

THE BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 191

JULY 2021

Welcome to summer!

The heat has returned once again. It's a good time to stay cool by playing bridge. Join me in playing at the Triangle Bridge Academy, Fearington Bridge Club and GCBC this summer! It is wonderful to see friends again and enjoy the game we love. Most days we have seen 9-10 tables between the open game and the limited game at Triangle Bridge Academy. Hope these games will grow as we settle in. I must say that playing in person has been an adjustment. Now we need to bring cash to pay, remember to check to see who's the dealer... check to see who is on lead... record the score... and most importantly – alert your partner's bids when needed! Don't forget to bring your convention card! All things we did not have to attend to when playing on BBO. Look for more game opportunities coming soon as TBA adds face-to-face game opportunities in the coming weeks. Our Unit 191 website has the current schedule and we will continue to update it promptly (www.unit191bridge.org). Let's celebrate the end of the pandemic by supporting our local clubs. See you at the bridge table!

Deanna Larus

Unit 191 President

REMEMBER: As of January, 2021, support doubles and support redoubles do not require an "ALERT" announcement.

From **John Torrey**:

Pearl and Grada Arble were first in the BBO 2:10 open pairs (the second week in June). As in, first overall! You can find the report by looking for Pearl's hands (Pearl1919). She is likely the oldest person to have won one of these events.

Unfortunately....Pearl had some mini-strokes on June 17. There is a web-site with updates:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pearlschechter/journal>

The site is quite thorough and describes her progress. She is allowed to have visitors—best to read the journal before planning a visit.

We wish her well!



Updating your Member Information on Unit 191 Website

-by **Marc Goldberg**

One of the nice features on the Unit 191 website is a Members Only section. This section is password protected and is available only to Unit 191 members. The purpose of the page is to allow members to contact other members to arrange bridge games, chat about bridge issues, or get together socially. It is easy to find a friend's phone number or email address- simply bring up the Unit 191 website (<https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>), log on to the Members Only tab, and locate your friend's line to see their contact information (email, address, and phone number). As a reminder, this information is private and only for the personal use of Unit 191 members.

Sometimes, a member's contact information may change. Maybe you have a new phone number. Maybe you changed your email address. How do you keep your listing up to date?

Updating your information is easy to do. But first, understand that the member information in the Members Only tab comes from ACBL. So it is vital that you first go to your listing in ACBL (<https://www.acbl.org/>) and update the information there. Next, login to the Unit 191 Members Only tab. Select the "Account" tab and update your information. **IMPORTANT- click "Save"** after you change anything and before you leave the page. Otherwise, the changes will not be recorded.

The reason it is important to update the ACBL information first is this. Suppose your phone number changed and you update the Unit 191 Members Only section with your new number. At some future time, the web team may receive an update from ACBL. Installing that update could change your phone number BACK to what it was before.

If you have never logged on to the Members Only tab on the Unit 191 website, you will first have to establish a password. When you select Members Only, a box will come up asking for your email address or ACBL number. Enter that information and click on Set/Reset Password. Bridgewebs will then send you an email with a link to set your password. If you do not get the email, check your Spam or Promotions folder to see if it is in there. If that does not work, contact the web team for assistance. **Marc Goldberg**, goldberg73@gmail.com or **Ed Fuller**, edwin.fuller@gmail.com.





♠ **Come Play with Us!** ♣
♥ as a Mentee or Mentor ♦

The June Mentee-Mentor game was hosted by The Bridge Academy on the evening of Saturday, June 12th. Thanks to all who came out to play. We had 16 pairs, challenging hands, and a delightful evening!

Our hearty congratulations to those on the evening's leaderboard:

Ralph Balzac & Barry Buehler, 1st overall with a **whopping 68.71%**!

Rich Schneider & Maggie Lindquist, 2nd overall with 63.27%.





Liz Schuler & Ian Cloudsdale, 3rd overall with 59.18%.

Dixie Hapgood & Joyce Jenzano, 4th overall with 54.76%.

Beverly Craig & Ed Fuller, 5th overall with 53.06%.

Renee Getz & Emily Hungerford, tied for 6th overall with 52.72%.

Eileen Bok & Janet Dence, tied for 6th overall with 52.72%.

Didn't play last time? Please join us for the   **Independence**  
mentee-mentor game on **Friday, July 9th** at **7:00 p.m.** The game will be hosted by **Triangle Bridge** on BBO (**VACB252858**). We hope to "see" you there. **Let us know if you would like to play and need a mentor.**

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Barbara Bute, & Donna Walther (Board Liaison)
Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

World Grand Master Kate McCallum's **"46 Bridge Rules To Live By"**: 12-17

12. **WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO - DO IT.** Don't make partner guess.
13. **BID YOUR LONG SUITS - DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.**
14. **BID YOUR 5-CARD MAJORS - DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.**
15. **IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT YOUR DOUBLE TO END THE AUCTION, DON'T DOUBLE.** Find another bid. Perhaps 1NT or 2NT takeout (or 4NT), or a flexible cue-bid, or a natural bid.
16. **DON'T BALANCE!** There are exceptions, of course, e.g., when they have found a fit and are passed out at the 2-level. But, as a general rule, balancing is losing bridge. Bid your hand on the first round, before they know what to do.
17. **LONG SUITS FIRST!** With a 6-5, open or respond in the 6-card suit. Similarly, with 4-5 in the minors, try to open 1C if you can, open 1D only when you must.

♠ ♥ Unit 191's 2020-2021

Mentee-Mentor Program ♦ ♣

The June Mentee-Mentor game would normally wrap up Unit 191's 2020-2021 Mentee-Mentor program year. *However, we will continue the mentee-mentor games virtually online throughout the summer. See details below.*

This year has been a different, interesting, and fun year. Adopting a more informal structure, we have welcomed all local players and have developed a synergy with the mentee-mentor program of the Raleigh Bridge Club. [Their game is usually the last Sunday evening of the month. Contact **Doug Holbrook** <doug.holbrook@hotmail.com>

for details.] Additionally, **Barbara Hudson**, director of the Vanderbilt Bridge Club, cancels her Saturday evening game when it conflicts with our mentee-mentor game. Moreover, she frequently plays as a mentor in our games. Thanks Barbara! Please support her Saturday evening game on BBO (**vacb208710**): Vanderbilt Bridge Club beginning at 6:45 p.m. Finally, with the online format several out-of-area players have frequently joined our games playing with family members, previous partners, or as fill-in mentors. All have been most welcome.

During this past year we have given back to the local community in a time of special and great need. **\$3** of each player's game fee has been donated to the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**. Our donations for the year *thus far* have amounted to **\$1,434**.

Summer Unit 191 & Friends Mentee-Mentor game schedule:

- Friday evening, **July 9th at 7:00 p.m.**, the game will be hosted by **Triangle Bridge** on BBO (**VACB252858**).
- Saturday evening, **August 14th at 7:00 p.m.**, the game will be hosted by **The Bridge Academy** on BBO (**VACB267385**).

Throughout the year we have appended several of the bridge rules from World Grand Master Kate McCallum's **"46 Bridge Rules To Live By."** Her list of 46 bridge rules plus 12 additional tips for less experienced players to help you learn to bid better can be found here:

<http://bridge-tips.co.il/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/46+12-Bridge-Rules-To-Live-By-Eng.pdf>

Enjoy and heed her excellent advice.

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Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

ACBL UNIT 191 R E P O R T

Includes all transactions processed 4/30/21 through 6/01/21—Submitted by
Phylliss Woody, Membership Chair June 2021

Total Members - 595

NEW MEMBER

Drew Watson

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT

Ann Glover

Old Unit # 153 Charlotte

John Glover

Old Unit # 153 Charlotte

Peter Moyer

Old Unit # 539 San Diego

TRANSFERS OUT OF UNIT 191

Michael Mendelsohn New Unit # 119 North State

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Rich Haney

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Edwin Fuller

Unit 191 members, please check the Directory on our unit website (unit 191 bridge.org) and report to me (pwoody@unc.edu, 919-612-0771) any changes or corrections that need to be made. Please remember contact information in this directory is provided as a courtesy to Unit 191 members. Unauthorized use of this information is forbidden



Triangle Bridge Academy Summer Future Life Master Sectional August 6-8, 2021



Fri & Sat, August 6-7 10:00am 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 8 10:00 am and TBA

Stratified Swiss

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



Tournament Chair:

**Chris Moll
(504) 495-7485**

Partnerships:

**Henry Mequid
(919) 724-6239**

Covid Requirements:

**Proof-of-Vaccination
Required**

**Must sign liability
waiver**

Masks are optional

**Triangle Bridge Academy
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Rd
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 908-8068**

A TALE OF THE TWO OF HEARTS

(With apologies to Robert Darvas)

Submitted by Randy Joyce

If you don't believe that truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction, do not read the following article. These two hands actually did occur many years ago in a Greensboro Swiss Team. You have been forewarned: read on only at your own risk.

As my teammate, Ken Anderson of Greensboro, pulled his hand from Board 1, he inadvertently plucked the Heart Two from Board 2. Curse the bad luck that both decks were blue in color, so no one noticed. Ken couldn't be bothered to count his cards and thus did not realize that he now had 14. The auction on Board 1 went, short and sweet, 1 NT—Pass—3 NT—all Pass. Ken led the Heart Ten and contemplated the following layout:

	S Jxx
	H Kx
	D Qxxx
	C KJxx
S Txxx	S KQx
H T9xxxx (2) (extra)	H AJx
D x	D xxx
C xx	C ATxx
	S Axx
	H Q2
	D AKJxx
	C Qxx

Declarer played the Heart K, Ken's partner, Bill Wisdom, played the Heart A and returned the Heart J. Ken failed to notice the Heart 2 that declarer had played on the first trick, but he did realize that all thirteen Hearts were not accounted for, and he did not have an entry. On the run of 5 rounds of Diamonds, Ken duly discarded

What he thought were four worthless Hearts. When declarer gave up a Club, the defenders had only one more Heart to cash; the 3 NT contract which should have been set three tricks, was allowed to make. My teammates were both perfect gentlemen to each other, so nary a word was said about this ludicrous defense.

As Ken pulled his hand out of Board 2, he failed to notice that he was short one card, namely the Heart Two. The auction proceeded P-P-P-2 NT—P6 NT—All Pass. Ken led the Heart Q and saw this dummy:

	S AK9
	H Kxx
	D Jxxx
	C xxx
S QJx	S xxxx
H QJT9 (2) (not here)	H x
D xxx	D xxx
C xx	C QJTxx
	S xxx
	H Axxx
	D AKQ
	C AKx

Declarer had very little hope for his contract, but he had seen these defend before, and so he set out with grim determination. Declarer ducked the Heart Q in both hands and won the Heart J continuation with the K in dummy. He cashed the A, K, Q of Diamonds and the A, K of Clubs. Declarer now led a Spade to dummy and discarded a Club from his hand on the Jack of Diamonds. Ken was

Caught in the jaws of the truly rare and exotic "Short Card Squeeze". The five-card end position was as follows:

S A9

H x

D J (led)

C x

S QJ KEN

H T9

D

C

S

H Immaterial

D

C

S xx

H Ax

D

C x (discarded)

If Ken had had the Heart Two, he could pitch it safely, but without it, he had to un-guard one of the majors. When he pitched a Heart, declarer now ran his A and x of Hearts and squeezed Ken out of his Spade trick. Our teammates again said nothing to one another about this horrible defense. Declarer was just hoping that he would get a few more good hands against these guys, because it seemed as if any contract, no matter how bad it looked on the surface, was a possible make.

When the boards arrived at our table, we were astute enough on Board 1 to realize that one hand contained 14 cards. When the director took the board to the other table to get the situation cleared up, he realized what had happened. How would you rule? Well, the director certainly gave a sensible ruling for the situation. He put the Heart 2 back in place on Board 2 and said, "Play on Boys".

Virtue was rewarded, sort of. Our team did rally from 24 imps down on these two boards to win the match by 3 imps. Our teammates overall play continued on the same level, so we only had a modest 4-4 record at the end of the event.

From the archives—July 2011

The unit is busily making preparations for the summer sectional. Tournament co-chairs **Marty Demko and Ken Dye**, Hospitality co-chairs **Robin Marin and B.J. Medford**, and Partnership co-chairs **Jim Bean and Leonard Beeghley** are planning to make this tournament great. "Only Burger" will provide food between sessions.

Membership stands at 543. These people have attained a new status:

Junior Master—**Chuck Kimpel**

Club Master—**Carol Crotty**

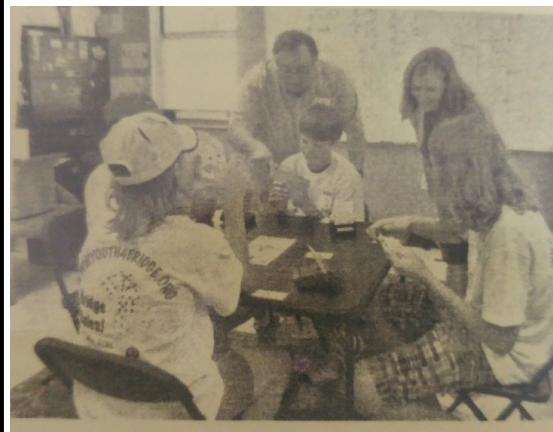
Regional Master—**Betty Watson**

Life Master—**Charles Hesner**

Bronze Life Master—**Kay Richardson**

Mike Zimmerman

Silver Life Master—**Claire Sobel**



ACBL-accredited bridge teacher, Henry Meguid, and avid beginner Karen Curtin, teach the basics of bridge to middle school youth at the Carolina Friends School in Chapel Hill. The four-day class was partially subsidized by the ACBL and Unit 191.



Bright Leaf Unit 191 Fall Sectional November 11-14, 2021



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Henry Meguid (919) 724-6239

Tournament Co-Chair
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Nearby Lodging:

La Quinta Inns & Suites
4414 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham (919) 401-9680

Thursday, November 11

7:00 pm Open and 499'er Swiss Teams

Friday, November 12

10:00 am Open & 499'er pairs

*2:30pm Open & 499'er pairs

Saturday, November 13

10:00 am A/X, B/C/D & 499'er pairs

*2:30pm A/X, B/C/D & 499'er pairs

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

Sunday, November 14

10:00 am & TBD Open and 499'er Swiss Teams
(stratification based on team MP average)
Play through with lunch included

Open Stratification:

0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+

A/X 0-5000, 5000+

B/C/D 0-1000, 1000-2000, 2000-3000

499'er Stratification:

0-100, 100-300, 300-500

All ACBL COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

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The Bright Leaf Alert is the official publication of Unit 191.

If you have ideas for articles, please notify a board member
or Barbara Martin—Bmartin1@mebtel.net

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY!!