

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...

Many thanks to the unit members for supporting our Bright Leaf Spring Sectional both by your presence, your contributions, and your outstanding hospitality. Special thanks to our unit clubs, **Triangle Bridge** and **The Bridge Academy**, for hosting the sectional, and to their managers, **Chris Moll** and **Henry Meguid**, for co-chairing the sectional, and to **Kathy Newman** and **Jennie Robinson** for serving as partnership chairs. While the attendance was down a little from previous years, the tournament was a big success: good fellowship; lots of fun; some outstanding cardsmanship at the table; and some plays that some of us would like to do over.

Play every card well,
Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President

YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP 2018

Bridge Education for Youth Association ([BE-4-YA](#)) and the

THE DURHAM ACADEMY ENRICHMENT CAMPS

COME LEARN WITH US!

JUNE 18 – 22, 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 PM: Bridge, The Card Game: A Session for Beginners (5-12)

JUNE 25 – 29, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 PM: Bridge, The Card Game: A Session for Beginners (5-12)

JUNE 25 – 29, 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 PM: Bridge, The Card Game: A Session for Continuing Players (5-12)

2018 will be the [BE-4-Ya](#)'s 2nd Youth Bridge Camp offered as part of the Durham Academy Enrichment Camps. For many years, Bright Leaf Unit 191 and then BE-4-Ya have sponsored a Youth Bridge Camp. In 2017, we became part of The Durham Academy Enrichment Camps. This year, the 2018 Youth Bridge Camp will be represented by instructors Maggie Lindquist and Ed Fuller.

Do you know youth who are potential bridge players? This is a great opportunity to introduce their brilliant minds to the great game of bridge, and they can have fun learning!

For more detailed information on each of these camp offerings, go to:

- o <https://www.da.org/page.cfm?p=888> for Week 2 Enrichment Camps: June 18 – 22, or
- o <https://www.da.org/page.cfm?p=890> for Week 3 Enrichment Camps: June 25 – 29
- o Click on **Bridge, The Card Game: A Session for Beginners** (Week 2 Afternoon Camps or Week 3 Morning Camps) AND/OR **Bridge, The Card Game: A Session for Continuing Players** (Week 3 Afternoon Camps)

For registration for these camp offerings, go to:

- o <https://www.da.org/page.cfm?p=814>
- o Click on Register for Camps in upper right corner of Summer Programs page to bring up online registration.

A fun learning experience for the next generation of bridge players!

JILL KAUFMANN—LIFE MASTER



I started playing bridge in college. I went to NC State and my husband went to UNC-Chapel Hill. I spent most of my career working at IBM in informatics, telecommunications, and Healthcare IT. A year ago I retired from the College of American Pathologists, where I helped create educational items for pathologists.

My main bridge partner, for over 30 years, was my husband, Cliff. He was an excellent player and I really enjoyed playing bridge with him. We played duplicate bridge early in our marriage then switched to social bridge while we were raising our three kids. We moved back to North Carolina around 2009 and starting playing duplicate every Saturday morning.

We received the last of our needed gold points at the 2014 Raleigh Regional Tournament in a three-session Knockout game playing with **Ken Dye** and **Betsy Mebane**. Our team came in first in our flight. It was a very exciting match!

My husband passed away two years ago. I stopped playing bridge for a year. I am very grateful that **Betsy Mebane** dragged me back to the bridge table. She would not take no for an answer.

My current bridge partners helped me earn the needed required points. They include my mom- **Charlotte Young**, sister- **Janice Farnsworth** and friends- **Lori Scanga, Debbie Hale and Mary Ferguson**. When I am not at the bridge table you can find me at a Pickleball court.

Bill McCartney—Life Master



I am certainly proud and excited to become a Life Master. I have always enjoyed playing card games and spent a fair amount of time playing poker during high school. I first became interested in bridge when our family went to an old lakeside hotel in Iowa. They had a card room and I watched the grownups playing bridge and thought it seemed interesting; they kindly taught me the rudiments of the game. I next started to play in 1967 while at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, where a classmate and I went to the Lawson YMCA near the campus and played duplicate bridge when we could spare some time from our studies. We even played in one tournament at the Palmer House when a couple of guys from the club invited us to join their team. I remember one funny experience from the tournament – I brashly doubled a senior player when he bid 6NT (I had about 14 points). He turned to me and said “What do you think I am, an amateur?” He proceeded to show me what a squeeze play is and, of course, made his contract. Despite this, our team actually got a couple of masterpoints.

I was too busy to play bridge during my later years of medical school or during internship or residency. However, when serving in the Army Medical Corp in El Paso, Texas, I was invited by my Colonel to play bridge (not duplicate) with the General at Fort Bliss. When I left the Army in 1976, I moved to Chapel Hill to start work at the UNC Department of Radiology. After a few years at UNC Hospitals, I ran into some physicians who were playing duplicate bridge and, after rejoining the ACBL in 1982, was occasionally able to play duplicate in the evenings. However, I found that playing for three hours at night after working a 9-10 hour day was not very practical, so I reluctantly gave up playing duplicate for the next 30 years; however, I continued to read the daily bridge columns in the News & Observer religiously for all this time.

In July 2013, I began working half-time through the UNC phased retirement program and this gave me the opportunity to start playing bridge seriously again; unfortunately, I could only play once or twice a week until September 2015 when I fully retired. When I started to play again, I realized that due to reading the bridge columns I was still reasonably effective at declarer play, but bidding was a different matter since everything had changed! I was playing at **Paul & Ruth Ann Schwenke's** game at the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill and Paul was kind enough to lend me several of Barbara Seagram's books on bidding and I started to study in earnest. After Barbara Seagram's first visit to the Bridge Academy, I went on a bridge cruise to the West coast of Africa where she and her husband gave lessons and sponsored duplicate games on the days at sea. This was an excellent learning experience and the cruise itinerary was also great. Unfortunately, shortly after my return from the cruise I became quite ill, requiring hospitalization and much physical therapy. After two months of recuperation, I was very anxious to get back to playing bridge; in fact, this desire was a strong motivating factor in my efforts toward recovery. .

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I got several nice encouraging notes, especially from **Karen and Nick Keehbler**. When I first returned to the Bridge Academy using a walker, I was touched by the wonderful welcome I received from the players at our club.

Many people have helped and encouraged me along the way in learning more about various aspects of duplicate bridge and including me into the group. My first regular partner, **Richard Cole**, helped me greatly in adjusting to the new bidding and we still play together in local tournaments. My current regular partners **Page Thomas, John Schachte & Larry Kupper** have contributed greatly to my understanding and refinement of my game and many others including especially **Claire Sobel and Barry Buehler** have taught me a lot as well. I have, of course, learned a great deal from **Henry Meguid** through his excellent pre-game lessons and more formal educational programs at the Bridge Academy; Henry has even played with me a few times and puts up with my occasionally choppy efforts at defense. I am still working on defense as well as more complex bidding issues. Although I take bridge seriously, I have also tremendously enjoyed the fun social interactions with the very pleasant and interesting people in our bridge club.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to those of you who have updated your unit directory information. It is so nice to be able to reach out to fellow players when we need a partner for a game.

As of February 1, we have 610 members in Unit 191. Please welcome **Elizabeth Arnold, Janet Broughton, Carolyn Harris, Jim Harris, Gary Whaley, Elizabeth Nuetcherlein, and Melissa Staples** to our bridge family. Also, several players have advanced to new levels in January. **Margaret Smith** is a new Club Master. **Fran and Jeff Milberg** are now Regional Masters. **Gail King and Jennie Robinson** are NABC Masters. **Barry Buehler and Joyce Jenzano** are now Silver Life Masters and **Joy McKenzie-Smith** is a Gold Life Master. Finally, **Jill Kaufman and Bill McCartney** are LIFE MASTERS! Congratulations to all!

Deanna Larus, Membership Chair

Remember to check out the website for information about our unit—minutes from all board meeting, governance of the unit, memories, photos, bylaws—all this in addition to game results. Ed Fuller maintains the website and diligently keeps it updated with everything that is happening—or about to happen in our unit. If you do not receive the Alert, it is always posted on the website, along with past issues.

Ideas for articles for the Alert? Please notify Barbara Martin, Editor.



Happy March and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

TROMBONE



Written by Randy Joyce

How many of you have ever held a Trombone?
How many of you have ever even seen a Trombone?
How many of you are thinking about calling the guys
in the padded jackets to pick up poor old Randy, who
has obviously gone round the bend?

Let's approach this from a different angle. How
many of you have ever seen or heard Robert Preston in
the immortal musical, ***The Sound of Music***, belting out
"Seventy Six Trombones Led the Big Parade...with one
hundred and ten cornets close at hand"? I'd bet quite
a few would answer, yes, if I phrased it this way.
Trombones (taken from the song) is a term that a good
friend of mine coined to describe a 7-6 hand at bridge!

In 1998, Kay held not 1, but 2 trombones in a
span of three days at a Williamsburg regional. No
computer dealt these beauties; people did. The re-
markable thing was that they both had 6 Hearts and 7
Clubs. Truly, this was a once in a lifetime occurrence.
I will not dwell on the second hand since it had a hap-
pier outcome, but I will bare my soul on the first,
where I was the goat. On Wednesday's trombone, I
picked up the innocuous collection of

Axxx

K

Txxx

Txx

Kay opened 1 Club, I bid 1 Spade, and she re-
versed to 2 Hearts. As per our methods, I would repeat
my Spade suit with 5, If I chose to support her club
suit, I could either force to game with 3 Clubs or else
bid 2 NT as a relay to 3 Clubs with a bad hand, and we
would rest there unless partner had an exceptional
hand. I plussed up and bid 3 Clubs. Kay now had a
chance to bid 3 Hearts to show a 6-5 distribution and

maybe not so many HCP in case I wanted to get
frisky. Instead, she bid 4 Hearts!

What the heck was that? I have been play-
ing bridge for a long time and have never heard that
auction before. I am usually a very quick player,
but I had to stop and ponder. I will not bore you
with the thoughts that ran through my mind, but I
finally concluded that I had a minimum in not only
HCP but no extra Club length. I bid 5 clubs which
ended the auction. Kay held

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QTxxx

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AKQJxxx

She had made a great bid, but I dropped the
ball before getting close to the goal line. She was
attempting to get me to focus on my Hearts, since if
we started out with 2 losers, we would certainly fin-
ish up with 2 losers. I had the singleton K of Hearts
and that should have been the only thing on my
mind. I should have jumped to 6 Clubs since I
knew we wouldn't lose 2 Hearts! We scored +420.

The rest of our set was reasonable, and we
were up 7 IMPs after the first half. There was still
reason for optimism. Our teammates came back
and professed a not great round. I was having a bad
feeling about things. As we compared scores, our
lead had shrunk to 3 IMPs. Trombones was the last
board. On a very different auction at the other ta-
ble, the opposing team also bid only 5 Clubs, but
were doubled. -650. Away went the board, and
with it, the match. It took me a while to recover,
but now, after fifteen years, I am proud to say that I
can function normally again.

TRIANGLE BRIDGE NEWS

Triangle Bridge is hosting Weekend Warrior Bridge on March 3rd and 4th. Join us Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30am for open Pairs and 0-2500 Play & Review, and 1:30pm for a Club Championship game. Sunday, March 4th at 2pm is also a Club championship game in an Eight is Enough Swiss Team format. If you are interested in playing and need teammates, please call Chris Moll (504-495-7485) by Saturday at 1pm.

March upcoming Mentor/Mentee games are Tuesday, March 6th at 12:30pm and Thursday, March 22nd at 12:30pm. There will be a brief presentation before the game beginning at noon. Chris Moll is available after the game to review hands and answer questions.

Triangle Bridge is hosting the Spring Future Life Master Sectional April 5-8, 2018. For additional information, please go to www.trianglebridgeclub.net or refer to the attached flyer.

Future Weekend Warrior dates are April 14-15 and May 19-20.

See you at the table!



Triangle Bridge Club Spring Future Life Master Sectional



Thurs April 5th 7:00pm

Stratified Pairs: 0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM)

Fri & Sat, April 6-7th 10am and ** 2:30pm**

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

0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM)

**** Regionally Rated, More Silver Points Fri/Sat 2:30 pm ****

Sun, April 8th 10:00 am and TBA

Stratified Swiss

0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM)

Play through with lunch included



Tournament Chair:

Chris Moll
(504) 495-7485

Partnerships:

Chris Moll
(919) 405-2016

Lodging:

LaQuinta Inns & Suites
1910 Westpark Dr.
Durham, NC
(919) 484-1422

Triangle Bridge Club
5110 Revere Rd, Durham, NC
(919) 405-2016
www.trianglebridgeclub.net

MARCH 2018 AT TRIANGLE BRIDGE CENTER

Code: **GNT** Swiss Teams **Charity** Game **Club** Championship **Unit** Championship

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0- 1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & Review	2 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	3 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0- 2500 Play & Review 1:30 Open Pairs
4 Weekend Warrior Bridge 2:00 8 is Enough	5 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	6 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs 12:30 Men- tor/Mentee	7 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	8 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0- 1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & Review	9 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	10 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0- 2500 Play & Review
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25	26 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	27 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	28 9:30 Open Pairs 1:00 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	29 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0- 1000 Pairs 7:00 Play & Review	30 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	31 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0- 2500 Play & Review

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Become a better player
and a more
tenacious opponent

BRIDGE JUDGMENT

6 classes

Thursday mornings

10am-11:30am



Feb 15, Feb 22, Mar 8, Mar 29, April 5, April 12

Taught by Chris Moll



Text: "Judgment at Bridge 2" by Mike Lawrence

Cost: \$155 (text included)

Drop in :\$25 per class (text \$20)

Contact Chris Moll to register or for more information

(504) 495-7485 or trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com