

# BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...

## Thank you for your response

We have had an overwhelming response to the unit questionnaire on how the Unit Board can enhance your enjoyment of bridge at unit-sponsored events, specifically the three unit-sponsored sectionals and the Holiday Gala. **Thank you for your input. Mariée Walton** is compiling the results. If you haven't responded and would like to do so, please contact Mariée at <mariee\_walton@yahoo.com>.



## Upcoming Unit 191 events: Fall Sectional, Unit Championships, and Holiday Gala

**Fall Sectional:** Come out and play in the [Bright Leaf Fall Sectional](#) next week, Nov. 8–11. Bring your favorite dish to share our hospitality with our guests.

**Unit Championships:** Unit Championships are the week of Nov. 26–31. Play several times to win. Details in this Alert, or contact John Schachte <[jschachte@att.net](mailto:jschachte@att.net)>.

**Holiday Gala:** Join us for a day of fellowship, good food and bridge at the 2018 Annual Holiday Gala, Sunday, December 9th, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Blvd., RTP. Make your reservations [here](#). Choose your luncheon selection [here](#).

## Congratulations to Josef Blass: Grand Life Master

In September unit player, Chapel Hill resident, and former UNC professor, **Josef Blass**, crossed the 10,000 masterpoint threshold to become a Grand Life Master. He has North American Bridge Championships wins in the Mitchell Open BAM in 2009 and 2010 and in the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams in this year's Spring NABC, playing with Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczoła. Read more about Josef on page 32 of the [Oct-Dec 2018 District 7 News](#).



## Two months to go in Ace of Clubs and mini-McKenney masterpoint races

Check out the Unit 191 2018 leaders as of October 1st on the unit homepage, or click [here](#).

## Bridge column for Intermediate players

Unit 191 player, **Robert Thorstad**, writes an excellent bridge column for intermediate players. See his latest "*Intermediate Corner*" on page 30 in the [Oct-Dec 2018 District 7 News](#).



Robert is currently a Ph.D. student in Psychology at Emory University.

## The Common Game

Have you ever played in the **Common Game**, and wondered exactly what it was. Robert Thorstad has an articulate description of what it is, its background, and its features on page 29 of the [Oct-Dec 2018 District 7 News](#).

Play every card well,  
**Ed Fuller**, Unit 191 President

## NEWEST UNIT 191 LIFE MASTERS—KAMAL DAS AND JENNIE ROBINSON



**Kamal Das** of Morrisville, NC, became a Life Master this month. Although he has been playing duplicate bridge only for the last five years, he was an avid bridge player (social) while in graduate school at the University of Houston in early 1970s. Because of his superior hand play, one of his friends (Late Aftab Ahmed, CPA) gave him a huge deck of cards and the nick name of Tasasamrat (Bengali for Emperor of Bridge). After his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1975, Kamal moved away from his bridge-friends and a few years later from Houston, and didn't play bridge until 2013, three years after his retirement from the U.S Department of Energy. On the first day at the duplicate table in 2013 at the Queen of Hearts in Cary, NC, he sat South at Table 5 to play with a lady (Edith) who later moved to Florida. The pair 5N-S finished last that day. The following week the same pair (5 N-S) finished first. The Club Director (Late **Bob Lenkeit**) gave a nice certificate to Edith and said to Kamal, "You got to be an expert in the guise of a novice."

Since joining duplicate, Kamal has learned 2/1 and some of the other fancy conventions. Although most of his regular partners are in the 200-800 MP range, he enjoys playing with beginners as well as advanced players. Kamal thinks Bridge is an excellent game for the exercise of our brain and recommends it to everyone who wants to keep it sharp.



Bridge has been a part of most of my life. I come from a family of bridge players (both duplicate and social). In fact, our family reunions always seem to have a bridge game going the whole time, with the actual foursome in constant flux, but always a lot of laughter involved. My parents taught my brother and me to play bridge as young teenagers and we had many a foursome in the evenings as I was growing up. I realize now that my parents must have really been desperate for partners!

In college I quickly discovered a group of like-minded bridge enthusiasts who found cards far more interesting than actually going to class or studying. Enough said, we ALL had to stop doing that. Years of bridge dearth followed as children were raised and careers were pursued. Very sporadic social games and one stab at duplicate that seemed to me be full of mean people in smoke-filled rooms.

So when I "retired" from my day job, an acquaintance in the mountains talked me into trying duplicate again. And thus it started.....

(continued)

I moved to Durham in 2013, armed with my 1.62 masterpoints and a working knowledge of Goren bridge. I got in touch with Lynda McDaniel who had also moved down here from the mountains and asked her to teach me everything she knew (she had 60 masterpoints at the time, which just seemed phenomenal to me). And so we became good friends as well as partners and she has been a big part of how I got to where I am today. My other regular partner that I must thank as well is Larry Kupper. From him I have learned about consistency in bidding and play and how to laugh occasionally at the table.

It has been important to me to maintain a “real” life away from the tables. I am a still-working accountant, so tax time cuts into my playing during the season. I am involved in choir at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, am a volunteer at Duke Gardens (actually getting to work with the plants), take courses at Duke LifeLong Learning, and have family in the area.

If I have any suggestions for folks coming along in the bridge world there would be three:

- ♦ *Find someone who is better than you to be a regular partner---that person will help improve your game.*
- ♦ *Play with different folks---it will force you to be more consistent in your bidding.*
- ♦ *Keep a sense of humor.*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
KAMAL, JENNIE—AND  
ALSO TOM KRON-  
MEILLER, WHO BECAME  
A LIFE MASTER AT THE  
ATLANTA REGIONAL—  
WELL DONE!!!**

## BRIGHT LEAF FALL SECTIONAL

Our upcoming Bright Leaf Fall Sectional is November 8-11, 2018

Please come out to play, and greet our guests.

Your homemade goodies to feed those attending our tournament would be greatly appreciated, but if you are unable your cash donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at either The Bridge Academy

See sectional flyer at:

[http://web2.acbl.org/  
Tournaments/](http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/)

Chris and Henry Co-Chairmen

**Championship week in Unit 191** will be held the last week in November—and early December. Plan to play on:

Monday, Nov. 26 at TB—BA and RBC—(aft)

Tuesday, Nov. 27 at TB, with GCBC (aft)

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at TB, BA with FBC (aft)

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at TB—\*evening)

Thursday, Nov. 29 at TB and Ba (aft) TB (evening)

Friday, Nov. 30 at TB and BA (aft)

Saturday, Dec. 1 at TB (morning)

Saturday Dec. 8 at TB (morning)

Sunday, Dec. 9 at The Gala—Sheraton Imperial

Winners will be awarded gift certificates for the highest average in 2 different games for both the open and NLM sections.

## Ask, If You Need to Know

By Kay Joyce

[This is 2<sup>nd</sup> in a series of articles about the nuts and bolts of using Keycard Blackwood.]

Sometimes you need to ask about the queen when you get a 5C or 5D response. If you get a 5H response, you know "no queen," and if you get a 5S response, you know that includes the queen.

Often Keycarders show the queen when they know there are 10 trumps present, and they think partner might not know that. For example, partner has opened a 5-card major, and they respond with Jacoby 2NT, usually showing 4, but they have five. They just assume with 10 trumps that they will break, or partner will get lucky and locate the queen.

When responder doesn't show the queen, (a 5C or 5D response:

You need to know, if you don't have it.

You need to know if you don't have extra length, to give your side 10 trumps.

The way to ask is to bid the next suit up, provided that is not your trump suit (which would be passed by responder with 0 or 1 KCs).

In the last article, I mentioned the possibility of not knowing whether 5C showed 1 or 4 and of not knowing whether 5D showed 0 or 3. We said that a "sign off" in 5 of our suit would show that we assumed it was 0 or 1. Responder would only **bid on** when he had 3 or 4. Let's assume for this article, that this hurdle is easily mastered with our sophisticated bidding telling us which it is! Use the next suit up, if you can, for the "queen ask." If the next suit is our trump suit, skip over it and use the next suit up. Partner should respond thusly:

### ASKING FOR QUEEN OF TRUMPS

1	No queen	Cheapest # of the trump suit
2	I have the queen of trumps but no king(s) outside the trump suit (trump king already accounted for)	Jump a level in the trump suit (Sometimes this jump will get you to 7 --- so asker has to be sure he is prepared for this possibility.) Often you start this process low enough that responder can just jump to 6 to show "the queen but no kings."
3	Queen of trumps plus at least one king outside the trump suit (This will be covered in greater detail next month.)	Bid the suit of the lowest king held, unless asker used that suit, then bid cheapest NT to show that king



4NT	5C (1 or 4)
5D * asks for queen	6S *Yes, I have her, but no kings outside of the trump suit

6S is the “yes” and it is a jump.

Try another with diamonds as trump:

4NT	5D (0 or 3)
5H * asks for queen	7D *Yes, I have her, but no kings outside of the trump suit

6D is the no answer, cheapest return to our suit. 7D is the yes answer, a jump in our suit

**#3 is going to be a little more complex.** The really complex part we are going to save until next month. Let me explain.

Unlike what you have always done with Blackwood and may have been doing with Keycard is that we will not show number of kings. Think about that: Blackwood asks for number of aces, then 5NT asks for number of kings.

With real Keycard, you don’t do that. You have built in responses that allow you to show specific kings, one at a time. Sometimes one specific king will really help but another one will not. This one of the many good reasons why Keycard is such an improvement over old-fashioned Blackwood. You may be saying “too complicated for me” right now. If you want to learn, keep reading.

In this article, we are going to pretend that one king (outside the trump suit) is all that you have and leave the rest until our next article.

#3 says you show your lowest king (today your only king) at the same time that you say, “Yes, I have the trump queen and BTW, I also have the King of Blank.”

It’s really a nice thing. Don’t be too frightened: all will be explained, practiced, repeated, and clear.

First, the ground rule for #3 is that you are saying “Yes, I have the queen of trumps” AND a king is secondary. Without the queen of trumps, we show no kings. Why? Because partner is asking about the queen. You don't answer questions that aren’t asked, because next month you will learn that partner can ask exactly what he needs to know.

We’re going to find out in the next lesson that partner could (if he/she chose to) skip over the “queen ask” and just go into immediately asking you for kings.

We, as responder, have to answer the question that “ASKER” asks. We can’t say, “But I could give you a better answer about kings OR “Never mind that, but let me tell you about my kings!”

Why? Why does it happen this-a-way? The premise of good slam bidding (that KC incorporates) is that you want to have a sufficient number of “keycards” to bid a slam. Sometimes you can do without a keycard, if you have the queen of trumps and you are just contracting for 6.

The asker does the asking and usually becomes the captain. If you want to be the asker, see if you can beat partner to bidding 4NT.

Let’s go back to how to do #3: let’s say our suit is spades.

4NT	5D
5H	6C I have the queen of spades and the king of clubs

With no king of clubs, but the king of diamonds, it would be...

	6D I have the queen of spades and the king of diamonds
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What about the king of hearts? It would be unwieldy and take up a lot of room to bid 6H (with or without the king in clubs or diamonds), wouldn’t it? So...here’s the really hard part: Asker used 5H to ask, and hearts is really the lowest king from that point.

I know, I know, this is really hard, but get over it.

To show the king of hearts and the queen of spades and save all the space you can (which you will need maybe later!), you use 5H to ask What about the king of hearts? So...here’s the really hard part: Asker used 5H to ask, and hearts is really the lowest king from that point. To show the king of hearts and the queen of spades and save all the space you can (which you will need maybe later!), you use 5NT to show the king of hearts. Don’t give up, you’ll get used to this, I promise. You can practice with your patient partners.

Let’s do another example of #3. Hearts are trumps this time.

4NT	5D
5S	5N I have the queen of hearts (trumps) and the king of spades

6C would be heart queen and club king, but no spade king

6D would be heart queen and diamond king, but no spade or club king

See, you deny any lower kings that you skip over

Next I want you to look at some auctions that contain a "queen ask" and tell me what the answer TO THAT QUESTION. Assume that spades have been identified as trumps in the early part of the auction that you don't see here. Take just a few minutes to jot down your answers:

Practice:

1	2	3	4	5	6
4S 4NT	4S 4NT	4S 4NT	4S 4NT	4S 4NT	4S 4NT
5C 5D	5C 5D	5C 5D	5D 5H	5D 5H	5D 5H
5S	6C	6S	5S	6C	6S

For example, your answer to the first one would be....

1. 5S says, "I don't have the queen of spades or unexpected extra length."
2. 6C says, "I have the queen of spades and the king of clubs; I don't have the king of diamonds or hearts or I would have shown them at the 5 level."
3. 6S says, "I have the queen of spades, but no side kings."
4. 5S says, "I don't have the queen of spades or unexpected extra length."
5. 6C says, "I have the queen of spades and I have the king of clubs."
6. 6S says, "I have the queen of spades but no side kings."

Now we have had a little practice asking for KCs (first round over 4NT) and asking for queens when we did not get the queen message in partner's first answer.

Next month, we will tack on the task of "asking for kings" only. It's a great wrinkle!

**Unit 191 Holiday Gala**  
**2018 Annual Meeting, Luncheon**  
**& Unit Championship Game**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
**11:30**

**SHERATON IMPERIAL HOTEL**  
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**NOW**  
**UNTIL 12/2**

**Cost for Lunch and Bridge**  
**Members \$35**  
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**Make a CHECK payable to**  
**Unit 191**  
**Drop it off at**  
**Triangle Bridge Club or**  
**The Bridge Academy**

**Include a slip with your partner's name, indicate Open or 499er game, and if you MUST have a N/S position.**

**Questions?**  
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**Deema@elarus.com**



# The Bridge Academy



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## What's Happening in November!

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.

- Free mini-lessons on Monday at Noon
- Complimentary snacks and refreshments
- Guaranteed partner most games

### Special Events

- Social Duplicate (Wine & Cheese) on Mondays at 6:00 pm (0-100)
- Play & Learn (Barometer 0-500) on Thursdays at 12:30 pm
- Swiss Teams on Sunday, November 25 at 1 pm
- Workshops

November 6– Inferences and Assumptions

November 17– Lebensohl

November 27– Bidding Traps

### Regular Games

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

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

Thursdays - Stratified Open Pairs at 12:30 pm

Fridays - Stratified Open Pairs at 12:30 pm



Henry Meguid is honored as Teacher of the Year by the ABTA, Congratulations Henry!!



## Assumptions, Inferences & Conclusions

Analytical thinking is a key ingredient in improving your game. Inferences can be both positive or negative. They are based upon what your partner and the opponents bid and play. Assuming their actions are logical which may not always be the case, you can infer what they may have and what action you should take. Winning players have learned to draw correct inferences most of the time. In this workshop, participants will learn how to draw these inferences from bidding, play, leads, and defense.

**Instructor – Henry Meguid**

**Date Tuesday, November 6**

**Time – 9-noon - \$30 – walk-ins \$35**

**Deadline - October 30**

## Lebensohl Convention

In modern duplicate bridge, opponents routinely interfere with NT opening bids using a variety of conventions. How does the NT bidding pair deal with the interference? Simple systems, such as Stolen Bid doubles, have their limitations. The Lebensohl convention is a comprehensive approach for the NT bidding pair to communicate their hands and find their best contract in the face of opponents' interference. This workshop will present Lebensohl in a straight-forward way that will allow pairs to adopt it for use quickly. Knowledge of the Lebensohl Convention for NT interference is essential for a future workshop on using Lebensohl over an opponent's 2-level preemptive bid and for responding to partner's Reverse.

**Instructor – Marc Goldberg**

**Date - Friday, November 16**

**Time – 9-noon - \$30 – walk-ins \$35**

**Deadline – November 9**

## Traps to avoid when you are the Opening Bidder

Experienced players know their bidding system, they also develop the knowledge of not only what to open, but what to rebid. They can differentiate between forcing and non-forcing bids, between passing and bidding in both non-competitive and competitive auctions. They strive to always show their hand strength and shape with every action they take during the auction. In this workshop, participants will examine these bidding traps to improve their bidding skills and fine-tuned their partnership understanding.

**Instructor – Henry Meguid**

**Date - Tuesday, November 27**

**Time – 9-noon - \$30 – walk-ins \$35**

**Deadline – October 30**

## Dynamic Defensive Signals

Undoubtedly defense is the most challenging aspect of the game because the defenders need to be on the same wave-length when interpreting defensive signals. These include attitude, count, suit preference and discards. However, these signals are dynamic, their meaning changes during the course of defense. In this workshop participants will examine these signals and understand how to use them effectively to send the most relevant message to their partner.

**Instructor—Henry Meguid**

**Date—Tuesday, December 11**

**Time—9—noon—\$30**

**Walk-ins—\$35**

**Deadline—December 4**



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# Beware of Declarers Who Watch Your Cards

*By Randy Joyce*

At the recent Raleigh sectional, **Kay Joyce** held the following hand:

**S AQ73**

**H K8**

**D K4**

**C QJ964**

We play a Weak NT (11-14), so Kay opened 1 Club, planning to rebid 1NT showing 15-17. I responded 1 Heart, and she rebid 1NT, showing the aforementioned 15-17. I raised to 3NT. She received the Diamond 2 as her opening lead and was greeted with the following dummy:

**S T5**

**H QJ95**

**D A9753**

**C K7**

You might ask why I skipped over the Diamond suit and responded 1 Heart. At Pairs, Majors and NT are the names of the game. As Kay tells her beginners, Clubs are for the golf bag, and Diamonds are for your finger. You should bid Diamonds in precedence over bidding a major only if you have a two-bid hand over a minimum response by partner. By 2-bid, I mean a hand with opening bid strength and at least 5 Diamonds. That way, when you subsequently bid a major, partner will know that you have at least 5 Diamonds, four of the major, and game forcing points.

S T5

H QJ95

D A9753

C K7

S K42

H 73

D Qt82

C T832

S J986

H AT642

D J6

C A5

S AQ73

H K8

D K4

C QJ964

Here is the whole deal. The 2 of Diamonds lead went to the J and Kay's King. She led a Club to the King and her RHO led back the 8 of Spades. This turned out to be a fateful spot. Kay ducked the Spade and the King won on her left. LHO led the 4 of Spades present count and RHO contributed the J on the Ten. Kay next tried the Heart K and RHO won this to return the Club 5.

Kay tried the Q & J of Clubs as RHO pitched a low Heart. When the Q & J of clubs failed to run the suit it looked like she was almost out of strings in her bow. The point of this article is to show you when things look bleak, you must try extra hard to find a way to get the job done. Good Dogs are never given to quitters.

Kay reasoned that RHO was 2-2 in Diamonds and Clubs, leaving 5-4 in the majors. She cashed the QJ of Hearts confirming the count. On this trick Kay pitched a Club. Then she cashed the Diamond A and threw RHO in with his last Heart. Remember, he had to pitch one on the Clubs. RHO was down to the 9 & 6 of Spades and Kay had the A & 7. When he exited with the Spade 6, Kay calmly stuck in the 7 and had her game going trick!

# The Bridge Academy

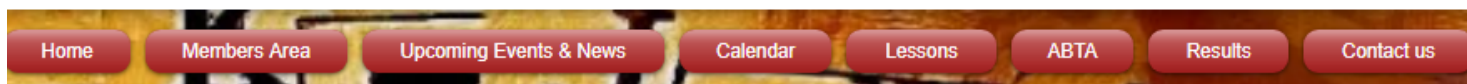


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## UNIT 191 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Joyce Jenzano** and **Phylliss Woody**, have proposed the following slate of candidates be recommended to fill the board vacancies at the end of the term. Their bios and photos are listed:



### Experience

1968 certified director  
Mid 1970's owned a bridge club  
1972 member of unit 141 board for 23 years  
1995 member emeritus of unit 141 for life I am old  
1980-81 president unit 141  
1982-1990 treasurer of unit 141  
1988 president district 4  
2003-2016 district director district 4  
2008-2010 treasurer of ACBL  
2011 president ACBL  
2016 treasurer district 7

Craig Robinson

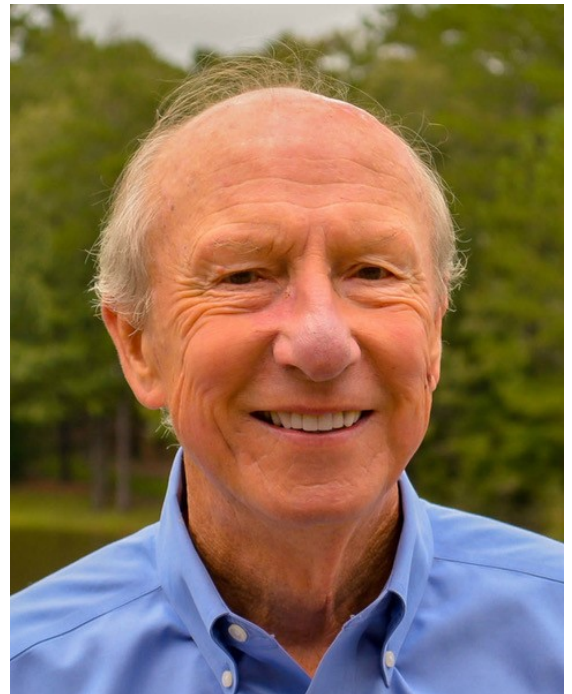
For recreation I play golf and bridge, similar games in many ways. I've played golf for 50 years, bridge for 10. I'm way better at golf. I like to learn new things – that's why I became a club level bridge director 3 years ago. My goal is to continue to improve as player and director.

I attended Seton Hall Prep and New Jersey Institute of Technology, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

The sales engineering firm I co-founded in 1969 sold process equipment, mainly to the food and chemical industries, in the metro New York area. I sold the business after 35 enjoyable years and moved to Chapel Hill.

Elizabeth and I have been married 55 years. We have a son in Chapel Hill, another in Charlotte - five grandchildren.

I look forward to serving you on the Board of Unit 191.



Ray McEntee

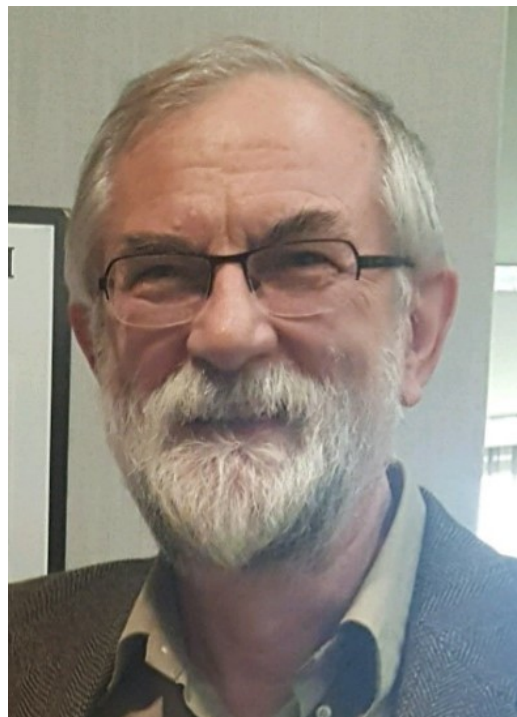


I am a professor of physics emeritus at UNC and faculty advisor

to the UNC Bridge Club. I served on the Unit Board for the last three years. I learned to play bridge at home as a kid.

I bid too much ever since. I intend to continue to work on attracting players of all ages to my favorite game.

### Hugon Karwowski



**Marian Meyer**

50 years ago I was asked to be a 4<sup>th</sup> for bridge by three desperate chemistry students working late at the lab. I was hooked on bridge. Life intervened with a career, marriage (one of the chemistry students), several moves, two daughters, lots of volunteer work, and 2 grandchildren.

I had the opportunity to learn about the “new bridge” from Harrison Brooke at the Chapel Hill Senior Center and to connect with the wonderful, challenging and sometimes totally maddening game of duplicate bridge. I have enjoyed the opportunity to play with some players and teachers who are very skilled and are willing to share their expertise with a novice. Thank you to my fellow players for your patience, kindness and your interest in improving the game, it is contagious. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to share the game with my husband. Together we have tried to follow the examples of the best of you as we try to improve our game.

As with all organized games, there is always an opportunity to give back and support the game of bridge. When asked to allow my nomination to go forward, I pondered and then decided this was a way I could support the game and try to be an active and supportive member of the ACBL.

I am a retired nurse anesthetist. My husband, Tony Meyer, is the former chair of surgery at UNC, so you may hear us say on occasion, “This is bridge and not life or death.” Sometimes we need to say that to remind ourselves when we have blundered; it only feels like we have been in a deadly struggle.

Charity GNT Fund Club Membership GNT Swiss Unit Championship Club Championship

Triangle Bridge November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> Eight is Enough Swiss 2:00 PM	<b>5</b> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	<b>6</b> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	<b>7</b> 9:30 no game 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	<b>8</b> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs Bright Leaf Sectional 7:00 Open Swiss	<b>9</b> Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs	<b>10</b> Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs
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# Triangle Bridge Club

## Upcoming Events November 2018

### **North American Pairs District Finals**

Flight C players can play the 2 session District Final here locally on Sunday, November 11th at 10:00 am.

### **Brightleaf Fall Sectional November 8-11**

#### **Classes:**

Triangle Bridge actively supports the development and advancement of all players.

The next class SPECIALIZED BIDS will begin Thursday November 8th and 15th at 10:00 am and the cost is \$54.

This class is for players of all abilities.

Please see our website at [www.trianglebridgeclub.net](http://www.trianglebridgeclub.net) for additional information

**Please note there will be no Wednesday morning game until further notice and John's Wednesday afternoon game will start at 12:30 effective November 7th**

**Unit Championship Week November 26—December 1**

**Please join us for friendly competition at its best.**

**Questions: contact Chris at (504) 495—7485 or [trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com)**



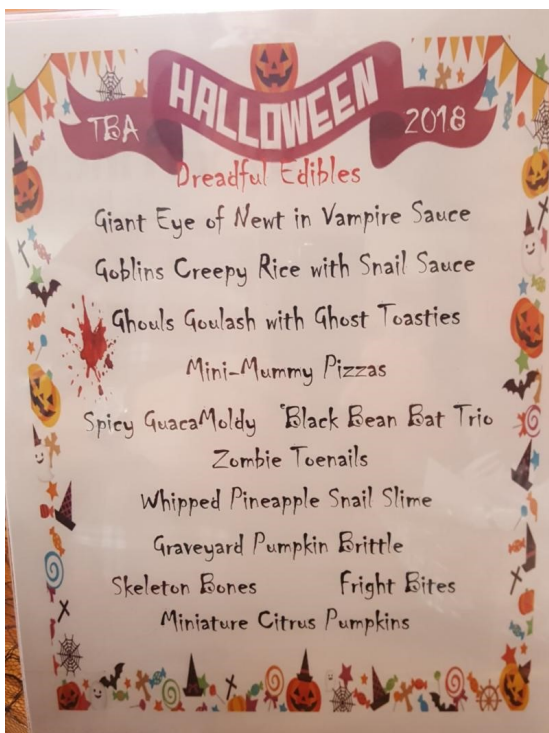
Some very famous—and not so famous—people showed up to play at Triangle on Halloween —shown above—Prince and a mountain climber from Tibet—Miss Senior North Carolina for 2018—and Maleficent, from Snow White. A fun day for the Instant Matchpoint game.

# HALLOWEEN AT THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

This year's Halloween Party was lots of fun with many of our members dressed up in many creative costumes such as fifty shades of grey (**Valerie Zentil**) and a fork in the road (**Bobbie Pinkerton**) Batman and Robin (**Joe Haseman and Larry Kupper**), Nefertiti (**Phyllis Fuller**), Spider Woman, the Lone Ranger (**David Neal**) and many strange looking witches, not to mention the 2018 Miss Senior USA (**Lila Berry**).

## The Tooth Ferry Wins the 2018 Best Costume

Our Unit President **Ed Fuller** won the Best Costume Contest and is seen below extracting his partner **Dixie Hapgood's** tooth and tongue for overbidding, despite our zero-tolerance policy!



**"Dreadful Edibles"** was the creative theme of this Halloween's menu created by The Bridge Academy Angels, **Robin Marin, Holly Spencer** (shown on the right), and **Audrey Crosby**.

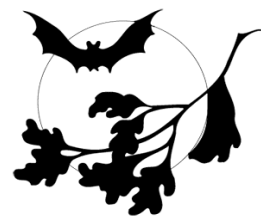




# Halloween



**Congratulations to all winners!**  
 Open - **Murthy Ayyagari - Hsun-Kang Su**  
 B - **Laverne Burch - Kay Richardson**  
 C - **Linda Clayton - Peggy Oliver**



Bottom—Joe and Larry were the runner-up for the third year—shown here from saving Linda Clayton from bidding an unbid-dable slam. This is how Skip Riva reacts to his partner when passing a forcing bid.

