

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...

New Unit 191 Website

Unit 191 is exploring the possibility of transitioning to a new web site with [Bridge-Webs.com](https://www.bridgewebs.com). The new site is under development by **Marc Goldberg**, who will be the new Webmaster when we make the transition. Please check it out at

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>.



LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

Contact Marc at goldberg73@gmail.com or me at edwin.fuller@gmail.com with comments and suggestions.

Election of Directors to the Unit 191 Board of Directors

Hearing murmurings regarding the election of the 2019-2021 Directors to the Unit 191 Board, my letter this month addresses the election process: past and current. The Unit 191 Board is composed of 12 Directors. Every year, four Directors cycle off the board and four newly elected Directors join the board for a three-year term. A slate of nominees for the board is put forward by the unit's Nominating Committee. Elections for the board are held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala. Absentee ballots have been available for members who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Ballots are distributed as members arrive at the Holiday Gala and votes are tallied during the luncheon, so the results can be announced at the Annual Meeting, which is held after the luncheon.

In the past the Nominating Committee has put forward a slate of typically five nominees or more for the four board positions. Two years ago, the Unit Board and the Nominating Committee decided to only solicit four nominees for the four board positions with the understanding that members could self-nominate or submit additional candidates. Last year, a general call was made to the membership, asking them to provide nominees to the Nominating Committee. See page 2 of the October 2018 issue of the *Bright Leaf Alert Newsletter*. Additionally, nominations were requested from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Ballots were prepared to include write-in candidates, as necessary.

The objective is to streamline the election process, and to separate it from Annual Meeting, so that the new Directors can be announced at the Annual Meeting without encumbering the luncheon with distributing and counting ballots. The intent was never to disenfranchise the membership or to limit the number of candidates. We welcome all members to submit your name, if interested, or to nominate someone else who you think would be an effective member of the Unit 191 Board.

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President



It was party time at The Tarheel Club and The Bridge Academy on May 13 and May 18 to celebrate Pearl's 100th birthday. A portrait (painted by **Winkie Fontaine**) was given to Pearl. We all wish Pearl the best as she begins year 101!!!



The party continued on Saturday, May 25th, when Pearl's family hosted a gala for 250 people. Pearl is shown here with her 95 year old brother.



Pearl partnered with **Jim Cunningham** on Monday and **Craig Robinson** for birthday parties held in her honor at our local clubs. In both sessions, Pearl carried her partners to a second place finish N/S.



A huge thank you to the unit for providing a birthday cake for both parties.



Valerie Roberts and Jack McCann were winners in the final Mentor/Mentee game held on May 14 at Triangle.

UNIT 191'S TOP TEN WINNERS AT THE RICHMOND REGIONAL

1. Josef Blass - 112.27
- 2/3. Randy and Kay Joyce - 42.04
4. Joy McKenzie-Smith - 25.93
5. Ed Fuller - 23.55
- 6/7; Ian Cloudsdale and Grada Arble - 20.98
8. Paul Morrisette - 18.65
9. Deanna Larus - 17.19
- 10/11. Jon Nadel and Hugon Karwowski - 16.23

**CONGRATULATIONS TO VALERIE ZENTIL
WHO BECAME A LIFE MASTER AT THE
RICHMOND TOURNAMENT!!!**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Jane Kiernan

(As of May 1, 2019)

Total Membership as of March 1, 2019	582
New Members	3
Transfers In	2
Transfers Out	9

Advancing in rank during the months of March and April were:

Junior Master

Beverly Dugan
Stacey Rader
Susan Reed
Michele Smith

Club Master

Bayard Atwood
Sharon Updike

Sectional Master

Ernestine Goods

NABC Master

Dorothy McElwee

Life Master

Dean Shangler

Ruby Life Master

Nancy Young

Gold Life Master

Kathy Newman

COMMON BRIDGE MISTAKES: DEFENSE

Written by Randy Joyce

Over the years, I have had a number of beginners ask me what they could do to help cut down on the number of mistakes that they make at the bridge table. Did I have some kind of magical potion that cured all the ailments and indecisions of the novice bridge player? This article was written years ago by a bridge player named John Memory, who hails from the western part of North Carolina. It was written for beginners and goes into detail as to common mistakes and how to correct them when playing defense.

ALLOWING declarer to make a trick or tricks he/she can't make for themselves (Often, this involves "breaking " a new suit.)

ALLOWING declarer to set up and get to dummy to run a long suit.

FAILING to work as hard as you can on defending (e.g. Failure to count declarer's hand. This is easier than many new players think.)

FAILURE to notice your partner's first following card and partner's first discard.

NEARLY ALWAYS, under-leading a side suit ace or king in a suit contract. Try to find another lead.

FAILING to play "3rd hand high." Here's an exception. You play your lowest card that will get the job done. You hold K, Q, J of a suit partner has led. Follow with the J, so that partner will know that you may have the K or Q. If you play the K, partner knows that you don't have the Q or J.

GIVING declarer a "tell" that he can interpret to his advantage. If declarer leads towards K, J, 9 in dummy and you hold the A, play low smoothly so that partner may score his Q.

FAILING to unblock partner's suit in NT. (E.g. in NT, your partner leads a Q, and you have the A and one more card. Play the A and lead the suit back towards partner's JTxx)

PUTTING partner in a difficult position with a lead. (E.g. Dummy on your left has A,J,T, 10 of a suit. You know declarer has a much stronger hand than your partner. Don't lead the suit, since partner's Q will probably be killed by Declarer's K. Let declarer play the suit and guess who has the Q.

HAVING defensive carding systems that are too complex to be interpreted correctly.

FAILING if you do, to prevent declarer from trumping cards in dummy. Often a defender needs to lead a trump or shift to one if he sees shortness in the dummy and expects declarer to trump his losers.

FAILING to cash your side's winners. When declarer is about to establish a suit to throw losers, go ahead and try to cash your side's winners. Often, this involves trying the only remaining thing that might work for the defense. Maybe you need to lead a K, hoping that partner has the A.



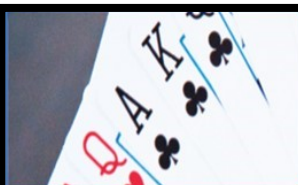
The Bridge Academy

June 2019

Timezone: GMT -04:00

Have fun, Play better

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Pairs 6:00pm Social Duplicate	4 12:00pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	5 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs 12:30pm NAP Stratified Pairs	6 12:00pm Barometer 500	7 12:30pm World Wide Bridge Co...
10 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Pairs 6:00pm Social Duplicate	11 12:00pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	12 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs 12:30pm NAP Stratified Pairs	13 12:00pm Barometer 500	14 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs
17 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Pairs 6:00pm Social Duplicate	18 12:00pm No Game	19 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs 12:30pm NAP Stratified Pairs	20 12:00pm Regular 0-500 Pairs	21 12:30pm The Longest Day
24 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Pairs 6:00pm Social Duplicate	25 12:00pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	26 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs 12:30pm NAP Stratified Pairs	27 12:00pm Barometer 500	28 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs



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Your Game



Learn Bridge Online

Interested in bidding or playing lessons from the comfort of your home?

Contact Henry Meguid at
info@bridgeacademync.com
 (919) 724-6239



Two Over One

The Nuts & Bolts

Wednesday

July 24, 31, August 7

9:30-noon

\$105

This class is for players transitioning from Standard American as well as players who are seeking a review. Participants will explore how to respond to a major suit opening holding 6-12 points or 13+ points, how to show a good and a bad limit raise and the six 2/1 auctions and how to proceed as opener and responder.

Register & Pay online at
www.bridgeacademync.com

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at henry@bridgeacademync.com

The Bridge Academy



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What's Happening in June!

Come play bridge at the Bridge Academy— “Have fun, Play better.” We offer a friendly environment with a wide variety of games and educational opportunities for all players- beginners to experts.

- Complimentary snacks and refreshments
- Guaranteed partner Monday and Wednesday
- Improve your game through Common Game expert commentary and Pianola analytics

Special Events

- ACBL World Wide Contest on Friday, June 7th at 12:30
- NAP games
- The Longest Day – Alzheimer Foundation on Friday, June 21st at 12:30
- Social Duplicate (Wine & Cheese) on Mondays at 6:00 pm (0-300)
- Play & Learn (Barometer 0-500) on Thursdays at Noon

Regular Games

Mondays- 0-500 and stratified Open Pairs at 12:30 pm

Tuesdays- 0-500 stratified pairs at Noon

Wednesdays- 0-300 and stratified Open Pairs at 12:30 pm

Thursdays - Barometer game at Noon

Fridays- 0-500 and stratified Open Pairs at 12:30 pm

TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB
PRESENTS

LEADS & CARDING

WHAT DO YOU LEAD AGAINST SUITS VS NOTRUMP?
STANDARD VS UPSIDE DOWN CARDING,
ATTITUDE, SUIT PREFERENCE, COUNT

May 30th & June 6th
10:00am- 11:30am

Fee is \$45 or drop in for \$25

Chris Moll 504-495-7485
trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

The Bridge Academy



Have you heard of the Swiss Cheese Syndrome?

This syndrome describes bridge players whose game has reached a plateau and they are no longer progressing at the same rate or their game scores fluctuate erratically. It is caused by gaps in their foundational knowledge coupled with convention overload or lack of understanding of the convention card.

This class is designed to help players fill in gaps, e.g. differentiating between forcing and non-forcing bids, creating a forcing auction, captaincy, to double or overcall, common bidding errors and rebid traps, and handling strong unbalanced hands.

Monday
June 24, July 1, 8
9:30-noon
\$105

Register & Pay online at www.bridgeacademync.com

For more information contact Henry Meguid at
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TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB JUNE 2019 NEWS

Play early, late, and often!

June is filled with Club Championship, Unit Championship, and Charity Games. All of these special games pay extra points. See the calendar on our website to find the ones that fit your schedule.

<http://www.trianglebridgeclub.net/schedules.html>

World Wide Bridge Contest

Friday, June 7th at 7pm and Saturday, June 8th at 1:30pm the ACBL will take part in the World Wide Bridge Contest. Both events are independent and prizes are awarded to the worldwide overall top five pairs each day. Masterpoints are 50/50 red/black at 81.8% sectional rating. Our regularly scheduled game on Saturday at 9:30am will be an Upgraded Club Championship paying extra points, and there is a potluck lunch at 1pm in between games.

Eight is Enough

Sunday, June 9th at 2:00pm is the "Eight is Enough" Team Game. Although teammates are not guaranteed, please contact Chris Moll (504) 495-7485 or trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com by 1pm on Saturday June 7th for assistance.

NAP Qualifiers

NAP Qualifying season has begun and will run all summer. We will host 12 NAP qualifying games in June. Check the calendar for times.

Learning Opportunities

Chris Moll is teaching **Leads and Carding** June 6th, **Conventions Part II** June 20th & 27th, and **Supervised Play** Tuesdays June 4th and 18th. Please register at trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com and please see our website for more details at <http://www.trianglebridgeclub.net/learning-opportunities.html>

Looking forward to July

Unit 191 Sectional July 11-14

Unit 191 is hosting its Summer Sectional July 11th –July 14th. All Open games are held at Triangle. We will offer A/X and Mid-Flight Pairs, B/C/D for both games on Saturday. Check the website for details.

JOIN US

— IN SUPPORT OF —

THE LONGEST DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

9:30 and 1:30 games with potluck
lunch at 1pm

A fundraising event supporting Alzheimer's disease care and research. All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.



A day of bridge,
good food, and
good friends.
Let's do our part
to help conquer
Alzheimer's.



TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB

WORLDWIDE BRIDGE CONTEST



Be part of a global
bridge competition!



& EIGHT IS ENOUGH TEAMS

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JUNE

Prizes awarded to the worldwide overall top five pairs each day. Masterpoints are 50/50 red and black, at 81.8% sectional rating

WORLD WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST 7PM

The Friday and Saturday games are separate events. The two top district winners by percentage receive bonus awards. Potluck lunch at 1:00pm.

WORLD WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST 1:30PM

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Bring your team and enjoy an afternoon food, fun, and friendly competition! No team may have more than 8 points.
3000+ = 3, 1000-3000 = 2, 0-1000 = 1

EIGHT IS ENOUGH 2PM

Questions? Chris Moll 504-495-7485 trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

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Triangle Bridge June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
2	3 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	4 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	5 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	6 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	7 ACBL Worldwide 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	8 Bridge Contest 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review 1:30 Open Pairs
9 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams	10 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	11 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	12 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	13 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	14 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	15 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
16	17 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	18 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	19 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	20 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	21 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	22 Longest Day 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review 1:30 Open Pairs
23	24 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	25 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	26 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	27 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	28 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	29 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
30	World Wide Bridge Contest Club Championship NAP Qualifier Local Charity Upgraded Club Championship The Longest Day (Potluck Lunch at 1pm)					

Harold Harkavy of Florida was one of the great notrump declarers of all time. The reason was that he played professionally and told his clients to avoid bidding notrump if they wanted to win. One time Harold was playing a 3NT contract with the QJ doubleton of clubs in dummy facing the 876 of clubs in his hand. He was in a hopeless contract and had to let the opponents in. He knew once they got in they would shift to clubs, so he led the CQ from dummy feigning strength in the suit. Sure enough the CQ held the trick. Harold continued by the leading the CJ from dummy which also held the trick! Now it was safe for Harold to knock out the ace he really had to get rid of because the opponents no longer had enough club tricks to take. Naturally Harold made his contract. Nevertheless he apologized to his partner saying:
"Partner if I only had the ten of clubs, I could have run the entire suit."

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If you have questions, or ideas for articles, please contact;

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Editor**