



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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The January & February issues are being consolidated with this publication. During these months, your editor was recuperating from knee surgery so was not able to get the newsletters out in a timely manner. Membership forms have been filled out and dues have been paid so we will be seeing a phone and e-mail list being issued sometime in March of 2017. The birthdays and top games for the two months are listed on the back side of this issue. You can look forward to March when you will find special games that don't cost extra. A great way to pick up those extra points.

*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

Because the Board voted to add a \$1 surcharge for special games as of January 1, 2017, I want to explain table fees to the membership. We are an ACBL-sanctioned club which allows us to award masterpoints to our players. The ACBL charges \$1/table for a regular game and \$5/table for a special game (i.e., Junior Fund, Charity Championship, Education Foundation, Grass Roots Fund, International Fund, and North American Pairs). There are other even more expensive games run by the ACBL: The ACBL Matchpoint game is \$12/table, ACBL-wide Charity Game is \$7.35/table, World Wide Bridge is \$13/table, We only hold those games when they coincide with our schedule. In April, 2016, ACBL raised the table fees to their current level (it was an 11% increase over what was charged previously). The Board felt that our declining table count and increased expenses made it necessary to raise the entry fee. The membership was polled, and their decision (by a 2 to 1 margin) was to add the \$1 surcharge for special games. If you need additional clarification or information, please let me know.

*Tricia Killeen, Club Director*



## A Major Milestone for Doris Shafer



On January 5th, Doris Shafer celebrated her 90th Birthday. To honor her, the club presented Dorie with a lovely bouquet of red roses and a cake. Her picture will be included on the 90+ wall along with our heartiest congratulations. As you can tell from this picture, she looked especially beautiful on her celebratory day, not really an unusual occurrence!

## SARAH ARVESEN

January 3, 1923 - November 27, 2016



It brings us great sadness to report that Sarah Arvesen passed away this past November. We were so pleased that we were able to celebrate her 90th birthday in 2013 and to see her picture on the 90+ wall. She leaves behind two daughters, Christine and Jean, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Sarah was busy throughout her life working as a registered dietician and retired as Chief Clinical Dietician at Memorial Hospital in 1988. She traveled, spent winters in the Florida Keys, and did what she loved best - playing Bridge. General knowledge in the Bridge Club "Don't double Sarah! If she bids it, she's got it!" We'd like the opportunity to double her one more time, but then we'll have to see what the angels can do! We miss you, Sarah.

## A Message from the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful friends at the SBBC for their kind wishes, e-mails, and cards that I received as I was recuperating from a knee operation last December. My last knee replacement, eight years ago, was a piece of cake but this left knee didn't want to make it easy for me. Your wishes buoyed me up and made me want to get back to my favorite game. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer*

## JIM FARNER DAY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



The fourth annual Jim Farnar Day, held on January 5, 2017, found us with hardy players who showed up in spite of nasty weather. The winners were Elaine DeLaney and Dick Hastings. Their names have been inscribed on the special wall plaque given to the club

by Dr. Jim's family to celebrate his birthday. Congratulations Elaine & Dick!!

Special Note: Dick wanted his name on the plaque to be engraved "Doc" Hastings. He not only trained under Jim but did rounds with him as a practicing physician.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rosemary Shafer
- 5 Barbara Fedder, Lena Howard,  
Doris Shafer
- 9 Reggie Lowenhar
- 10 Shirley Greiner
- 13 Gail Wells, Jody Heiner
- 14 Ed Trubac, Ron Peterson
- 15 Clarke Dippell
- 17 Connie Hebron
- 28 George Cramer
- 30 John Bodish
- 31 Bill Blum, Barbara Myers



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leslie Garvey, Jill Mroczkiewicz
- 7 Bill Flanagan
- 11 Janet Turnock
- 12 Bob Knoblock
- 14 Maureen Skurski
- 15 Sally Frame, Carol Kraabel
- 16 Victor Papai
- 18 Marian David
- 20 Bob Lewis
- 22 Sara Marcus
- 28 Bonnita Laub, Vicki McIntire



### Top Games in December

399ers:	12/17	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	65.97%
	11/17	Myra Anthony & Irene Cooperrider	64.58%
Open:	12/26	Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	79.92%
	12/26	Dick Hastings & Jo Ellen Heiner	68.75%

#### Swiss Team Games

Sunday:	Lee Boser, Elaine DeLaney, Barbara Fedder & Ren Singleton
Tues. Open:	Jim Feinstein, John & Tricia Killeen, & Sara Marcus

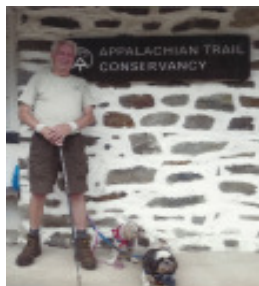
### Top Games in January

399ers:	1/18	Maureen & Roger Skurski	68.06%
	1/25	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	66.00%
	1/09	Maureen & Roger Skurski	66.00%
Open:	1/10	Jim Feinstein & Sara Marcus	71.48%
	1/25	Lee Boser & Elaine DeLaney	67.86%

#### Swiss Team Games

Sunday:	Jim Feinstein, Chris Grande, Dick Hastings & Rosemary Zonker
Tues. Open:	Jim Feinstein, John & Tricia Killeen, & Richard Mao

## DEE STEVENSON, INTREPID EXPLORER



We are pleased to offer Dee Stevenson's description of his hike through the Appalachians. This was quite an achievement not only for him but for his pet shih tzus. Let Dee tell you!

"The southern terminus of the trail is atop Springer Mountain in Northern Georgia and continues for **2,190 miles**

to the northern terminus at the summit of Mount Kahtadin in Baxter State Park in the middle of Maine. The trail is administered by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in conjunction with the National Park Service and maintained by the NPS and volunteers with area hiking clubs throughout the length of the trail. Over 98% of the trail is on public lands. I started hiking the trail in **1985**, always hiking in a northeastern direction. I skipped around in my section hikes depending on the time of year. There are two areas where dogs are not allowed, Smokey Mtn. N.P. and Baxter State Park in Maine, so I did these parts when I did not have a dog. Four different dogs hiked the trail. The dogs in the picture hiked approximately 700 miles. Another dog of the same breed hiked over 1,000 miles. This dog saved my life on a mountain in New Hampshire by refusing to go any further up a mountain. I would have been the fourth person to die of hypothermia on that mountain without her. In fact, hypothermia was setting in by the time we reached safety. Good dogs are the very best companions you could have on the trail. Besides the company, they serve many useful purposes. You get (continued)

no backtalk, sass, or complaining. Just give them food, water, rest and a place to sleep. They keep you warm when it is cold, keep the mice away from food, and give you warning if animals or people are around.

"This picture was taken in October on the front porch of the AT Conservancy in Harpers, Ferry, WV, right after completion of hiking the entire trail. There are many other stories to tell and people I encountered on the trail. One more thing, our sons hiked a good portion of the trail with me, sometimes both of them and most of the time just our younger son."

### Member Updates

*Please add/or change these numbers in your phone list!*

#### New Members (2/15)

Shirley Greiner	239-656-3844
Aimee Bjornstad	574-903-1646
Gayle Gonser	574-296-1133
Joy Evard	574-850-2304
Rebecca Link	574-222-2711
Bernadette Pohlmann	574-542-2056
Robert Ryan	610-442-7609
Annette Tyler	574-440-5582
Bob Adams	574-440-4597 (new number)

### MOVIN' ON UP

Roger Skurski	Regional Master
Susan Farrington	Sectional Master
Marty Martin	Club Master





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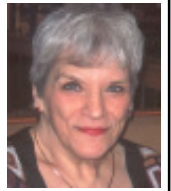
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March 2017



Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" and a bit of the Irish Blessing "May the wind be always at your back!" for St. Patrick's Day! The March calendar is filled with special games including an ACBL-wide Senior Pairs Game on the 27th (both members must be 55+ to be eligible), an ACBL Membership Game on the 7th (both members of the team must be members of ACBL to earn points), Swiss Team games on the 12th and 21st, five (5) Club Championships, one (1) Junior Fund, and one (1) Grass Roots Game. Busy Month!

*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## CLUB UPDATES

There is a Thursday morning **Newcomer Game** (0-20 points, 9 to 11:30) at the club that has been running since July and has been drawing 3-4 tables each week. One feature of the game is that at each table there is a mentor to help answer questions. Tricia Killeen has been teaching most of these beginners, and the volunteer mentors Dennis David, Tom Hallum, Tom Hebron, and Joan Tobler have been instrumental in the success of this program.

Also added to our schedule is a Friday afternoon ACBL-sanctioned 149er game that meets from 2-5 pm under Elaine DeLaney's supervision. The attendance is growing each week.

We encourage our members to get the word out that these new games are available for beginners and/or players who have been away from the game for awhile.

## SILVERPOINT WINNERS



The South Bend Bridge Club is very proud to announce the SBBC top ten winners during Silverpoint Week in February. Our very own Lena Howard was third in the district out of 1,056 players with a total of 23.41 points.

Below is a list of our other members who came home with well earned points.

1. Lena Howard	23.41
2. Elaine DeLaney	13.28
3. Jo Ann Steigmeyer	11.54
4. Chris Habegger	10.23
5. Marian David	8.61
6. Irene Singleton	8.47
7. Leroy Boser	8.08
8. Jim Feinstein	6.76
9. Suzanne Watson	5.90
10. Cappy Gagnon	4.70

*Well done, SBBC Players!*

## WEBMASTER CHANGES!

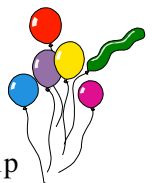
It was with great regret that our club received news that John Nichols, who has been our SBBC webmaster for the past six-plus years, is leaving us to pursue tournament directing. He has been invaluable to our club and we absolutely could not have done it without him. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

One of our newest members, Ben Paulson, has consented to take over John's duties. Ben is a PhD candidate at Notre Dame in biology, and, while he hasn't had a lot of experience with website design, he is willing to jump in and learn what's necessary to keep our website going. We thank him and offer him whatever help we can give to keep him happy in his new job!

If you have any news or announcements you would like published, either in the SBBC newsletter or on the website, please send the info to Jo Ann Steigmeyer who is the SBBC Editor and liaison for the Website. Jo Ann's e-mail is [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net) and phone is 243-1355.

## SBBC Fund Raiser

When: April 8th, 12 Noon  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Includes: Lunch and Bridge  
 Type Game: Upgraded Club Championship (lots of points)  
 Purpose: Money raised will be used to meet upcoming financial expenses of the club (i.e.: new carpet)



**Note:** *The April 9th team game is postponed until April 23rd. Be sure to update your April club calendar.*

## PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

Copies of the phone and e-mail list will soon become available at the Directors' Station. If you would like to receive a pdf copy by e-mail rather than a hard copy, let Jo Ann know at [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net).



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Gloria Falcone
- 10 Cappy Gagnon
- 20 Joan Fahey
- 21 Ted Mullett
- 26 Bill Odell
- 27 LaDora Sloan



## Top Games in February

399ers: 2/06	Maureen & Roger Skurski	66.67%
2/20	John Gadd & Pat Laing	66.00%
Open: 2/10	Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	68.29%
2/13	Barbara Myers & Jo Ann Steigmeyer	67.30%

### Swiss Team Games

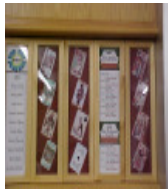
- Tues. Open: Jim Feinstein, John and Tricia Killeen & Sara Marcus
- Sun. Open: Jim Feinstein, Chris Grande, Dick Hastings, & Rosemary Zonker

## Member Updates

### New Members

Kathy Stegmaier	810-599-1852
Stephen Stegmaier	248-763-0218

## Our Celebrity Wall!



The Celebrity Wall, which reflects our members' achievements in 2016, is being updated with completion due later this month. The Annual Recognition luncheon will be held on **Saturday, June 24th** to honor our members who have achieved another level of Life Master:

Diamond	Elaine DeLaney
Sapphire	Sara Marcus
Gold	John Bodish
Ruby	Victor Papai, Richard Scheibelhut
Silver	Shirley Soucek
Bronze	Leslie Garvey, Gail Wells
Life Master	Bob Knoblock, Lynn Miller

In addition to the Life Master awards, the Mini-McKenney awards and the Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs awards will be presented. **Be sure to attend!**

## A BUNDLE OF THANKS



John Scheibelhut would like to thank all of our members who donated gently used clothing and supplies for the homeless. The giving has been more than generous. John will still take any donations that you may have for his worthy cause.



## REALLY NEAT SUGGESTION



having to call the director because of an opening lead out of turn. Make it a habit to:

**Place the open in-g-lead card face down and then ask your partner if there are any questions.**

**Then, if the lead is in the wrong hand, no card has been exposed and there is no harm done.**

## CHANGES TO THE SBBC POLICY BOOK

The following are changes to the SBBC Policy Book:

**Page 8:** A penalty for slow play can be imposed with or without a warning at the Director's Discretion. South Bend Bridge Club follows the Slow Play Regulations (Item 103-49, Orlando NABC, 2010). (Adopted 2/21/17)

**Page 8:** One member of the partnership must be in the appropriate seat 5 minutes before game time. If neither member of the partnership is seated, a procedural penalty of 1/4 board will be assessed by the Director. Adopted 2/21/17

## Education Updates

### Elaine DeLaney's March Lesson Schedule

Wednesday Morning Lessons 11:30 to 12:30

Declarer Play Cost: \$5.00

Friday Mini lesson followed by a 149er duplicate game 2:00 to 5:00 PM Cost: \$5.00



## THURSDAY, NEWCOMER GAME

On Thursday, March 9th John Killeen will continue his lessons on the "Hold-Up Play" at 9 am, and the Newcomer Game will start at 9:30. If you need a partner, contact Tricia Killeen at 271-1345 or e-mail patricia.killeen@att.net.



## INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

**MYTH OR MATH**

**FACT OR FICTION**

**FAIRY TALES OR TRUE STORIES**

Join J & J (Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler) as they begin their 2017 "STORY TELLING" classes.



Every bid by a partnership tells a story as does each played card in the defense of a hand. There are also asking, forcing, and non-forcing bids, and here's your chance to discover the difference. The new series of classes will cover bidding, play of the hand and defense.

**Monday, March 13, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Price: \$5**

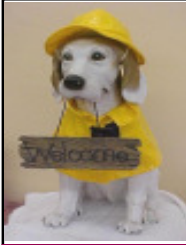


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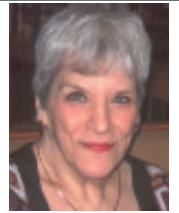
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April 2017



Director Dawg has his rain slicker on in anticipation of the April showers. This month is filled with nine **Charity games** and an **ACBL Membership Game** on the 26th. Be sure to sign up for the **SBBC Fund Raiser** on Saturday the 8th. This is a chance for us to raise money for upcoming expenses needed for the club. If you cannot attend, donations are most welcome. The Tuesday Swiss is on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month (18th) **BUT ALERT!** The Sunday Swiss has been changed to the 23rd.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

★ Did you know it costs the club \$15 per table just to open the door? I thought I'd give you a breakdown of our regular expenses. These figures (totaling \$3323) are based on February 2017 numbers. There are additional expenses I haven't included, such as insurance, maintaining the website, director and club manager salaries, refreshments, office supplies, repairs, etc.



Rent- \$1531.53

Utilities - \$615

Bridge Supplies & Table Fees - \$467.00

Cleaning & Maintenance - \$710

The best things our members can do to help meet expenses are to come as often as possible and to encourage others to play. That will reduce the need to raise membership dues and entry fees in the future.

★ **Discussion of politics and religion or other sensitive issues are not appropriate at the Bridge Center.**

★ We encourage members to come to the April 8th Fundraiser Game. The money collected that day will become a "Rainy Day" Fund to meet future expenses. Some talk was given to replacing the carpeting, but the Board thinks the present carpeting can be repaired and will last a while longer. The carpeting was installed in 2006 so we've already gotten much use from it. If you're not able to attend on the 8th, your donations are still appreciated. Checks can be made out to South Bend Bridge Club and given to Tricia Killeen or Vic Papai.

*Tricia Killeen, Club Director*

## NEW ADDITIONS

Please welcome Joan Tobler, Ted Mullett, and Linda Podlin who have recently joined our Unit 154. Previous transfers from Unit 195 include Dee Stevenson, Marty Martin, Tom & Connie Hebron. Can there be others on the Michigan horizon?



## A WORK IN PROGRESS



Did you know that there is brick behind our South Bend Bridge Achievement Wall (aka the Celebrity Wall)? The first recorded picture of the "wall" was featured in our premiere issue of the SBBC Newsletter on July 1, 2010. Paul Silberman was then our president, there were 175 members and we had just expanded our space to include the former Ballet Shop area to the north. Our talented Tom Hebron created the wall by installing a beautiful veneer over the brick, recreated the ACBL and SBBC signs, and built the frames in which we can list, each year, the honorees and the people who have contributed to the success of the club. Be sure to watch for the completion scheduled for April.

## PATRICIA KILLEEN SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

We've been fortunate to celebrate so many of Tricia's achievements throughout the years and are happy to add another one. In March she became our sixth Sapphire Life Master earning more than 3500 points (along with the number of colored points required). Of course, we know she is not done and will be adding higher rankings in the years to come.

We all know Tricia as our Club Manager but she does so much more like keeping track of our members' activities, making sure they receive get well cards when ill, teaching classes, running games for new players, and, the big chore of scheduling all the games offered at the club. We thank her for her caring and congratulate her on her latest accomplishment.



