

## BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – OCTOBER 2023



### **President's Corner:**

Dear Unit Members

September has been a busy month, and it has been great to see new and returning players come out to play in F2F games. The unit also began its 2023 – 2024 Mentor Mentee year with a great turnout and successful format.

We have some events to put on your calendar. The unit is sponsoring a Fall Sectional at the Triangle Bridge Academy, November 9 – 12. Deanna Larus is the tournament chairman.

### **Looking for volunteers!**

We will be posting sign-up sheets for hosts, greeters, and food donations in the next few weeks.

Are you willing to be a guaranteed partner for a session or two? If you are willing help out or have questions about doing so, please contact me at [afisher9tk@gmail.com](mailto:afisher9tk@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our tournament! Thank you in advance for your help.

Our second F2F Mentor Mentee game will be at TBA on Tuesday, October 10. An additional F2F MM game will be held on Saturday, October 28. Details are below in the MM article.

Also, the unit will have a Potluck Lunch and Unit Championship game on Friday, October 20. This will be a great opportunity to share a meal together and enjoy an afternoon of bridge.

See you at the table,  
Ann



## Win Gold - Don't Miss the Fall Instant Matchpoint Game this October!

The Fall Instant Matchpoint Game (IMG) is back for 2023 and set for **October 25 (Wednesday at 12:30 pm) at Triangle Bridge Academy.**

An exciting special event for registered face-to-face clubs, the Fall IMG offers loads of benefits for participants. The Fall version also includes printed hand records and analyses from bridge pros.

### Win Gold at Your Local Club

**One gold masterpoint®** is up for grabs when you finish at the top of a section (both directions). The remaining points are red/black at 81.8% sectional rating. Bonus: See your score immediately after each deal in a pre-printed Fall IMG traveler, **Fee: \$15 per person (Due to higher ACBL table fee.)**

### Take Home an Expert's View on the Game

The Fall IMG features pre-printed written analyses of all 36 deals for participants. Don't miss the in-depth coverage from this report.

### Enjoy Hand Records for Each Deal

Along with the pre-printed analyses for all 36 deals, participants will receive full hand records (also pre-printed!).

## More Points: October is Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month

Awards for the Club Appreciation Pair games are 81.8% sectional-rated black. The remaining points are sectional-rated black. Here are the scheduled games: **Monday, October 2, and 9; Wednesday, October 11; Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 21**

Awards for the Club Appreciation "8 is Enough Team" game on October 21 are **5% gold to a maximum of 0.25** per player.



## DISCOVER SWISS TEAMS

### Eight is Enough Team Game is Back!

**Eight is Enough:** A team game where advanced players pair with newer players. Players are assigned a rank of 1, 2, or 3, according to their skill level or masterpoints. The team's total rank amounts can't be more than 8. (Example of a team: one player ranked 3, two ranked 2, and one ranked 1 —  $3+2+2+1=8$ .)

**A=>2500 (3), B=750-2499 (2), C=0-749 (1)**

Starting in October, November, and December, we will hold once a month an 8 is Enough Team game on the **third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.**

**October 21– Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game (5% gold, 0.25 max per player)  
November 18 and December 16.**

### Join Our Limited Games

#### **Nuplicate Barometer Game on Tuesdays**

Tuesdays, from 1:30-3:30 pm. We play and discuss 8-10 boards. This game is educational and suitable for advancing beginners.

#### **299er Game on Fridays!**

In October, we will continue the tradition started by the F2F Group. Starting October 6, the winning pair will receive a free play. We play 18 boards, followed by a postmortem analysis of a few boards. We offer a guaranteed partner.

#### **499er Game on Saturdays!**

Starting this month, the Saturday morning game will be **0-499** at 10:00 a.m., after a Mini-lesson at 9:30 a.m.

### Play & Learn Online

Join Henry on Zoom and Shark Bridge each Monday from 9:00-11:00 am. We discuss partnership agreements, how to plan the play of the hand and highlight defensive strategies. Each participant plays eight boards. This class is suitable for players with a reasonable knowledge of bidding and declarer play, and NOT for total beginners. We offer a guaranteed partner. [Advance registration is required.](#)

## **Club Game Schedules**

### **Triangle Bridge Academy**

#### **Monday**

9:00 am -11:00 am - Play and Learn online. ([Click to register and pay](#))

**Guaranteed partner**

12:30 pm - Stratified Open pairs

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm – Wine and Cheese social Bridge([Click to register](#))

#### **Tuesday**

1:30 pm – 4:00pm - Supervised Newcomers Duplicate game ([Click to register](#))

#### **Wednesday**

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

**Thursday** - the club is closed.

#### **Friday**

12:30 pm - Stratified Open pairs

1:30-4:00 pm – 299er Duplicate game

18 boards followed by 30-minute postmortem.

**Guaranteed partner**

#### **Saturday**

9:30 am – Mini Lesson

10:00 am – 499epairs

**Guaranteed partner\***

\*If you need a partner email [unit191brightleaf@gmail.com](mailto:unit191brightleaf@gmail.com)

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

### **Triangle Bridge Club**

Online BBO open games: Monday and Wednesdays 7:00 pm.

### **Unit 191 Mentor/Mentee game:**

F2F Tuesday, October 12, 9:15 am lesson, game at 10:00

F2F Saturday October 28, 10:00 am

### **Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events (click for flyer):**

October 9-15: [Macon GA Regional](#)

October 20-22: [Greensboro Sectional](#)

October 26-29: [Charlotte Sectional](#)

October 28-29: [2023 North American Pairs](#)

November 3-5: [Hilton Head Sectional](#)

November 9-12: [Durham Sectional](#)

## **Mentor/Mentee News**

*The Unit's mentor/mentee committee has compiled a [compendium of web sites](#) to help people learn or improve their bridge. If you are such a person you might want to read it. You can find it by following the link in this article or by going to the [Unit's website](#) and following the links to the Mentoring Program and then to **USEFUL LINKS for LEARNING**.*

Unit 191's Mentor/Mentee program kicked off its 2023/24 season with an in-person game on Tuesday, September 12. Preceding the game was a lesson by Marc Goldberg on when to lead trump. You can find the handout [CLICK HERE](#).

We had 10 full tables. Congratulations to Mark Francis and Nancy Lawall who placed first North-South and Kay Richardson and Chellie Joines who placed first East-West. And many thanks to all of you who brought snacks for everyone to share. It made the game much more fun and social. Let's make that a tradition.

Following the game many mentors and mentees stayed to discuss boards. First, the mentors and mentees paired off for their own individual discussions. Then we all got together for a group discussion of several interesting hands — a new feature that we hope will become another tradition. The discussion showed that not everyone agrees on how to bid or play each hand, not even all the mentors. Eric Hamilton and Michael Lavine wrote comments on several interesting hands, which you can find on the Unit's web site: [CLICK HERE](#).

The next game is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, at The Bridge Academy. Marc Goldberg will give another lesson, at 9:15, on defensive signaling. The game will start at 10:00. There will be a second monthly mentor/mentee game at 10:00 on the fourth Saturday of each month, starting on October 28.

The fee is \$11 per person, except that the Unit will subsidize \$5 of the fee for each mentor who is playing with a Unit mentee. That makes the fee \$17 per pair, for pairs where the mentee is from the Unit. We encourage mentees to pay their mentors' fees. Please bring food to share.

The M/M program has two new features this year.

1. Pairs who are not in the M/M program are invited to join the M/M game provided at least one member of the pair meets the qualifications to be a mentee: being a non-Life Master with fewer than 500 masterpoints.
2. Mentors and mentees are invited to stay after the game to discuss a few interesting hands as a group. Mentors will take questions from mentees or, in the absence of questions, will share a few learning points from the boards that were played. Please bring food to share.

The mentor/mentee committee: Michael Lavine (chair), Barbara Bute (board liaison)! Beverly Craig, Edwin Fuller, Margaret Lindquist

**ACBL Unit 191 Membership Report** (TOTAL MEMBERS-532)

**Welcome**

**New members**

Sue Atlas  
Darrienne Gant

**Transferred In**

Warren Z Bein  
Maryann Cotter  
Sandra W Fitts

**Congratulations**

Janak Choksi - Junior Master  
Michael H Guilmette – Junior Master  
Margaret L Smith – NABC Master

Roger E Hayes - Life Master  
Lori R Scanga – Life Master  
Karen Keehbler – Ruby Life Master  
Mark Kelleher – Ruby Life Master