

BRIGHT LEAF ALERT – April 2024



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President's Corner

Dear Unit Members,

Put Friday, May 17 on your calendars for our unit's Annual Awards Luncheon and Unit Championship Game. Lunch will be prepared by Robin Marin and her dedicated team! We will be awarding the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney Awards in addition to the unit's Hall of Fame Award and Goodwill Award. Please join us for the festive and fun occasion. More details will follow soon. [Click here](#) so we are sure to have enough food.

Our Mentor Mentee program had a successful F2F game with 8 tables this past Saturday. Congratulations to Marian Corey and Michael Lavine for an overall first place finish with 62.70% and to Joyce Jenzano and Larry Stanczyk with a second place score of 58.73%.

Stardust games will be offered at TBA on Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23. On Monday, April 22 there will be a StardustOpen game and a Stardust 0-500 game. On Tuesday, April 23 there will be a Stardust 0-500 game only (no open game). These games award 75% black points and 25% gold points. There will be an increased entry fee for these games.

ACBL Charity Club Championship games will be offered at TBA on some game days in April. The entry fee will be \$12 for these games. Look for the weekly schedule to find when these games will be offered.

And again, the unit would like to congratulate Kay and Randy Joyce, of Chapel Hill who became Grand Life Masters with their win on Saturday, March 16 at the Louisville NABC. We are proud of the accomplishments of our unit members.

See you at the table,

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April Game Schedule

Triangle Bridge Academy

Monday

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Play and Learn online.

[\(Click to register and pay\)](#)

12:30 pm - Stratified Open pairs

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

Tuesday

April 9

9:15 - Lesson

10:00 am - Unit Mentor/Mentee game

Wednesday

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs

Friday

12:30 pm - Stratified Open pairs

1:30-3:30 pm – 299er Duplicate game with postmortem analysis

Guaranteed partner

Saturday

April 6th

10:00 am - 8 is Enough Swiss

April 13th and 20th

9:30 am – Mini Lesson

10:00 am - 499er pairs

Guaranteed partner

*If you need a partner email unit191brightleaf@gmail.com

(Two and a half tables are needed to hold a 499'r game)

10:00 am - Stratified Open pairs / club game

April 27th

10:00 am – Unit Mentor/Mentee game



Online Games

Monday 7:00 PM VACB 183376 Open SE Carolina Triangle (Triangle Bridge)

Various starting times daily (9:30 AM, 1:05 PM, 3:45 PM, 7:05 PM and 9:30 PM) VACB 248732 and VACB 244657 Knoxville SEBCC Alliance (Triangle Bridge Academy)

Upcoming District 7 Bridge Events (click for flyer):

April 6-7 [West Columbia SC District GNP/NAP finals](#)

April 13 [Hendersonville IN Sectional](#)

April 15-21 [Gatlinburg Regional](#)

April 26-28 [Morehead Sectional](#)

May 2-5 [Charlotte Sectional](#)

May 9-11 [Highlands Sectional](#)

May 20-26 [Raleigh Regional](#)

Starting May 1, the Triangle Bridge Academy will implement a new schedule based on feedback received over the past months. There will be a few changes:

In-person Games

- All **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday stratified open games will be at 12:30 pm.**
- The Mentor-Mentee games remain on the **second Tuesday and fourth Saturday at 10 am.**
- The (0-500) Barometer game will remain on **Tuesdays from 1:30-4 pm.**
- Eight is Enough (EIE) Swiss Teams will remain on the **third Saturday of each month at 10 am.**
- A new 0-500 game on the **first Saturday of each month at 10 am.**

Online Play & Learn remains on Mondays from 9-11 am.

Social Bridge remains on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm

Membership Report

(TOTAL MEMBERS 520)

Welcome new members:

Gerry Quinnan Jr
Michael Kwee

Congratulations:

Douglas Bordewieck – Junior Master
Margaret Burchina – Junior Master
Elizabeth Arnold - Club Master
Paul Cornwell - Club Master
Janice Weber - Club Master
Robert Weber - Club Master
Victoria Washington – Sectional Master
Randy Grigg – Regional Master

Special congratulations to the team of **Renee Getz, Michael Lavine, Ian Cloudsdale, and Marc Goldberg** who came in third overall, earning 8.5 Gold masterpoints, in the Unit 191 Swiss Team ACBL District 7 Flight B Grand National Teams competition.

Phylliss Woody
Membership Chair

Mentor/Mentee News

Mentor/Mentee game
12-Mar-2024
Mentor Discussion

Comments from Michael Lavine on the Unit 191 March 12 mentor/mentee game.

Board 2. East deals. NS vulnerable.

North

♠ J942

♥ KQ92

♦ 62

♣ J73

<p>West</p> <p>♠ Q87</p> <p>♥ 753</p> <p>♦ J</p> <p>♣ KQ8642</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ AKT53</p> <p>♥ AJ4</p> <p>♦ AQ83</p> <p>♣ T</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ 6</p> <p>♥ T86</p> <p>♦ KT9754</p> <p>♣ A95</p>	

Board 2 saw every EW pairs play in four spades. The bidding might have gone 1S-2S; 4S. Three pairs made it and four pairs went down. South likely leads a diamond and dummy's jack holds the first trick. East, declarer, can count 5 spade tricks (assuming a 3-2 break), one heart, and two diamonds, on the lead. That's only 8 tricks, so East must find two more. They can come from promoting a club trick and ruffing a diamond. The main point of interest is that if East is going to ruff a diamond, that must be done before pulling trump. Also, the club trick must be established while dummy still has an entry. So, after winning the diamond jack, East could either lead the club king immediately or come to hand with a top spade to lead a club up to the king-queen. But pulling trump immediately will likely lead to defeat.

Board 3. South deals. EW vulnerable.

<p>North</p> <p>♠ 8632</p> <p>♥ T8</p> <p>♦ 932</p> <p>♣ T872</p>	
<p>West</p> <p>♠ AQT74</p> <p>♥ K9</p> <p>♦ AQ64</p> <p>♣ A3</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ K9</p> <p>♥ J753</p> <p>♦ JT7</p> <p>♣ K954</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ J5</p> <p>♥ AQ642</p> <p>♦ K85</p> <p>♣ QJ6</p>	

Board 3 had a wide variety of outcomes. Five Wests played 1 or 2 spades while two Easts played 3 or 4 notrump. How did such a wide disparity arise? I would expect South to open 1h. Then West has a decision. The first thing to realize is that West, with 19 HCP and some distribution, is too strong to overcall either 1s or 1nt. West should double. The question is whether West plans to rebid 1s or 1nt after East's response. Then I would expect East, with 8 HCP, a likely heart stopper, and no major, to bid 1nt. West can now show both the spades and the hand's strength by bidding 1s. East now knows the combined hands have about 26 or more points and should drive to game either by bidding 3nt immediately or by making a forcing bid. But at this point West has shown sufficient strength that East should know to force to game. As you can see, the combined hands ought to provide at least 4 spade tricks, 3 diamond tricks and 2 clubs tricks. On this layout they will provide more because the spade jack falls and both the heart ace and diamond king are onside.