

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

We want to make sure everyone has a chance to participate in our upcoming unit and club events beginning with the LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY event on October 12th at

LBIAD

the Doubletree Hotel in Durham from 12:30pm to 6:00pm. This event will be taught by **Patty Tucker** from Atlanta, Georgia, who has successfully developed this event and is supported by ACBL to draw new people into our bridge community. This program, hosted by NC Game Spot, Unit 191 (us) and Unit 119, is an incredible opportunity for our friends and family to become familiar with bridge and to meet new friends. Please, please, please spread the word! There will be flyers available at each club for placing in your local bookstores, gyms, clubs, and posting on social media; and there is now a link on our Unit 191 website with further information. (Check page 5 of the Alert). LBIAD will benefit everyone from each of our clubs, to our wonderful teachers and our membership. If you would like to help us or be a volunteer on the event day, contact **Maggie Lindquist** at mlindquist1@nc.rr.com, **Jackie Marks** at jackie.s.marks@gmail.com, or sign up on the sheet available at the TBC.

Also, on October 15th, the unit and the clubs are sponsoring another Double/Triple Session Championship with prizes, food and more

Unit191 Abuzz with Activities!

bridge than you can imagine.

BRIDGEFEST

So please join us for October Bridgefest! Please check all the details on page 9 of this month's Alert.

And following on November 7th-9th, we are hosting our Future Life Master Tournament co-chaired by **Maggie Lindquist** and **Katie Wilson**. They are putting out the welcome mat for all those eager bridgers and our hospitality chair, **Donna Walther**, will be putting out the spread. Please

FLM TOURNAMENT

contact her at dlwalther@nc.rr.com if you can bring food or help out in the kitchen. The partnership desk hosted by Linda Harris will be working overtime to find you a partner and/or team for pair games or the Sunday Swiss. Her e-mail is lharris166@nc.rr.com.

Please note that an extra

session has been added on Saturday night beginning at 7:30 so everyone has an opportunity to earn even more masterpoints.

And lastly, our Christmas Gala will be held on December 7th so please put it on your calendars and line up your partners today!

CHRISMAS GALA

Robin Marin and **Doris Elkin** will no doubt do it up in style so get your holiday outfits ready!

After that, we rest.



Happy Bridging!

Jim Bean,
Unit President

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TBC NEWS

~~~ Remember most all games held at TBC have guaranteed partners/teams (not Monday evenings)

~~~ 5% GOLD for **Club Appreciation Swiss** in October! Come with a partner, teammates guaranteed for these Swiss games.

~~~ **Morning Swiss**; Oct. 4th Open

**Afternoon Swiss**; Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - 499er

**Open**; Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Evening Swiss**; Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - open

~~~ GNT qualifying Swiss - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

~~~ Unit game Monday afternoon Oct. 27th

~~~ Club appreciation pairs games through October.

~~~8 is Enough- Oct. 26 (5% gold) , Nov. 16th, Dec. 14 - Please email Darleen at [dar\\_boone@hotmail.com](mailto:dar_boone@hotmail.com) by 2:00 on Saturday. She will do her best to get you on a team. She should be able to let you know by 7:00 on Saturday. Please provide your phone number in your email.

~~~ **ALL DAY BRIDGE** and food, Wednesday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

~~~**NLM Sectional** - November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> --- Yes the open games will go ahead on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and there will be an open pairs game on Sunday afternoon.

~~~**NAP Flight C District 7 finals** Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and TBA

~~~Sunday afternoon pairs game each month. The dates will vary depending on the availability of a director and area tournaments and other events. Oct 19 and Nov. 23.

~~~November 16<sup>th</sup> **Instant Matchpoint game**

~~~**Play and Review**: Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:00 - Play and Review for beginner to intermediate players: Play 3 boards then review them, play 3 more and review- usually get 15-18 boards played for the evening.

~~~ TBC Calendar

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=trianglebridge%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

Darleen Boone Bates

Mark your Calendars

Future Life Master's

Tournament Coming Soon

November 7-9

Don't forget, if you don't have a partner or a team, we have an 'app' for that. Her name is **Linda Harris** and she would be delighted to do what she does so well and match you up with a partner or team as needed, just let her know.

We have added another chance for you to earn silver points. There will be a pairs game on Saturday evening at 7:30 which will be held at the same time as the NAP evening game. See you then.

Volunteers are needed:

- To work in the kitchen
- Donate cash or food items
- Work on a clean-up committee

Please sign up or offer to help.

Maggie Lindquist and Katie Wilson—Co-Chairs
Donna Walther—Hospitality Chair

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

There are many opportunities for our members to help with upcoming events in our unit.

- LBIAD—October 12th—be an assistant at the tables, help with registration, put up flyers, spread the word
- Double/Triple Unit Championship—donate food for the sessions—and plan to play!
- FLM Tournament—offer to help in the kitchen, prepare a special food contribution, help to clean up after each session, make a cash donation
- Volunteer to be a designated partner for unit games
- Offer to be a mentor or fill in at the mentoring games

Become involved—make Unit 191 the best!



THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

Hosts Unit 191 (0-499) Championship

Join us for fun, prizes and lots of master points!

The Bridge Academy



Have fun, Play better

On Wednesday, October 15th, the Bridge Academy will host the Unit's 499er Championship as part of the Double/Triple Session Bridgefest. This is a two-session event starting at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. The \$20 entry fee per person includes playing two sessions, breakfast snacks, and catered lunch between sessions.

There is room for 26 tables, so please reserve a spot by signing up as a pair during one of the regular weekly games at the JCC or by sending an e-mail to:

register@bridgeacademync.com

The games are held at the Dick Levin JCC, located at 1937 West Cornwallis Road in Durham. For directions, visit our web site at:

Www.Bridgeacademync.com

JINGLE BELLS



**GOOD FOOD
GREAT SMELLS!**

**HOLIDAY GALA AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

**GRAB YOUR PARTNER,
RESERVE YOUR SEATING!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
RIZZO CONFERENCE CENTER**

STAY TUNED.....

The Alert is published monthly and is the official newsletter of Unit 191. If you have suggestions or ideas for articles that you would like to be included in the Alert, please let me know.

The deadline for the November Alert will be October 28th.

**Barbara Martin, Editor
Contributors: Randy Joyce, Liz McGuffey, Dave Streifford**



DOES WHERE MATTER?



*Written by
Randy Joyce*

Does the chair that you physically occupy at the bridge table matter to you? Is it a big deal if you are South instead of North? Does your table number affect your luck and, therefore, your play, during a game? The following article will attempt to shed some light on these earth-shaking propensities.

In my partnership with Kay, I sit South and West. I sit South because Kay likes to score; she says that I occasionally make mistakes in the opponents favor if I score, and it gives us a little different slant from other mixed tables because the man usually sits North. We did some research at several tournaments and found that if the partnership was mixed, the man sat North about 80% of the time. By reversing this trend, we could change our perspectives of bidding from many of those with whom we were competing.

Before I get a lot of letters that the following is intended as sexist, let me say that I have the highest regard for distaff players, but they do tend to be more level headed and less aggressive and willing to take chances than their male counterparts. That covers North; I sit West because Sue Reeve of Raleigh sits West, and she is a great high card point holder.

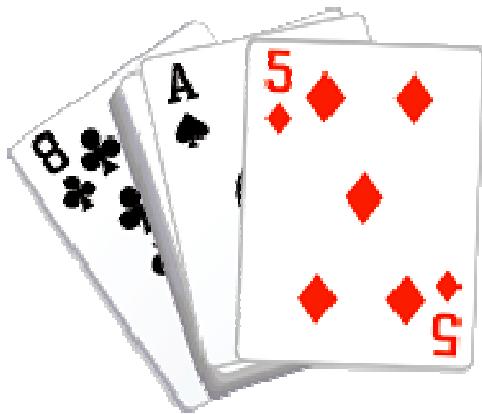
On this same subject, to whom do you give the score slip or pass the electronic machine to be checked? Our research found that I was given the duty most of the time. For verification purposes, I sat East some of the time. When I sat East, I was passed the scoring device, be it paper or machine, 80% of the time. When I sat West, it was more along the lines of about 100%, (we think partly because most people are right-handed). You have been doing this all these years and never realized that someone else noticed, took notes, or cared.

My next inquiry regards table number. Do you have a favorite number or, more likely, an unlucky number? I have to admit that it doesn't matter to me at pairs, but I like double numbers in teams. I knew one player, now deceased, who refused to start at table 6. Thirteen is generally considered unlucky, but most bridge players that I talked to were rather indifferent to it.

Over the years, I have played with some slightly claustrophobic partners who insist that they sit facing the room. Kay and I have no problem in this regard. I have noticed at regionals, and especially national tournaments, that proximity to restroom facilities are becoming of paramount importance.

In closing, I wrote this article because this great game that we love has more facets than anyone could possibly imagine. Having mastered the ability to make a mistake at any point in time, I try to find the road less traveled when I think about bridge. The bidding, play, and defense of the hands are NEVER as interesting as the people who perpetrate them.

Editor's note: If anyone has an interesting story to share about why he/she or a partner sits in a specific place or table, please send to me and I will share with our membership.



Can you Learn Bridge in a Day?

YES!

**Whether you are a beginner or returning to bridge,
it's the perfect place to start.**

**Come with a friend—or make new ones!
See why bridge is the world's most popular card game.**

Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014

Time: 12:30pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Doubletree by Hilton
4810 Page Creek Lane
Durham, NC 27703
919.941.6000

Cost: \$25 at the door for instructional materials and refreshments, \$20 with pre-registration

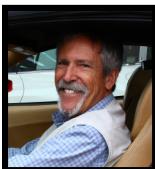
***Limited registration, pre-registration advised!!
Scholarships available***

Registration:

E-mail jeff.boak@gmail.com
or call Jeff Boak 919.423.7107
Hosted by Unit 191, Unit 119, and NC Game Spot

GETTING TO SLAM: JACOBY VS. TEXAS

Submitted by
Dave Streifford



Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

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| ♠ K 4 | |
| ♥ J 5 | |
| ♦ J 10 8 7 3 2 | |
| ♣ Q 5 4 | |
| ♠ 8 3 2 | ♠ A Q 10 9 |
| ♥ K Q 10 7 6 2 | ♥ A 9 8 4 |
| ♦ A K 9 | ♦ Q 4 |
| ♣ 3 | ♣ A J 6 |
| ♠ J 7 6 5 | |
| ♥ 3 | |
| ♦ 6 5 | |
| ♣ K 10 9 8 7 2 | |

Board 14 was played Friday, Sept. 19, at the Triangle Bridge Club. East opened 1NT and immediately West has a decision to make. "Do I use Texas Transfers or Jacoby, then jump to 4H for my rebid?" In the latter case of a jump, it would seem many players play that as 'slam interest' so East can then proceed with ace-asking or cues. Judging from the results on Friday, it appears most [8 of 13] played Texas and passed East 4H bid. Three pairs bid and made 6; one tried a grand slam and went down one.

Perhaps a more direct approach, especially given West's shapely hand, is to use Texas and then employ Blackwood after East accepts the transfer. West's hand is revalued to 17 so small slam seems more than reasonable.

FALL UNIT 191 CALENDAR



October

3-5 Morganton, NC Sectional
12 LBIAD at Doubletree Hotel
15 Double/Triple session event at unit clubs
24-26 High Point, NC Sectional
27- Nov. 2—Augusta, GA Regional

November

7-9 FLM Tournament Durham Unit 191
10-16 Norfolk, VA Regional
13-16 Hilton Head, SC Sectional
21-23 Spartanburg, SC Sectional (NAP)
27 Thanksgiving

December

7 Unit 191 Holiday Gala
15-21 STaC
29-Jan.4—Charleston, SC Regional



Linda Brezin and Jim Bean



Marian Meyer, Margaret Rouse, Jim Wells, Mary Tate, Maggie Lindquist (absent Bon (Julia) Smith

FIRST MENTOR/MENTEE GAME

The first Mentor/Mentee game was held Tuesday, September 16. **Sharon Crane** and **Linda Harris**, coordinators of the program, arranged a special lunch for 11 tables of participants. Thanks to **Jay Bates**, who directed the game.

In a very close finish for overall, **Jim Wells** and **Marian Meyer** tied for first place with **Jim Bean** and **Linda Brezin** with a score of 60.71. In a tie for second place was the team of **Margaret Rouse /Mary Tate** and **Maggie Lindquist/Bon (Julia) Smith** with a score of 60.42. Tied for fourth place were **Sharon Crane/Charlotte Davis** and **Nancy Coey/Teddy Lovejoy**.



Congratulations to the winners and all who participated!

Please mark your calendars with the following Mentor/Mentee game dates:

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Co-chairs: **Sharon Crane** scbridge@earthlink.net 919-489-4903
Linda Harris lharris166@nc.rr.com 919-414-6716





**Bright Leaf
Future Life Master Sectional
November 7-9, 2014
And District 7 NAP Flight C Finals**

Durham, NC

Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road 919-405-2016

Friday: November 7

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| Stratified Pairs | 9:30 am |
| Guest speaker | 2:00 pm |
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Saturday: November 8

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| Stratified Pairs | 9:30 am |
| Guest speaker | 2:00 pm |
| ***Stratified Pairs | 2:30 pm |
| Stratified Pairs | 7:30 pm |

****Saturday Afternoon Regional-rated
game benefits Junior Bridge (\$1 extra)*

Sunday: November 9

Play through with lunch included

Stratified Swiss Teams

10:00 am & TBA

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**North American Pairs**

**Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 and 7:30**

**Qualification at club level required**

**Flight C (Non-LM up to 500 MPs)**

**Stratification**

0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM/500

Co-chairs:

Maggie Lindquist

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Nearby Lodging:

LaQuinta Inns & Suites

1910 Westpark Drive

919-484-1422

**Directions:**

**From Chapel Hill and points west:** Take exit 276 (Fayetteville Rd) from I-40, left to NC-54, right on NC-54. At second light, turn right on Revere Road. TBC is 0.6 mi. on the right.

**From Raleigh and points east:** Take exit 278 from I-40. Right on NC-55, at 2nd light turn right on NC-54, at first light turn left onto Revere Road. TBC is 0.6 mi. on the right.

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# **DOUBLE/TRIPLE SESSION EVENT**

## **“BRIDGE FEST”**

**UNIT CLUBS WILL BE HOSTING A DOUBLE/TRIPLE SESSION EVENT ON OCTOBER 15, 2014**



**BRING A CANNED FOOD ITEM TO BE DONATED TO THE DURHAM FOOD PANTRY, BUY AN ENTRY, AND PLAY BRIDGE ALL DAY. EXTRA MASTER POINTS, GREAT FOOD, FREE PLAYS FOR THE WINNERS, AND LOTS OF FUN!!!**

**The Bridge Academy** will host two sessions for 0-499 beginning at 9:30 at the JCC.

**The Durham Bridge Club** will have a session beginning at 9:30. The A-B-C stratified flights for the games will be held at TBC.

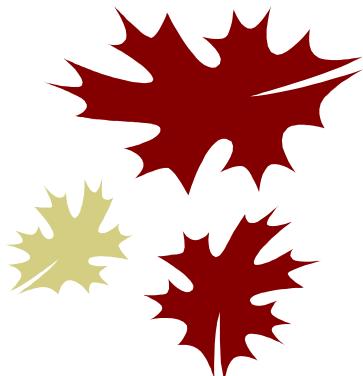
**The Tarheel Bridge Club** hosts the second session with a game beginning at 1:00. John Torrey will be making his favorite chili for lunch.

**The Triangle Bridge Club** hosts the third session of the day at 7:00. Come early and enjoy brats.

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PAIR OR PERSON IN A-B-C FLIGHTS WHO HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE PLAYING IN TWO EVENTS. YOUR PLAYING STRAT IS THAT OF THE PLAYER WITH THE HIGHER AMOUNT OF POINTS AND STRATS MAY NOT BE COMBINED.**

**ADDITIONAL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PAIR/PERSON WHO HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE PLAYING IN THREE SESSIONS. STRATS MAY NOT BE COMBINED**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
AND PLAN TO PLAY BRIDGE ALL DAY.  
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!!**



# **Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 1849 Pairs!**

The Bridge Academy is a member of the Common Game, offering you the opportunity to compete against a much larger pool of players similar to a District STAC game, but at a national level. The difference is that you only get Common Game points and not the extra ACBL master points.

## **How does it work?**

You play the same hands and the results are matchpointed across all participating clubs in the country. You will receive a club ranking and a Common Game ranking after each session as well as a monthly ranking.

## **What does that mean to you?**

You can compare your results with players across the country; Receive post mortem analysis of many of the interesting hands played, as well as individual play analysis to help you improve your game.



**Larry Kupper and Joe Haseman**

On Monday, September 22, Larry Kupper and Joe Haseman had a huge 74.81% game and of course a first place overall at The Bridge Academy. Their Common Game result was 70.35% which earned them a ranking of 3<sup>rd</sup> out 1849 pairs across the entire field. Congratulations!

**Join us to try this exciting new addition.**

## Membership Report

*Submitted by Linda Harris*

During the month of August the following occurred:

<b>Total Membership for August 2014</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Transfer In</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Transfer Out</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	
<b>Snowbird In</b>	
<b>Future Life Master inactive</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Future Life Master reinstated</b>	
<b>Life Master Unpaid</b>	

I am pleased that we gained four (4) new ACBL members: **Charlotte Davis**, **Dixie Hapgood**, and **Danny Hou** of Chapel Hill, and **Tyler Deegan** of Pittsboro. In addition, two (2) players transferred in: **Peter Page** from Unit 128, and **Erna White** from Unit 109.

**Welcome one and all!!!**

Advancing in rank 7 (seven) during the month of August were:

Sectional Masters

**Cindy Ahlbom**

Regional Masters

**Nancy Crow**  
**Xiyuan Ge**  
**Paula Head**  
**Rita Musante**

Advanced NABC Masters  
Life Masters

**Paul Smith**  
**Carol Schachner**

**CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL!!!**