

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – OCTOBER 2022



President's Corner:



**BRIGHT LEAF FALL
SECTIONAL**

NOVEMBER 10 – 13

TRIANGLE BRIDGE ACADEMY

Plan now to play!

Dear Unit Members,

We are looking forward to hosting our fall tournament and hope that unit participation will **increase** for this event. Please consider playing and supporting your unit. Durham County is now rated with a low covid transmission rate so masks will be optional if this low rating holds.

If you would like to play and need a partner please call or text Chris Moll, Partnership Chairman, at (504) 495-7485.

We are looking for:

- ***volunteers to help with hospitality***
- ***volunteers to assist with tournament check-in***
- ***volunteers to sell lunch coupons for Sunday Swiss Teams***
- ***cash donations for hospitality***
- ***food donations (baked goodies or a special snack)***

Ideally, we would like to have volunteers help with putting out and replenishing snacks and generally oversee the kitchen area for each session. If you can help for a session, please let us know.

Please call or email me or Ann Fisher to volunteer.

Deanna@elarus.com (919) 656-9666

Afisher9tk@gmail.com (919) 417-7176

Deanna Larus, Unit President

“Old
Bridge
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never die;
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Oscar
Wilde

Fall for Bridge.... at Brightleaf Unit 191's Fall Sectional

November 10 - 13, 2022

**Triangle Bridge Academy
2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.,
Durham, NC 919-808-8068**

**Thursday, November 10
7PM Open and 749'er Swiss Teams**

**Friday, November 11
10 AM & *2:30 pm Open & 749er Pairs**

**Saturday, November 12
10 AM & *2:30 pm A/X, B/C/D & 749'er Pairs
(*both 2:30 games are regionally rated for silver points)**

**Sunday, November 13
10 AM Open & 749'er Swiss Teams
Play through with lunch available for purchase
Stratification based on team MP average**

**Open Stratification:
0-1000, 1000-3000, 3000+
A/X 0-5000, 5000+
B/C/D 0-1250, 1250-2000,
2000-3000**

**Nearby Lodging:
La Quinta Inn & Suites
4414 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.,
Durham, NC
Rate: \$118**

Ask for ACBL Bridge Tournament Block by Oct. 27

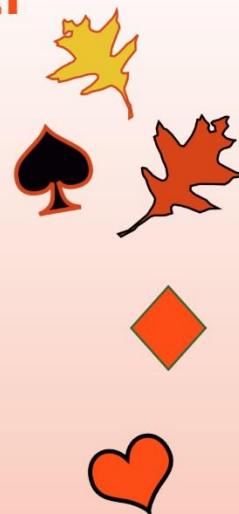
**749 Stratification:
0-100, 100-300, 300-750**

**Tournament chair
Ann Fisher (919) 417-7176
afisher9tk@gmail.com**

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



All ACBL protocols will be followed.



Special Notice!

All Durham Fall Sectional tournaments have Open and Limited sections! For this coming tournament, **players who have fewer than 749 masterpoints will be eligible for the Limited games.** This is a change from sectional tournaments in the past where these games were for players with fewer than 499 masterpoints. So make plans with your favorite partner and join us for the pairs and swiss events. Let's have fun!

Can you be a Guaranteed Partner for our Fall Sectional?

Please let us know if you are willing to play in the morning and/or afternoon session on Friday (November 11) and Saturday (November 12).

We need one Open player and one Future Life Master player for each session.

Note: If you agree to be a Guaranteed Partner, you must agree to show up at the club to play for the assigned session. If you are needed as a partner, you will be issued a coupon for a "free play" for that specific session. You will also receive a coupon for a "free play" at a future club game. *There is no guarantee that you will play in the tournament session however, if the need for a partner does not arise.*

Please call or email Chris, Deanna, or Ann (contact information above) if you would like to participate in this way. Thank you.

ITS ELECTION TIME

Voting begins on November 1 for the 2023 Unit Board of Directors. Step-by-step instructions for electronic voting are outlined below. If you prefer to vote on paper, ballots will be available at Triangle Bridge Academy, or one can be mailed to you directly. Remember to get your votes recorded by November 23, 2022.

Vote for up to four of the candidates for the Unit 191 Board Directors. Ballots with more choices are invalid.

Any member in good standing may submit his/her name to be included on the ballot. Email Gail King, Nominating Committee, at kinggail2008@yahoo.com.

The Unit 191 By-Laws (available on the Unit 191 website) provide a procedure for Unit members to nominate candidates in addition to those put forward by the Nominating Committee. If any member would like to nominate a Unit member, please provide a written request and written assurance from the proposed candidate to Gail King, Nominating Committee Chairman by email at kinggail2008@yahoo.com as soon as possible.



**Unit 191's
Nomination/Election
Committee offers
two ways to vote:**

- **Online ballot** in the **Members Only** section of the unit website (see instructions below). Polls open November 1.
- **Paper ballot** from **Ann Fisher** from November 1 to November 22. Paper ballots must be received by November 22nd.

Instructions for accessing the Unit 191 online ballot and voting online:

- Go to the unit website at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/unit191brightleaf/>
- Select **Members Only** from the tabs on the left-hand side of the home page.
- Enter your ACBL Number or Email or Name
- Enter your password

If this is your first time using the “Members Only”, click [Set/Reset Password].

Note: After you click [Set/Reset Password], you will get a prompt to **Send Set Password Email**. BridgeWebs will then send you an email with a link to reset your password. If you do not see the email in your inbox, check your Spam folder.

Note: This is a *unique personal password* that you create just for the Unit 191 website. It is not ACBL password for MyACBL on acbl.org.

- Across the top of the **Members Only** page you will see several tabs. [For instance, the **Member List** tab is the current Unite 191 online directory.]

- Select the **Unit 191 Director Ballot** tab (currently on the far right).
- Vote for your candidates from the ballot. Vote for up to four candidates.
- Click **Cast Ballot** at the bottom of the ballot to cast your vote.
- You're done. Thank you!

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Bill Ingram

Bill began playing rubber bridge in college in the 1970s and may have the distinction of being the only former community college president (Durham Tech, 2008—2020) to have flunked out of college—twice—as a result. Apart from an occasional get-together with his college friends, he stopped playing until he signed up for Easy Bridge lessons with Darleen and Jay Bates about 12 years ago.

He attained the rank of Life Master in 2018 for which he thanks both patient partners and the occasional helpful opponent. When not playing bridge (or hideous golf) Bill is a Senior Associate with the consulting firm Moss+Ross, working with area non-profits with executive searches and fundraising assistance. He and his wife Ann are residents of Durham and parents of two adult children, one of whom (Christine Elizabeth) would be a truly great bridge player if not for her work schedule as Public Interest Librarian for New Hanover County (Wilmington, NC).

Lori Scanga



I would like to thank the ACBL Unit 191 Nominating Committee for the invitation to run for a position on the Board. It is a great honor to be nominated by such an outstanding group of friends and players.

My history of playing bridge began when my older brothers and sisters taught me how to play. I played intermittently in college, but then I did not play much during my working life. I started to think about playing again, but the social bridge opportunities were not there anymore. I began to search for bridge clubs and I was fortunate to find the Triangle Bridge Club.

The first time I showed up “off the street” (with zero masterpoints and no partner), I was warmly welcomed, Valerie Roberts played with me in the open game, and I was hooked. I joined ACBL that day in 2016. I fell in love with duplicate bridge because I’m naturally competitive and I love math. I find duplicate bridge to be fascinating, challenging, and addictive! I have also noticed social and health benefits from playing bridge. I have made so many friends along the way and playing bridge feels like yoga for my brain. I have learned a tremendous amount about the play of the game from my directors, teachers, partners, and mentors. I have realized that there is so much more to bridge than the play of the cards.

My goals if elected would be to sustain the future of the unit by building the membership, financial and resources management, and to advance the mission of the Unit and ACBL. I welcome the opportunity to learn and contribute to the business and organizational aspects of the game as a Board member.



Janet Strobe

My name is Janet Strobe and I hope to become a member of Unit 191 Board. I grew up in Michigan loving card games and playing Canasta, Schmier, Cribbage, and Euchre.

I started playing bridge at work when those who I watched at lunch one day needed a 4th and handed me a cheat sheet. When my mother moved to a retirement community I began playing with her, a friend and her daughter. Going to dinner and coming home to play Bridge was a special way to socialize regularly with her that wasn't a chore.

I played socially for many years until, wanting to get better, I took a lesson at the local club. I participated in their mentoring program and have been hooked on duplicate ever since. I moved to Fearington Village from Michigan in 2013 and was pleased to find a club and players who also played in the clubs in Durham.

To me bridge is a social outlet that challenges the mind. I have had a number of partners and made many friends. I have been editing the Unit 191 Alert for the last few months and have enjoyed being involved with other board members.

Phyllis Woody



Well... Hello there. I am back once again asking to represent you for Unit 191. I acknowledge that I have been around for quite a while under the illustrious leadership of Jim Bean (2018-2019), Joyce Jenzano (2016-2017), Ed Fuller (2018-2019), and our very own Deanna Larus (2019-). I was initially elected to the Board in 2013, along with the irreplaceable Ed Fuller and subsequently, I was re-elected in 2016 and again in 2019. I remain thankful and grateful to the bridge community for that vote of confidence, and I have been working for "us" ever since.

With that thought in mind, I am asking that you please cast your VOTE for me to continue protecting and promoting your ideas and recruiting new members while building new bridges for our current, new, and younger players.

I have provided support to our diligent and conscientious club owners, Henry Meguid and Chris Moll, through my terms and years of playing bridge. This support has been as a student, as well as a participant as their Standby person for partners, guaranteed partner for sectionals, partnership chair, kitchen attendant and class assistant to name a few.

During my terms, I have served as the Unit Recorder, Electronic Contact, Membership Chair, and Disciplinary Chair. I further served on the Goodwill Ambassador and Nominating Committees. I have provided additional services through the Mentor/Mentee program, and various other committees and programs.

I am Phylliss Starks Woody, also known as Mimi, Zoey Elaine's grandma. I retired from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in August 2010 and have played bridge and traveled ever since. Covid 19 has played havoc in my and everyone's life; But GOD!!! Is ever present. Everything is going to be Alright...I Promise. In the meantime, my nine years of experience are saying "please give me another vote". Regardless of your decision, I wish "Happy Living" to you and yours.

Club Game Schedule

Triangle Bridge Academy

October schedule of events:

Open face to face games:

Monday – Friday @ 12:30pm

Saturday @ 9:45am

Open online BBO games:

Monday, Wednesday @ 7:00pm

Play and review face to face Barometer game (under 300mps)

Friday @ 10:00am [Click here to RSVP](#)

Online learn and play

Monday @ 9:00am [Click here to register and pay](#)

Special games this month:

October 3-9, Charity Club Championship

October 10-16, Club Appreciation

October 17-23, STAC (1/4 Gold, Silver, Red, Black)

October 24-30 Club Appreciation

Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee game:

Face to face: October 4, 12:30pm (luncheon and lesson at noon)

Online BBO: October 19, 7:00pm

Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events (click for flyer):

October 24-30, [Charlotte Regional](#)

November 10-13, [Durham Sectional](#)

Mentoring Program News



♠ **Come Play with Us in October!** ♣

♥ **as a Mentee or Mentor** ♦



A fun-filled month is in store for the Unit 191 Mentoring Program in **October**. **No trick or treat, just pizza and treats!** Please join us for an **in-person mentee-mentor game** at **12:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 4th**, 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 given by Marc Goldberg on "**Trump Control: when to pull or when not to pull trump.**" Mid-game, we'll take a break for pizza and homemade treats.

Let us know at <brightleaf.mentee@gmail.com>

if you plan to play or if you need a mentor.

We hope to see you there!

On **Wednesday, October 19th** at 7:00 p.m. we'll have an **online mentee-mentor game** hosted by Triangle Bridge on BBO (VACB252858).

In September, the **2022-2023 Mentoring Program** started with an **in-person afternoon game** on **Tuesday September 6th** and an **online evening game** on **Wednesday, September 21st**.

Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard** from the **Tuesday afternoon game on September 6th**:

Bill Marzluff & Debbie Hoveland, 1st overall and 1st EW with 60.5%

Jo Anne Rosenfeld & Ed Fuller, 2nd overall and 1st NS with 59.0%

Cathy Simon & Leslie Blair, 3rd overall and 2nd NS with 57.5%

Catherine Garland & Russell Schoud, 4th overall and 3rd NS with 51.5%

Judy Woody & Deanna Larus, 5th overall and 2nd EW with 50.5%

Vanessa Brown & Maggie Lindquist, 6th overall and 3rd EW with 50.0%

Our **hearty congratulations** to the **leaderboard** from the **Wednesday evening game on September 21st**:

Baker Ward & Bert Ward, 1st overall with 58.33.5%

Gerri Stanczyk & Randy Poindexter, 2nd / 3rd overall with 54.86%

Larry Stanczyk & Nancy Sparks, 2nd / 3rd overall with 54.86%

Shelley Hedtke & Eric Hamilton, 4th overall with 51.39%

Barbara Hulka & Beverly Craig, 5th overall with 50.0%

We gave back to the local community: **\$3** of each player's online game fee, or **\$60**, will be donated to a local charity.

Play every card well,

Ed Fuller, Beverly Craig, Barbara Bute, and Maggie Lindquist

Unit 191 Mentoring Program Committee

Donna Walther (Board Liaison)