



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Membership forms have been filled out and dues have been paid so you will be seeing a phone and e-mail list issued sometime in February or March of 2018. Club events you can anticipate are 2 Sunday Swiss Team games (1/14 & 1/28), 2 Tuesday Swiss Team games (1/2 & 1/16), our annual Jim Farner Day on 1/5, and many Junior Fund games.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

We are happy to present an update of the Newcomer Game which started in July 2016. There were 46 sessions in 2017 with a total of 182 tables. Fifty-nine (59) beginning lessons were given in 14 sessions and contributions to the Club totaled \$1,650. Special thanks go to our mentors: Tom Hallum, Tom & Connie Hebron, and Joan Tobler. Honorable mention goes to Tim Carl, Bob Knoblock, Bill Searcy, and Bud Hinckley for their help and support. Twice a month we had practice sessions where the mentors could immediately explain bridge issues that came up in the bidding or the play of the hand; the other two times we held real games with master points awarded. We are beginning to see some of our Newcomers enter the 399er and 149er games which is terrific. The Newcomer Game is on winter break during January and will resume in February 2018.



STaC games are coming February 5-11 and a summary of Special Games in 2018 will be e-mailed to our members as well as copies being available at the club.

*Tricia Killeen, Club Director*

## 2 Diamond Non-Alertable Response

Since a response of 2D over a 2C opener is **never** to be alerted, (adopted by ACBL January 1, 2012), it would be wise to either ask the opponent or look at his card to see what his 2D bid means. It could be waiting, game force, steps, or a variety of other bids. This could have an impact on your subsequent bids and defense.

**Overheard** at a table from a player to her partner: "After you make your first bid, you don't have to think anymore." Aah, if only it were that simple!

## Chris Habegger Ruby Life Master



Reaching Ruby LM in 2017 was a goal Chris set after making the Silver level in 2015. Since he continues to work full time, his club play is limited to once a week with partner Elaine Delaney. Now he has begun a partnership with Chayem Ben Moshe with an emphasis on a couple of weeks a year of regional tournament play. During this time he's played five regionals with five wins and numerous overall finishes to help reach this next lifetime achievement. Chris sends a big thank you to his partners "for their skills and patience".

On the home front, he's added two new granddaughters and a lake cottage so he considers himself to be a very lucky guy. For more information about Chris, see the August 2015 SBBC Newsletter at the Director's Station.

**CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS!**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY RESULTS

What a great turnout! There were ten tables in the open section and five in the 399er section. Chris Clarke won the 50/50 raffle and the club received \$89 as its share. A Skillet-prepared lunch of chicken, sausage, gravy, noodles and stuffing was enjoyed by our members. Bill Searcy donated the wine, and many members donated delicious desserts. A special thanks to the contributors and helpers: Marty Martin,



Bill Blum, Linda Podlin, June Glazer, Julie Jarvis, Kurt & Joey Stiver, Maureen & Ed Trubac, Connie Hebron, and Peggy Lyzun. Of course kudos to the Host committee,



Marty Martin, Ruth Minish and Tricia Killeen.

**Overall winners** were John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon - 63.43%.

**Open Section winners** were: N/S - Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Chris Barker; E/W - John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon

**399er Section winners** were: N/S - Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich; E/W - Julie Jarvis & Randy Peterson

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



## Top Games in December

|         |   |        |
|---------|---|--------|
| 399ers: | 12/11 Conrad Adams & Susan Farrington   | 65.21% |
|         | 12/06 Maureen & Roger Skurski           | 61.90% |
| Fri. PM | 12/08 Bob Lewis & Gerry Wardzinski      | 68.75% |
|         | 12/15 Candace Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker | 63.33% |
| Open:   | 12/01 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao        | 76.50% |
|         | 12/27 Dick Hastings & Gini Stipp        | 68.52% |

### Swiss Team Games

- Sunday: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
- 1st Tuesday: Marian David, John Killeen, Tricia Killeen & Sara Marcus
- 2nd Tuesday: Chris Barker, Marian David, Elaine DeLaney, & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

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## MOVIN' ON UP

Chris Habegger Ruby Life Master



## Member Updates

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

**Dick & Jean Scheibelhut 574-245-7812**

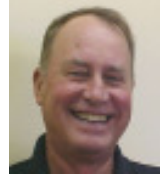
## PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

When you filled out the Membership Application Form in December, you were asked to give permission to print your phone and/or e-mail address on a list for **distribution to our members only**. This information will **not** appear on the website. The list will be available at the Director's Station in February.



Bids out of turn and insufficient bids are two very common irregularities at SBBC. The new laws allow for the director to try to get a true bridge result, if he can, at the table. The laws vary slightly, depending on the irregularity. The directors discuss this issue every meeting as the laws allow for the offender to make a "comparable" call or one similar to the call made. This requires a degree of bridge judgment by the directing staff. Hence, we have had some intense discussions on this and will continue to do so.

the director's corner



*Bill Searcy*

**If an irregularity occurs at your table, call the director.**

## NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 5

(Insufficient Bid continued) The Director may take you away from the table to determine what replacement call you intend to use. You need to know if Director will force partner to pass forever. If so, you may need to place the contract immediately.

The Director may award an adjusted score if he feels the board result could have been different and the non-offending side was damaged due the insufficient bid and replacement call.

If you make a call out of rotation, these are the possibilities:

1. You pass at RHO's turn. RHO makes his call. You must then pass (once). Auction proceeds.
2. You bid at RHO's turn. RHO passes. You must repeat your bid. Auction proceeds.
3. All of the other possibilities:
  - (a) You bid at RHO's turn and then RHO also bids.
  - (b) You make any call when it's partner's turn
  - (c) You make any call when LHO is dealer

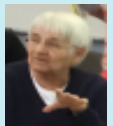
*(to be continued)*

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this fifth installment.

## Education Updates

### J & J MONDAY CLASSES

**Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler** will present their classes from 9:30 to 11:30 on 1/8, 1/15, & 1/22. Discussion: **WHEN DO I STOP BIDDING? DO I HAVE TO BID?** Of course, there will be **BASICS. BASICS, BASICS!** Cost \$5



**Tricia Killeen's** Newcomers at 9:15 Thursday a.m. The Newcomer Group **will not meet** in January. Classes will resume on February 1 and will feature No Trump bidding & play. Cost \$6.



**Elaine DeLaney** will be offering lessons with her game on Fridays beginning January 8th. Mini Lessons: 2-2:15 Game: 2:15- 5:00 Cost \$7

