committee know at <[brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com](mailto:brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com)>. While we hope mentee-mentor partnerships will be ongoing, building a mentoring relationship, ***we are happy to match players for single games***. We want this to work for all.

**Dates and Time:** The games are scheduled online at BBO.

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening of odd-numbered months** (September, November, January, ...),

Triangle Bridge Club (TBC) BBO game at 7:00 p.m. (**VACB252858**).

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday evening of even-numbered months** (October, December, February, ...),

The Bridge Academy (BA) BBO game at 7:00 p.m. (**VACB267385**).

**Registering for each game:** Fifteen to thirty minutes prior to game-time mentees and mentors should go online to register for the game. This allows club managers to resolve any issues beforehand. **MENTEES are asked to invite the Mentors when registering for the game.** This way all mentees will be seated in the same directions (i.e., either South or West) at the table thus balancing the competition.

**Game Fee:** The game cost is \$8 for each Mentee and Mentor, \$3 of which will

be donated to the ***Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina***.

**Masterpoints:** While earning masterpoints is NOT the goal of the experience, the games are sanctioned, thus masterpoints ARE awarded.

**Raleigh and Triangle-Area Bridge Players:** The Mentee-Mentor games are scheduled so as not to conflict with Raleigh games. ***All bridge players in the area are invited and welcomed to play in these games.***

**What if I don't want a mentor, but would like to play in the game?** You and your partner are welcome to play in these games if you both are Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints.

We hope you will join us for this extra opportunity for fun, learning, connecting with friends (and soon-to-be bridge friends), and having an outlet for activity this year!

See you at the virtual bridge table. Hope to see you at the Table again soon!

Sincerely,

Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Barbara Phillips -Bute, and Donna Walther (Unit 191 Board Liaison)

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