UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

NOVEMBER 9-12

Please save these dates for **Unit 191's Fall Bright Leaf Sectional.** This tournament is an OPEN and again will be held at two sites—the 499er sections will be at The Bridge Academy and the Open events will be held at Triangle. Game times are on the website.

DECEMBER 10

The unit's Holiday Gala, which includes the annual meeting, luncheon and Unit championship bridge game will be held at the

Sheraton Imperial Hotel,

4700 Emperor Drive, RTP

The event begins at 11:30. There will be more details in next month's issue of the Alert.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

There will be four vacancies open for board positions this year end. If you would like to be considered for a position or know of anyone who might wish to be on the ballot for a position, please contact Jackie Marks or Barbara Martin, Nominating Committee. Any unit 191 in good standing is eligible to be on the board.

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MENTORING PROGRAM

The MENTORING PROGRAM for 2017 was officially launched on Friday, September8, in a special program given by **Henry Meguid** at The Bridge Academy. Mentees and Mentors were given a test to be filled out regarding bidding and defensive tactics as an assessment tool for their partnership. Results were discussed and analyzed—thanks to **Phylliss Woody,** the video is online. Go to the unit website and it may be found under the mentoring category.

The first game was held on September 12 at Triangle. **Chris Moll** gave a lesson on overcalls after the pesky opponents opened with a preempt. 10 tables of mentor/mentees enjoyed the afternoon of bridge.

Some of the winners are shown here—apologies to those who aren't included. Some escaped the photo session. Top row: **Kathy Newman/Mary Ferguson**; **Suzanne Goldberg/Sara Ramsey; Sandra Irby/ Erlinda Wehrman;**

Bottom row: **John Schachte/Barbara Martin**; **Chris Moll**—who directed the game (3 sections), gave a lesson before and after the mentor/mentee game, and played in the open!! Thanks Chris, for doing it all! **Paul Morrissette/ Betsy Donovan;** Other winners were: **Ed Fuller/Jo Bays; Valerie Roberts/ Peggy Nielsen; Donna Walther/ Christine Webster; Larry Calhoun/ Paul D'Angelo; and Ian Clousdale/ David Sclove**

Thanks to **Nancy Crow and Phylliss Woody** for getting everyone off to a great start!!

Congratulations to USA2 and Unit 191 member, Jacek *"Pepsi"* Pszczola, for winning GOLD in the Bermuda Bowl at the 43rd World Bridge Championships in Lyon, France in August 2017!

Pepsi played with Michael Rosenberg on the 2017 USBC Fleisher Team: Marty Fleisher–Chip Martel; Joe Grue–Brad Moss; Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola–Michael Rosenberg; and non-playing captain, Jan Martel.

Joe Grue, "Pepsi" Pszczola, Marty Fleisher, Brad Moss, Chip Martel, Michael Rosenberg

Jacek Pszczola, a mining engineer, is married with three children: two sons, 14 and 19 years old, and a daughter, 15 years old. He is a Ranked World Grand Master by World Bridge Federation (WBF) and at this moment is the highest ranked American player in WBF ranking. He has over 20,000 points in ACBL, and is a 2017 Bermuda Bowl winner as a member of USA2 team.

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Other wins include:

World Open Pairs Champion 1998,
NEC Cup Bridge Festival 2001
European Open Teams Championships 2011,
Transnational Teams at World Bridge Games 2012
Transnational Mixed Teams at World Bridge Championships 2013,
3 times winner of Cavendish Invitational (pairs 2001 and 2004, teams 2009),
Winner of Vanderbilt 2001, Reisinger 2006, North American
Swiss Teams 2004, multiple times Polish teams champion
Coach of the USA senior team winning d'Orsi trophy at Bermuda Bowl 2015
IBPA prize for the best defended hand of 2013.

*The **Bermuda Bowl** contest, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach and took the name from Bermuda where the first World Championship was held in 1950, eight years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. The Bermuda Bridge Federation provided the trophy and generously provides the replicas for the winners on each occasion.*

Submitted by Ed Fuller

Pepsi's convention card, in case y'all play:

http://bridgewinners.com/convention-card/print/pepsiimps

It looks fairly simple. :)

MENTOR/MENTEE GAME

The next mentor/mentee game will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at The Bridge Academy.

The mini-lesson begins at 12:00 and game time is 12:30.

Please RSVP to pwoody@unc.edu if you plan to attend.

YOUR ROAD TO BETTER BRIDGE!

What about Doubles? by Henry Meguid
Wednesday, October 25 , from 9-noon -$30

Balancing by Marc Goldberg
Friday, November 17 from 9-noon - $30

Let's Defend Better by Henry Meguid
Tuesday, December 5 , from 9-3pm -$55

Workshops
Fall Schedule

Register online
www.bridgeacademync.com

Join our Wine & Cheese Social Duplicate for Beginners

TWICE A MONTH ON MONDAYS

Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm
Game at 6:30 pm

Join us on October 16, 30, November 6 & December 4 and 18

TBA HALLOWEEN 2017

Monday,
October 30th
At 11:30

Spooky Menu

Best Costume Competition

More Masterpoint Treats

What about doubles

By Henry Meguid - ACBL Accredited & ABTA Master Teacher
Wednesday, October 25
9-noon
Deadline: October 18
$30

Bridge is a contact sport!

Doubles play a crucial role in your ability to compete effectively. They enable you to describe your hand strength and shape, describe holding a four or a five-card suit, differentiate between a three and four-card support for your partner's suit, re-open the bidding and possibly penalize the opponents, show a two-suited hand or make a game try below game when bidding space is limited.

In this bidding workshop, you will learn how to use and respond to various competitive doubles to improve your game.

Balancing

By Marc Goldberg - ACBL Accredited
Friday, November 17
9-noon
Deadline: November 10
$30

In duplicate bridge, it is often wrong to let the opponents play in a low-level part-score contract. Your side rates to have a good chance at making a part-score contract, as well. The process of getting into the auction rather than passing it out is called Balancing. Balancing can help your side compete to a part score contract of your own. It can often result in a better score even if the contract goes down, and it may serve to push the opponents one level higher. This workshop will explore when to balance, how to balance, and how the balancer's partner should bid. Adding an understanding of balancing to your bidding toolkit will make your partnership more competitive.

Let's defend better!

By Henry Meguid - ACBL Accredited & ABTA Master Teacher
Tuesday, December 5
9-3pm
Deadline: November 28
$55 - light lunch included

It takes two to tango!

Defense is the most difficult part of the game because it requires the partnership to be on the same wavelength when analyzing the auction for clues to decide on a defensive strategy, selecting an opening lead or interpreting a defensive signal.

In this workshop, you will learn how to select the right defensive strategy, make a sound opening lead against a suit and notrump contracts, defend effectively in the second and third seat, and choose the right defensive communication signal.

This workshop will undoubtedly take your game to a new level and will improve your duplicate game score.

The Bridge Academy

Have fun, Play better

OCTOBER NEWS

INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

Wednesday
October 25
12:00 Mini-lesson
12:30 Game

HALLOWEEN PARTY & GAME

Monday
October 30
11:30

SWISS TEAMS

Sunday
October 22
1:00 pm

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Want to Improve Your Game?

Join The Best Educational
Duplicate Game in The Triangle

The Bridge Academy
0-500 Barometer Game

Thursdays at 12:30

Play & Discuss 14-16 Boards

Learn how to
Recognize and correct mistakes
Improve your bidding, declarer play, and defense
Improve your partnership agreements

Henry Meguid
ABTA Master Teacher

(919) 724-6239 - www.bridgeacademync.com

Unit 191 Holiday Luncheon and Game

It is that time of year! Time to celebrate Unit 191 in style! Our Annual **Holiday Gala** will take place on December 10, 2017. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and our Annual Meeting and Unit Board Election will take place immediately following dessert. Then we will continue our celebration with a Unit Championship game starting around 1pm.

Where you ask? This year we have searched high and low to find a great new venue. The Gala will be held in Research Triangle Park at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel (4700 Emperor Boulevard). Please note: THIS IS NOT THE SHERATON IN CHAPEL HILL! This huge ballroom will easily accommodate our luncheon and our game.

Cost for lunch and game? All Unit 191 Members pay $35. Non-Members are welcome but pay $50.

Make your reservations now or as early as possible so we can plan accordingly but no later than MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. You can do so by dropping off your check at either Triangle Bridge Club or The Bridge Academy. Please include a slip with your partner's name and indicate your registration for either the OPEN or 499 game. If you must have a N/S position, please tell us this now as well so we can work to accommodate you.

Or you can mail your reservation to:

Triangle Bridge Club, 5100 Revere Road, Durham, NC 27713-2421

Or

The Bridge Academy, 2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd, Suite 102, Durham, NC 27707

If you have any questions, contact Deanna Larus at Deanna@elarus.com or (919) 933-9025.

Volunteers are needed to help with preparations in November and with game set-up and clean-up afterwards. Please email Deanna if you can help.

UNIT 191 HOLIDAY GALA—2017

Please join us for our 2017 Annual Meeting

Holiday Luncheon and Unit Championship Game

Sunday, December 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Sheraton Inperial Hotel 4700 Emperor Blvd, RTP

+++++Note New Location++++

Please make your reservations as early as possible

BUT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, November 28th

Lunch and bridge; Unit 191 members—$35 Non-unit members—$50

Mail a CHECK, payable to Unit 191, to:

Triangle Bridge, 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC 27713; or

The Bridge Academy, 2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC 27707

Or drop the CHECK off at Triangle Bridge or The Bridge Academy

Include a slip with your partner's name, open or 199er game, and if you must have a N/S position

Registration and Board elections will precede the luncheon

Questions? Contact Deanna Larus (Deanna@elarus.com or (919) 656-9666

Membership Update:

As of October 1st – we have 604 active members. We have 5 new members: **Gretchen Langlet, Karen Popovich, Gerry** and **Larry Stanczyk, and Stanley Warshauer.** We have 5 reinstated members: **Diana Eastwood, Dana Lange, Sharon Updike, Jo Ann Colton, and Rose Marie Ripka.** Please welcome them to our Unit.

Several of our members advanced in rank this month.

Paul Richardson is a new Junior Master

Bedda D'Angelo, Marylou Lofrese, Michael Mendelsohn, Tony Meyer, Judy Moneta, Dan Snedecor, **Mark Francis, and Mary Tate** are new Club Masters.

Our new Sectional Masters are **Mary Ferguson, Bette Harringon and Barbara Tuck.**

Dixie Hapgood, Marian Meyer, Dwight Smith, Carol Whisnant, Beth Trimm and Marguerite Wilkinson are new Regional Masters.

Mary Jo Doherty is now a Ruby Life Master.

Paul Morrissette is a Gold Life Master! Congratulations to all!

Deanna Larus, Membership Chairman

Hello!

September was a dull month with all games International Fund Club Championships. But October has lots of news for the Tar Heel club.

1. Wednesday**, October 25** will be an ACBL-wide **Instant Matchpoint game**. Participants will get booklets with expert analysis of all the hands, and high scores will have a chance to win nationwide.

2. Starting in October, **Wednesdays** will see a limited game beside the traditional open one. The Friday limited game has grown into a nice event, with regular players who like each oth er. Both these games will now be limited to **players with less than 500 masterpoints**. **October 4** is opening day, and all 0-500 players will receive discount tickets good for future Tar Heel games. (It's a Club Appreciation Game)

3. There will be **no Tar Heel game on October 13**. Raleigh has its fall sectional that weekend; I encourage Tar Heel players to play in the sectional. (The Raleigh Bridge Club has regular Thursday evening games, but not when our Unit has its sectional tournaments.) This club "holiday" gave me the chance to take a week off and see my family in Denver.

4. I have been making the **chocolate-chip cookies** from scratch, and it has been a chal lenge. They have all been "pretty good" but Friday's were very close to what I've been trying for: good flavor, chewy and not doughy. My next newsletter will probably have a recipe. (I alternate be tween cookies and brownies. October 4 is cookie day.)

5. Several players really, really liked the **Kettle Chips** I served on Friday. I'll get more!

Masterpoint hounds know that when there is a limited game and a concurrent open game, the open game overall awards are increased to "get credit" for the tables in the lim- ited game. It's all part of the ACBL's plot to set a new record for awarded masterpoints each year (and I want my share, too).

I'm sending this from TarHeelPartners@gmail.com. The partner service is still availa- ble, but not very active. If you are looking for a partner, you can email tarheelpart- ners@gmail.com or JohnCTorrey@aol.com for help. My reply to you email will go to volun- teers who can email you to get things going.

Thanks again for all the good times,

John Torrey

How do you get to Carnegie Hall?

Practice, practice, and more practice!!

How do you get better at Bridge?

PLAY & REVIEW

7:00 pm Thursday 9:30 am Saturday

Friendly games with helpful review of
bidding, declarer play, and defense (masterpoints awarded)

Triangle Bridge
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Contact: Tammy Moll: tammy26bridge@aol.com or Valerie Roberts: vjroberts3@gmail.com

October Alert Input for Triangle Bridge

Learning Opportunities at Triangle Bridge:

Modern Hand Evaluation Concepts with Chris Moll

On Thursday mornings 10:00 – 11:30am

Four classes – **October 19th, November 2nd, 9th and 16th, 2017**

Modern hand evaluation has little to do with HCP and requires the knowledge of various techniques and alternative methods to enable better skills for reaching optimum contracts. This class will cover both regular and competitive auctions.

$89/ total – includes materials / may drop in for $25 per class

For players of all abilities but due to the volume of material, the pace will be crisp, thus not designed for players who are new to bridge

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Tammy at tammy26bridge@aol.com

Schedule Highlights:

In addition to open games, we offer:

Monday, 12:30pm	**0 – 750 (newly added)**
Tuesday, 12:30pm	0 – 500
Thursday, 12:30pm	0 – 1000
Thursday, 7:00pm	Play & Review
Saturday, 9:30am	Play & Review

These are great opportunities for advancing players as you have multiple choices to play in limited or open games against better competition to increase your skills.

Club Appreciation Month:

Swiss teams pay **5% gold points** on Monday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00pm

Pencil Amnesty

Triangle Bridge requests the company of pencils you may have borrowed and wishes they could be returned for sharpening. Hopefully you get the point of this message.

Red Lenovo Laptop

Sadly, someone has borrowed and failed to return a red Lenovo laptop, which needs to be returned to its proper owner. Please contact Chris Moll (504-495-7485) directly so that this could be discreetly done at your earliest opportunity.

Modern Hand Evaluation Concepts

It's not about high card points...
Come learn new techniques to help you reach optimum contracts!

Chris Moll

Professional Player, Teacher, Platinum Life Master

Thursday mornings 10:00 am - 11:30 am

10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

$89 for all classes or $25 for single session

Contact : Tammy Moll tammy26bridge@aol.com

Triangle Bridge Club
5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC
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TRIANGLE BRIDGE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	**2** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	**3** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	**4** 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	**5** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & Review	**6** 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-300 Pairs	**7** 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review
8 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams	**9** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	**10** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	**11** 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	**12** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 No game - Raleigh Sectional	**13** Closed- Raleigh Sectional	**14** Closed- Raleigh Sectional
15	**16** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	**17** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	**18** 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	**19** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 12:30 Unit Mentor/Mentee 7:00 Play & Review	**20** 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-300 Pairs	**21** 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review
22	**23** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	**24** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	**25** 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	**26** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & Review	**27** 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-300 Pairs	**28** 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review
29	**30** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	**31** 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	**Notes:** **Color key code:** **GNT , Club Appreciation Game , Swiss Club Appreciation Game 5% Gold** **Local Charity, NABC Fund, ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game** **Please see Triangle Bridge Club website www.trianglebridgeclub.net if you have any issues with formatting.**			