

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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from the president ...

Many thanks Unit 191 members for your Outstanding Hospitality

Your hospitality to visiting players at our Unit 191 Summer Sectional last month was outstanding. Many visiting players commented to me about your extraordinary hospitality. Many thanks for all the delicious food donations, the financial donations, and the cooking, baking, shopping, and setting up!

Special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for their hard work.

Many Thanks to the Alert Editor, Barbara Martin

I have spent time this summer playing bridge at clubs down on the coast. Several players – not in our unit – commented to me how much they look forward to receiving the Bright Leaf Alert Newsletter each month. We are very fortunate to have as our editor, Barbara Martin, who makes this happen. Her job many times – or maybe most of the time – is like herding cats. Thank you, Barbara!

The current issue is posted on the unit website at <http://unit191bridge.org>.

Youth Bridge Camp

Maggie Lindquist and I held Youth Bridge Camp again this summer at Durham Academy. As always, it was a pleasure watching these fervent kids learning various aspects of this wonderful game of bridge. Our kids were quick to learn the power of having

your long suit as the trump suit. However, they were somewhat slower to learn the power of having high cards to go along with your long suit. One student learned this lesson well when he went down four, doubled, at four diamonds for -1100. Another instance caused embarrassment to a student when an opponent told her they could see her cards in her glasses.

Unit 191 Donations to Charities

The Friday and Saturday afternoon games at our unit sectionals are Regionally-rated, which means **extra Silver matchpoints** for the winners. The extra dollar per player in entry fee, which is charged for these games, is donated to charity. The funds from one game are donated to an ACBL charity. The funds from the other game are donated to a local charity. This summer the Unit 191 Board designated the Bridge Education for Youth Association, a local charity supporting youth bridge education in our unit, as the local charity.

SAVE THE DATE: September 15

Unit 191 will host a unit championship in **Celebration of the Life of Harrison Brooke** on Sunday, September 15th. Harrison, a long-time member and pillar of Unit 191, passed away on July 2, 2019. Game time is 2:00 p.m. Pizza and pre-game celebrations are at 1:30 p.m. All for the old-timer price of only \$3. Bring pictures, stories and yourself to celebrate Harrison. See flyer below in the Alert for details.

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President

Do You Know What I Know? #5

An Uncommon Auction Has a Valuable Meaning

By: Randy Joyce

Everyone knows that an auction of 1 Club -P-1H-P-2NT means that opener has 18-19 points, no shortness, and fewer than 4 Hearts. What does the auction 1 Club - P -1H - P - 3NT mean to you? Many newcomers as a kneejerk reaction say that it must mean more points, maybe 20 or 21.

Why would you not open 2NT? When pressed, they might say that perhaps you want to be in game no matter what partner's responding hand might be. That is not giving your partner enough credit to raise you to game when he has an attractive 6 points up to about 10 or 11 and letting him pass with a wretched 5 points or so that he only bid on to get you out of 1 Club.

A jump to 3NT after a 1 level opener and a response shows that opener has a long, strong suit and some controls on the side. Who sez? I'm letting you in on some of my secrets. See, I've read about, even studied bridge for a lot of years, and I'm sharing some of the nuggets you might not play in this series of articles. Hopefully, you will benefit.

There's always that old bugaboo about, "what if my partner doesn't know this treatment?" You must share, and say this is a new thing that I want to play. That's how we learn and upgrade our games to a closer level toward expert community practice

An example hand would be: S--- Axx

H--- x

D--- Qx

C--- AKQTxxx

You open 1 Club and partner bids 1 Heart. I have run into too many players who would bid only 3 Clubs on this hand and would sadly lament missing a game when partner passed and showered down with QJx, JT9xx, Qxx, xx.

It is not partner's responsibility to get you to game with the example hand. It is yours. You have to be proactive on hands of this sort, not only at pairs scoring, but especially in team games. Highlight the last part of that statement. For those of you who infrequently play in team games, remember that the scoring tables richly reward those who take a chance on a game contract. Also remember that it is a lot easier to take 9 tricks than 11.

Let's carry our new found tool one step further. What happens if partner holds a good hand? I know that never happens to you, but humor me for a moment. How does partner get you on board that he might have what it takes to make a slam? A good way to start is to simply raise your suit at the four level.

It would make no sense for partner to remove you from a reasonable play chance at a 3NT contract to get two tricks higher in a so-so 5 Club contract, unless he is interested in frying bigger fish. By raising your suit, partner should send the message that he thinks that maybe you have a slam and let's have a discussion about losers. You should cue bid an outside Ace if you have one and should retreat to 4NT if you don't. Four notrump should be the, "I don't think so this time" answer to responder's probe.

Let's give partner an example hand that he might hold to be interested in slam opposite your hand in the diagram.

S--- KQx

H---Axxxx

D---Axx

C---Jx

The bid of 4 Clubs sets trumps and invites a cue bid. You would cue bid the A of Spades and partner would bid Blackwood. After you respond 3 Key Cards (5 Diamonds), then partner could ask for the K of Hearts with a 5 Heart bid. 6 Clubs would deny the Heart K. Partner could either pass or try 6NT.

The use of 1m P 1M P 3NT will not be a frequent visitor to your bidding arsenal, but it will be a very valuable tool when it does arise. Once you use it a time or two, it's not hard to remember. Nothing else is logical for the 3NT: you already had your notrump ranges in place, and this describes the hand that is bigger or more powerful than a 3C rebid.

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Harrison Brooke

Harrison Brooke, one of the original Unit 191 Hall of Famers, passed away earlier this month. I thought I should write about him, because many of our present players did not know him. Harrison served on the unit board – usually as an officer – from (at least) 1990 (when I moved to Chapel Hill) to beyond 2010. I did not know Harrison well enough to write in full about his contributions to our unit, but I can tell some stories that illustrate the things about him that I will remember.

My recollection of Harrison will always start with his particular persona: always correct and measured in speech, in writing, and in personal appearance. He normally wore a jacket and tie. Colors were coordinated, buttons were buttoned, and no strand of hair was misplaced. He spoke and wrote like a gentleman of 150 years ago, never starting a sentence without knowing just how it would finish. I found an email he sent me in 2010. It starts:

Good morning John,

Some weeks ago, I asked if I might contact you about a problem I'm trying to address and you were kind to agree.

Another email starts:

John, you raise some interesting points which I hadn't considered when I...

I hope these samples convey the deliberate tone of his writing, even when writing an email. He spoke the same way. Simple words, now a remembrance.

Harrison was known for his Yorkshire Terriers – small elegant dogs that he sometimes brought with him to bridge. I think his Yorkies were smaller than the standard; as I recall you could hold one in your hand without much spill-over. His auto license plate celebrated his hobby, but unfortunately other fanciers had gotten there first, and he was left with “YOURKEYS.” For a long time, I thought Harrison had a locksmith connection. It was the only area of his life I know of where things were not letter-perfect.

Around 2003, I took over directing duties at the Durham Bridge Club. The club had a long tradition, dating back to the 1930s. Harrison was a member of its 9-person Board of Directors. When I started directing I also assumed the duties of Treasurer. I opened a Durham Bridge Club checking account at the credit union where I do my banking. The CU wanted a lot of paperwork to open a completely separate account: tax numbers and status certifications, plus signatures of at least three board members. It seemed unlikely that the Board would be able to provide these things, and I lazily started the account under my personal one at the CU – a separate account, but not strictly correct. (The DBC Directors at the time were not well organized, and I did not think it my job to organize it.)

When players paid for entries by check, the CU told me not to have the checks made to Durham Bridge Club, but to me. Harrison noticed this, and saw the possibility of malfeasance on my part. He sent me an email asking for a Treasurer's report; I delivered the report to a rather tense audience of Harrison and several other Board members. The money was all there and had never mixed with my personal accounts, and I was able to show this.

(In fact, the club's balance increased every year.) Harrison send me a gracious email, thanking me for not "shooting the messenger."

For as long as I knew him, Harrison was known for visiting and keeping up with bridge players in poor health. He and my late wife, Sue, were not close (Harrison engineered a coup in 1995 or so, sending her from Unit president to off the Board) but he came to see her more than once, when her cancer threatened her. He provided get-well cards for sick players, for the rest of us to sign.

As he himself might have said, we will not soon again see his like.



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4 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams	5 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	6 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	7 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	8 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs Future Life Master Sectional 7:00 Pairs	9 12:20 Open Pairs Future Life Master Sectional 10:00 Pairs 2:30 Pairs	10 9:30 Open Pairs Future Life Master Sectional 10:00 Pairs 2:30 Pairs
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Triangle Bridge Club

Summer Future Life Master Sectional

August 8-11, 2019



Thurs, August 8 7:00pm

Stratified Pairs: 0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM <500)

Fri & Sat, August 9-10 10am and ** 2:30pm**

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

0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM <500)

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



Sun, August 11 10:00 am and TBA

Stratified Swiss

0-NLM (0-100, 100-300, 300-NLM <500)

Play through with lunch included



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UNIT 191's Top Ten

Bright Leaf Sectional

1. Chris Moll	49.36
2. Craig Robinson	46.95
3. B. Wayne Stuart	46.12
4. Jui Wang	36.72
5/6 Randy/Kay Joyce	36.40
7. Howard Su	23.08
8. Elaine Landow	17.16
9. Rose Meltzer	13.73
10. Barbara Martin	10.65

Congratulations to **Chris Moll**—winner of the Hugo Germino award—highest % playing with at least 2 partners. Chris's name will be added to the plaque of previous winners. Well done!



UNIT 191 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

in celebration of the life of Harrison Brooke,
Unit 191 Hall of Fame

Sunday, September 15, 2019

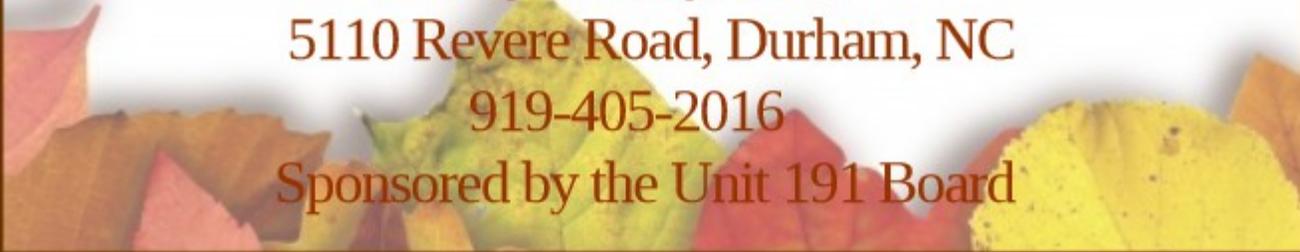
1:30 Pizza and 2:00 Game

Old Timer's price: \$3



Please join us to celebrate the life of Harrison Brooke, recently departed July 2, 2019. Harrison was a force in our unit for over 50 years, establishing our unit directory and the Gala. He directed games, taught classes, served on the Unit board, and was a true gentleman. Please bring pictures and stories!

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Unit 191 Master Point Leaders for Calendar Year 2019

The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney standings below cover the calendar year 2019 and show the total ACBL master points recorded for the individuals listed. Everyone is shown for the master point range (not rank) in which they stood as of 12/31/2018. Since then, many of those listed have advanced to the next rank. Ace of Clubs points are those won at the club level only and include those won at clubs in Unit 191 as well as those won at other ACBL sanctioned clubs. The Mini-McKenney points are those won in all ACBL sanctioned events.

Ace Of Clubs		<u>500-1000</u>		Mini-McKenney		<u>500-1000</u>	
<u>0-5</u>		Larry Kupper	65.44	<u>0-5</u>		William McCartney	108.89
Stacey Rader	10.60	Howard Hochman	59.84	Stacey Rader	14.57	Eric Hamilton	88.34
Michele Smith	8.26	Jennie Robinson	55.26	Michele Smith	8.26	Ian Cloudsdale	84.60
Janet Broughton	5.01	<u>Ba1000-1500</u>		Beverly Dugan	5.58	<u>Ba1000-1500</u>	
<u>5-20</u>		Paul Williams	68.78	<u>5-20</u>		Carol Grizzard	186.88
Bayard Atwood	12.46	Barry Buehler	67.98	Sharon Updike	13.07	Barry Buehler	72.45
Nina Wallace	9.04	Carol Grizzard	60.02	Bayard Atwood	12.46	Paul Williams	71.12
Sharon Updike	8.87	<u>1500-2500</u>		Nina Wallace	9.68	<u>1500-2500</u>	
<u>20-50</u>		Victor Riva	101.78	<u>20-50</u>		Victor Riva	127.94
Diana Eastwood	15.30	Melanie Riva	93.80	Diana Eastwood	25.89	Deanna Larus	122.27
Jack McCann	11.90	Kathy Newman	87.87	Jim Leak	13.50	Melanie Riva	119.26
Jim Leak	10.64	<u>2500-3500</u>		C. Randolph Bock	12.87	<u>2500-3500</u>	
<u>50-100</u>		Thomas Roberg	189.05	<u>50-100</u>		Thomas Roberg	223.94
Larry Stanczyk	24.39	James Cunningham	96.93	Larry Stanczyk	45.09	Joy McKenzie-Smith	196.13
Lori Scanga	23.40	Erlinda Wehrman	80.03	Gerri Staczyk	41.33	Peter Adler	121.07
Gerri Staczyk	22.11	<u>3500-5000</u>		Lori Scanga	39.95	<u>3500-5000</u>	
<u>100-200</u>		Morton Stromberg	135.09	<u>100-200</u>		Morton Stromberg	145.98
Tony Meyer	31.45	Pearl Schechter	73.88	Shengding Sunr	43.23	Pearl Schechter	95.49
Russell Schoudt	20.50	John Torrey	56.68	Tony Meyer	42.68	John Torrey	84.52
Herbert Fussman	20.26	<u>5000-7500</u>		Mary Ferguson	29.20	<u>5000-7500</u>	
<u>200-300</u>		Mary Vickers	19.09	<u>200-300</u>		Mary Vickers	62.76
Marian Meyer	43.02	<u>7500-10000</u>		Marian Meyer	55.05	<u>7500-10000</u>	
Sherry Wogen	41.15	Elaine Landow	63.08	Alice Hughley	51.13	Elaine Landow	177.42
Warren Wogen	41.15	Wayne Stuart	23.32	Beverly Craig	45.00	Wayne Stuart	122.00
<u>300-500</u>		<u>10000+</u>		<u>300-500</u>		<u>10000+</u>	
Michael Mendelsohn	95.16	Craig Robinson	141.70	Michael Mendelsohn	184.94	Josef Blass	541.75
Mariee Walton	43.80	Kay Joyce	124.70	Mariee Walton	109.48	Kay Joyce	509.25
Carol Skowvron	34.80	Chris Moll	86.38	Leslie Blair	100.00	Jacek Pszczola	492.92



TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB

August 2019 NEWS

Play early, late, and often!

August brings us a Future Life Master tournament, STaC Week, and many other Club Championships, NAPs, 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>

August 4th 2:00pm Eight is Enough

Sunday, August 4th 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 August 3rd for assistance.

Future Life Master Sectional August 8-11th

Triangle Bridge is hosting its Future Life Master Sectional August 8-11th. Only those non-life masters with 0-499 masterpoints are eligible to play.

NAP Qualifiers

August is the last month to qualify to earn the right to represent District 7 at the Spring North American Bridge Championships in 2020. The District gives generous stipends to Flight A, B and C pairs to attend. Triangle will host 15 NAP qualifying games in August. Check the calendar for dates and times.

Learning Opportunities

Chris Moll is hosting 4 Supervised Play sessions in August. Tuesday mornings August 13th and 27th and Thursday mornings August 8th and 22nd, all 10-11:30am. Stay for the game at 12:30 to practice what you learned. It's a great way to learn in a small group and have an expert help you to improve your play. Bring a partner or come alone. Please register at trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com and see our website for more details at <http://www.trianglebridgeclub.net/learning-opportunities.html>

Looking forward to September

Eight is Enough Sunday, September 8, 2019

Unit 191 Club Championship Sunday, September 15, 2019

The Unit is sponsoring a Club Championship on Sunday, September 15th to celebrate and honor the life of Harrison Brooke, a unit Hall of Fame member and former Membership Chair. The day will begin at 1:30 with pizza and continue with a 2pm game. The cost is an old-timer's : \$3.

If you knew Harrison, please come and bring your stories and pictures. If you didn't, come enjoy lunch, friendly competition at its best, and \$3 bridge all while earning extra points!