

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...



Unit 191 Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala

It's time to celebrate! Join us for a day of fellowship, good food and bridge at the Unit 191 Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala – Sunday, December 9th, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Blvd., Research Triangle Park.

Make your reservations [here](#). Choose your luncheon selection [here](#). Do you **have diet restrictions** (vegetarian, gluten free, etc.) or **need a partner**? Contact Deanna Larus at [<deanna@elarus.com>](mailto:deanna@elarus.com) or [\(919\) 656-9666](tel:9196569666). Deanna will do her best to accommodate you.

Unit 191 Championship Week

The Unit 191 Championships are underway! Play at least twice to win. Winners – the players in both the OPEN and 499er strata with the highest average of their two top games – will receive \$100 in gift certificates. Play in the Holiday Gala game to **receive a bonus percentage** for your highest average. Details of the competition are [here](#). The daily Leader Board is [here](#). [To see previous results append the date to the file name (e.g. "_11-27" to see the results on Nov. 27th).] Many thanks to board member John Schachte for organizing this year's competition. Contact him at [<jschachte@att.net>](mailto:jschachte@att.net) or [\(919\) 616-0309](tel:9196160309) with questions.

Unit 191 Survey of Members

Thank you for your input! We have had an overwhelming response to the unit questionnaire on how the Unit Board can enhance your enjoyment of bridge. Based on the results the board is supporting a lecture series next year. More details to come at the Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala. The survey also suggests other things to be done, which will be considered next year. The survey results will be available later this month on the unit's website. Many

thanks to board member **Mariée Walton** for conducting the survey and compiling the results.



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 ♦ Q75
 ♣ AKT9764
 ♠ J82
 ♥ AKT63
 ♦ K84
 ♣ J2
 ♠ AT7543
 ♥ QJ9
 ♦ A93
 ♣ 5

Double Dummy Hand

As many of you know, I love puzzles and brain twisters. The classic puzzle in bridge is a Double Dummy problem – a bridge hand where you are to make a given contract seeing all four hands. I'll end the year with a double dummy hand I stumbled upon many years ago. It is from Frank Stewart's *Bridge* column, but was also in his colleague Alfred Sheinwold's files.

The contract is 6♠. Decide how you would win 12 tricks after West leads the king of hearts.

The answer will be in January's Bright Leaf Alert newsletter.

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Best %</u>	<u>2ndBest %</u>		<u>Best2Avg</u>
1	Craig	Robinson	74.70	68.47	3	71.585
2	Pearl	Schechter	74.43	65.71	3	70.070
3	Randy	Joyce	74.70	65.22	2	69.960
4	Hsun-Kang	Su	69.71	68.47	2	69.090
5	Morton	Stromberg	73.38	63.89	3	68.635
6	Thomas	Roberg	73.38	57.14	4	65.260
7	James	Cunningham	74.43	53.37	3	63.900
8	Carole	Stromberg	63.89	63.89	2	63.890
9	Jennie	Robinson	68.15	55.13	3	61.640
10	Erlinda	Wehrman	65.71	57.14	3	61.425
11	Edwin	Fuller Jr	62.69	59.94	3	61.315
12	Elaine	Landow	64.29	56.73	2	60.510
13	Kay	Joyce	64.29	56.41	2	60.350
14	Barbara	Martin	63.78	56.41	2	60.095
15	Maggie	Lindquist	62.00	55.36	2	58.680
16	Nancy	Crow	65.22	51.49	2	58.355
17	Paul	Williams	61.31	55.14	3	58.225
18	Ian	Cloudsdale	59.23	55.61	2	57.420
19	Melanie	Riva	63.78	49.36	4	56.570
20	Suzanne	Goldberg	57.14	55.65	3	56.395
21	Rosalyn	Katz	59.94	51.94	3	55.940
22	William	McCartney	56.94	54.55	5	55.745
23	John	Schachte	56.94	54.55	4	55.745
24	Claire	Sobel	62.69	47.22	3	54.955
25	Max	Vickerson	62.29	47.22	2	54.760

The race is "heating" up for the winner of the unit championship. As of November 29, there have been 3 pairs who have played with 70% games!!! Those scores may be difficult to surpass, but don't give up, there is plenty of time remaining to give it a try. Plus, you get an extra bonus added to your score if you are playing at the gala game. **John Schachte** has organized the event this year and secured prizes of \$100 in gift certificates for the overall winner in the open and 0-499 events. The leader-board is posted each day on the website and at the individual clubs. The highest average of your two best scores are used for the rankings.

Leaders thus far are:

Open—leaders on the left

0-499—leaders may be found on the next page

499er Leaders

	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Best %</u>	<u>2ndBest %</u>		<u>Best2Avg</u>
1	Karen	Brown	65	54.43	2	59.715
2	Fran	Westmoreland	65.5	50.90	2	58.200
3	Bette	Harrington	60.35	54.03	2	57.190
4	Darcus	Woody	57.5	54.02	2	55.760
5	Russell	Schoudt	55.42	53.37	2	54.395
6	Mark	Webbink	55.42	53.37	2	54.395
7	Phylliss	Woody	62	45.97	3	53.985
8	Betsy	Mangum	52.64	52.50	3	52.570
9	Dean	Shangler	57.36	45.51	2	51.435
10	Sandra	Irby	53.76	48.5	3	51.130
11	Carol	Garbutt	55.87	45.42	2	50.645
12	Sherry	Wogen	52.46	48.40	2	50.430
13	Warren	Wogen	52.46	48.40	2	50.430
14	Joanna	Karwowska	54.73	44.07	2	49.400
15	Mary	Tate	52.5	46.22	2	49.360
16	John	Westmoreland	53.13	44.50	2	48.815
17	Beth	Trimm	54.4	42.86	2	48.630
18	Marguerite	Wilkinson	54.4	42.86	2	48.630
19	Ava	Nackman	50.16	46.53	3	48.345
20	Lee	Nackman	50.16	46.53	3	48.345
21	Jean	Waldo	48.5	48.07	2	48.285
22	Susan	Korn	53.88	42.50	2	48.190
23	Janet	Strope	53.66	42.61	3	48.135
24	Jayne	Bremer	55.5	40.04	2	47.770
25	Ann	Vaughan	53.66	39.17	2	46.415

Check the website daily for your progress and others.

Remember, if you are only checking the website for game results, you are missing out on valuable information regarding our unit. Ed Fuller, Webmaster, keeps the site current and continuously posts board happenings, club events, lessons, tournament information and upcoming important dates. CHECK IT OUT!!!!

THE LEARNING SPOT

Focused on Newer Players

On Saturday mornings beginning December 1, we will start a series for beginners, adapted from the Learn Bridge in a Day series. Begin fun low-key lessons 9:30 to 12:00 at Triangle Bridge. First one half hour repeats the highlights of the previous week's lesson in case you missed it. New material starting at 10:00. \$20 for the manual, \$12 for each lesson and handouts.

In 2019, we will look to start developing NC Game Spot at The Farm at Lowes Grove. The Game Spot will be a great place to hang out, have a beer, and play some cards. Stay tuned for more details about The Game Spot.

Email or call **Jeff Boak** for questions. jeffboak@gmail.com - 919-423-7107



MENTOR/MENTEE GAME IN NOVEMBER

Henry Meguid presented an interesting lesson on the use of New Minor Forcing at the recent Mentor/Mentee game held on November 13.



Winners at the game were **Kay Richardson** and **Anne Fishel**

Well done and Congratulations!



The Bridge Academy



www.bridgeacademync.com

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
26 ● 12pm Mini-lesson ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 2 more	27 ● 9am Workshop Bidding Tra ● 12pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	28 ● 9am Workshops Bidding Tr ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	29 ● 12pm Barometer 500	30 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O
3 ● 12pm Mini-lesson ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 2 more	4 ● 12pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	5 ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	6 ● 12pm Barometer 500	7 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O
10 ● 12pm Mini-lesson ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 2 more	11 ● 10am Workshop Dynamic ● 12pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	12 ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	13 ● 12pm Barometer 500	14 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O
17 ● 11am Holiday Party & Gam ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs 2 more	18 ● 12pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	19 ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	20 ● 12pm Barometer 500	21 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O
24 Christmas Eve ● 12pm Mini-lesson ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	25 Christmas Day	26 ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	27 ● 12pm No Barometer Game	28 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O
31 New Year's Eve ● 12pm Mini-lesson 3 more	Jan 1 New Year's Day ● 12pm 0-500 Stratified Pairs	2 ● 12:30pm 0-300 Pairs ● 12:30pm Stratified Open Pa	3 ● 12pm Barometer 500	4 ● 12:30pm 0-500 Pairs ● 12:30pm DCBC Stratified O



New 0-500 Game Off To A Great Start



The Bridge Academy new Tuesday 0-500 game at noon is off to a great start with eight tables competing for the Unit 191 Championship.

Congratulations to the overall winners:

1. John Bohannon - Thomas Walton
2. Bette Harrington - Daniel Fox
3. Helen Prato - Renee Getz
4. Karen Brown - Trena Corey
5. Michael Schlessinger - Sandra Irby

[Click here to view all the results](#)

The game starts at noon to avoid the heavy afternoon traffic.

See You Next Tuesday

Triangle Bridge Club

Upcoming Events December 2018

Please save the date:

Triangle Bridge Christmas Party—Tuesday December 4

Tar Heel Bridge Christmas Party—Friday December 7

Unit Championship Week—November 26-December 1 now has final 2 sessions on Saturday December 8—9:30Am and Sunday at the Gala

Mentor Mentee game is Tuesday December 11th

Eight is Enough Swiss Sunday December 16th 2:00PM

Please see our website at www.trianglebridgeclub.net for additional information

GNT Swiss qualification:

Monday December 10th and Wednesday December 5th and December 19th at 7:00PM

Happy Holidays and safe travels to all

Midnight in Mumbai Monday December 31

Potluck 12:00 and our last session of 2018 at 12:30PM

Please join us for friendly competition at its best

Questions: contact Chris Moll (504) 495-7485 or trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

TRIANGLE BRIDGE DECEMBER 2018

						<u>1</u> 9:30 Open Pairs <u>9:30 0-2500 Play</u> <u>& Review</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs <u>7:00 Open Pairs</u>	<u>4</u> 12:00 Holiday Party Lunch 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	<u>5</u> 9:30 no game 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	<u>6</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	<u>7</u> 11:45 Holiday Party Lunch 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	<u>8</u> 9:30 Open Pairs <u>9:30 0-2500 Play</u> <u>& Review</u>
<u>9</u> Unit Gala Sheraton 11:30 AM	<u>10</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs <u>7:00 Open Swiss</u>	<u>11</u> 12:30 Mentor Mentee 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	<u>12</u> 9:30 no game 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	<u>13</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	<u>14</u> 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	<u>15</u> 9:30 Open Pairs <u>9:30 0-2500 Play</u> <u>& Review</u>
<u>16</u> Eight is Enough Swiss 2:00 PM	<u>17</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs <u>7:00 Open Pairs</u>	<u>18</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	<u>19</u> 9:30 no game 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	<u>20</u> 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	<u>21</u> 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	<u>22</u> 9:30 Open Pairs <u>9:30 0-2500 Play</u> <u>& Review</u> <u>(CONTINUED)</u>

<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p>12:30 Open Pairs</p> <p>12:30 0-750 Pairs</p> <p>7:00 no game</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>Merry Christmas (club closed)</p>	<p><u>26</u></p> <p>9:30 no game</p> <p>12:30 Open Pairs</p> <p>7:00 Open Pairs</p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>12:30 Open Pairs</p> <p>12:30 0-1000 Pairs</p>	<p><u>28</u></p> <p>12:20 Open Pairs</p> <p>12:20 0-500 Pairs</p>	<p><u>29</u></p> <p>9:30 Open Pairs</p> <p>9:30 0-2500 Play</p> <hr/> <p>& Review</p>
<p><u>30</u></p>	<p><u>31</u> <u>Midnight in Mumbai</u></p> <p>12:00 Potluck</p> <p>12:30 Open Game</p> <p>7:00 no game</p>	<p>STAC week</p> <p>Unit Championship</p> <p>Club Membership</p> <p>District 7 Charity 12/3-6</p> <p>ACBL International Fund</p> <p>GNT Swiss Charity</p> <p>Club Championship</p>				

In Unit 191, we are fortunate to have many opportunities to play bridge and especially to have many games with holiday parties to celebrate. In addition to the annual gala, **Triangle** is having a holiday party on Tuesday, December 4; **Tarheel Bridge Club** has its holiday event on Friday, December 7; and **The Bridge Academy** is hosting a holiday fest on Monday, December 17. It's always enjoyable to share the holiday spirit with our fellow bridge players, so plan to attend all the holiday affairs and join in the fun.

There are many people who make all these activities happen, and a huge thank you to:

Club owners

All directors

Those who prepare food to make each game/event special

Those who faithfully clean up after each game

Teachers

Please take a second and make an effort to thank any or all of the above. We too often take for granted all these things just happen. We more than appreciate all of you!!!



I wish to thank all contributors who faithfully submit articles for the Alert—especially **Randy and Kay Joyce**, who provide our unit with excellent articles, not only for improving our skills, but for good reading. Enjoy the season!!

Barbara Martin, Alert Editor