

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF UNIT 191

OCTOBER 2021

From the President.....

Fall is here! I have so enjoyed the return of face to face bridge in the past two months. We are all slowly finding our way back to playing in person again. Games at the Triangle Bridge Academy range in size from four to 10 tables and the Fearington Bridge Club regularly has five or six tables each Wednesday. Join us next week!

The Board is busy planning for our fall events. First, we are working towards hosting our Fall Sectional in mid-November at the Triangle Bridge Academy. Remember all attendees must be vaccinated! We are also preparing for our election event for our 2022 Board of Directors. We have excellent candidates and I look forward to their new perspectives and energy. Also our mentoring program is in full swing with both in person and online games each month to help our members develop better skills at the table. Volunteer today to support a novice player or join as a mentee to learn more from a seasoned player. Contact a Mentoring Committee member to learn more – or check your email. Ed Fuller and the others are putting mentors and mentees together every day. Hope to see you soon!



Happy Halloween! —————Deanna Larus, Unit 191 President

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



Tournament Chair
Henry Meguid (919) 724-6239

Tournament Co-Chair
Chris Moll (504) 495-7485

All Events:

Triangle Bridge Academy
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd
Durham, NC (919) 808-8068

Partnership Requests:

Ray McEntee
(984) 220-6467
rmcentee2@gmail.com

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.

ACBL Membership Report

Includes all transactions processed 6/30/21 through 8/01/21 & 7/31/21 through 9/01/21

Total Members – 589

NEW MEMBERS

Adam L Kirsch
Sandy E Silverstein

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT

Kathy Bishop
Old Unit #519 - Coronado

Byron C Hauser
Old Unit #171 - Western North Carolina

Eugene Kalnitsky
Old Unit # 128 - Florida

TRANSFERRED OUT OF UNIT

Sharon B Crane
New Unit # 119 - North State

NEW JUNIOR MASTER

Alice Hurley

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Anne Marie Harrison
Nancy Garman

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Ed Nelvyn L Evans
Annette Levine

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Larry Kupper

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Martin Causley

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Joy D McKenzie-Smith

DECEASED

Caroyln T Heuser

Submitted by Phylliss Woody, Membership Chair

August/September, 2021

Unit 191 members please check the Directory on our unit website (unit191bridge.org) and report to me (pwoody@unc.edu, (919) 612-7711) 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.



Some Good Ideas Present Themselves

By Randy Joyce

Yesterday I played with Kay in a huge BBO game in Knoxville and picked up the following hand:

S...QJ

H...AKJxxxxx

D...Jxx

C...

Kay opened 1 Club and I responded 1 Heart. Kay bid 1 Spade, and it's your bid.

If you bid anything but 2 Diamonds, I will give you three lashes with a wet noodle. As I have told person after person that inquired, 3 Hearts is invitational. No amount of thinking, head shaking, or hand wringing can make it otherwise.

Three hearts promises 10-11 points and a reasonable 6+ card suit and might be passed. Four Hearts is a closeout bid. What can you do to force to game and show a little more than game-going values? I bid 2 Diamonds, Fourth Suit Forcing To Game.

Now we could have a leisurely auction. Kay and I have been playing bridge together for over 45 years. We know a lot more about the nuances of auctions than a casual pick up pair or even some established pairs. By Gosh, we know what our bids mean!! (Usually)

Not on this hand!!! When she bid 3NT, I thought that Kay was showing a BAD hand, by jumping to game in a forcing auction. Kay thought that she was showing a good hand with really short Hearts. Anyway, I bid 4 Hearts, and that ended the auction.



I awaited dummy with great anticipation. Kay held:

S..ATxx

H..x

D..AKx

C..Axxxx

We had missed a pretty good slam!! I got a low Diamond lead and played the A.

I now played the AK of Hearts and was somewhat pleased that they were Qxx offside.

You can't quit on hands like these at this point in the play. I played the Q of Spades, and LHO followed small. I didn't think that they would fail to "cover an honor with an honor," so I went up with the Ace. I pitched my Spade Jack on the A of Clubs and played a low Spade hoping for Kx on my right. RHO played the K!!!! Wonderful news, I now had a pitch on the Spade Ten for my little Diamond. I trumped the Spade and gave the opponents their Heart. Making 6. When the scores came out, Kay and I had WON!!! Our winning margin was 3 points. On the board in question, we scored 27.5/29. If I had made only 5, we would have scored 13.5. I was patting myself on the back for playing Spades before my other dummy entry was dislodged when I happened to notice that RHO held the K 9 x of Spades. The 9 would have done the job for them in holding off the Spade suit, and I would make only 5.

What are the takeaways from this hand?

A- Bid the slams that you KNOW have reasonable play. If you can't be sure, then try to beat the opponents in the play of the hand.

B--Bridge is not a hard game to play. It is a HARD game to play well.

C--Even the most experienced pairs have misunderstandings.

D--A little/LOT of LUCK never hurts

E--My old saw from when I held classes, "Watch the spot cards." They are so important! Never more so than here.

September 17

♠ Come Play with Us in October! ♣

♥ as a Mentee or Mentor ♦

The **2021-2022 Unit 191 Mentoring Program** started **online Friday, September 17th**.

The game was hosted by Triangle Bridge on BBO. Thanks to all who came out to play. We had 22 pairs, challenging hands, and a delightful evening!

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

Ann Fisher & Nancy Crow, 1st overall & 1st EW with 65.91%
Rich Schneider & Jim Rhew, 2nd overall & 2nd EW with 61.36%.
Dixie Hapgood & Joyce Jenzano, 3rd overall & 1st NS with 57.50%.
Baker Ward & Bert Ward, 4th overall & 2nd NS with 56.59%.
Catherine Garland & Bob Dumas, 5th overall & 3rd NS with 55.00%.
Eileen Bok & Leslie Blair, 6th overall & 3rd EW with 52.95%.

We gave back to the local community in this time of need. **\$3** of each player's game fee, or **\$132**, was donated to the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**.

Please join us for

*a **face-to-face mentee-mentor game** at **12:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, October 5th

*at **Triangle Bridge Academy**, 2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 102, Durham, NC (the game will be preceded by a 20-minute lesson at 12:00 noon),

* for an **online mentee-mentor game** at **7:00 p.m.** on Friday, October 15th hosted by **Triangle Bridge on BBO (VACB252858)**,

* or **for both games**.

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, and Maggie Lindquist

Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

Donna Walther (Board Liaison)

♠ **Join as a Mentee to step up your game** ♣

♥ **Volunteer as a Mentor to give back** ♦

2021-2022 Mentoring Program

Unit 191 began the 2021-2022 Mentoring Program year on Friday, September 17th.

Plans are to have two mentoring pair games each month. One will be a **face-to-face game** at 12:30 p.m. on the **1st** of the month at Triangle Bridge Academy. The game will be preceded by a 20-minute lesson at 12:00 noon. The other will be an **online BBO game**, hosted by Triangle Bridge, at 7:00 p.m. on the **3rd** of the month. Try to register at least 15 minutes early so the game can start promptly. The first face-to-face game is planned for **Tuesday afternoon**, ^{October 5th.} Plan to join us.

Join as a Mentee to step up your game. Are you a Non-Life Master with under 500 masterpoints who would like to improve your bridge skills and enhance your enjoyment of the game? *Ask someone to mentor you; or let us know and we will match you with a mentor.* Please use the Mentoring Program Sign-Up Form on the unit's website in either [PDF format](#) or [Word format](#).

Volunteer as a Mentor to give back. Are you a bridge player who would like to give back for the mentors who have helped you improve your bridge skills and your enjoyment of the game? Ask someone you would like to mentor. Or *let us know.* **We need mentors!** We have several mentees without mentors who are eager to learn. We can match you with a mentee.

Mentees are encouraged to pay their Mentor's game fee in appreciation of the time, efforts, and knowledge they share. The game fee is \$11 per player for the face-to-face games and 8 BB\$ per player for the online BBO games. Unit 191 will subsidize \$5 of the mentor's fee for **Unit 191 mentees** playing in the face-to-face mentee-mentor games. Club owners will reimburse the unit \$3 of each player's online game fee to be donated to the *Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina*.

Only can play in the evenings? Or only want to play in the afternoons? Let us know. We can match you with a partner of similar inclinations.

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Triangle Bridge Academy's **requirements for in-person play**:

Show **proof of full vaccination**.

Wearing a mask or face shield is NOW required.

Sign a **COVID liability release form**.

No eating allowed at the table, just drinking.

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Report from the Nomi- nating Com- mittee

The Nominating committee, consisting of **Chris Moll**, chairman, **Phylliss Woody**, **Donna walther**, **Joyce Jenzano** and **Maggie Lindquist** has provided the following names for the opportunity to serve on the unit board next year.

**Barbara Phillips-
Bute**

Lori Scanga

Gail King

Karen Popovich

Mary Newman

Rose Meltzer

The slate has been asked to provide a short bio and photo—and when all are received, there will be a special edition of the Alert sent out—the bios will also be included in the November alert.