

# UNIT 191 Bright Leaf Alert

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 191

NOVEMBER 2019

from the president ...

## Fall Tournament Season Is Upon Us

Good fortunes to all those playing in the *Charlotte Halloween Regional*. Bring home the **Gold!**

Unit 191's *Bright leaf Fall Sectional* is a little under two weeks away. All the delicious snacks and dishes at our Bright Leaf Summer Sectional made it extra special. Let's bring out our hospitality again to welcome visiting players. Come out and play as well. **Need a partner?** Contact Ray McEntee for partners in the 499er games [919-967-1712 or [rmcentee2@gmail.com](mailto:rmcentee2@gmail.com)], or me for partners in the Open games [301-906-1667 or [ed-win.fuller@gmail.com](mailto:ed-win.fuller@gmail.com)].

Remember, **BOTH** the Open **AND** the 499er Swiss Teams **on Thursday evening** are at Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road, Durham, NC.

## Are you a 499er player? Go for the Peggie Stokes Award!

The Peggie Stokes Award will be awarded at the upcoming Unit 191 Bright Leaf Sectional to the Future Life Master player who amasses the most masterpoints playing in any of the 499ers sessions with two or more partners. Choose your partners and plan to play often. You could be the 2019 Winner! Who was Peggie Stokes? What is this award? See article on page 6.

## It's November and Time to Vote!

The state and municipal elections are upon us. Learn about the candidates and vote early or on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

It's also time to select four Directors for the Unit 191 Board who will serve for a three-year term beginning in 2020. The candidates listed alphabetically are:

**Eric Hamilton, Fran Milberg, Chris Moll, Paul Morrisette, Donna Walther, and Phylliss Woody.**

Voting will be online. If you are unable to vote online,



or do not wish to do so, a paper ballot is available by calling **Marian Meyer** at 919-933-5919.

All votes must be received by Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, a few days before the Holiday Gala and Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 15. **There will be NO VOTING at the Annual Meeting.**

See pages 10-13 for more information about the candidates and the elections for the Unit 191 Board Directors.

## Notice of By-Laws Change

The Unit 191 Board is considering a change in the unit's By-Laws to codify the unit's election process. The objectives are several fold: (i) to define the composition of the Nomination Committee to include both members of the Unit Board of Directors and Unit members who are not Board Directors; (ii) to provide a procedure for Unit members to nominate candidates in addition to those put forward by the Nomination Committee; and (iii) to separate the balloting from the annual meeting.

**Save the Date – December 15<sup>th</sup> – Unit 191 Holiday Gala & Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.,**

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Blvd., Research Triangle Park.**

Make reservations by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: email [Deanna@elarus.com](mailto:Deanna@elarus.com).

Play every card well,

**Ed Fuller**, Unit 191 President

# Pass or Correct

By Team Joyce

Playing with Kay in a local game, I saw my opponents flounder with a hand type that comes up quite frequently. My LHO held...

**S-xx**

**H-Jxx**

**D-Kxx**

**C-AKQxx**

and opened 1 Club. After his partner bid 1 Spade, he rebid 1NT. His partner bid 2 Hearts, and he didn't know whether this was forcing or not. He hedged his bets and rebid 2NT. His partner rebid 3 Hearts. Taking a leap of faith, he bid 4 Hearts. The cards were not friendly and the result was down 4!!!! His partner's hand was

**S-QJTxx**

**H-Axxxx**

**D-xx**

**C-x**

How could they have avoided this disaster? Repeat after me, "2 Hearts in the aforementioned example is a Pass or Correct sequence." If my partner has invitational values, he will always start with New Minor Forcing.

What do I mean by Pass or Correct? Just what it says: If you have 3 Spades, bid 2 Spades. If you have 4 Hearts, Pass 2 Hearts. Well Randy, he didn't have either one of these in the example. Shouldn't he bid 2NT?

**NO ! NO ! NO!**

Partner will always have less than invitational values.

My recommended way to treat the death hand with 2 - 3 in the majors is to pass. Partner may have 5-5, and you may have gotten to your best spot.

What does responder do with 6 Spades and 4 Hearts? Since we have agreed that partner is always going to pass with 2-3 in the majors, you should rebid your Spades and play at least a 6-2 fit. Oh, this begs the question of partner rebidding 1NT with a singleton Spade. Don't do it! Always have at least 2 Spades, and you will make partner a happy camper.

We have now handled the Pass or Correct auctions easily, since there are only two choices. Stay tuned next month, and we will delve into what to do when responder has invitational plus values and wants to bid his hand to get to the correct strain and level.

*(Special K message: by **Kay Joyce**. During my 15-year bridge teaching career, I bought dozens of lessons from Pat Harrington, the ACBL bulletin contributor from Florida. My students and I liked them very much, as they had the "Play and Learn" format. I agreed with what she taught almost all of the time, so I thought she was very sound.*

One lesson had an idea that I had never thought of myself: that's pretty rare for a frequent player with thousands of masterpoints. Even though the concept was new to me, I realized that I practiced it in my own bidding, and I think it is appropriate here.

[This concept doesn't apply to 2 NT Openers and rebids after opening 2C.]

The idea is: never go **as high** on the bidding ladder as 2NT, unless you have reason to believe that your side has 23 points. Now that sounds kind of weird, doesn't it? It is good advice, believe me! If George and Betty had known that yesterday, they would have never gotten their combined 20 points to 4 Hearts, down 4!

Many times we see our friends, opponents, and students get to 2NT, meaning, "We don't have a fit!" That's not an appropriate use of 2NT: it's too high!

Settle for the best you can at the 2 level. You'd like for it to be an 8-card fit, but 7 may be the best you can do. What if it might be a 6-card strain? Well, sometimes partner will surprise you and have a 7th card in his or her suit. Maybe 6 is the best you can do on that hand.

As most of you know, I talk very little at the table, and when I make a comment while putting down the dummy, it is usually an attempt at humor. I had a hand that was something like 5-4-4-0 with about 8 or 9 points. My partner opened 1C and I bid 1S. She rebid 2C, presumably showing a minimum with 6 clubs (if only 5, it would be a good suit). I passed reasoning that we may have a better strain, but there were no guarantees. My bidding more might land us in 3C! At least, we weren't getting too high, and they might even balance!

When I put down the dummy, I said, "We might not be in the best place." It turned out, she played it well, making four, where others were floundering at much higher levels. We got almost a top board!)

## Membership Report

Submitted by Jane Kiernan

<p>As of October 1, 2019: The total membership for the unit as of September 1, 2019 was 608 members.</p> <p>Advancing in rank since September 1, 2019</p>	Junior Master	Laura Ross	
	Club Master	Kathleen Brooker Judy Woody	
	Regional Master	Richard Schneider	
	Life Master	Leslie Blair Carol Skowvron	Mariee Walton
	Silver Life Master	Howard Hochman	
	Ruby Life Master	Carol Grizzard Harry Mathews	

## Friday Pre-Game Lessons



**Andrea Roitman** reviews her notes before the lesson on Friday preceding the game at Triangle. Each week, a short lesson is given before the game. Each week a topic is chosen and is geared more to the beginner/intermediate bridge player....however, I sat in the class last week and found the topic of “Reverses” to be a good review.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES....

November, 2009

- Plans are in place for the Holiday Gala to be held at the Sheraton. Price was increased to \$30/ members and \$40/ non-members.
- The slate of candidates for election to the board includes:  
**Marty Demko, Paul Kobin, Maggie Lindquist, Robin Marin, and Henry Meguid**
- An article about **Peggy Barbee**—Icon of Durham Bridge, written by **Liz McGuffey** (found on the website under Alert archives)
- Current membership in the unit is 487
- New members are **Lyna Rogers, Maria-Olga Witkowsky** and new transfers are **Patricia Ahalt, Jui-Yuan Chang, and Jackie Marks**
- Moving up in rank are: **June Johnson, Meyer Lieberman** and Fran Young to Junior Master; **Beverly Barg, Betsy Donovan** and **Paula Head** to Club Master; **Linda Baugh, Pat Spivey, and Frances Timberlake** to Sectional Master; **Jack Olin** to Regional Master; **Bunny Wheeler** to NABC Master; **Laverne Burch, Glenna Hurlbert and Gale Meyer** to Bronze Life Maser
- Unit Officers were: President, **Sigrid Olin**, Vice-President, **Kay Gruninger**, Secretary, **Patsy Whitehurst**, and Treasurer, **Paul Kobrin**
- **Sally Shook** was the winner of the first Peggie Stokes award. Runner-up was **Doris Elkin**. Sally and Doris teamed with **Mary Newman and Carol Wilcox** to win the Swiss team event/

## MENTOR/MENTEE GAME

The next Mentor-Mentee game is **Tuesday, November 12** at the Bridge Academy. The lesson on the Meckwell convention begins at 12:00. The game begins at 12:30.

Congratulations to **Joyce Jenzano and Dixie Hapgood**—winners of the September Mentor/Mentee game.

# UNIT 191 MASTER POINT LEADERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

## ACE OF CLUBS

## MINI-MCKENNEY

### 0-5

Michele Smith—16.09  
 Stacey Rader—14.37  
 Laura Ross—9.78

### 5-20

Bayard Atwood—18.18  
 Judy Woody—12.32  
 Sharon Updike—10.58

### 20-50

Diana Eastwood—17.78  
 Jim Leak—16.89  
 Jack McCann 15.42

### 50-100

Larry Stanczyk—34.37  
 Richard Schneider—33.39  
 Lori Scanga—33.15

### 100-200

Tony Meyer—34.37  
 Russell Schoudt—36.71  
 Howard Craig—30.04

### 200-300

Marian Meyer—60.82  
 Sherry Wogen—54.76  
 Warren Wogen—54.76

### 300-500

Michael Mendelsohn—155.70  
 Mariee Walton—85.27  
 Carol Skowvron—52.85

### 500-1000

Larry Kupper—92.89  
 Marc Goldberg—91.34  
 Katie Wilson—82.34

### Ba1000-1500

Barry Buehler—100.33  
 Paul Williams—91.56  
 Carol Grizzard—86.60

### 1500-2500

Victor Riva—161.60  
 Melanie Riva—147.87  
 Suzanne Goldberg—146.38

### 2500-3500

Thomas Roberg—297.59  
 James Cunningham—143.78  
 Barbara Martin 116.62

### 3500-5000

Morton Stromberg—198.74  
 Pearl Schechter—118.70  
 John Torrey—89.09

### 5000-7500

Mary Vickers—32.92

### 7500-10000

Elaine Landow—102.39  
 Wayne Stuart—43.26

### 10000+

Craig Robinson—228.34  
 Kay Joyce—201.60  
 Chris Moll—155.25

### 0-5

Stacey Rader—20.04  
 Michele Smith—16.09  
 Laura Ross—9.78

### 5-20

Bayard Atwood—18.18  
 Sharon Updike—15.38  
 Judy Woody—12.32

### 20-50

Diana Eastwood—31.00  
 Jim Leak—20.17  
 Vicky Albright—18.75

### 50-100

Lori Scanga—65.90  
 Larry Stanczyk—64.70  
 Gerri Stanczyk—60.94

### 100-200

Shengding Sunr—70.89  
 Tony Meyer—70.34  
 Mary Ferguson—44.53

### 200-300

Marian Meyer—82.98  
 Alice Hughley—81.32  
 Beverly Craig—68.57

### 300-500

Michael Mendelsohn-263.06  
 Mariee Walton—186.91  
 Jui Wang—172.40

### 500-1000

William McCartney—135.27  
 Vernon Grizzard—127.79  
 Eric Hamilton—119.12

### 1000-1500

Carol Grizzard—285.96  
 Barry Buehler—118.82  
 Paul Williams—99.31

### 1500-2500

Victor Riva—197.47  
 Melanie Riva—183.30  
 Suzanne Goldberg—178.62

### 2500-3500

Thomas Roberg—366.12  
 Joy McKenzie-Smith—294.42  
 Peter Adler—167.39

### 3500-5000

Morton Stromberg—235.77  
 Pearl Schechter—145.07  
 Hsun-Kang Su—140.30

### 5000-7500

Mary Vickers—112.14

### 7500-10000

Wayne Stuart—343.65  
 Elaine Landow—249.55

### 10000+

Jacek Pszczola—824.35  
 Kay Joyce—772.55  
 Randy Joyce—664.45

# PEGGIE STOKES AWARD

The Peggie Stokes Award will be awarded at the upcoming Fall Unit 191 Sectional Tournament.

In October 2009, **Harrison Brooke** wrote the following article describing the establishment of the Peggie Stokes Award.

## *NLM Tourney Memorial Award*

*A memorial award to honor Peggie Stokes has been established and will be introduced at our Unit's non-Life Master tournament which begins on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill. Peggie died in a tragic automobile accident in early summer while at the North Carolina coast. Mary Cole, representing Peggie's many friends in the bridge community, suggested and is sponsoring this award.*

*Each year the award will be given to the active (i.e., paid-up) member of ACBL Unit 191 as of October 1 (or the first of whatever month the tournament is held in the future) who:*

- *Has fewer than 200 master points recorded with ACBL as of that date, and*
- *Wins the most master points during the tournament. Points may be won in pairs, knock-out, or Swiss team sessions, and*
- *Plays with at least two partners during the tournament.*

As there is no longer a separate Unit 191 Non-Life Master tournament, the criteria have been changed to stipulate that the award will be given to the active (i.e., paid-up) member of ACBL Unit 191 as of the first of whatever month the Fall tournament is held, who:

- Is not a Life Master, as of that date, and

- Wins the most masterpoints in the 0–499 sessions of the Unit 191 Bright Leaf Fall Sectional, and
- Plays with at least two partners during the tournament.

## Past Peggie Stokes Award Winners have been:

2009—Sally Shook

2010—Jackie Marks

2011—Jackie Marks

2012—Ingrid Parrish

2013—Linda Harris

2014—Ben Kompa

2015—Linda Owen

2016—Jennie Robinson

(There were no awards given in 2017 and 2018 when the unit did not have a separate Non-Life Master tournament.)

**Unit 191's Fall Tournament is quickly approaching — all future life masters should choose your partners and plan to play often — you could be the next winner!**

## Beginning Bridge: Standard American Bidding in the 21st Century

Bridge is a trick-taking card game played by 4 players in two competing partnerships. Partners communicate by bidding. This beginning bridge class will focus on the Standard American Bidding System using the text **ACBL Bridge Series: Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. Supervised play will be used to reinforce lessons as well as develop strategies and strengthen card-playing skills. The text, **Bidding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** can be purchased through Amazon, Baron Barclay or the instructor. The text is \$15 when ordered through the instructor. When registering, please indicate if you would like to have a text order for you.

Instructor: Vanessa Brown [nessab629@gmail.com](mailto:nessab629@gmail.com)

Fee: \$120 – 9 weeks - Seymour Center Room XXX

Tuesdays –9:30am-11:30am - [January](#)

## CARD SNAPPING

Some bridge players have a habit of snapping the cards when he/she plays or even when putting down the bid. Snapping the cards is unpleasant for the other players:

1. It is very annoying
2. It has the potential of indicating to partner a particular line of play
3. It ruins the cards and the bidding cards
4. For players who wear hearing aids, it is a noise that is extremely loud and offensive

If your partner is a card snapper, please remind them not to snap the card. If you are at a table when this action occurs, please feel free to ask the person politely not to snap the cards. Habits are difficult to break, but with some reminders, it can be done.

### Triangle Bridge November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	2 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
3	4 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	5 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	6 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	7 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs 7:00 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional Swiss Teams	8 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs	9 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Open Pairs 2:30 Open Pairs
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17 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss	18 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	19 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	20 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Swiss Teams	21 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	22 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	23 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
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## TRIANGLE BRIDGE CLUB NOVEMBER 2019 NEWS

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### ***The weather is cooling off. Don't let your bridge game do the same!***

District 7 Charity Games , GNT Fund, and Club Membership opportunities highlight a jam-packed schedule of upgraded games in November. Please come join us for the fun.

### ***Unit 191 Sectional Thursday, November 7- Sunday, November 10, 2019***

Bright Leaf Fall Sectional begins Thursday evening with Swiss Teams.

### **THURSDAY 499'ER AND OPEN SWISS WILL BE HELD AT TRIANGLE BRIDGE.**

Friday is Open Pairs and Saturday offers Mid-flight pairs with A/X and B/C/D. Sunday is Open Swiss with lunch included.

### ***Eight is Enough November 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm***

Sunday, November 17th 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](mailto:trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com) by 1pm on Saturday, November 16th for assistance.

### ***GNT Qualifiers: Wednesdays, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm & Mondays, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm***

November continues the 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.

### **Looking forward to December!**

### ***Triangle Bridge Holiday Party: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Game at 9:30am.***

### ***Eight is Enough Sunday, December 29, 2019 2pm.***

### ***Midnight in Mumbai Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Potluck 12pm. Game 12:30pm.***

Peggy Farrell Barbee, 86, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Durham on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. She was born in Chatham County on June 14, 1933 to the late Hal and Inez Farrell. Peggy graduated from Durham High School, and attended Greensboro School for Women, where she graduated with an associate degree in secretarial and accounting.

Peggy was a longtime member of the Bethany Joy Sunday school class at Yates Baptist Church in Durham. She was employed for 35 years at the American Tobacco company as a Financial Analyst in 1988 and was the last of 8 people to leave the company. After her many years of employment, she decided to retire and travel, and was devoted to playing Bridge. Peggy was the founder of ACBL 191 Bridge Group of Durham. She was also a lifetime grandmaster with over 5,000 master points in Bridge.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Barbee. She is survived by her daughter, Luanne Rich, son Dale Barbee, three grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom live in North Carolina, and brought great joy to her later years. She brought love, and laughter through her beautiful smile that was very contagious and cared about each and every person.

The family wishes to express its sincere gratitude for the compassionate and faithful care offered by Peggy's many caregivers: Christine Ashby, Sarah Ashby, Shenandoah Ashby, Kathy Buckosh, Deborah Chrisco, Abby Chrisman, Tabitha Davis, Wanda Hart, Kassidi Kelly, Melanie Lloyd, Ashl Riley, Carol Treichler and Barbara Zimmerman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Yates Baptist Church, 2819 Chapel Hill RD., Durham, NC 27707. Also, Duke HomeCare & Hospi 4321 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NC 27704, and the Alzheimer's Association, 5171 Glenwood Ave., Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27612.

*Remember-  
ing  
Peggy  
Barbee*



Arrangements for the family are under the care of  
Hall-Wynne Funeral Service  
Durham, NC

## **Election of Board Members of Unit 191**

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility to nominate candidates and manage the election of board members.

Following suggestions from the membership, the committee has made some changes to the election process for this year.

- The election process will be managed primarily on line.
- On line voting will run from 11/11/19 to 12/13/19 and votes will be tallied on 12/14/19, the day before the Gala. Therefore, there will be no voting at the Gala.
- Paper ballots may be obtained for anyone unable to vote on line. Paper ballots may be obtained by calling Marian Meyer @ 919-933-5919. All requests for paper ballots will be cross referenced with on line voting to prevent accidental irregularities. Since paper ballots will be sent and returned by USPS, please vote early to insure your vote will be counted. These ballots will be counted on 12/14/19.
- Households with two members on the same email will receive an A and B ballot.

We have a strong slate of candidates. Two current board members are running for re-election and we have four additional candidates. Candidates listed alphabetically are: **Eric Hamilton, Fran Milberg, Chris Moll, Paul Morrissette, Donna Walther and Phylliss Woody.**

Thank you to all nominees for their willingness to serve.

**Marian Meyer, Hugon Karwowski and Maggie Lindquist.**

## **ACTIVE ETHICS**

Actions to enable all players to have equal access to methods and understandings used by their opponents. The concept was first broached by hall of Famer Bobby Wolff during his tenure as president of the ACBL in 1987. According to Wolff, Active Ethics has nothing to do with such items as score corrections—players are supposed to make sure they have the right scores whether or not the adjustment favors them. Instead, Wolff characterized Active Ethics as the desire not to take advantage—the desire to make sure that the opponents are privy to all of a partnerships conventions, treatments, habits and idiosyncrasies. “The game itself is more important than winning, “ said Wolff.

Bottom line.....if you know something about a bid your partner makes that your opponents don't....IT MUST BE ALERTED and explained if asked. Even a pass must be alerted if it means something to partner.....as an agreement to bid or double.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES



**FRAN MILBERG**

I learned to play a version of 2 handed bridge in junior high school and was introduced to “real bridge” in college. There was always a game available in my dorm often to the detriment of my academics

My husband and I dabbled at bridge in the 80s and 90s but with no consistency. When we moved to Cary in 2014 Jeff saw a flyer in Starbucks for the seminar “Learn Bridge in a Day”. It was a great refresher and pointed us to opportunities to improve our skills. We continue to takes lessons regularly. Over the ensuing 5 years we have continued our partnership playing 2-3 times a week locally and also participating in sectional and regional tournaments.

Bridge offers so many opportunities both intellectually and socially. The partnership aspect helps develop your communication skills and teaches the importance of respect. It challenges your reasoning and memory skills and often offers a chance to laugh at yourself. Hooray for bridge.

**Fran Milberg**

Hello from Phylliss Starks Woody, an addicted bridge player since September 2010. My immediate family consists of one son, Zelotis Jr., his wife, Shay, and granddaughters, Zoey Elaine and Genesis.

I enjoy bridge, traveling, reading, church and family.

It’s that time again: Board elections for Unit 191. Once again I come before you, the Bridge community, seeking your vote and re-election to Unit 191 Board. After serving two consecutive three-year terms, I find that I still have not had enough. I would love to represent Unit 191 bridge community for three more years. I still find the Board interesting and exciting. Additionally, I find the bridge community very caring and understanding. I feel compelled to say that after all these years I still enjoy the People, the Game, the Board and its responsibilities. I have learned valuable lessons and gained rewarding experiences while serving on the Board. If re-elected, I will continue to serve with a passion and represent the members of Unit 191, the best unit of the ACBL.

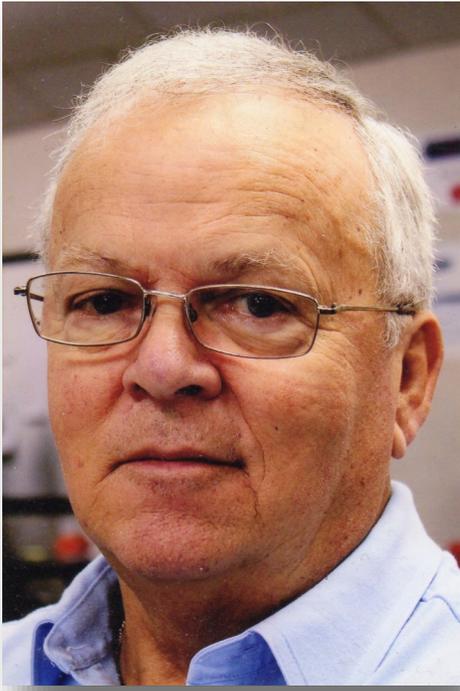
I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve another three-year term and fulfill the needs of this great position and its responsibilities.

Win or Lose, I will see you at the Bridge Tables at all locations and times. Happy Bridge Days Ahead!!!!

**Phylliss Woody**



**PHYLLISS WOODY**



**PAUL MORRISSETTE**

I joined Unit 191 when I moved to Durham in 2007. I am a Gold Life Master and have served as chairman of several of our local Sectionals. I am a graduate of Providence College where I majored in English Literature. I worked in Human Resources throughout my career, spending more than thirty years with Unilever in New York, New Jersey and London. I enjoy the games at both the Triangle Bridge Club and the Bridge Academy and often play as many as six times a week. I am also an avid golfer, reader and a devout fan of the Boston Red Sox. If elected, I look forward to assisting Unit 191 in promoting the game of bridge in our area.

**Paul Morrisette**

I was born in Seattle and grew up playing cards, starting with war, crazy 8's, old maid, 52 card pickup (my older cousins laughingly taught me), then hearts and pinochle. When I was 16, my parents decided to learn the game of bridge, so I watched, got a book (Goren), and proceeded to learn the game and practice by myself by dealing hands, bidding, rebidding, playing, re-playing.

I moved to NC when I got married and met some friends at work who played social (party) bridge, and asked me to join. For the next 30 + years, that is the only type of bridge I played, but I loved the game. I thought about duplicate but was warned that all the players were nasty, constantly calling the director, so I stuck with social bridge. When Bob Boggs established his game in Durham, a couple of my friends, Nancy Young and Helen Moon, convinced me to try duplicate. WOW! My world changed and in a good way. I have met so many wonderful new friends, and established numerous partners, and now play as often as I can.

I owe a lot to the bridge community, so it is now time or me to consider "paying it back". I am a candidate for the Unit 191 Board, and, if elected, I will do my very best to represent the interests of the players as well as the various clubs, and hopefully provide some new ideas on how we can make a great unit even better. Thank you in advance for your votes.

**Donna Walther**



**DONNA WALTHER**



**Eric Hamilton**

I've lived in Durham and played in unit games since 1978, so one might think that there would be much to say about my experience. However, when I asked ex-partners and teammates for their recollections of my bridge successes the general reaction was to try to quickly change the subject. One said "I think there cannot be said too little on the subject"; another remembered only a double compression play that we are unable to reconstruct even with the hand records.

I was on the board for a year or so in the 1980s, when I organized the unit GNT qualification as a round robin among eight teams playing 24 board matches one night a week for two months. (A more valuable contribution may have been casting the deciding vote against serving KFC for the sectional's [Sunday](#) meal).

After these dubious achievements, career and family got in the way of playing serious bridge; only after I retired at age 58 have I been able to return to the game.

Bringing new players into the game has always been a priority for me, so I am in my fourth year in the unit's mentor/mentee program. So far, I have driven none of my mentees from the game.

**Eric Hamilton**

I am a professional bridge player, teacher, club owner and have been an active ACBL member for over 35 years. My passion for bridge extends to all aspects including operations and jurisprudence. My current involvement in the game is at all levels from local unit representative to the District 7 board, regional tournament logistics coordinator to seeding pair events at the North American Bridge Championships. I have previously held numerous positions including Unit Treasurer, District 10 President, District representative on the National Board of Governors, District 7 recorder and Grand National Teams coordinator and am currently District 7 North American Pairs coordinator. I was the Intermediate/Novice Chairman of the 1995 New Orleans Nationals. I have served on the National Appeals Committee for the past 20 years. In 2009, I received a lifetime appointment to the ACBL Goodwill Committee and in 2013, I was appointed to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee. I regularly lecture at Sectional and Regional tournaments.

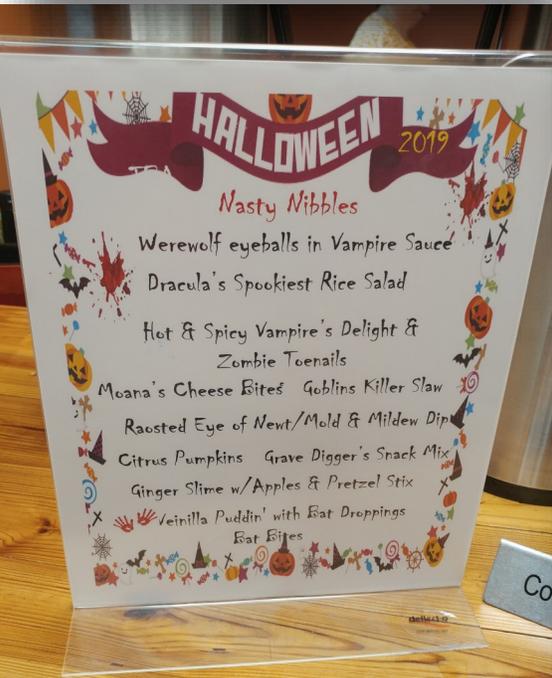
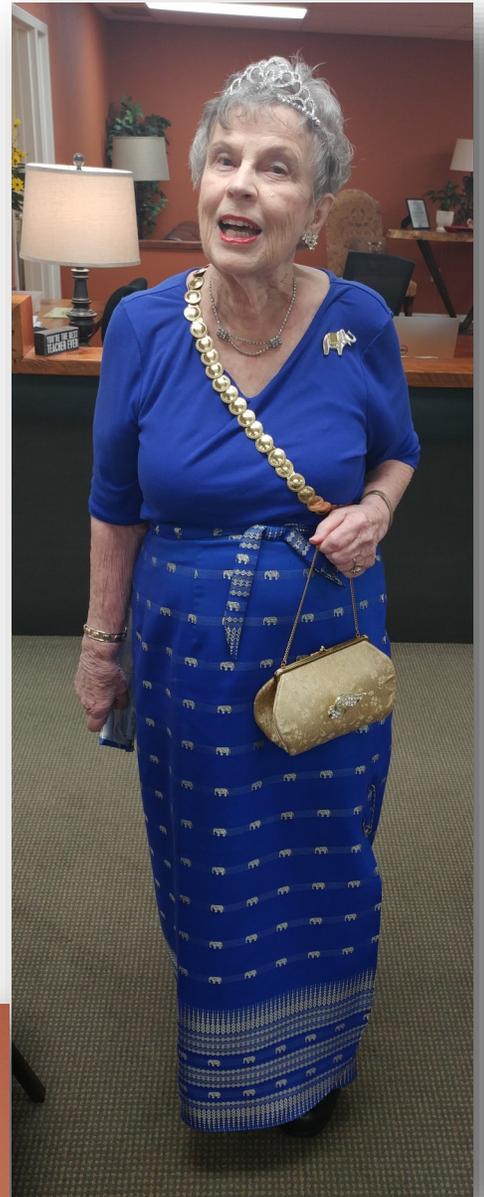
I strongly believe in giving back to the game and would appreciate the opportunity to serve a second term for Unit 191 and its members.



**Chris Moll**



It was a "Spooktacular" Halloween party at  
The Bridge Academy on Oct. 30  
Winners of the contest were the Hershey  
kisses—Ira and Carol and  
The Joker and King of Hearts—Larry and  
Joe ( who also were first overall in bridge)



A very delightful lunch was prepared by the SPECTACULAR **Robin Marin**, with much assistance from **Carol Meguid**. Thanks to these ladies for making the Halloween event more festive.

