

THE BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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From the President....

Given that we have so many new bridge players in our geographical area, now is a good time to explain who we are and our mission. If you live and play bridge in the Durham/Chapel Hill area and are an ACBL member, then you are probably a member of Unit 191.

Unit 191 is a financially independent non-profit organization chartered by the ACBL to operate in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors. We support the [mission, vision, goals and objectives of the ACBL](#). Our bylaws are posted on the [Unit website](#).

We are dedicated to promoting duplicate bridge in our area through a variety of means; games, tournaments, learning opportunities and fun. Unit sponsored activities include the Holiday Gala in December, our Lecture Series (resuming in April), special Youth events and our monthly newsletter to help keep everyone informed about Unit and club events. Each year we work to find more ways to engage our members and create a great bridge environment. Currently we have more than 634 members.

Unit 191 has seven clubs hosting multiple club games each week. We are thankful to the private club owners for all they do to provide us with many opportunities to play duplicate bridge each week.

- The Bridge Academy – hosts multiple games Monday through Friday.
- Triangle Bridge Club – hosts multiple games Mon-Fri afternoons, evenings and Saturday mornings.

- Tarheel Bridge Club – hosts games Wednesdays and Fridays at TBC
- Triangle Bridge Club – hosts an Eight is Enough game held one Sunday a month.
- Fearington Bridge Club – hosts an open game on Wednesday afternoons.
- Roxboro Bridge Club – hosts games on Monday afternoons and Wednesday nights.
- Governor's Club Bridge Club – hosts an invitational game held on Tuesday afternoons.

These games are run by the individual club owners at the different sites throughout Durham, Chapel Hill and Roxboro.

In addition to these weekly club games, our Unit hosts special events including three Sectional tournaments each year. These four day tournaments held in March, July and November are scheduled years in advance. Generally, when a Unit of the ACBL hosts a tournament, organizers must find a physical location for the tournament to rent for the event. Some Units need to rent community centers or hotel space. Here in Unit 191, we are fortunate to have two large privately owned clubs (Triangle Bridge Club and The Bridge Academy) that the Unit rents for our sectionals. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement for the clubs and the Unit and allows us to comfortably accommodate Unit members and visitors. But unlike the weekly club games, these Sectional tournaments are run by volunteers (for whom we are so grateful!). Currently, all Open events for the tournaments are held at Triangle Bridge Club and the 499 events are held at The Bridge Academy. *(Continued)*

The Unit funds these tournaments completely. Expenses include rent for the facilities, ACBL fees, director and caddy expenses, hospitality – food and kitchen staff, prizes and more. Our goal is to offer sectional tournaments in our area that are enjoyable for everyone – Unit members and visitors alike.

On March 12-15, Unit 191 will host its first Sectional of 2020. Soon you will begin to hear of our organizing efforts. It takes a tremendous amount of work to run a good tournament. You can help. One easy way is to donate to our Hospitality efforts. Bridge players love tasty treats! We encourage you to bring your homemade favorites to share with everyone at the tournament or you can contribute through a small cash donation which we will then use to buy more treats. Bridge players travel from other Units to play in our Sectional tournaments. Please help our Unit present a wonderful tournament by making our visitors feel welcome and by contributing in some way. See you at the bridge table!

Deanna Larus, President

BRIDGE—A GAME FOR ALL GENERATIONS



Grandpa **Dick Soder** is delighted to partner with his grandson **Andrew Eidelhoch**, visiting from California with his mother Sarah, in TBC's **Saturday** morning game, **February 22**. Here they are playing against **Carolyn Hammond** and **Herb Fussman**. Sarah was able to play with **Pam Powell** in the same game. **Valerie Roberts** runs the play and review game.



Phil and I recently visited the Hansells in The Villages. Both are doing well, enjoying the area and weather, and playing lots of bridge (and winning!).

Both send greetings to their friends in the unit.



Youth Bridge Camp 2020

Maggie Lindquist and Ed Fuller

We are looking for a few good kids!! Rising 5th graders through college aged youth are specified although if a bridge player vouches for a child younger than that we will accept them. This year we will also accept a few adults who have never played bridge or who learned many years ago but don't know the modern bidding conventions.

Dates for the first week of this summer's Youth Bridge Camp are June 22-26st and the dates for the second, more advanced week are June 29-July 3rd. The only requirement for the second week is that they have attended the first week or its equivalent. This year's camp is being held at the Blue Dogwood Market (owned by Jeff Boak), 306 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, and will be all day with bridge being taught from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and a Cooking Camp held between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fees will be \$150/camper/week. If some people want to only attend part of the camp, they may do so. The fee for either Bridge Camp or Cooking Camp will be \$100/camper/week. Pre-registration will be required. Both the flyer and the registration form are posted on the Unit webpage but there are also flyers available at both the Bridge Academy and Triangle Bridge Club.

In addition to the Youth Bridge Camp, lessons for novice and intermediate players are being offered in an afternoon Adult Bridge Camp at the same location on the same dates from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Anyone who is seeking to improve their bridge skills by taking advantage of the intense focus that a camp provides is welcome to attend this Adult Bridge Camp. It will be taught by Tammy McDonald. The fee is \$100/camper/week. Flyers and registration forms may be found on the Unit Website under the Youth Bridge Camp tab in the choices on left side of the Unit Website home screen.

We need Unit members to promote the camp to their friends, relatives and neighbors. We have been making a serious effort to bring in children from non bridge playing families but we really count on the children from bridge playing families coming to the camp and look forward to seeing them there.

Thank you,

Maggie and Ed



SUMMER YOUTH BRIDGE & COOKING CAMP

Food for the Mind and Food for the Body

Have fun learning to play Bridge & to Cook

When: June 22-26, 2020 Beginners

June 29-July 3, 2020 Continuing (week one required)

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bridge 9-1:30; Cooking 2-4; pickup by 5

Cost: \$150 per player per week-registration required

Who: anyone-recommend rising 5th graders and up

Where: 306 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC in Blue Dogwood Market

Questions, call 919-933-0008

Refreshments provided bring lunch

Registration forms available online at:

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?
club=unit191brightleaf&pid=display_page12&sessid=460016296814712](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=unit191brightleaf&pid=display_page12&sessid=460016296814712)

(More details on following page)

Details

Arrival: Between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Pickup: Between 4:15 and 5:00 p.m.

Who can attend: Anyone, including Adults (young at heart) who have never played bridge before or who played long ago but don't know modern bidding systems. We will accept kids younger than 10 with the recommendation of a bridge player. We are limiting the camp to no more than 24 participants.

Attending partial day: Yes, if you prefer you may attend either the bridge camp or the cooking camp. The cost is \$100/week/camper.

Lunch: Either bring your lunch or buy your lunch from Blue Dogwood Café at \$8/day. You may choose what you want to eat but let us know in advance if you are buying your lunch so they will know how many to expect. Options include Vegan and Gluten free.

Directions: Once you are on West Franklin St. coming from the East, 306 W. Franklin will be on the right with the parking lot just before the buildings. Blue Dogwood Market is at the far end of the complex.

Membership Report

Submitted by Jane Kiernan

As of February 1, 2020

The total membership for the unit as of January 1 was 628.

Advancing in rank since January 1 were:

Junior Master

Ed Block

Rich Haney

Alyce Twomey

Virginia Wilson

Sectional Master

Dan Snedecor

NABC Master

Howard Craig



Susan Torrey Memorial



The annual Susan Torrey Memorial Championship will be held at the TBC on March 25. This is one of the two special Unit Championships the Tar Heel club runs each year; the other is the holiday party, in December. These are pot-luck parties in addition to special bridge games. For this event I will bring a spiral ham and other goodies. Players are invited to bring whatever they like. I have found that it's not necessary to coordinate the contributions - there is always a variety of really good food, for which I am truly grateful. The winners of this event will have their names engraved on the plaque provided by the unit for this purpose. You can see the past winners at the TBC.

The event honors my late wife, Susan Torrey. It's been almost 12 years since her death, and my memories of her are still mixed. She could be completely infuriating at some times, and move you with warmth and generosity at others. She started the Tar Heel club around 1993, and served as president of the Unit at about that time.

John Torrey

Triangle Bridge Club Future Life Master Sectional

April 2-5, 2020

THURS, APRIL 2 7:00PM

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

FRI/SAT, APRIL 3-4 10:00AM & 2:30PM*

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

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

***Both 2:30pm games award extra silver points (regionally rated)**

SUN, APRIL 5 10:00AM & TBD

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

Playthrough with lunch included

**Partnership &
Tournament Chair**

Chris Moll
504-495-7485

Lodging

LaQuinta Inns & Suites
1910 Westpark Drive
Durham NC
919-484-1422

Triangle Bridge Club, 5110 Revere Road, Durham NC 27713

919-405-2016

He Won't Mention FSF Again; Whew!

By *Randy Joyce*

Once upon a time....

In a land not so far away....

A bridge teacher with a vast knowledge of the game and many years of experience tried to write articles about common auctions that should be helpful to his students and others in his reading area.

Judging from his experience yesterday, HE HAS FAILED!!!!

One of his opponents held :

S...Kx

H...Jx

D...QJT98

C...AT98

And, decided to open 1 Diamond. Not an overwhelming hand, but a rebid should be easy, and he wanted to strike the first bidding blow. His partner bid 1 Spade, and he rebid 2 Clubs. This is when the teaching point arrived. His partner bid 2 Hearts (FSF), and it went double on his right. If he had read several previous articles about Fourth Suit Forcing, he would have consulted his sequence chart and repeated the following mantra:

#1....Show 3 card support for partner's first suit (NO)

#2....Bid NT with a stopper in the 4th suit (NO)

#3...Bid anything else (YES)

These Rules are rigid and never

change.

He should have bid 3 Diamonds, but actually chose 2NT! It seems that Jx of Hearts is a little thin for a stopper.

His partner's hand was:

S...AJ9x

H...x

D...Axx

C...KQxxx

This was not pristine bidding either. Partner should have started with 2 Clubs over 1 Diamond. I always preach to not distort your distribution to make a 2/1 (i.e. 5 Spades and 4 Clubs) but bid your lengths naturally. You will never lose the Spade suit by doing this, since partner can now bid Spades without it being a reverse. The advantage is that you are now in a game forcing auction.

After this start, they got to 3NT, and the opponents cashed 6 Heart tricks. Imagine that partner's hand included the KQ of Diamonds instead of the QJ. Now, when raised to 3 Clubs this hand could offer a 4 Heart splinter bid and Blackwood by opener would reveal a cold 6 Club slam.

Kay and Craig Robinson played this hand at another table. Their auction started 1 Diamond - P - 2 Clubs - P - 3 Clubs. A 4 Heart splinter was greeted by 5 Clubs from partner and a Pass. Kay noted that when you were in slam, the DK was always off side, and when you were not, it was on. They got a COLD TOP for + 620!

Those who bid FSF correctly, say, "Hallelujah!"



American Contract



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League



Bridge

ADULT BRIDGE **CAMP**

When: June 22-26, 2020 Beginners

June 29-July 3, 2020 Continued (week one or equivalent required)

Time: 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$100 per player per week-registration required

Who: anyone, the more the merrier

Where: Blue Dogwood 306 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC

Have fun as you learn how to play and improve your game of Bridge

Questions, call 919-933-0008

Registration forms available online at:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwx/bw.cgi?club=unit191brightleaf&pid=display_page12&sessid=460016296814712

FREE BRIDGE CLASSES

By **Andrea Roitman**

The best way to improve your bridge game is to play with people who are at or above your skill level. Many people who are relatively new to the game may feel intimidated by playing in an open game before they're ready, so here is a chance to play bridge at a limited game (people who have less than 500 master points). It's also helpful to have a venue where you can ask bridge questions. Both of these are available to you on Friday afternoons at Triangle Bridge Club from 11:45 – 12:15.



You can have an opportunity to request various topics of interest or just come and listen to whatever topic is being discussed that day. And the lessons are free. I have been doing these mini-classes for over a year now and Valerie Roberts has been backing me up when I'm not available. The next set of classes starting Friday, 2/28 will be learning 2/1 from the beginning. For those of you who do not know 2/1, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to learn. And you will also get a handout.

If enough people take advantage of this (12+ people), you will be able to stay after the lesson and play bridge in your own section with people around your skill level. You do not need to come with a partner. I ask that you RSVP to John Torrey at Johnctorrey@aol.com by each Wednesday night so he can have the handouts ready for you.



Bid, Pass, or Double? The Law Tells Us!

John Torrey

For over a year now, **Andrea Roitman** has been leading free half-hour mini-lessons before the Friday session of my Tar Heel club. This started as her idea to help attendance at the club's 0-500 side-game. The side game is now a sometime thing, but the lessons continue. Andrea and I both feel committed to them, partly because of how much the exercise of preparing and conducting them has taught us. (The lessons start at 11:45. Gametime is 12:20.)

Recently there was a request for advice on when to pass partner's takeout double for penalty. Andrea did some internet research and found a "Rule of 9," by Mel Cochamiro: add up your trumps, trump honors and the bidding level, and if you get 9 or more, you can pass the double. I thought that the Law of Total Tricks (which at least also considers your offensive potential in addition to your trump defense) would give a better answer. I ended up writing a lesson on the Law, in which I was able to replace the many situational cases in Larry Cohen's book with a "deficit" concept that applies in all cases. What follows is a greatly-revised version of that lesson.

Let's consider a typical situation where both sides have been bidding and you must decide whether to compete further. If you pass, the opposition will play in their contract and maybe make it; if you bid then your side will probably declare, perhaps to go down. There is more to think about if partner has doubled their bid for takeout, but let's start without the double.

What you would like to know to make your decision – if you could wave a magic wand and get a perfect answer – is how many tricks they can take in their contract and how many you can take in yours. Sorry! I can't tell you how to get that answer. But suppose I could tell you how to know the **total** of those two numbers? Suppose that you can make 2 diamonds and they can make 2 hearts. Both contracts are 8 tricks, so the total is 16. If you knew that the total was 16, it might be that you make 3 diamonds and they make only 1 heart – or vice versa. Would that help?

It helps a lot! Suppose that they have bid 2D and you are wondering whether to bid. If you know that the available total is 16 tricks, you can see that if they make 2D, you will make 2H: bidding turns a minus into a plus. What if 2H goes down 1? Then they were making 3D, and you are still better off! What if 2D was going down 1? Then you can make 3H! Knowing the total tells you to bid in this situation.

Now suppose that they have bid 3D. The total of their tricks and yours is still 16: if you can make 3H then 3D was going 2 down – might as well let them play it. The worst is when both sides make 2: now by bidding you go down instead of them.

Okay – if you knew the total available tricks, it would help. But how could you know the total? In the 1950s a French player named Jean-René Vernes did a large statistical study using the results from championship matches, and concluded that the total number of tricks is very well estimated by the total number of trumps! If our trump suit has 8 cards between the two hands and theirs has 9, then that total is 17. This is the **tricks available** on the deal, which does not change during the bidding, provided our estimate of total trumps does not change. There are exceptions (and you can learn how to anticipate them) but this **Law of Total Tricks** is at least as good as the law that says two balanced hands with 26 total high-card points have a play for 3NT. And it usually leads you right, even if your guess of the total is off by one, or if the number of tricks predicted is off by one. *(Continued)*

Here's a thought-experiment that will perhaps clarify the idea. Suppose that spades will be the trump suit (not a crazy assumption, if you have played the game called Spades). When North-South declare, they can take a certain number of tricks. What does that tell us about how many tricks East-West can take when they declare? We don't know either answer, but probably the total of the two numbers is either 13 or very close; it will differ only when one side has either an advantage or a disadvantage from making the opening lead. If we trade a small spade from South for another for a small non-spade from West, the total will still be 13 – but maybe East-West get one more and North-South one less, because it is better to have more spades. 13 spades, 13 tricks: Hmm!

Larry Cohen's book on the Law, *To Bid or Not to Bid* has tables for different bidding levels and total tricks. He advises, "Do not bid 3 over 3 when there are 16 total tricks," and we have seen that this is good advice. I think he missed a chance to simplify the decision process. Rather than learn rules for each bidding level, you can just count the **total tricks required**, if they make their contract and we make ours. If their contract is 3D and we are considering bidding 3H, the total is 18. Subtract the **total tricks available** – your estimate of the total trump lengths – from the tricks required. I call this difference the **deficit**.

When the **deficit is zero** we have the 2-level situation we looked at above: it is clear to bid. When both contracts make exactly this turns a minus into a plus, but even when one would have gone down the overtricks in the other give bidding a better score in most situations.

A **deficit of one means** that if their contract was making, ours will be down 1; if ours makes, they are down 1. Bidding will not turn a minus into a plus, but it probably gives us a better score than passing. At the game level or higher, going down 1 when they make game is very good – and it could be that we make the game while they were down 1, also good!

When the **deficit is two** (as in Larry Cohen's three-level example) there is a chance that both contracts go down: bidding could turn a plus into a minus. Still, "both down 1" is just one case and there is a chance that one of the contracts will make. At the game level – depending on vulnerability and other factors – it is frequently right to bid, even when the deficit is two. When the deficit is higher, it may well be right to double, but bidding requires a very offensively-oriented hand, apart from the trumps.

One of those "other factors" involves which side has the balance of power. If you side has the high-cards, you can be more aggressive: doubling their partial with a deficit of two is just fine. When it looks like the other side should get the plus based on high cards, you have to avoid doubled contracts with a high deficit if you can. When the power is balanced, you can bid up to a deficit of one (or two, at game levels) and then let them buy it undoubled if they want to.

All of this assumes that you can come to a good guess at how many trumps each side has. In fact, it's usually easy. Let's try it on this problem hand (last [October 23. on board 16](#)):

S J 8 2

H A 2

D A Q 7 5 2

C K 10 9

(continued)

West	North	You	South
Pass	Pass	1 D	3 S
Double	Pass	?	

You are vulnerable. Partner's double is negative, promising 4 (or possibly 5) hearts and – since he could not open the bidding but will get us to the four level – about 10 or 11 high-card points.

Let's assume that you will either pass the double or bid 4 D. To apply the Law, you need to estimate the total of their spades and our diamonds. Partner's ideal distribution has 1 spade and 4 of every other suit. This gives the opposition 9 spades and gives us 9 diamonds. But partners rarely have the ideal distribution, so our best guess is that the total will be 17 rather than 18. That is **17 tricks available**. The **tricks required** are 19 (9 for 3S plus 10 for 4D), so the **deficit is two**. Below the game level, we do not bid with a deficit higher than one. (Here we are confident that we have the balance of power, which takes some of the pressure off.)

The Law says to pass the double. If we can make 4 diamonds (10 tricks) then they are down 2 (7 tricks for them) in their 3 spade contract. If 4 diamonds is down 1, they are still down 1 in 3 spades: that is the situation where bidding could turn a plus into a minus. If we had guessed the trump total as 18, then 4 diamonds making would mean 3 spades down 1; this is closer, but our high-card dominance makes passing a good choice.

In fact, partner had 3 spades and 4 diamonds: the total was only 16. Sure enough, they went down three in their 3 S contract, while 4 D would have made exactly: 6 tricks for them and 10 for us, a total of 16. We were one off in our estimate, but the Law gives good advice even when our guesses are not perfect.

Try counting trumps again on this hand from Larry Cohen's book. You are vulnerable against not vulnerable.:

S A Q 7 6 2

H A

D A 7 6 3

C 10 9 6

West	North	East	You
---	---	Pass	1 S
2 C	2 H	3 C	3 D
4 C	4 S	5 C	?

What does partner have in spades and clubs? It looks like three spades and one club – perhaps no clubs at all. **Bidding requires 22 tricks**: 11 for them in 5 C and also 11 for your possible 5 S. Even if partner has no clubs at all (leaving 10 for the opposition), the **trump total is 18** – a deficit of 4(!). With 18 tricks available, if 5 S makes then 5 C is down 4 – or 5 if partner has one club. It is clear to double!

(continued)

On this deal, where the actual player in a world championship bid 5 S and went down one (with foul breaks in hearts and spades), repeated trump leads would have held the opponents to seven tricks in 5 C doubled. Trump leads are frequently effective against sacrifice contracts depending on trumps for tricks.

One final example. You have :

S 9 7 6

H 10 8 7 3

D J 8 5

C 8 7 2

West	North	East	You
1 H	Double	Pass	?

Instinct tells you that you are in trouble here, but let's see what the Law says. Assume that partner has four spades and two hearts: they have 7 hearts and we have 7 spades, for 14 total **available tricks**. 14 is also the number of **tricks required**, so the **deficit is 0**. Bidding is very clear! We probably can't expect to turn a minus into a plus here, but let's guess that if you bid 1 S, it will go down 2 or 3. Down 2 means we get 5 tricks: they get 9 if the total is 14. 1 H doubled making 3 is either 360 (non-vulnerable) or 560 (vulnerable). You should bid 1 S. The opponents might do best to double this, but in practice it is very hard for them to commit themselves at the one-level without looking for their own contract. If they apply the Law they are likely to overestimate the available tricks. The real danger is that partner has extra values (and no sense of humor) and raises. Strangely, the situation where you theoretically turn a minus into a plus is just this one, if they make 1 H and you can make 1 S. It is also the most dangerous, because if you can make 1 S, partner will be bidding more and you will be lucky to stop below 3. This is one of the "Don't hope for a plus" situations that is really more tactical than analytic. (Partner should remember that in situations like this, if he cue-bids and you "rebid your suit," you have not shown anything at all, because *you had to bid something*. Partner with 3 spades and extra high-cards does better to rebid in a 5-card club or diamond suit.)

The Law applies in many, many bidding situations, and it is surprising how often you can come to a reasonable guess as to the total number of trumps. Suppose that the opponents have shown a fit in hearts and are in 2 H. They should have 8 hearts (maybe 9) leaving 5 for your side, and 21 cards in the other three suits. Your side could have 7 cards in each other suit, but that would be unlucky: most likely you have at least one 8-card trump fit. It is very likely that the deficit for bidding 2 S is 0, and it should be 1 at most. Some pairs have the agreement that 1 H Pass 2 H Pass Pass can never be ended by a third pass. They rely on the Law, and it serves them well.

Triangle Bridge March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:00 Eight is Enough Swiss Teams	2 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1250 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	3 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs	4 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 GNT 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	9 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1250 Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	10 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs	11 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	12 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 7:00 Swiss Teams	13 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 and 2:30 Open Pairs	14 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 and 2:30 A/X and B/C/D Pairs
15 Bright Leaf Unit Sectional 10:00 Swiss Teams	16 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1250 Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	17 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-500 Pairs	18 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 GNT 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 0-1250 Pairs 7:00 GNT Swiss	24 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-750 Pairs	25 12:30 Open Pairs 7:00 Open Pairs	26 12:30 Open Pairs 12:30 0-1000 Pairs	27 12:20 Open Pairs 12:20 0-500 Pairs	28 9:30 Open Pairs 9:30 0-3000 Play & Review
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0-5

Michele Smith 22.47

Stacey Rader 15.07

Laura Ross 14.30

Michele Smith 22.47

Stacey Rader 20.74

Laura Ross 14.30

5-20

Bayard Atwood 25.00

Judy Woody 17.78

Robert Vick 14.57

Bayard Atwood 25.62

Judy Woody 17.78

Nina Wallace 16.04

20-50

Jack McCann 25.91

Diana Eastwood 23.81

Jim Leak III 23.35

Diana Eastwood 37.03

Jim Leak III 28.60

Jack McCann 27.46

50-100

Lori Scanga 50.57

Larry Stanczyk 42.89

Gerri Stanczyk 39.60

Lori Scanga 93.14

Larry Stanczyk 76.07

Gerri Stanczyk 71.30

100-200

Tony Meyer 72.81

Barbara Bute 41.64

Herbert Fussman 40.66

Tony Meyer 107.85

Shending Sun 79.82

Barbara Bute 65.34

200-300

Marion Meyer 90.84

Sherry Wogen 71.21

Warren Wogen 71.21

Marion Meyer 125.79

Beverly Craig 97.56

Alice Hughley 92.72

300-500

Michael Mendelsohn
197.68

Mariee Walton 111.47

Jui Wang 76.69

Michael Mendelsohn
323.36

Mariee Walton 232.44

Jui Wang 225.57

500-1,000

Larry Kupper 130.19

Howard Hochman 111.47

Marc Goldberg 112.35

Marc Goldberg 174.10

Howard Hochman 171.11

Ian Cloudsdale 168.07

1,000-1,500

Paul Williams 132.24

Barry Buehler 131.59

Andrea Roitman 128.28

Carol Grizzard 369.89

Andrea Roitman 159.93

Barry Buehler 157.56

1,500-2,500

Victor Riva 221.51

Melanie Riva 211.84

Suzanne Goldberg 191.36

Victor Riva 286.13

Melanie Riva 276.68

Suzanne Goldberg 266.44

2,500-3,500

Tom Roberg 393.40

James Cunningham 180.80

Barbara Martin 155.59

Tom Roberg 498.29

Joy McKenzie-Smith 357.57

Peter Adler 243.07

3,500-5,000

Morton Stromberg 239.64

Pearl Schechter 154.68

Hsun-Kang Su 145.38

Morton Stromberg 280.58

Hsun-Kang Su 204.94

Pearl Schechter 184.85

5,000-7,000

Mary Vickers 46.83

Mary Vickers 169.79

7,500-10,000

Elaine Landow 120.26

Wayne Stuart III 59.77

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Elaine Landow 291.87

10,000+

Craig Robinson 289.77

Kay Joyce 277.43

Chris Moll 195.92

Jacek Pszczola 1521.75

Kay Joyce 953.91

Randy Joyce 834.83

The Ace of Clubs award is given to those members who have achieved points playing in club games, while the Mini-McKenney award is given to members who have achieved points playing in tournaments.

The unit recognized the winners in each category with a ceremony on Thursday, February 20 at Triangle Bridge Club, and Friday, February 21 at The Bridge Academy.

Congratulations to all!



Bright Leaf Unit 191 Spring Sectional



March 12-15, 2020



Tournament Chair
Chris Moll 504-495-7485

All Open Events:
Triangle Bridge Club
5110 Revere Road
Durham, NC 919-405-2016

Open Stratification:
0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+
A/X: 0-5000, 5000+
B/C/D: 0-1000, 1000-2000,
2000-3000

Partnership Requests:
Ed Fuller
301-906-1667
edwin.fuller@gmail.com

Nearby Lodging:
LaQuinta Inns & Suites
1910 Westpark Drive
Durham, NC 919-484-1622

Only players with less than 500 MP
can play at The Bridge Academy

Thursday, March 12
7pm Open & 499er Swiss

Friday, March 13
10am Open & 499er Pairs
2:30pm* Open & 499er Pairs

Saturday, March 14
10am A/X, B/C/D & 499'er Pairs
2:30pm* A/X, B/C/D & 499'er Paris

***Both 2:30pm games award extra**
silver points (regionally rated)

Sunday, March 15
10am Open & 499er Swiss
(Stratification based on team MP
average)
Play through with lunch included

Tournament Co-Chair
Henry Meguid 919-724-6239

All 499er Events:
The Bridge Academy
2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham, NC 919-724-6239

499er Stratification:
0-100, 100-300, 300-500

Partnership Requests:
Ray McEntee
984-220-6467
rmcentee2@gmail.com

Nearby Lodging:
LaQuinta Inns & Suites
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham NC 919-401-9660

Make your plans now to play in our unit's Spring Sectional. The unit relies on our members to support the tournament, either by donating food or money, but mainly, to play in the scheduled events. There will be opportunities to sign up for food the week of the tournament at scheduled games.

Get in the running for the Carolina Dreamin' award—given to the person who scores the most masterpoints in the open pairs' games, playing with at least two different partners. Last year's winner was Craig Robinson. Winners in the past have been Chris Moll (2), Howard Su (2), Wayne Stuart III (3), Sandy McCay and Rosa Lin.

UNIT 191 WEBSITE

Visit the unit website as often as possible—there is great information there—from game results, photos of events, newsletter, Alert archives, board minutes, upcoming events, and more. Our superb webmaster, **Marc Goldberg**, not only keeps us up to date with unit activities, but does it in a timely manner. Thank you Marc —it's an informative, easy to navigate site!

Triangle Bridge Club presents

\$25
Per Person
No partner
required

**WINTER
SUPERVISED PLAY**

3 Tuesday mornings

10:00am-11:30am

February 18th **March 3rd** **March 17th**

Ever wish you had an expert looking over your shoulder while you play? Come practice your skills playing prepared and random boards and receive expert help from Chris Moll. Grab a quick lunch and play at 12:30 to practice what you learned.

Registration **Call Chris 504-495-7485 or
email : trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com**

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Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Sunday March 1st 2:00pm

Although teammates are not guaranteed, please contact Chris Moll (504) 495-7485 via text or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com by 1pm on Saturday, February 29th for assistance.

Winter Supervised Play: Tuesday mornings March 3rd and 17th 10:00-11:30am

Want an expert looking over your shoulder when you play to help you improve your game? This small game format is for you. Come play – you don't need a partner- and Chris will review the boards you play commenting on bidding, declarer play, and defending. **Registration is required.**

Text Chris at 504-495-7485 or email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com. Fee is \$25 per session. Come to all or drop in.

GNT Qualifiers: Wednesday March 4th and 18th & Monday Feb 9th and 23rd 7pm

March continues the cycle to qualify to earn the right to represent District 7 at the Summer North American Bridge Championships in 2020. The District awards generous stipends to teams to attend in Montreal. Red/black points are awarded.

Visualization, Thursdays March 5th and 12th 10:00-11:30am

If you could picture the unseen hands how would your game improve? Learn how to visualize your opponents' cards as declarer or defender. Fee is \$64 for both sessions and \$35 to drop in. Email trianglebridgeclub@gmail.com to register or call/text Chris Moll at 504-495-7485.

Unit 191 Brightleaf Spring Sectional Thursday March 12th - Sunday March 15th

ACBL-wide Charity Pairs Tuesday March 31st 12:30pm

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars for **The Future Life Master Sectional** held at Triangle Thursday, April 2 – Sunday, April 5th. No player may have more than 500 points.

Please join us for friendly competition at its best.

Chris Moll

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