

THE BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 191

SEPTEMBER 2019

from the
President...



Sharpen your Bridge Skills!

Want to sharpen your bridge skills and step up your game? Consider Unit 191's **2019-2020 Mentoring Program** and **Fall 2019 Bridge Lecture Series**.

The unit's **2019-2020 Mentoring Program**, coordinated by **Nancy Crow, Phylliss Woody, Andrea Roitman and Beverly Craig**, is a valuable and popular program to provide ongoing support for the unit's less experienced players. Please request a mentor if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity. For our more experienced players, please consider offering your services as a mentor. All participants find this to be a rewarding experience. Information about the program and sign-up forms are on the unit's website at <http://www.unit191bridge.org>.

The unit is sponsoring an outstanding lineup of lecturers for the **Fall 2019 Bridge Lecture Series**: Lance Shull, **"When to Declare; When to Defend,"** Sept. 24th; Henry Meguid, **"Improve your Bidding Judgment,"** Oct. 19th; Chris Moll, **"Finessing and Card Play Combinations,"** Nov. 19th. A minimal \$5 charge helps defray the costs of the handouts. See schedule on page 8.

Unit Championship in a Celebration of the Life of Harrison Brooke

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. We'll have remembrances of Harrison and pizza at a hospitality break in the game (not at 1:30 p.m., as in the flyer). All for the old-timer price of only \$3. Bring pictures, stories and yourself to celebrate Harrison. See flyer on page 6.

Congratulations to Chris Moll and Wayne Stuart



Chris Moll and Wayne Stuart

Chris and Wayne were second in the World Wide Bridge Contest on June 7th with a 75.05% game behind a pair from Greece with an 81.42% game. Both pairs will receive subsidized travel to the 2020 World Bridge Games, tentatively set to be held in Istanbul. See the August *Bridge Bulletin*, pages 28-29, for an interesting hand reaping 95% of the matchpoints for Chris and Wayne.

Chris Moll also won the unit's 2019 Hugo Germino Award for the Unit 191 player with the highest percentage playing with two different partners in the pairs games of the Bright Leaf Summer Sectional. The trophy is given in memory of Hugo Germino, a club director in the 1970's and 1980's. Originally, an actual trophy, held by the winner for one year, was awarded. In more recent years, winners are listed on a framed certificate displayed at Triangle Bridge Club. Unit 191 Hall of Fame player, Peggy Barbee says her proudest bridge accomplishment was winning the Hugo Germino Award four times: 1984, 1987, 1988, & 1993. Jeanette Collier holds the record with seven wins: 1998; 2000; 2001; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007.

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Unit 191 President

The Bridge Academy



DID YOU MISS THE SLAM?



Register at www.bridegeacademync.com

You knew you were cold for game, but experienced this nagging feeling that you may be missing a slam, and was not sure how to proceed. If you ever experienced this feeling, this class is for you!

In this three-week class you will explore a roadmap of how to think and practice the tools you need to make the right decision when playing notrump and suit contracts.

Mondays, September 23, 30, and October 1

9:30 - Noon

\$105

Recommended for Intermediate Players

The Bridge Academy



JOIN THE FUN!



SOCIAL DUPLICATE

Join us for wine & cheese and a fun 29ger game.

Mondays

6:00 pm meet & greet

6:30 pm game



www.bridegeacademync.com



PLAY & LEARN (0-20)

We are excited about our new barometer game for social players working on improving their play and enjoyment of the game.

Tuesdays

from 9:30-noon

Do You Know What I Know #6?

By Kay and Randy Joyce

Last month the article in this series delved into an auction that is probably never taught in a bridge class. This month's topic is about a part of weak 2's that is taught in the Audrey Grant series of beginner classes, as well as Pat Harrington's "Play and Learn" series. If you learned bridge in the dorm in college or on the fly at lunch hour work games, you might have missed it.

After a weak 2 bid opening, the most common tool used to make game tries is 2NT, by partner. Most people learn to respond with a 3 level bid of a feature, if they have a maximum or maybe even if they have a minimum, if they have a very demanding partner. Later on, they may learn the Ogust convention or play a modified Ogust approach, as we do.

Our focus today is a little bid that gets short shrift in bridge class because it is rare, but it works with all of your treatments very easily.

TaDa! 2H P 2NT P
 3NT

Yes, by the weak two bidder! It is that rare hand that is AKQxxx or even better AKQJxx or AKQTxx. Don't these hands qualify for an opening 2x?

Sure, maybe you usually have less, but they still fall within the parameters of your weak two bid description. You don't have a feature, but you certainly have a gilt-edged maximum.

Over your 3NT, partner can then decide if the better contract would be 4M or 3NT, with the lead coming into the hand with all of the tenaces.

BRIDGE HISTORY MYTHS

Bridge players created duplicate.

Reality: The idea of replaying hands by different partnerships or teams and comparing results was started by duplicate whist players. The first well-documented duplicate team event took place in England in 1857. Both the Mitchell movement and Howell movement were used by whist players in the 1890s. Because their inventors, John T. Mitchell and Edwin C. Howell, died in 1814 and 1907, respectively, neither could have ever played a single hand of contract bridge.

Bridge vocabulary was created by bridge players.

Reality: Whist players in the 1700s and 1800s developed the card-play terminology that bridge players presently use. In whist books published in the 1890s, a reader would find the following terms: convention, coup, cover, cross-ruff, Deschappelles Coup, discard. Doubleton, echo, eleven rule, exposed card, false card, finesse, follow suit, fourth best, fourth hand, game, guarded, holding up, honors, leading through, negative inference, reverse discard, revoke, rotary discard, rubber, ruffing, second hand, sequence, signal, singleton, sub-echo, tenace, third hand, trick, trumps, unblocking and Yarborough, to name a few!



TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWS

September is International Fund Month: All games pay extra points

Every game is an International Fund Month game paying extra points. The ACBL sponsors these club games to support teams in international competition. See the calendar on our website to find the ones that fit your schedule. <http://www.trianglebridgeclub.net/schedules.html>

September 8th 2:00pm Eight is Enough

Sunday, September 8th 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, September 7th for assistance.

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!

Unit 191 Lecture Series

The Fall Lecture Series kicks off on Tuesday, September 24th at 10:00am at Triangle with Lance Shull who will be presenting "When to Declare; When to Defend". The cost is \$5 and you may register in advance to guarantee handouts via sign up sheets at the club or via email at trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com.

GNT Qualifiers: Mondays September 9th and 23rd & Wednesdays September 4th and 18th

September begins the new cycle to qualify to earn the right to represent District 7 at the Summer North American Bridge Championships in 2020. The District gives generous stipends to Flight A, B and C teams to attend. Red/black points are awarded.

Raleigh Sectional: Friday, September 27-Sunday, September 29

Triangle Bridge is **closed** Friday, September 27th and Saturday, September 28th to support the Raleigh Sectional. Triangle Bridge is **open** Sunday, September 29th to host the Raleigh Sectional Swiss Teams at 10:00am and TBD.

Looking forward to October

Eight is Enough Sunday, October 6, 2019

Chris Moll

World Champion's Convention Cards

Have you ever wondered what bridge conventions the top world players use and what their convention cards look like? Have a look. The registered Convention Cards for the 44th World Bridge Team Championships to be held in Wuhan, China September 14th to 28th, 2019, are now posted on the World Bridge Federation's website. They include convention cards for the *Bermuda Bowl*, the *Venice Cup*, the *D'Orsi Senior Bowl*, and the *Mixed National Teams*. The convention cards are listed by country and by partnership.

WARNING: These convention cards are not the typical ACBL convention cards that you are used to and can take a little effort to understand. However, it's enlightening to see that Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell play *Meckwell* over a strong notrump opening.

Registered Convention Cards for the Wuhan 2019 World Team Championships:

championships.worldbridge.org/wuhanwt19/faq/the-registered-convention-cards/

Or click [here](#).

Want to create your own World Bridge Federation convention card? The WBF Convention Card Editors and other systems information are available at: www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/wbf-convention-card-editors/

Or click [here](#).

Not familiar with the World Bridge Team Championships? The ***Bermuda Bowl***, the ***Venice Cup***, the ***D'Orsi Senior Bowl***, and the ***Mixed National Teams*** are contract bridge world championships for national men's teams, national women's teams, national senior teams (players age 60 and older), and national teams of mixed pairs (one woman and one man), respectively. The team championships are contested biennially in odd-numbered years under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation.



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!

Triangle Bridge Club
5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC
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Sponsored by the Unit 191 Board



Triangle Bridge September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	3 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	4 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	5 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	6 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	7 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
8 2:00 8 is Enough Swiss Teams	9 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	10 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	11 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	12 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	13 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	14 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
15 2:00 Harrison Brooke Memorial Pair Game	16 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	17 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	18 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	19 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	20 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	21 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
22	23 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Swiss	24 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	25 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	26 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	27 Closed for Raleigh	28 Sectional
29 Raleigh Sectional Swiss 10:00 & TBD	30 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	GNT Qualifying Games International Fund Month				

UNIT WEBSITE

If you have not checked out the new Unit 191 website, please do! There is a boatload of information that can be found on the site. You're missing out if you just go to the site to check results. Thanks to **Marc Goldberg and Ed Fuller** for keeping us up to date with the information.

The Alert is published monthly and is the official newsletter of Unit 191. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the unit officers or Barbara Martin.

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UNIT 191

FALL 2019

\$5

Defrays cost of handouts.
Please register
to guarantee
a handout.

LECTURE SERIES

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TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24
10:00 - 11:30 AM

WHEN TO DECLARE; WHEN TO DEFEND

LANCE SHULL at Triangle Bridge Club

Register: Sign up sheet at club or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 19
1:30 - 3:00 PM

IMPROVE YOUR BIDDING JUDGMENT

HENRY MEGUID at The Bridge Academy

Register: Sign up sheet at club or email henry@bridgeacademync.com

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19
10:00 - 11:30 AM

FINESSING AND CARD PLAY COMBINATIONS

CHRIS MOLL at Triangle Bridge Club

Register: Sign up sheet at club or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com

Questions? Marieé Walton mariee_walton@yahoo.com

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TWO INTERESTING FILMS ABOUT BRIDGE



“The Kids Table” — a Bridge Documentary Film

“The Kids Table” is a documentary film about four young kids as they discover the world of bridge! From the trailer, it looks to be an interesting tale: “Bridge was once the second-most popular pastime in America behind only baseball, and the card game now teeters on the brink of extinction. In **THE KIDS TABLE**, four young friends discover the highs and lows of card-play, competition, and community as they explore the vanishing world of competitive Bridge.”

The film previewed at the 2019 Summer North American Bridge Championships in Las Vegas on July 21st. It will be released digitally (iTunes, Amazon, Vudu) and on DVD on September 17, 2019. The 1:51-minute official trailer can be view at The Kids Table website:

<https://bridgekidsdoc.com/#trailer>,

or on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hs_10C9p-FQ.

A longer 5:37-minute YouTube trailer is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LfcpKsWRFo>.

“Aces & Knaves” — a film about bridge

“This 57-minute movie mixes vintage stills and old movie footage with dramatic coverage of international tournaments. *Aces & Knaves* is aimed not only at bridge enthusiasts but also those who have never picked up a bridge hand. Zia Mahmood and Bill Gates highlight the many dignitaries who comment on the game. Neurological and psychological benefits are also touted.”[§]

Jackie Paré, the film’s producer and director, journalist, and bridge fanatic, says “making this film was in the cards for me. Bridge is a GREAT story—a microcosm really—with daily dramas unfolding at the table that everyone can relate to.” Information about the film, and dates and locations of upcoming screenings is available at the Aces & Knaves website:

<https://www.acesandknavesthefilm.com/>

The ACBL Educational Foundation funded a showing of the film at the 2019 Summer North American Bridge Championships in Las Vegas on July 16th, which was well received according to **Henry Meguid**, Current President of the organization.

[§] American Bridge Teachers’ Association (ABTA) website: <https://abtahome.com/aces-knaves/>.