

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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*happy
new year*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT....

The Unit's Board of Directors is looking forward to a new year in bridge. We welcome newly elected members, **Suzie Goldberg** and **Chris Moll**, and re-elected members, **Ed Fuller** and **Phylliss Woody**. These individuals will serve a three year term on the Board. We appreciate their talents and interests and their willingness to contribute to the Unit at this level. We will meet early in the new year and begin to develop priorities for the unit for the coming year.

As always, we welcome all suggestions and requests from our membership. Please relay these to a board member or to me at joycejenzano@icloud.com and they will receive full consideration by the Board. One event that requires early attention is the Annual Christmas Gala. This is an event that many of us look forward to and enjoy each year. It requires a lot of advanced planning and a lot of "behind the scenes" efforts to be successful. It is also subsidized by the unit at a cost of \$1500-2000 beyond the fees paid by our members. We are always confronted with identifying and securing an appropriate venue for this event, i.e., one that can provide lunch for 150-200 people and also provide playing space for the afternoon bridge game. We welcome all input and suggestions regarding this event. Each year, we hear both negative and positive comments after the Gala. These include comments about the food, the venue, the cost, the timing, etc. We try to take these into consideration when planning the Gala but are constricted by some of the parameters already noted. Please give us your opinions on past Galas and changes you think we should consider for the future.

As always the Board needs your help in making our tournaments and other sponsored activities successful. Please volunteer your time and talents whenever possible this year. Happy New Year to everyone.

Joyce Jenzano, President



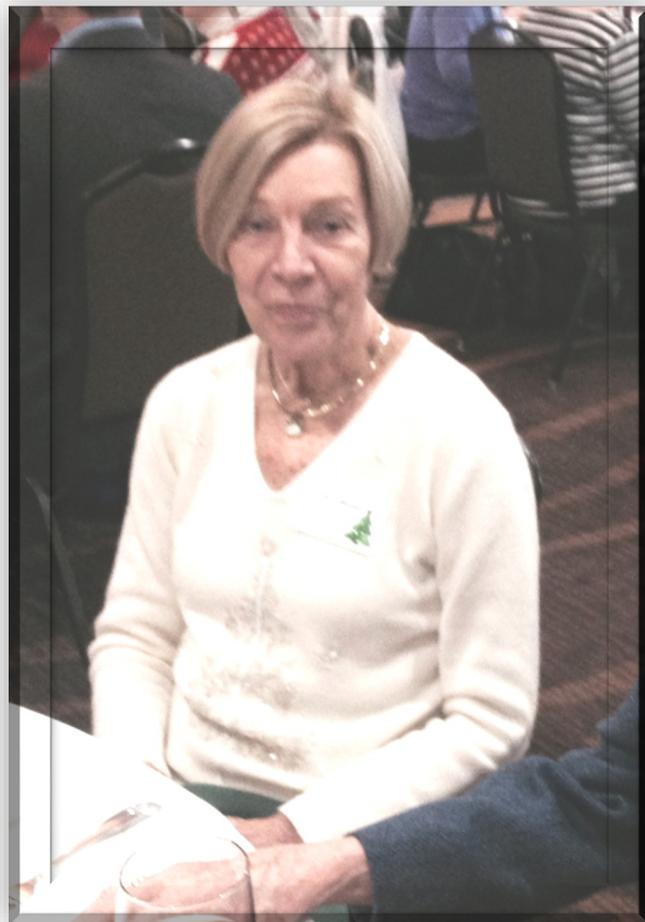
PAT BODOH RECEIVES HALL OF FAME AWARD

Most Unit 191 members know **Pat Bodoh** for her quiet presence at the bridge table and always making sure everyone is playing to the clock, keeping pace with the rest of the crowd, scoring efficiently and on to the next round. Some members know Pat as an excellent tennis player, gourmet cook, world traveler—but Pat’s service to our unit was given by being elected to two terms on the board and then appointed again when the unit needed her services to fill out an uncompleted term by a board member who resigned. Each year Pat was on the board, she was secretary. It was her diligent skills as secretary that Pat truly made her “mark” in the unit. Pat served under 6 different Unit 191 Presidents in her tenure on the board. I was able to get comments from three of the Presidents.

When elected in 1999, the unit President was Connie McManus. Connie has since passed—the next President was **Jim Hansell**. Jim said, *“When I went on the Unit Board in 2000, Pat was already unit secretary with Connie McManus as President. I was immediately impressed with her skills as secretary. Later, during my 3 year tenure as unit President, her skills were even more apparent. Shortly after each Board meeting, she would send me a detailed and accurate draft of the minutes. Rarely did I have any corrections or changes. In addition to her traditional roll as secretary, Pat participated in the discussion with good ideas and perspective.”*

After being selected to be on the board again, Pat was secretary under President **Marty Demko**. The next President was **Phil Erlenbach**, who wrote:

“Any President who has a Secretary who is efficient, accurate, diplomatic, always there on time and doesn’t miss a beat is a very lucky President indeed.. Pat personified the job description of secretary. Her summation of our meetings, when condensed, did not



miss any of the flavor nor any of the smallest details. She would take the longest discussions, cut out the insignificant stuff and still get everything of importance into the shortest sentences possible. There were very few (I don’t recall any) corrections to her reports when read at our meetings. Her accuracy was impeccable. I was indeed very fortunate to have had her as my secretary. Thanks Pat for making my job easier and for a job well done.”

Jim Bean served as the unit’s next President and he commented:

“I was so lucky to have Pat Bodoh as our secretary during my term as President of the unit and I cannot sing her praises enough. Not only is she as precise as she is a bridge player, but she kept me on the straight and narrow (and that’s saying a lot) about procedures and the rules of order. I know that Pat Bodoh served on many previous unit boards and has archived the unit’s

minutes for years. The unit has been well served by her service. Thank you Pat!

Pat also was secretary for me when I was President—although she had to resign after a short time to take care of her ailing mother. I cannot add any more to the comments already made—she definitely was the best. I can say that if you happen to have kept one of the directories printed by the unit several years ago, you have Pat to thank. Pat diligently typed all the information, and she and I cut and pasted (NOT computer style) and took it to be printed, I still have the last one printed—2007.

The unit appreciates your service, Pat, and we honor you proudly with this award. Congratulations!

Barbara Martin

Happy New Year,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE NEXT MENTOR/MENTEE GAME IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY. THE LESSON BEGINS AT 12:00, THE GAME BEGINS AT 12:30.

HOPE TO SEE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS THERE TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR IN FINE BRIDGE STYLE!

NANCY CROW AND PHYLLISS WOODY



DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL BRIDGE CLUB

Most of you have already heard that **Paul** and **Ruth Ann Schwenke** directed their last game on December 30. **Henry Meguid** will be managing the game in the new year. Paul and Ruth Ann were the first directors in the area to start a limited game and Paul initiated the first Non-life Master Tournament in our unit—and it may have been one of the first in the district.

We thank the **Schwenkes** kindly for their devoted service to Unit 191 and wish them well in their “retirement”.

WEBPAGE

Our unit is fortunate to have an excellent webmaster, **Ed Fuller**. If you only go to the unit’s webpage to find the results of game scores, **YOU ARE MISSING TONS OF TERRIFIC INFORMATION!**

You can find:

[Upcoming events](#)

[Results and photos of special happenings in the unit](#)

[Memories](#)

[Board minutes](#)

[Old newsletters](#)

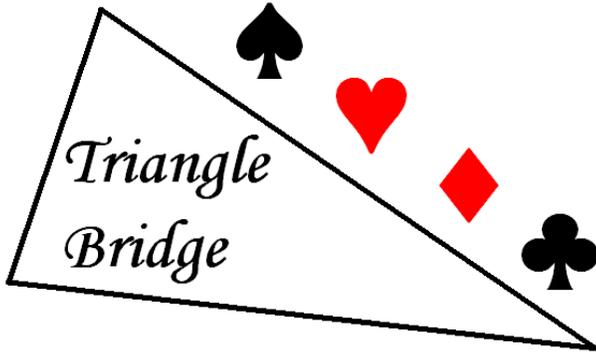
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Thanks, Ed, for keeping us up to date on what is going on in the unit. Maybe a good New Year’s Resolution for everyone is to check out the site and find something new!

Happy New Year !!!!!



Triangle Bridge is looking forward to providing more opportunities for new and advancing players in 2017.

Starting Thursday, January 5th at 12:30pm a **new stratified Intermediate game for 0-1000** players will be run concurrent with the open game. Please come join us.

Chris will continue teaching and the first topic for 2017 will be **“Trouble with Doubles”** on Thursday mornings from 10am – 11:30am starting on January 5th - 6 classes (Jan 5th, 12th and 19th, Feb 2nd, 9th and 16th). The class will include the most common doubles – take out, negative, penalty, balancing, lead directing, responsive, reopening and support doubles – as well as some you’ve probably not heard of before. When you sign up for the whole class \$129, should you miss a class, you will receive the handouts and notes taken from that class along with an opportunity to review the notes and handouts with Tammy and/or Chris. Sometimes, when enough attendance warrants, a make-up class is held. 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. If you haven’t already signed up, please contact: tammy26bridge@aol.com

Easy Bridge lessons will continue on Thursday evenings at 7pm starting January 5th. For anyone who hasn’t played bridge before and wants to learn, this is the place to be. It’s not too late to join. \$10.00/lesson. Please contact Maggie Lindquist at mlindquist1@nc.rr.com

Valerie Roberts will be offering an Introduction/ Review of the Grant/Rodwell 2 *Over 1 Game Force* system on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30am beginning January 6th. This is an 8 week class \$125. Although the text is only 4 chapters, the class will include lots of application as well as additional practice with defense and common conventions. Text may be ordered online through Baron Barclay or Amazon.com. Call (919) 294-4138 to register or email vjroberts3@gmail.com

Please save the date Saturday, February 4th for our first ACBL-wide International Fund Game in 2017 at 1:30pm.

Our very best to you, and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Tammy and Chris

“ Trouble with Doubles ”

Takeout, Negative, Penalty, Balancing, Support,
Responsive, Reopening, Lead Directing, and
many more!

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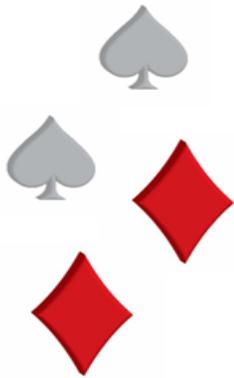
Thursday mornings - 10:00 - 11:30 am

Jan 5, 12, 19; Feb 2, 9, 16

\$129 for course; \$25 per session

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Triangle Bridge
5110 Revere Rd, Durham
919-405-2016



NEW 0 - 1000 Game!

Thursdays at 12:30 pm

Begins Jan 5, 2017

DREAM

of stepping up your
game?



Want more of a challenge?

BUT don't want to play with the SHARKS!



THIS Game is for YOU!

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REVISITING PUPPET STAYMAN

Written by Dave Streifford

It seems that nearly everyone plays Puppet over 2NT, so the question is why not over 1NT? Indeed, why not play 2C Puppet Stayman over 1NT as well?

The short-and-sweet of this question is this: what do you do when partner opens 1NT and you hold a hand like this: KQT8 T83 KT2 J76 [S-H-D-C]? Seems simple enough. You respond 2C. Now what? If opening partner rebids 2H, does she have 4 or 5 hearts? Given a flat hand and 9 points, you might jump, optimistically, to 3NT. Others might honestly respond and bid their holding, 2NT.

The issue is plain enough. If there is a way for the 1NT opener to tell partner whether the rebid of a major has 4 or 5 cards, why not adopt it? And the ONLY way to show it [without lying] is to play both Puppets!!

See the following auction sequences:

1NT 2C
2H 2NT [alertable if playing 4-way transfers: "may not have a 4-card major"]

What does the auction reveal? Does Opener have a 4 or 5-card heart suit? I suppose some pairs would know if they never open 1NT with a 5-card major. But for many this is ambiguous at best.

So, what's better? What if they agreed to play Puppet responses and rebids? If so, opener's rebid of 2H would promise 5 hearts. With only 4 the rebid would be 2D, promising 1 or both 4-card majors. With neither opener will rebid 2NT [unless the hand lends itself to a 3NT jump].

The requirements for both Puppet responses remain the same. For the 2C Puppet Stayman response, you still need 8 or 9 HCPs. For the 3C Puppet Stayman response, you need 10+ HCPs.

Showing the 5-card major in a rebid is such a strong option that one should at least consider adding it to your system. Nothing is lost!!



Gloating, Again

By Randy Joyce

Gloating: one of the most fun activities related to bridge or any competitive endeavor.

Why do they keep asking me to write articles on how bad it is?

Apparently, there is some confusion about the good and bad aspects of gloating. The fun part is when you are the gloater and are reveling in a good board, a trick directed toward a pompous opponent, or are congratulating a partner with a dearth of confidence about a good bid or play.

Seemingly, the bad side of gloating is when you are the gloatee (person on the receiving end of the gloat). It belittles you, makes you feel stupid, emphasizes your lack of awareness and/or talent at the table, or just generally makes you feel bad, mad, and embarrassed.

If you took the once posted signs at the TBC to heart, it would seem that it is only proper to talk about the weather. No one wants our unit to be filled with ill-mannered gloaters who discourage those who are still learning. Nobody wants to really make bridge an unpleasant activity, even for their enemies. The intention of most gloaters is their own enjoyment, not the discomfort of others.

So, let's delve into what is and what isn't gloating. Maybe it is hard to tell the difference, and that is why gloating prevails.

Here are few examples to get you started thinking:

Is this gloating?	Yes	No
Nicely played, partner. (Unless the opponents have just made an awful defensive error.)		No
If they were "smart" enough to shift to Clubs, I would never have made that hand	Yes	
This is the only good board we've had all day!	Yes	
Partner, your bid really helped us find the right spot		No
I made the same number of tricks in NT that the field will make in Hearts	Yes, sort of	
We could have beaten them 1100, but I guess 800 is enough	Yes	
To an opponent: you made an unfortunate guess		No

Now cover the answers, if you would like to answer for yourself, and then see how you did!

Partner, I didn't understand your bid, but I guess we landed on our feet		Close
Well, he threw away a winning Diamond to let me make the hand	Yes	
I didn't know if that was the winning lead (after leading an A from AK against a slam)	Definitely	
To an opponent, I think that your bidding was correct but really unlucky		No
Partner, I could have doubled but I didn't want to chase them to a better spot.	YES!	
We should thank them for balancing us into game	YES!	
You were squeezed; there was nothing you could do.		No
He didn't have to underlead the King of Clubs!	Yes	
Their signals gave away the location of the heart queen	Yes	
To an opponent, That's a hard card combination to play correctly		No
Nice play, partner, to execute an end play.		No
My partner's brilliant lead gave you no chance		No
We have better methods for handling those hands	Yes	
I couldn't have made a better lead for our side	Yes	
You were in the wrong place at the wrong time.		No
I really didn't want to bid at the four level, but I am so glad I did.	YES	
Good sac, partner.	YES	
For sure, they can make 3 hearts—better to go down one	YES	

Focusing on what is gloating and what is innocent will make us more mindful of the harmful effects of gloating. Even though we don't want to have to talk about only the weather and the grandchildren, we must realize that there is often a fine line between complimenting partner on a skillful play or lucky action and a hurtful remark. When the opponents hear anything that diminishes their enjoyment of the game, we have failed in our mission of encouraging good sportsmanship. Let's do better in 2017!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Randy Joyce and Bill Wisdom finished first overall in the North American Pairs competition in Unit 7 and will represent the unit in Kansas City at the ACBL National tournament in March, 2017. We wish them the best!

HOLIDAY GALA

Our annual Holiday Gala was held Sunday, December 4, at the Sheraton Hotel, Chapel Hill. This was a festive affair with approximately 160 attendees decked out in their holiday finery, Christmas trees in the lobby, and the dining room tables dressed in red and green. Our holiday mood was further enhanced by Barbara Martin playing carols on the piano as we waited for our meal to be served. Then, **Skip Riva**, who had brought along his banjo, played and sang some of his favorite folk songs. Thank you, Barbara and Skip, for entertaining us with your delightful music.

After our enjoyable meal, we moved to the downstairs ballroom for our business meeting and bridge game. Our board President, **Joyce Jenzano**, presided over the meeting; but first, **Pearl Schechter** led us in a short dance routine to help work off our ample meal. Our Girl Pearl still has the moves!!

During the meeting, it was announced that the following persons were elected to our Board of Directors: **Ed Fuller, Suzie Goldberg, Chris Moll and Phylliss Woody**. Congratulations to each of you. Also announced was that **Pat Bodoh** was inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame, which was established to honor members of our unit who have made significant contributions to the unit and the game of bridge over a long period of time. Pat served a long and distinguished tenure as secretary of our board and is an exemplary ambassador for the game. Congratulations, Pat, and thank you for your years of service.

Our treasurer, **Diane Saulsberry**, reported that we are fiscally sound; and membership chair, Linda Harris, reported that Unit 191 membership grew in the past year from 551 to 610, a considerable increase.

After adjournment of business came our bridge game, directed by John Torrey and assisted by Linda Harris. First place winners were **Paul Morrisette and Donna Walther**, with a 64.60% game., earning 7.15 masterpoints. Big game, Donna and Paul!

Phylliss Woody was our roving photographer and seemed to catch every smiling face. You can view her photos at our website, thanks to Ed Fuller's expertise. Hyperlink to Gala Gallery is: www.unit191bridge.org/Documents/Memories/Albums/2016Gala/

GalaandAnnualMeeting/index.html.



Grandchildren of **Eric Larson** attending the gala—**Tyler Deegan, Kevin Johnston, Maggie Johnston, Patrick Deegan, and Eric Norford**

We wish to thank the many of you who graciously performed the numerous tasks required for our Gala. You are the ones who make it happen.

We would appreciate hearing your comments about the Gala and any suggestions you might have for making our Gala even better. We will gladly pass on to next year's committee.

Linda Harris

Kay Richardson



Melanie Riva enjoys lunch while listening to husband, **Skip Riva**, sing and play the banjo to provide entertainment during the dining.



Above— **Phylliss Woody**, our photographer extraordinaire, paused for a snapshot. Thanks for the photos, Phylliss

Left— **Kay Richardson** and **Linda Harris**, co-chairpersons of the Gala, welcome **Beth Trimm** to the event.



JANUARY SCHEDULE AT TRIANGLE

January 2017

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Jr Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GNT Swiss				Morning			Open / Play & Review
Swiss Jr Fund			Open / 0-500	Afternoon	Open / 0-1000	Open / 0-50	
			Play&Review	Swiss	Play&Review		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
			Morning			Open / Play & Review	
	Afternoon	Open / 0-500	Afternoon	Open / 0-1000	Open / 0-50		
	Swiss	Play&Review	Evening	Play&Review			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
			Morning			<i>No Game</i>	<i>No Game</i>
8 is Enough 2pm	Afternoon	Open / 0-500	Afternoon	Open / 0-1000	<i>No Game</i>		<i>Raleigh Sectional</i>
	Evening	Play&Review	Swiss	<i>No Game</i>			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			Morning			Open / Play & Review	
	Afternoon	Open / 0-500	Afternoon	Open / 0-1000	Open / 0-50		
	Swiss	Play&Review	Evening	Play&Review			
29	30	31					
	Afternoon	Open / 0-500					
	Evening	Play&Review					

Game Times

Morning: Wed, Sat 9:30am

Afternoon: Mon, Tues, Thurs 12:30pm

Wed 1:00pm

Fri Noon

Evening: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:00pm

Unit 191 Membership Report

Submitted by Linda Harris

During the month of November the following occurred:

Total Membership for November 2016	November	(600)
New	1	
Transfer In	2	
Transfer Out		
Deceased	1	
Snowbird In		
Snowbird Out		
Future Life Masters inactive	7	
Future Life Masters reinstated	2	
Life Masters Unpaid	3	
Life Masters reinstated		

We welcome to our Unit 191 family one (1) new ACBL member—Robert Withers of Durham. In addition two (2) players transferred in Sharon L. Northcutt and Sara J. Ramsey from unit 119 both of Raleigh.

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

Advancing in rank sixteen during the month of November were:

Junior Masters	Mark W. Attwood
	Bedda J. D'Angelo
Club Masters	Samuel C. Osborne
	Alice M. Parsons
Sectional Masters	Dixie Hapgood
	Fran Milberg
	Jeffrey Milberg
	Yunhan Wu
Regional Masters	Diana Spock
NABC Masters	Pat L. McFeely
	John A. Schachte
Life Masters	Kathe E. Baer
Bronze Masters	Charles S. Marshall
Silver Masters	Laverne M. Burch
	Andrea Roitman
Emerald Masters	Wayne Stuart

***Congratulations one
and all***