

# THE BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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## Bright Leaf Summer Sectional July 7-10, 2016 Good Bridge, Good Fellowship, Good Fun, Good Food

Your Tournament Co-Chairs want to thank you for all the volunteer work provided: money and donations of food, and for the high attendance at this most recent Unit 191 Bright Leaf Summer Sectional. We particularly want to thank our Hospitality Helper, **Kelly Harville**, and the Board Members who formed the Hospitality Committee: **Joyce Jenzano, Diane Saulsberry, Linda Harris and Jackie Marks**. Our Partnership Co-Chairs, **Blanche Tremblay and Gale Meyer** did a great job of matching people up. **Judy Cosler** kindly filled in on Sunday morning to match up the last of the Swiss Pairs.

**Chris and Tammy Moll** deserve special thanks. They were available and made sure that every small facility detail was looked after.

Your food donations were welcome and plentiful. We ordered pizza lunch on Friday but food donations from Unit Members were so appetizing and satisfying that we did not sell much pizza. What we did not sell, we were able to share with the staff at the fire station next door.

You can see our prize winners at <http://www.unit191bridge.org/Documents/Memories/Albums/2016BLSummerSectional/PrizeWinnersxx.pdf> and our picture gallery at <http://www.unit191bridge.org/Documents/Memories/Albums/2016BLSummerSectional/SectionalAlbum/index.html>.

**Ed Fuller and Linda Brezin**, Tournament Co-Chairs

## HENRY MEGUID FINALIST FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

There were 62 teachers nominated to be teacher of the year by the American Bridge Teachers' Association. The teaching video submitted by Henry was chosen to be on the ABTA website as a model lesson for other teachers. Henry was one of eight finalists for the award and was honored to be nominated by his students.

The winner was Leslie Shaffer, a twenty-year veteran, past president of the ABTA and columnist for the ACBL Bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS HENRY!

A huge thank you to **Ed Fuller and Linda Brezin** and their committee for chairing the recent tournament! And another thank you to all the members who so generously donated money and food for the tournament. It would not be possible to have a tournament without the support of so many dedicated volunteers. Thank you—thank you!

Congratulations to **Mary Vickers**, the winner of the Hugo Germino Award for attaining the highest average in the pairs game playing with two different partners!

## NEWEST LIFE MASTERS

Our unit has four new life masters this month—**Linda Owen, Bonnie Ellen Cox, Ian Cloudsdale, and Stirling Haig**. Please read about Linda Owen and Stirling Haig, and I will include the stories of the others as I receive them.

### LINDA OWEN

I am fortunate to play in a very supportive bridge community. Had I not participated in the mentoring program offered by Unit 191, I am not certain I would have reached the rank of Life Master. Thank you to my mentors whose instruction was invaluable, to a number of skillful, tolerant partners, and even to many opponents who, when asked, graciously offered suggestions and even gave an occasional gift.

I especially want to thank **Larry Honeywell** for believing in me and for putting together a strong team that, at the Raleigh regional, helped me to earn quite a few more gold points than I needed to reach the status of Life Master. It was an occasion of unrestrained joy!

I am "hooked" on bridge! For as many years as possible, I look forward to exploring the infinite complexities of this fascinating and challenging game.



### Stirling Haig Life Master

I learned to play bridge as a teenager from my mother, who was an avid social bridge player, and I continued to play social or "party" bridge through college and beyond.

It was not until quite a few years later, after my retirement from UNC-CH, that I was introduced to duplicate bridge by a tennis partner who happened to be **Jeff Boak**. What an introduction! I was hooked, and soon was attending classes taught by **Jo Anne Vansuch**, and then more lessons and games supervised by **Harrison Brooke**. I learned 2/1 from **Glenn Marek**, another fine teacher. My first regular partner was **Sally Shook**, and later **Doris Elkin** and I formed a partnership.

Thanks to our unit's mentor program, I played under the tutelage of **Betty Whyte, Maggie Lindquist, Paul Kobrin, and Ken Dye**. I thank them all for their patience; I am particularly indebted to Ken.

Later, as a board member, I was charged with recruiting leading unit players to offer seminars. Kay Joyce taught "Counting on Defense," "Counting Tricks and Points," and "Cuebidding"; **Larry Honeywell** taught "Defense" (so popular that he had to offer it a second time); and Harrison's "Brush up your Bidding," all at the Triangle Bridge Club. Today our members enjoy **Henry Meguid's** half-hour lessons at the Bridge Academy and other lessons that are on offer at TBC.

I can't name everyone in the unit whom I've played with over the years, but not a few of them have helped me acquire the combination and number of points needed to reach Life Master. My thanks to all of them. I generally don't like to play in tournaments, but of course I had to travel to regional tournaments in Wilmington, Hilton Head, and Raleigh to win those gold points we crave. This year the same message on the back cover of successive ACBL Bridge Bulletins began to

gnaw at me: "Next rank is Life Master— You need 2.04 gold points." OK, time to go for it in the Raleigh Regional in May.

Doris and I started off in the Gold Rush— no points for us. But we had had the wisdom to recruit partners for the Knockouts: **Joyce Jenzano and Gary Zadjeka**. Our team didn't do too well in the first round, but after the second we were sure to win some gold--but only 1.98, not enough to push me over the top. I went to bed that night somewhat uneasy. We had to win early the next day for me to make LM.

And we did win just enough: 2.65. It's been a long journey for the octogenarian that I am. Thanks, partners and teammates!

Stirling Haig

(This hand was submitted previously by **Ed Fuller**, and now he has given the solution).

#### Sidney Lenz's 1928 Double Dummy Hand

This, one of the most famous of all double dummy problems, was composed by Sidney Lenz in 1928.

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

South is to make 7♥ after the lead of the ♣Q.

Please, give it a try!!

(If you cannot solve it, the solution is on page 12)

# DCBC GAMES FOR

## AUGUST

**ONCE AGAIN ALL FOUR FRIDAY DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL BRIDGE CLUB GAMES IN AUGUST WILL BE SPECIAL GAMES FOR HUGE POINTS**

**AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>--NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>--ACBL CHARITY GAME**

**AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>--NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

**AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>—DISTRICT 7 STAC**

**ALSO REMEMBER WE ALWAYS GUARANTEE A PARTNER. SO IF YOUR NORMAL PARTNER STOOD YOU UP, COME ON DOWN AND YOU WILL PLAY.**

**"AND IF IT'S FRIDAY,  
IT MUST BE SUNDAES"**

Paul and Ruth Ann



# FOURTH SUIT FORCING TO GAME REDUX

*By Randy Joyce*

Playing in the Thursday afternoon game @ TBC, I encountered a hand for this article. My partner and I were not the bidders, but since I have received so much positive feedback about my article last month on **Fourth Suit Forcing**, I wanted to see if people were really putting it to use.

The East hand was Kx, AKQTxx, QJxx, x, and partner opened 1 Diamond. East responded 1 Heart and heard partner bid 1 Spade.

What better time to use **4SF** (to game) than now! If East had bid 2 Clubs, partner would have alerted and announced that this was just a game force and said nothing about clubs.

Partner would have bid 2NT, and East would use their mental checklist of responses over 4SF:

- #1 bid 2 Hearts with 3 trumps
- #2 bid NT with a stopper in the 4<sup>th</sup> suit
- #3 bid anything else

So, West/Partner has #2 : a club stopper. Since the auction is at 2C, opener would bid 2NT to show the club stopper, with Kxxx.

What now you ask? East could have bid 3 Hearts showing a great suit and still game forcing. How do we know that it's a great suit? Opener denied holding a 3-card fit, so East's hearts must be pretty good, (able to play opposite 1 or 2 small, if necessary).

Partner repeats their preference for NT, with a 3NT bid. East can assume that partner has 0 or 1 heart. How so? Partner would raise with 2 Hearts since, he had denied 3 over the 2C bid.

East could just pass, but there might still be bigger fish to be fried. East should now bid 4 Diamonds. This is delayed support for opener's original suit. It is absolutely **FORCING**. Once you bid 2 Clubs, you established a game force. This must show 4 Diamonds since partner has never rebid their suit. If West has a hand that is ill suited to higher level contracts, he can just punt with a 4 Heart bid.

What has East done on this hand?

**\*shown** a great suit (6+ cards)

**\*shown** points for at least game; with FSF, you tell partner to that your side is dealing from a position of strength: "don't be afraid."

**\*you** have gone slowly showing a better hand than if you had jumped at any point; (Always remember, IF YOU ARE IN A GAME FORCING SITUATION, THE LESS YOU BID THE MORE YOU HAVE.)

**\*shown** delayed 4-card support for opener's original suit

What will Opener do? Partner finally shows some life and cuebids 4 Spades. He must have liked your 4 Diamond bid. You can now bid 4NT Key Card Blackwood since you have established a suit. Partner responds 5 Diamonds (0-3 KC). That would be the Ace of Spades and either the A or K of Diamonds (or both) or the A of Clubs. East can confidently bid 6 Diamonds. Partner's hand was Axxx, x, AKxx, Kxxx! Cold slam bid and made!!

The really interesting part of this hand for me was to look at the scores later on. Three pairs bid slam, but none of them were in Diamonds. They were all in 6 Hearts, which depended on 3-3 trumps or Jx dropping. Hearts were duly 3-3 so their slam scored 11 MP out of 12. If someone had bid the cold 6 Diamonds, they would have scored 9 MP. This is a 75% board with NO DOWNSIDE, no risk.

**FSF** can definitely improve your scores and your slam bidding. As an experienced player, I see so many fellow competitors trying to learn oodles of conventions, but this one is really worth the effort.

# SEPTEMBER CLASSES TO CONSIDER

## *Send to friends interested in learning to play bridge~*

### **Beginning Bridge: Standard American Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

presents the bridge novice with solid knowledge of basic bridge. It looks at bidding, defense and the play of the hand. It also provides former players a chance to review and improve bridge techniques in the most modern Standard American bidding system. Each lesson develops in a logical and progressive fashion with lots of hands on practice. One need not have a partner.

Student text is *Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, available through Amazon or Baron Barclay. Further questions may be directed to [vjroberts3@gmail.com](mailto:vjroberts3@gmail.com).

To register please call 919-968-2070  
Fee: \$125 (9 weeks)  
Seymour Center, Chapel Hill  
Tuesdays, Sept. 6-Nov.1, 2016  
9:30 am-noon

## *For Newcomers who want to improve their defensive play~*

### **Beginning Defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

focuses on the role of the defenders during the play of the hand; students also review bidding and declarer play. This class presents solid knowledge of basic defense to the new bridge player. It also provides former players a chance to review and improve defensive techniques in the most modern Standard American bidding system. Each lesson develops in a logical and progressive fashion with lots of hands on practice. Defenders communicate with their cards in a logical and purposeful fashion. One need not have a partner for the class.

Student text is *Defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, available through Amazon or Baron Barclay. Further questions may be directed to [vjroberts3@gmail.com](mailto:vjroberts3@gmail.com)

To register please call 919-294-4138  
\$125 (9 weeks)  
Triangle Bridge, Durham  
Fridays, Sept. 16-Nov. 11, 2016  
9:30 am-noon

## HUMOR AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

**Maggie Lindquist** reported this story from a game in which she recently directed.

*“At a game where a person’s partner could not play, I filled in as his partner. Picking up a hand with 20 points, I put down the STOP card and bid 2 NT. LHO passed, partner passed, and RHO passed. Partner’s hand came down with 7 points (2kings and a jack). I asked my partner if he knew how many points a 2 NT bid meant. He said, “But you used the stop card”. I paused a moment, then asked him what he thought the stop card meant, and his reply, “I thought it meant for me not to bid”.*

Humorous—yes, if you’re the opponents. Lesson—yes, if you’re declarer. That’s how we all learn and continue to enjoy the game.





Director in Charge—Brian Russell



Overall winners Saturday morning—  
John Torrey and Brian Crossley



499er Swiss team winners—Page  
Thomas, Jennie Robinson, Larry  
Kupper—standing Bill McCartney



Overall 499er—Friday AM -Rita  
Musante and Nancy Crow



Overall winners—Randy and Kay Joyce  
(Friday morning) Bill Wisdom and Dan  
Fowler (Saturday) 2nd in Swiss teams



Darleen Bates—Tournament  
Director and Ed Fuller  
Tournament Chairman



Blanche  
Tremblay  
Partnership  
Chairman

## Tournament Memories



Lovely flower arrangement and cen-  
terpiece made and donated by Dave  
Schreiber

## Summer Lessons:

**Chris Moll** is offering a class on “**Competitive Bidding Concepts**” starting on Tuesday mornings 10:00am – 11:30am (8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 9/6 and 9/13) 5 lessons for \$109.00. Advancing players need methods to deal with competitive auctions. Basic bridge concepts only focus on the interaction between you and your partner. This class will explore the methods and temperament to cope with opportunities and pressure created by the opponents. You may drop in for \$25/session. This class is for players of all abilities but due to the volume of material, the pace will be crisp thus is not designed for players who are new to bridge. To sign up, please contact: [tammy26bridge@aol.com](mailto:tammy26bridge@aol.com)

## Upcoming Events and Schedule:

August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> for the **Future Life Master Sectional**. All non-life masters with less than 500 master-points are eligible. The first game starts Thursday evening at 7pm. Then there will be 0-50 games along with 0 – NLM< 500 on both Friday and Saturday morning and afternoons. Swiss team game is on Sunday. Silver points will be awarded. For those interested, all pair games on Friday are Regional Rated meaning even MORE Silver points.

Please see current updated flyer for all details. (Found on page 8 of this issue or the website)

District 7 Sectional Tournament at Clubs (**STAC**) week is August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Silver points will be awarded.

August is the last month for club qualification for **The North American Pairs (NAP)**. This gives ½ red and ½ black points.

Please continue to support the **Durham Bridge Club** on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am for *intriguing coffee and friendly competition*.

With increasing attendance and new participants joining the **Play & Review program**, we have added an additional session on Saturday mornings at 9:30am in addition to the two evening sessions on Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Also, we have added two more teachers so in all we have **Maggie, Darleen, Betsy, Valerie and Tammy** supporting Play & Review. It is the best combination of learning and practicing to improve your game.

The **Tar Heel Bridge Club** continues to host its monthly Swiss team on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, with the next one scheduled on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm.

The monthly **8 is Enough Swiss** is on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please contact Darleen by 2:00pm Saturday ([dar\\_boone@hotmail.com](mailto:dar_boone@hotmail.com)) if you want partners and/or teammates and she will try to let you know by 8:00pm that night whom you are matched up with for a team.

## **The Longest Day:**

We are proud to announce that with all of your support, we raised \$1229 to support The Alzheimer's Foundation. Thank you.

Tammy and Chris



# Future Life Master Sectional August 4 - 7, 2016

5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC 27713

(919) 405-2016

## ALL SILVER POINTS

### Thursday, August 4

Stratified Pairs: 0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 7:00 pm

### \*\*\*\* Friday, August 5 \*\*\*\*

Stratified Pairs: 0-50 (0-10, 10-20, 20-50) 10:00 am

0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 10:00 am

Stratified Pairs: 0-50 (0-10, 10-20, 20-50) 3:00 pm

0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 3:00 pm

\*\*\*\* **Regional-Rated - \$1 extra/person, MORE SILVER POINTS** \*\*\*\*

### Saturday, August 6

Stratified Pairs: 0-50 (0-10, 10-20, 20-50) 10:00 am

0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 10:00 am

Stratified Pairs: 0-50 (0-10, 10-20, 20-50) 3:00 pm

0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 3:00 pm

### Sunday, August 7

Stratified Swiss 0-NLM<500 (0-100,100-300,300-NLM<500) 10:00 am & TBA

## PRIZES for Overall Winners!!!

Partnerships:

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Co-Chairs:

Chris Moll (504) 495-7485

Tammy Moll

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Nearby Lodging:

LaQuinta Inns & Suites

1910 Westpark Drive

(919) 484-1422



# Triangle Bridge Schedule

August 2016

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>STAC 1608103</b>				Morning			Open
<b>Unit Cham- pionship</b>		Afternoon L608191A	Open & 0-500	After- noon	Open & 0-300	Open	<b>FLM Sec- tional 10am &amp; 3pm</b>
<b>Future Life Master (FLM) Sec- tional</b>		Evening	Play&Review	Swiss	<b>FLM Sec- tional 7pm</b>	<b>FLM Sec- tional 10am &amp; 3pm</b>	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>North Ameri- can Pairs (NAP)</b>				Morning		0-5 at 10am	Open & Play&Revie
<b>FLM Sec- tional Swiss</b>		Afternoon Swiss	Open & 0-500 Play&Review	After- noon Evening	Open & 0-300 Play&Review	Open & 0-50	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Charity Lo- cal</b>				Morning		0-5 at 10am	Open & Play&Revie
<b>Club Cham- pionship</b>		Afternoon Evening	Open & 0-500 Play&Review	After- noon Swiss	Open & 0-300 Play&Review	Swiss & 0-50	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Morning		0-5 at 10am	Open & Play&Revie
		Afternoon Swiss	Open & 0-500 Play&Review	After- noon Evening	Open & 0-300 Play&Review	Open & 0-50	
	28	29	30	31			
				Morning			
<b>8 is Enough @ 2:00pm</b>		Afternoon	Open & 0-500	After- noon			
		Evening	Play&Review	Evening			

## GAME TIMES AT TRIANGLE

Afternoon—Mon., Tue., Thur. - 12:30

Afternoon—Wed., 1:00 Friday—1:15

Morning—9:30

Evening—7:00



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BRIDGE ACADEMY!

The first anniversary of The Bridge Academy started with the Chapel Hill-Durham Bridge Club on July 29th. **Paul** and **Ruth Ann Schwenke** hosted a special game with lots of food and prizes to kick off the one year anniversary. There were 22.5 tables in attendance, excellent food and a special cake to celebrate.

A contest was held to guess facts about the club since the opening of The Bridge Academy.

Winners were: Number of tables 789.5—**Paula Head** guessed 795.

Total number of masterpoints awarded—846.99—**Karen Keebler** guessed 870

Number of different players—323—**Cindy Ahlbon** guessed 321

Games played in one year—**Diane Saulsberry** has played 43 times out of 48

## Unit 191 Membership Report

Submitted by Linda Harris

During the month of May the following occurred:

Total Membership for May 2016	May	(611)
New	5	
Transfer In		
Transfer Out	2	
Deceased		
Snowbird In	1	
Snowbird Out	1	
Future Life Masters inactive	4	
Future Life Masters reinstated	4	
Life Masters Unpaid		
Life Masters reinstated		

We welcome to our Unit 191 family five (5) new ACBL members—**Joanna T. Karwowski** of Chapel Hill, **Patty Foerster** of Cary, **Lou N. Fierro**, **William Patton**, and **Jeanne M. Hankins** all of Hillsborough. In addition one (1) player transferred in **Nancy Meyer** from unit 128 of Chapel Hill.

We bid a warm welcome to these players and look forward to having them as part of our bridge family.

**Advancing in rank 16 during the month of May were:**

RANKS	MAY
Junior Masters	Nancy R. Atkinson
	Barbara Phillips-Bute
Club Masters	Adair B. Wiess
Sectional Masters	Gail L. King
	Charles T. Meyers

RANKS	MAY
Regional Masters	Cindy Ahlbom
	Alice W. Hughley
	John A. Schachte
NABC Masters	Phil L. Draper
	Ian H. Dunn
	Thomas W. Kronmiller
Advanced NABC Masters	
Life Masters	Ian S. Cloudsdale
	Bonnie F. Cox
	Stirling Haig
	Linda B. Owen
Bronze Masters	Stirling Haig
Ruby Masters	

\*\*\*Congratulations one and all\*\*\*

**The Alert is the official publication of Unit 191. For ideas or suggestions, please contact:  
Barbara Martin, Editor**

goodbye July, hello  
**AUGUST**

## Solution to Sidney Lenz's 1928 Double Dummy Hand

Win ♣Q with ♣A, pitching a diamond. Lead ♣K.

If East ruffs, over ruff. Cash two diamonds; finesse heart; cash ♠A; ruffing finesse with ♠Q; ruff back to hand; cash high hearts and spades.

If East pitches as diamond, pitch a low spade. Finesse a heart with ♥J or ♥T; lead a diamond to dummy; finesse another heart. Cash top hearts pitching clubs in dummy, leaving ♠A Q J and ♦9 in your hand. On the last heart West is squeezed having to protect spades, diamonds, and clubs. If West protects spades and diamonds, lead the ♦9 to the ♦K, and squeeze West again in spades and diamonds with the remaining club.

If East pitches a spade, ruff low. Cash ♠A; ruffing finesse with ♠Q. Finesse a heart back to hand. Cash remaining spades. Lead a diamond to dummy; and return a club, East pitching a diamond. Ruff low and return to dummy with another high diamond. On the return of a club or a diamond, East's ♥Q 6 are trapped by your ♥K 7.

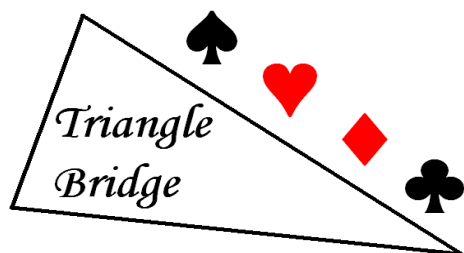
NOTE: **Any** lead except a club or the ♠K sets the contract.

Thanks to **Ed Fuller** for posing the problem and the solution.



We want to thank everyone who has attended and supported our Durham-Chapel Hill Bridge Club Game during its first year. Ever since we began to run our first two games at Bob Boggs' old Bridge Center 14 years ago, we have always tried to run congenial games in a desirable location for folks of all levels of play but especially for novice and intermediate players. The Senior Center was also a wonderful partner for over five years but we outgrew the space so we were overjoyed when Henry told us of his dreams for The Bridge Academy and asked if we had an interest in joining him. The past year has been super. It has allowed us to grow our game by an average of 3 tables in a First Class venue while also providing better yummys and a game that most folks enjoy playing a few hours on Friday afternoons. Again thank you for your continued support to DCBC as well as The Bridge Academy during this past year and we look forward to 2017.

Ruth Ann and Paul Schwenke



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**On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **The Longest Day Results**

**At Triangle Bridge, we raised a total of**

**\$1229.00**

**in support of the Alzheimer's Association.**

Thank you for joining us with the ACBL to partner with the Alzheimer's Association to support the millions living with this disease every day and those who care for them.

**Thank you for your Support !!!!**

Chris and Tammy