



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

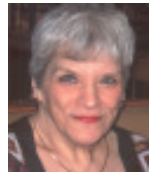
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The August schedule features the **SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL** (see below for details), eight NAP (North American Pairs) games and our Swiss Team games on Sunday the 13th and Tuesday, the 15th. Also, be sure to get your teams signed up for the Pro-Am cookout and game on **Saturday afternoon**, August 19th. These activities are waiting just for YOU!



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL

Join us for our Summer Sectional located at the **Kroc Community Center, 900 W. Western, South Bend.** John Hamilton, Tournament Chairman, (574-233-2947, [hamiltonmiller@comcast.net](mailto:hamiltonmiller@comcast.net)) and his team are planning our annual summer sectional this year sponsored by Unit 154. We look forward to seeing you there! **All single sessions are at 10:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M.**

**Friday, August 4 - All Single Sessions at 10 & 3**  
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Games Single Sessions  
\*\*\*\* Limited 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

**Saturday, August 5 - All Single Sessions at 10 & 3**  
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Games Single Sessions  
\*\*\*\* Limited 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

**Sunday, Aug. 6 - Open Stratified Swiss Teams - 10:00 AM**  
Box lunch included with short lunch break - \$10 added to playing fee for improved box lunch..

**Open Partnerships.....** Cappy Gagnon, 574-233-0929,  
[cappygagnon@comcast.net](mailto:cappygagnon@comcast.net)

**299er Partnerships.....** Bob Knoblock, 727-418-0729,  
[bobknoblock@aol.com](mailto:bobknoblock@aol.com)

### <----- SPECIAL OFFER ----->

0-299ers: You can play for FREE in any afternoon session on Friday or Saturday, provided that you played and paid the full entry fee in that day's limited or open morning session.

**The Unit 154 Annual Meeting will start at 9:15 AM on Sunday.**

## ANNUAL SBBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 11, 2017 - 3:00 PM



**Don't Forget!** The South Bend Bridge Club Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 3 PM. President Tim Carl will present his "State of the Club" report. Also, the Nominating Committee, consisting of John Killeen, Lee Boser, and Joan Tobler, will submit a proposed slate of nominees for approval by the membership.

**For an open two-year term:**  
**For three open three-year terms:**

**Bill Searcy**  
**Leslie Garvey**  
**Margaret Lewis**  
**Marty Martin**

## Rosemary Shafer

**January 4, 1928 - July 18, 2017**



Once again our Bridge Club has been saddened with the passing of another of our special members, Rosemary Shafer, affectionately known as "Rosie" among her many fans at our club. She and her husband of 59 years, Fred, who passed away in 2008, were enthusiastic players who played in the club for many years.

Their beautiful union produced seven children and was responsible for their future generations of 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Rosie was active in many charitable organizations, enjoyed traveling, and was passionate about duplicate bridge. She brought a gentleness and an all inclusive warmth to our club but, in particular, a beautiful smile whenever she walked through the door. We shall miss her greatly.

**Note: Check with Jo Ann Steigmeyer (574-243-1355 or [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net)) for a complete obituary.**

## The Bloom Obstinance Double

Forty years ago, two students at Purdue University were playing bridge together. One of them, Ken Bloom, would open a minor, his partner would respond in a major. Bloom's right hand opponent would either double or make a simple overcall. Bloom would obstinately raise his partner's major whether he had three or four card support. His partner was frustrated and didn't know what to do.

Bloom remembered back to the Sputnik double. Once again, a low level penalty double (or redouble) would be infrequent. Doubling (or redoubling) would now show three card support. Raising partner's major would guarantee at least four. Thus, what we know as a "support" double came to be. Bloom's partner may be the best bridge player and one of the greatest bridge theorists in the world - none other than Eric Rodwell!

*Chayem Ben Mashe*

*For more information about Support Doubles, see SBBC May 2017 issue at the [www.sbbc.info](http://www.sbbc.info) website.*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Dan McCarthy
- 06 Leroy Boser, Joy Evard,  
Elaine Thompson
- 12 Karsten Grove
- 15 Dee Stevenson
- 16 Bill Blauvelt, Roger Skurski
- 17 Martie Black
- 18 Virginia Peterson, Rosemary Zonker
- 19 Tom Rossow
- 24 Eileen Woods
- 28 David Woods
- 30 Carole Miracle, Teen Robertson



## Top Games in July

### Pair Games:

399ers:	7/10	John Gadd & Pat Laing	69.00%
	7/17	Conrad Adams & William Flanagan	64.00%
Open:	7/14	Chayem Ben Moshe & Chris Habegger	72.91%
	7/10	James Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	72.02%
Th. AM	7/13	Rebecca Link & Carol Ritsema	58.33%
	7/13	Gloria Bates & Annette Tyler	55.56%
Fri. PM	7/28	Joey Stiver & Kurt Stiver	73.33%
	7/21	Linda Jacobs & Robert Lewis	65.48%

### Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus,  
& Virginia Stipp

Tuesday Open: Cappy Gagnon, Vern Robinson, Doug Scripture  
& Vance Senecal

Thursday AM: Kent Dennis, Pam Johnson, Mary Newbold  
& Ben Paulson

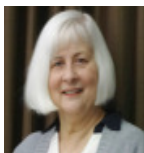
## MOVIN' ON UP

**Candace Hurwich      Junior Master**



## A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

In recent issues of the newsletter, I've been discussing our fixed expenses and the fees we pay the ACBL to be a sanctioned club. The best thing our members can do to make sure the SBBC stays afloat financially is to come as often as possible. If each member would play just one more time each month, that would really help our declining table count problems.



We have two more years on our lease, and we'd like to be able to stay at our present location after that time. Improved attendance at the club will help make that possible.

## STOP Card STOPS

The ACBL Board voted in Toronto to discontinue use of the Stop Card, effective Jan. 1, 2018. They are recommending Tournament directors take them out of the bidding boxes immediately. They suggest Club Managers do the same at their clubs. Our Board will likely take action on this at the August meeting. The player to the left of the "jump" bidder will still be required to pause 8-10 seconds before making a call or pass.

## Call the director

We recommend that you should call the director whenever an irregularity occurs at your table. We have been consistent in this request for a number of years. Recently, it has been brought to my attention that some players are reluctant to do this, especially with newer players at their table. Please, DO call the director. He will politely explain the Laws and provide options and the proper ruling. This is done in a friendly manner and will put the newer players at ease. Many irregularities have simple explanations. Insufficient bids and leads out-of-turn are most common. This is the only method that the newer players will learn from, and they will experience that director calls are not rude or confrontational, but merely a manner to educate them as to proper procedure.

*Bill Searcy*

the director's corner

## Education Updates

### "J & J" August Classes

**Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00**

By popular demand, each class will begin with **BASIC BIDDING & PLAY OF THE HAND** followed by a short discussion of some conventions such as:

8/7 Michaels Cuebids      8/14 Unusual No Trump  
8/21 Jacoby 2NT            8/28 Splinter Bid

Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net, 574-243-1355 or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.



The **Newcomer** games continue in August with a 9:15 starting time. "Responding to an Opening Minor Suit" lessons will be offered along with practice hands on **August 3, 17 and 31**. Duplicate games are scheduled for **August 10 & 24th**. Contact Tricia Killeen ( patriciakilleen@att.net or 574-271-1345,) for more information. Cost \$6.00



**Elaine DeLaney's** scheduled topics are:  
**There will be No Wednesday lessons in the month of August.**

**Friday mini-lesson and game:** Lesson topic will be forcing and non-forcing bids.

Lesson time 2-2-15 PM Game: 2:15- 5 PM Cost: \$7.00

