



NEWCOMER

Joan Armstrong came as a guest of Mary Ennes to a Tuesday game in Portage. Joan lives in Valparaiso — grew up outside of Buffalo, NY.

She played bridge since she was a child. Her parents played bridge, and they taught their kids how to play the game so that the family could play bridge together. Then she played in college and married a man who played bridge — and it went on from there.

Joan plays in a lot of private duplicate bridge clubs where 12-16 ladies play. She occasionally plays in Valpo. She says, "It's a great game and has served me well — keeps up the brain power and gets you involved socially."

Joan was a manager of a counted cross stitch company, where she produced pattern books for cross stitching. She is also an active golfer. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

We're delighted to have met you, Joan, and we do hope you continue to come on over.



The Ace of Clubs Race includes all points earned at local clubs, excluding STaC points. These are the placements in Unit 154 for the year 2017. Numbers to the left of names are the placement in the unit, and the gold numbers after the names are the placement in the district.

There are 47 players who placed in the top 10 in the unit and 39 players from our clubs who placed in the top 25 in District 8. Hooray for a fine finish!

0 - 5 mp

9. Eric Friedman — 9.25

20 - 50 mp

- 1. Terry Bauer — 66.60 #2
- 3. Sally Will — 31.61 #6
- 4. Rich Will — 28.32 #10
- 8. Naomi Goodman — 223.06 #20
- 10. Tom Rea — 19.44

50 - 100 mp

- 1. Marcy Tomes — 45.30 #5
- 3. Creighton Rawlings — 35.94 #11
- 4. Charlie Halberstadt — 32.90 #19
- 6. Jim Lively — 21.59
- 8. Janet Jones — 18.90
- 10. Knoefel Jones — 18.65

100 - 200 mp

- 1. Chuck Tomes — 65.76 #2
- 8. Wayne Hiser — 32.46

200 - 300 mp

- 3. Mary Kocevar — 48.11
- 6. Judy Selund — 43.85
- 9. Arlyne Filler — 36.57

300 - 500 mp

- 5. Carolyn Potasnik — 75.38 #9
- 6. Bob Porter — 71.98 #11
- 8. Anna Urosevich — 62.65 #17
- 10. Bob Ferguson — 57.08 #23

Two of our players, while not in Unit 154, did place in District 8 in their category —

- Bob Butz — 113.25 #23 (3500-5000)
- Larry Rabideau-61.47 #19 (5000-7500)

500 - 1000 mp

- 1. Yuan Hsu — 219.06 #1
- 2. Anna Urick — 164.38 #2
- 5. Indra Gupta — 119.19 #9
- 6. Shirley Koch — 95.30 #19
- 7. Charlotte Abernethy — 92.22 #23
- 9. Zafar Khan — 88.08

1000 - 1500 mp

- 1. Wayne Carpenter — 200.34 #1
- 2. Laverne Niksch — 161.80 #3
- 4. Trudi McKamey — 127.00 #5
- 5. Peggy Kiernan — 104.30 #13
- 7. Pat Mikuta — 89.04 #17

1500 - 2500 mp

- 1. Don Valiska — 185.80 #2
- 2. Jim Angell — 168.22 #4
- 3. Pat Valiska — 143.15 #7
- 4. Connie Stevens — 140.94 #8
- 5. Barbara Walczak — 133.74 #11
- 8. Dave Bigler — 121.07 #18

2500 - 3500 mp

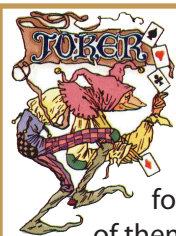
- 2. Lou Nimnicht — 221.03 #3
- 4. Norm Szewczyk — 163.41 #8

3500 - 5000 mp

- 2. Barbara Graegin — 208.03 #5
- 4. Tom Hallum — 179.84 #9
- 5. Jim O'Connell — 151.92 #14
- 7. Steve Watson — 138.30 #16

5000 - 7500 mp

- 1. Joe Chin — 253.51 #2
- 2. Carol Osgerby — 236.89 #3
- 5. Lee Esworthy — 100.11 #12



To the resident comedic joker who brings laughter to our game — first prize for guessing the identities of the persons whose backwards initials were formed into descriptive initialisms of themselves —

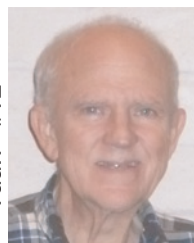
Congratulations! Joe Chin!



These 8 players placed in the top 100 in all of ACBL for 2017! **Super excellent! Marvelous!**



Yuan - #12



Wayne - #23



Terry - #30



Anna - #46



Lou -- #63



Joe - #64



Laverne - #76



Carol - #79