

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME!!

We hope you have the following dates on your calendar—November 9-12, 2017—to attend our unit's sectional tournament. All open events will be held at Triangle and all 499er events will be at The Bridge Academy. (Please note: this tournament has traditionally been a FLM, but it is an Open event this year).

Please check the website for the complete schedule of events. **Kathy Newman** (open) and **Nancy Crow** (499er), partnership chairmen, will gladly match you up with a partner if needed.

Our unit is known for hosting the tournaments that offer an abundance of good food. Contributions of baked goods, dips and appetizers, deviled eggs, fruit, or any favorite recipe you might have are greatly appreciated. Monetary contributions are also acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your participation in making this tournament a success.

Henry Meguid, Tournament Chair

Chris Moll, Tournament Co-Chair

ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY GALA—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017—11:30am

NEW LOCATION!!!

SHERATON IMPERIAL HOTEL

4700 EMPEROR BLVD., RTP

Please make your reservations as early as possible but no later than Monday, November 28th.

Unit 191 members—\$35

Non-unit members—\$50

Students pay \$25

This includes a sit down dinner and bridge.

Make a check payable to Unit 191 and drop off at Triangle Bridge or The Bridge Academy

Check the website for all the details—you may also contact **Deanna Larus**

Mark your calendars, bring out your holiday finery and plan to attend—this is an event you do not want to miss!



A WELL-BID HAND IS REWARDING

Randy Joyce

At a recent local game, Kay picked up the following hand:

S AKQJT_x
H QT_x
D-----
C K_{xxx}

After she opened 1 Spade, her partner bid 2 Hearts. This is a mighty fine playing hand, but Kay needed to find out several things: if her partner had good Hearts and if partner had the Club A.

She bid 3 Hearts. Don't you just love 2/1? You are in a game force, and you are at a low level so that partner can grace you with some useful information. Partner bids 4 Hearts. Not the bid that you were hoping to hear, but you have to do what you have to do. You would bid Blackwood and find out partner has 3 Key Cards.

Is it the magic AK of Hearts and the Club A or the unmagic AK of Hearts and the Diamond A? Kay cue bid 4 Spades. This was not an attempt to play Spades, but requesting partner to show an A if they had one. Kay's partner bid 5 Clubs.

In olden days, 5 NT was a favorite bid, asking partner to bid 7 with 2 of the top 3 honors in your agreed suit. In today's bidding, it is not used as much since Keycard will garner the same information.

On this hand, Kay had to find out about the Club A first, and then she rolled out 5NT GSF (Grand Slam Force). Her partner gulped, but emerged with 7 Hearts. Her partner's hand was:

S _{xx}
H AKJ_{xx}
D _{xxx}
C A_{xx}

Here it is possible to bid a grand slam without using Blackwood.

+2210 was almost all the matchpoints!! Nicely bid!

The Nominating Committee is proud to present the slate of candidates for the board. Following are the bios and photos of those candidates. Any member in good standing may submit his/her name to be included on the ballot. Send to Barbara Martin or Jackie Marks, Nominating Committee. There will be online voting, absentee voting or voting at the gala.

JANE KIERNAN



Back when I was gainfully employed my mother, an avid bridge player, would frequently pressure me to take up the game. My response was always: If I'm going to think that hard I want to be paid for it. Well, retirement came and nobody was paying me to think hard and I found that I missed it. So at last I took Mom's advice. She was always right. I have now spent countless hours doing my best to think hard, and I've had a great time along the way. I figured the time has come to pay my dues. There's a lot of unseen work required to support our bridge scene. I hope to be able to contribute something useful to that enterprise.

DEANNA LARUS



I moved to Chapel Hill in 1986 to attend graduate school in Developmental Psychology intending to stay about 5 years. Well, I am still here! When I finished my PhD, I married and joined the teaching faculty at UNC. I taught undergraduate psychology courses for 29 years at NCSU, Peace but mostly at UNC. My courses focused on human development with a particular interest in cognitive changes as we age. In the late 90s, I took a beginner bridge class taught by Helen Moon and another friend and dove in- learning through social bridge events. In 2006, I tried my hand at duplicate. My first bridge partner was my mother - who was thrilled to go to tournaments with me and play. Since then, my obsession grew. Even today, I am still learning to be a better bridge player. In the past two years, I have become more involved in our duplicate bridge community. My children have grown up and my teaching career at UNC has ended. I have filled my time with bridge activities. I take classes and I became a director in part to help our bridge community but also as a means of increasing my knowledge of the game. Now I direct a few games a month at the Bridge Academy and play 3-4 times a week at the Triangle Bridge Club or the Bridge Academy. I also work with a few friends who are novice bridge players to help them improve their game. I enjoy helping our Unit and its members both as a player and a director. If elected, I plan to continue these efforts.

JOHN SCHACHTE



Professional: 1983 NC State Electrical Engineer Graduate. Worked DOD Aerospace Engineering, Satellite Communications, Medical Technology, internet Encryption; Authentication and Video Graphics

Bridge: Swore never to play bridge until 2014. Both my parents played and were on the board of Charlotte Bridge League in the mid-70's (when young Jerry Helms began playing). I started because my wife plays and I thought it would be an occasional game we could enjoy in retirement. Well, in 2016, Skip Riva declared me a bridge addict and he is correct. My father declared it a "Cadillac" of card games and dads are ALWAYS correct. I hope everyone enjoys their unit 191, District 7, and ACBL bridge experience as much as I have thus far. The unique players/personalities we meet are precious! I will try to use my engineering (technical) experience to the greater good of Unit 191.

MARIEE WALTON



I hold a BS in Economics from the University of New Orleans and an MBA in Finance from New York University. I worked in commercial and investment banking in New York before having a family, and I now own a legal consulting business. I have served on the boards of three non-profits as Treasurer of all three and President of one. I began playing bridge casually three years ago, and the more I learned the more I loved the game. It is gratifying to join a community of people who enjoy the game and warmly welcome and teach newcomers. I bring my financial, operational and technical skills to the Unit and a fresh perspective about the business, financial, and growth challenges of bridge.

The Bridge Academy



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www.bridgeacademync.com

REACH for Gold Points at The Bridge Academy!

November 13-17

During the week of **Nov-13-17**, the ACBL is piloting a collaboration across the Chesapeake Regional, The Common Game, and member clubs. Individual players will be eligible to win Gold Points based on their results in their Common Game “afternoon” games.

Players who would like to win Gold Points will register and prepay online to be eligible to participate in the Regional event. Then, you simply join us to play in the “afternoon” game(s). The Bridge Academy plays the “afternoon” Common Game hand as usual. (Those who do not want to participate in the Regional event can still play in the afternoon game as usual, they just won’t be eligible for the extra points).

Players must play in at least two games that week and may play in up to five games. The average of the resulting two best scores will be used to determine your event rank. You can play with different partners as you compete as an individual in the Regional Side-Series game and as a partnership in your regular club game at the same time. There will be an optional practice game before the event for players to get comfortable with the concept.



[Click here for more information](#)

The Bridge Academy



Upcoming Workshops

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

Join our Wine & Cheese Social Duplicate for Beginners



0-50 MP

TWICE A MONTH ON MONDAYS

Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm

Game at 6:30 pm

*Next games are on: November 13, and
December 4 & 18. For information email
us at info@bridgeacedmync.com*



HALLOW-
EEN
PARTY
AT
TRIANGLE







Marianna Jaeger and Diana Spock review their scores after the Halloween game. The pair finished first overall. Well done!





HALLOWEEN AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY





HALLOWEEN





CAN YOU TELL WHICH WITCH IS WHICH???



SPECIAL THANKS TO PHYLLISS WOODY, HENRY, AND TAMMY FOR PROVIDING ALL THE HALLOWEEN PHOTOS!!!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE AT TRIANGLE

| | November 2017 | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| www.trianglebridgeclub.net | | | 1 9:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams | 2 7:00 Play & Review 7:00 Raleigh Bridge Club Open Pairs | 3 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-300 Pairs | 4 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review |
| 5 | 6 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs | 7 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs | 8 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs | 9 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional Swiss Teams | 10 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs | 11 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs |
| 12 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 and TBA Swiss Teams | 13 7:00 Swiss | 14 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs | 15 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss | 16 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & | 17 | 18 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review |
| 19 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams | 20 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs | 21 | 22 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs Pairs Canceled | 23 Thanksgiving Day Club Closed | 24 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-300 Pairs | 25 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 Play & Review |
| 26 | 27 | 28 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs | 29 | 30 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs | Color key code: GNT Qualifying Game ,Local Charity Club Membership Game | |

Please check the website for further explanation of each game—not able to show the color code in this format. Games on the 27th are the same as the 20th, except the evening session is Swiss teams.

November Events at Triangle Bridge

Special Events:

Raleigh Bridge Club (RBC) Open Pairs on Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm:

Please join us to support our guests

ACBL Regional Event At the Club "House" (REACH for Gold) the week of November 13th – 17th:

Earn **GOLD** points each day – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday afternoon games

News:

Halloween fun on Tuesday, October 31st

Diana Spock & Marianna Jaeger won the Halloween game with a 61.67%

Best Costume went to **Mary Cole**

Best Treat was brought in by **David Plucinsky**

Other prizes were awarded and everyone had a good time.

Learning Opportunities at Triangle Bridge:

Modern Hand Evaluation Concepts with Chris Moll

On Thursday mornings 10:00 – 11:30am

Next classes – **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 (initial class held Oct 19th – can make up if with to) / 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:

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| Monday, 12:30pm | 0 – 750 |
| 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.