

THE BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...

Aloha from Maui

Much is happening in Unit 191 that we hope will enhance your enjoyment of bridge. See details in this issue of the Bright Leaf Alert. First, sad news.



Unit 191 Holiday Gala – cancelled 🙁

The 2018 Unit 191 Holiday Gala – cancelled due to inclement weather – WILL NOT be rescheduled. Refunds are being issued by Deanna Larus at unit club games. Or, you can contact her directly at (919) 656-9666 or <deanna@elarus.com>.

We regret that an alternate date could not be arranged. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 Holiday Gala!

A big **Mahalo** (Hawaiian for Thank You) to **Deanna Larus** for arranging the 2018 Holiday Gala and for handling all the logistics of the cancellation, and the refunds.

Unit 191 General Membership Meeting and Board Election

Cancellation of the 2018 Holiday Gala and Annual Meeting due to inclement weather caused a glitch in our board elections. According to our By-Laws, the current Board of Directors continues to serve until new directors are voted upon at a general membership meeting. The board is exploring options of how best to have such a general membership meeting.

In the interim three of the outgoing board members chose to resign rather than continuing on the board. Many, many thanks to **Carole Crotty**, our unit secretary, to **Nancy Crow**, co-chair of the Unit 191

Mentoring Program, and to **Joyce Jenzano**, our unit past president, for their **outstanding service to the unit in many capacities!** By an unanimous decision the remaining board members filled their vacancies with the three new candidates for the board: **Ray McEntee**, **Marian Meyer**, and **Craig Robinson**. We welcome them to the interim board.

The 2019 Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Assignments can be found on the unit's Governance web page at: <http://unit191bridge.org/governance.htm>. Information regarding a general membership meeting and the board elections will be forthcoming.

Unit 191 Spring Lecture Series

We listened to your input from the unit survey last Fall. The Unit 191 Board is supporting a Spring Lecture Series by three local professional bridge teachers. Details are on page 2.

Bright Leaf Spring Sectional and District 7 NLM REGIONAL

We look forward to seeing you at the **Bright Leaf Spring Sectional**, March 7–10. See flyer on page 10. Following our sectional many of our **Future Life Masters** might be interested in the **Piedmont Triad NLM REGIONAL** in High Point, NC. For details see page 12 and page 12 in the District 7 News (<http://district7bridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-1-3D7News.pdf>). **Earn your Silver and Gold back to back!**

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President

UNIT 191 SPRING LECTURE SERIES

UNIT 191 LECTURE SERIES
Three seminars to help you improve your game

05 FEB	LANCE SHULL: 2ND & 3RD HAND DEFENSE Tuesday morning 10:00am - 11:30am Place: Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road, Durham 919-405-2016 Register: Sign up sheet at Club or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com
19 MARCH	CHRIS MOLL: COMPETITIVE BIDDING Tuesday evening 7:00pm - 8:30pm Place: Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road, Durham 919-405-2016 Register: Sign up sheet at Club or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com
13 APRIL	HENRY MEGUID: PLANNING THE DEFENSE Saturday afternoon 1:30pm - 3:00pm Place: The Bridge Academy, 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham 919-724-6239 Register: Sign up sheet at Club or email henry@bridgeacademync.com
COST TO ATTEND	FEE: \$5 DEFRAYS THE COST OF HANDOUTS IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A HANDOUT YOU MUST REGISTER

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You spoke. We listened. Responding to our members' desire for more educational opportunities, Unit 191 is sponsoring a three-part lecture series given by three local professional bridge teachers. One weekday morning, one weekday evening, and one weekend day – we scheduled the lecture dates and times to maximize the opportunity for all to attend. The only cost is \$5 to help defray the cost of handouts. We ask you to sign up for the lecture beforehand so we will know how many handouts to print. Sign-up sheets will be at Triangle Bridge and The Bridge Academy. We will continue the series during the rest of the year if attendance warrants.

The flyer for **Lance Shull** lecture on **"2nd & 3rd Hand Defense"** is on page 11. The lecture will be held at Triangle Bridge, 5110 Revere Road, Durham NC, (919) 405-2016, on Tuesday, February 5th, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. **Registering for this lecture by January 31st guarantees your handouts.** Sign up at Triangle Bridge or The Bridge Academy, or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. With questions, contact Chris Moll at (504) 495-7485.

Your Unit 191 Board of Directors

Bridging Generations at Triangle Bridge Club!

Three generations: **Richard Soder** who just turned 90, his daughter **Sarah Eidelhoch**, and his grandson, **Andrew Eidelhoch** all played in Triangle's Saturday morning game, January 19, 2019. Sarah and Andrew are visiting from San Francisco where they both play in their local club.



Being able to play with his grandfather is definitely a treat. According to Andrew who is 13, "I learned bridge from my grampies just under 2 years ago. My grampies makes it really fun and his riskiness always keeps the game exciting! I always look forward to playing with him and I have lots of great memories."

Richard and Andrew partnered and played N/S. Andrew played north as he had "a lot more experience" with the Bridemate than his grandfather. And they came in 4th in an 11-table game. Sarah played, too, as the game always guarantees a partner.

It was a pleasure directing the game. Andrew was friendly and delightful, and no one looked happier than Richard and Sarah. We all look forward to his next visit from CA.

Valerie Roberts

YOU CAN COPE WITH MICHAEL'S

By Randy Joyce

Once upon a time, those pesky opponents interfered in MY auction with a Michaels Cue Bid! The unmitigated gall! My partner opened 1 Spade, my RHO bid 2 Spades, and, at this point, I didn't know what any of our bids meant. Fast forward with me about 50 years, and I can tell you the best way to counteract these space stealing scoundrels.

First off, let's bid the easy one. 1 Spade - 2 Spades (Michaels) - Double by you is an application of Stolen Bid. The opponent stole your 2 Spade bid. Lots of bridge players use this tool with regard to interference over their partner's NT bid, but I'm finding that many do not realize that you can do the same thing over partner's major suit bids too. The double should show 6-9 points and 3-4 Spades.

Next up, what is the auction 1 Spade - 2 Spades (Michaels) - 3 Spades by you. Following along logically, it should show Limit Raise values (10-11) points and 3-4 Spades. It is not forcing, but it is invitational.

How about 1 Spade - 2 Spades (Michaels) - 4 Spades? This one is a little trickier, but is still quite logical. It either shows 5 Spades and your God given good looks, or it is a hand with 12-14 junky points and does not invite any further bidding by partner unless he has quite a good hand.

Finally, as the cherry on top, what do you bid with a hand that is better than 14 points and might produce a slam if partner has the right cards?

Why, you strike a blow back at the PO's (pesky opponents) and Cue bid their suit at the 3 level. So, 1 Spade - 2 Spades (Michaels) - 3 Hearts says nothing about Hearts, but tells partner that you have a Spade fit (3 or more) and have aspirations for bigger things if he is agreeable. Does it promise a Heart control? NO! Does it ask for a stopper? NO! It just shows support for your suit and says that there might be bigger fish to fry than a mere game.

Let me give you a hand that I encountered at the TBC. RHO opened 1 Spade and going into PO mode, I bid 2 Spades. My LHO held the following hand:

S... Axx

H... xx

D... AQTx

C... AQTx

He bid 4 Spades and secretly hoped that his partner did not hold much. His partner held the following strong minimum:

S... KQTxx

H... Ax

D...J9x

C...Kxx

Not any extras, but a good looking hand in the context of knowing that partner held true extra values. If responder had cuebid 3H, playing the methods that I have just described, opener could cuebid the A of Hearts, letting partner know that he was interested.

Blackwood would reveal that they had enough Key cards plus the trump Q, and a contract of 6 Spades should be reached. After the K of Hearts opening lead, he could win the A and pull trumps. There were 4 Spades to the J on their right, but this was negotiable.

Now for the best part of the hand: declarer could play on both minors to see if he had a pitch for his losing Heart. A Club to the Q, then a Club to the K would let them pick up J fifth on his left. When this didn't work, he could switch horses and run the 9 of Diamonds followed by the J of Diamonds. This would work much better, as he could now pick up the Diamond K and make 7 on the hand. If RHO had held singleton K of Diamonds, he would have been VERY unlucky and gone down one.

Give these methods a try. I think that they will improve your overall bidding, and I know that they will improve your slam bidding.

FROM THE WEB

There are many sources of information for bridge these days. Here are 2 sites I found recently:

CARD PLAY: The Bridge Base Online website is previewing their next generation software. Use this link <http://www.bridgebase.com/intro/preview.php> and login. On the next screen, the Play or Watch area now has access to ALL of the Bridge Master deals. from Beginner to Expert sections there are now 30-40 deals per section. There used to be only 6 per section. Play out the hands and if you don't get it right the first time you can redeal and try again, or just read the analysis of the best line of play. Seeing how others view the play of the hand is very educational.

CONVENTIONS: Do you play Jacoby 2NT? How do you go about slam evaluation after Jacoby 2NT? What are some of the pitfalls? This article on the bridgewinners website has links to multiple variations <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/jacoby-2nt/>

Feel free to send in links to some of the sites you have found useful. As a community we probably have a huge resource to share.

Ian Cloudsdale

Thanks, Ian, for sharing this information. I checked them out and found both to be very helpful.



MENTOR/MENTEE GAME

Despite the snowstorm, the Mentor/Mentee game went on in December. **Chris Moll and Mariee Walton** were the winners at the event.

The January game was held at TBA, and **Barbara Martin and Mike Mendelsohn** ended up as winners—followed closely by **Ed Fuller and Mary Ferguson**.

Mark your calendars now for the February game, which will be held on Tuesday, February 12. The lesson will be presented at 12:00 followed by the game at 12:30.



happy
birthday

Jim Forde celebrated his 92nd birthday on January 23—he and partner, Frank Hund, finished 3rd N/S. It is always a pleasure to play at Jim's table—he is smiling and courteous—and be prepared for a sad score when he is declaring!!!



Membership Report

Submitted by Jane Kiernan
As of January 1, 2019

Total Membership as of January 1, 2019	584
New Members	3
Transfers In	1
Transfers Out	2

Advancing in rank during the month of December were:

Club Master

Scott Bales
Judith Henry
David Sclove

NABC Master

Liz Schuler

Silver Life Master

Betsy Mebane

Ruby Life Master

Roman Davis

Gold Life Master

Peter Adler

Sadly, one of our members, **Sigrid Olin**, passed away on January 28. She had been battling lung cancer. Sigrid served on the unit board and was President for two terms in 2009-2010. She was also the recipient of the Goodwill award for our unit. Our condolences to husband, Jack, and members of her family.

We also remember two of our unit members who passed in 2018.

Carol Lou Summerfield McCaskill - January 27th, 2018

James Frederick Drake - June 29th, 2018



A surprise visitor at The Bridge Academy on Monday, January 28! Peggy Barbee!! She looks terrific and was in good spirits! We all need to find her secret to aging so well.



From an Alert in 2009—Peggy has changed very little.

Peggy is a legend in our unit. Excerpts from an article about her written in 2009 :

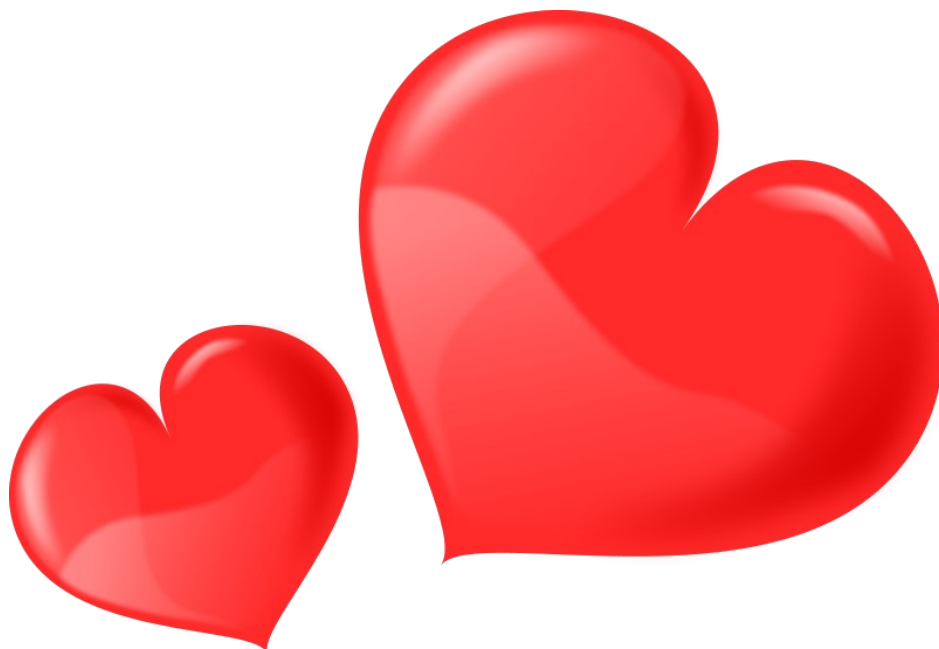
“Peggy first played bridge at the Barfield Center in Northgate Park, a facility operated by the city Parks and Recreation Department. They played progressive bridge, but it was a social bridge club, not duplicate. The Barfield Bridge Club met on Tuesday nights and the top scorer won a 5-pound bag of sugar. Director Sam Brockwell gave S&H green stamps to winners. The Barfield Bridge Club and Durham Bridge Club merged and a Thursday night game, played at the Forest Hills Club House on University Drive, was added. They played only duplicate bridge at Forest Hills. The Forest Hills site was not available during the summer when games were held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church were the rent was only \$20 a week.

In the 1940s a duplicate game cost only 50 cents but by the 1950s the fee had risen to \$1.00. Winners were awarded 0.08 to 0.10 points for winning.

Peggy contributed in many ways to the success of Unit 191—she has directed, coordinated, planned, taught, chaired, presided, organized and done whatever is necessary to take care of business.”

Triangle Bridge February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Closed for Raleigh Sectional	2 Closed for Raleigh Sectional
3 Raleigh Sectional Swiss 10:00 & TBA	4 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	5 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	6 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	7 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	8 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	9 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
10 2:00 Eight is Enough Teams	11 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	12 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs 12:30 Mentor Mentee	13 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	14 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	15 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	16 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
17	18 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	19 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	20 12:30 ACBL wide Charity 7:00 GNT Swiss	21 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	22 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	23 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
24	25 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	26 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	27 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	28 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	GNT Swiss ACBL wide Charity STaC Week Local Charity Unit Championship	

The Bright Leaf Alert is published monthly and is the official newsletter of Unit 191. Please send any suggestions or ideas for articles to Barbara Martin, Editor



Bright Leaf Spring Sectional



★ MARCH 7 - 10, 2019 ★



Tournament Chair
Henry Meguid 919-724-6239

All 499er Events:
The Bridge Academy
2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham, NC 919-724-6239

499er Stratification:
0-100, 100-300, 300-500
0-50 Pairs: 0-10, 10-20, 20-50

Partnership Requests:
Janet Strobe
517-230-7827
Strobejanet@gmail.com

Nearby Lodging:
LaQuinta Inns & Suites
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham NC 919-401-9660

Only players with less than 500 MP
can play at The Bridge Academy

Thursday, March 7
7pm Open & 499er Swiss

Friday, March 8
10am Open & 499er Pairs
2:30pm* Open & 499er Pairs

Saturday, March 9
10am Open & 499er Pairs
2:30pm* Open, 499er & 0-50 Pairs

***Both 2:30pm games are regionally-rated**
silver points.

Sunday, March 10
10am Stratified Open & 499er Swiss
(Stratification based on team MP
average)
Play through with lunch included

Tournament Co-Chair
Chris Moll 504-495-7485

All Open Events:
Triangle Bridge Club
5110 Revere Road
Durham, NC 919-405-2016

Open Stratification:
0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+

Partnership Requests:
Kathy Newman
919-493-6805
rcnkb2@aol.com

Nearby Lodging:
LaQuinta Inns & Suites
1910 Westpark Drive
Durham NC 919-484-1422

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Mark your calendars and arrange partners now for this sectional event sponsored by Unit 191. The unit will be requesting donations of food or cash to help defray the expenses of the tournament. Please feel free to donate.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



Make better defensive choices as 2nd and 3rd hand

Lance will review recurring useful situations and give quizzes

Lance has given talks at the Regional and RBC

**“I know all this.”
You probably can use a review**

Your attendance would make Lance look good

TUE FEB 5

2ND AND 3RD HAND DEFENSE

Workshop followed by Bridge Game

This 90-minute lecture is targeted at the intermediate-novice level, but should provide useful insights for all players. Unit 191 is covering the lecturer's fees. The charge is \$5 to help defray the cost of handouts. The first lecture, presented by Lance Shull, will be held on February 5th, at 10:00 am at Triangle Bridge in Durham

TRIANGLE BRIDGE

919-405-2016

Trianglebridgeclub.net

PIEDMONT TRIAD NLM REGIONAL

4-DAYS - MARCH 14 THRU 17, 2019



High Point University Community Center
921 Eastchester Drive, Suite 1230
High Point NC 27262



REGIONAL RUNS ON THE SAME DAY, SAME TIME, SAME LOCATION AS THE HIGH POINT SECTIONAL

REGIONAL STARTS THURSDAY - LATE START TIMES ON THURSDAY ONLY

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

NLM Gold Rush Pairs (1 OF 2)	11:00 am
NLM Side Series Pairs A (1 of 4)	11:00 am
Free Hot Dog Dinner	2:45 pm
NLM Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)	3:30 pm
NLM Side Series Pairs B (1 of 4)	3:30 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

NLM Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	10:00 am
NLM Side Series Pairs A (2 of 4)	10:00 am
NLM Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)	10:00 am
JERRY HELMS, Guest Speaker & Lesson	2:15 pm
NLM Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)	3:00 pm
NLM Side Series Pairs B (2 of 4)	3:00 pm
NLM Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)	3:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

NLM Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)	10:00 am
NLM Side Series Pairs A (3 of 4)	10:00 am
JERRY HELMS, Guest Speaker & Lesson	2:15 pm
NLM Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)	3:00 pm
NLM Side Series Pairs B (3 or 4)	3:00 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

NLM Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)	10:00 pm
NLM Side Series Pairs A (4 of 4)	10:00 pm
Free Catered Lunch for all Swiss Teams	
NLM Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)	2:00 pm
NLM Side Series Pairs B (4 of 4)	2:00 pm

*All players participating in NLM Regional events **MUST** be Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 master points. All sessions are averaged. ACBL members <5 MPs play FREE in Pairs games. Student discount < age 25. Lapsed members pay additional \$4 fee per session. Non-ACBL members pay \$7.99 for temporary one-month membership, or may join for one year at prevailing rate.*

33% GOLD and 67% RED master points will be awarded for players finishing in the overalls of Gold Rush Pair events and Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss events. Players who place first in either direction of a two-session Pairs event also receive 33% GOLD. If a player is first in either direction of a side game, AND they play at least two games in the same series, 33% of the points will be GOLD. Additional GOLD may be earned by players in the side series overalls.

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DIRECTIONS TO HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CENTER, from East or West: I-40, Exit 210 (Route 68 South/Eastchester Road). Right on N. Mall Lane. Right on Mall Loop Road. Center on Left. **From Route 311:** Exit 67 (NC 68)

HOST HOTEL: Red Lion (formerly the Radisson) 135 S. Main Street. Phone: 800-733-5466 / \$92 night + tax / Cutoff date March 1
Ask for "Central Carolina Bridge Association Regional Tournament"

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL from East or West: I-40 Exit 210 (Route 68 South/Eastchester Road). Left on Main.

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February 2019 events

Triangle Bridge is delighted to host the Raleigh Winter Sectional Swiss Sunday **February 3 10:00 AM** and we are closed on **Friday February 1** and **Saturday 2** to support our friends and neighbors.

District 7 STAC week is **Monday February 4** through **Sunday February 10** and all events this week pay silver points.

The first Unit 191 Speaker will be Lance Shull on **Tuesday February 5 10:00 - 11:30 AM** speaking about 2nd and 3rd hand defensive play. There is a \$5.00 charge to defray the cost of materials. Pre-registration is required to ensure you receive materials via the signup sheet at Triangle Bridge or by sending an email confirming your attendance to Chris at: trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

February dates for GNT qualifiers are:

Monday February 11, 25 and Wednesday February 20 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for friendly competition at its best

Questions: Please visit our website : www.trianglebridgeclub.net

or contact Chris cell [\(504\)495-7485](tel:5044957485) club [\(919\)405-2016](tel:9194052016)

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