



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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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!

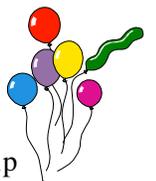
It was with great regret that our club received news that John Nichols, who has been our SBBC webmaster for the past six-plus years, is leaving us to pursue tournament directing. He has been invaluable to our club and we absolutely could not have done it without him. We thank him for his service and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



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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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.





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May 2017



Please be advised that the Swiss Team, usually on the second Sunday of the month, is scheduled for the first Sunday, May 7th. Other activities for the month include Golden Age Masters Day on the 1st, Pro-Am Swiss Team on the evening of the 25th, along with six Club Championships and several Grass Roots Fund games. Take advantage of the extra points that can be earned at these special games.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

1. Do you know the best way to help the South Bend Bridge Club? It's by increasing our table count. Invite someone new to come and play. Make more games with your regular partners or invite others at the club to play. We all need to roll up our sleeves and figure out how to spread the word about the wonderful game of bridge.



We also are looking for someone to take on the project of advertising our club. ACBL is promoting setting up a Facebook page and has an instructive video to show how to do this. If you have other ideas about how to increase participation in our club, I'd be delighted to hear them.

2. The April 8 Fundraiser raised **\$1602.94!** We thank all of our members who participated in the game and made donations.
3. May 15 is the deadline for registering to vote for a representative from SBBC to Unit 154. See Tricia Killeen for details.
4. What Should I Do if I Find a Scoring Error on the Website:
 - a. Check with the players involved on that board to confirm they agree the score is wrong.
 - b. Send an e-mail to southbendbridgecl@att.net. This will then be forwarded to the appropriate director to make the correction.
 - c. Do this within 72 hours.
5. Make your plans for the upcoming May 25 Pro-Am Swiss Team. We've been granted a special unit championship game so there will be great points awarded. See Joan Tobler for help in putting a team together.
6. Be careful discussing boards after you've played them. We have lots of little pitchers with big ears at the club. Don't let others know the brilliant play you made or which way the finesse worked!
7. Recently a member suggested we provide a guaranteed partner so walk-ins could be accommodated. The Board decided we have such excellent partnership chairpersons in Joan Tobler and Elaine DeLaney that this wasn't needed.
8. We'll be honoring Golden Age Masters Connie Hebron and Joan Fahey on May 1st at the club.

Tricia Killeen, Club Director

STROLL DOWN CELEBRITY LANE

Visit the South Bend Bridge Club Achievement Wall



Next month, on June 24th, the SBBC will be honoring members who have made stellar achievements during the past year. Our Celebrity Wall features pictures of these honorees along with lists of the top players in the club, top players in each category (A, B, C, & 99ers), Mini McKenney winners, Ace of Clubs winners, Friends who have passed away, and a salute to all the volunteers who have made this club a success. Be sure to stroll down the Lane - you might discover your name on one of the rosters!

HINTS - SUPPORT DOUBLES

There are rumors that the Support Double is the alertable convention most-unalerted by players followed closely by the Drury and new-minor-forcing conventions. Support doubles were invented to let your partner know that you have 3-card support for his response of a major after interference. For instance: Your first bid is 1C, P by LHO, 1H by partner, 1S by RHO, a dbl by you (ALERT) shows a raise with 3-card support. Also, 1C, P, 1S, double, redouble (ALERT) by you also shows support with 3 cards. Normally you would raise to 2 hearts with 4-card support and pass with fewer than 3 hearts. What a wonderful amount of knowledge to impart to partner with one bid or non-bid. It also helps in case you are on defense. You may say that it also gives opponents information, but talking to your partner is more important.

To help members remember support doubles and redoubles, here are a few hints:

1. Only the **opener** can make a support double or redouble.
2. It is your chance to let partner know you have 3 pieces in case he has a five card suit.

REMINDER: The Fort Wayne Sectional is May 19-21.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
02 Joan Tobler
03 Shirley Soucek
10 Dennis David
14 Karen Nagy
15 Joyce Sopko
17 Fred Binder
21 Nancy Saunders



Top Games in April

Pair Games:

149ers:	4/07	Bob Lewis & Aimee Bjornstad	67.50%
	4/07	Gloria Bates & Anita Nunemaker	53.75%
Newbies:	4/13	Judy Kearns & Judith McCullough	75.00%
	4/13	Kent Dennis & Julie Jarvis	58.33%
399ers:	4/10	Bonnita Laub & Julie Nelson	72.00%
	4/17	Bill Blauvelt & Ed Trubac	66.67%
Open:	4/24	C. Ben Moshe & Chris Habegger	71.06%
	4/03	Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	70.37%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
Tuesday Open: John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard, & Richard Mao

MOVIN' ON UP

Junior Master: Roger Chrastil



MEMBER UPDATES

Rosemary Pollizotto New Member

PRO-AM SWISS

Mark your calendar for the Pro-Am Swiss Team - **Thursday evening, May 25th**. Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event, and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! By the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy at 6:00 PM. Certainly worth the trip! \$8 play - \$5 meal.



DIRECTOR UPDATES

the director's corner

We have been experiencing multiple issues with our Bridgmates. Many seem to require very hard pressure to show the result. It could be they are in need of cleaning, need new batteries, the members start their bridgmates before they are ready, or merely user error. Please wait until the director indicates the bridgmates are ready before starting them at the table. This will help start the game in a timely manner with no delays.

We say this often, but please call the director if there is any irregularity at your table. Calling the director ensures you and your opponents are protected. Calling the director is NOT demeaning or rude to the opponents; it merely protects both sides and the entire field

We expect the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge to be approved and enacted around the end of September. There are a number of changes to the rulings, depending on the irregularity or infraction. We will discuss this further as we get more information. If you get in the habit now of calling the director, we all will be in a better position to understand the new rulings when the new Laws are in place.

Enjoy your bridge experience at the SBBC!



Bill Searcy

Education Updates

John Killeen will continue his **Beginning Lessons** on Thursdays at 9 am. May will be **notrump** month and there will be a new format:

May 4 and 18 will be practice sessions
May 11 and 25 will be games that award points.

John's lessons will focus on notrump, and there will be an analysis of the hands afterwards.



Monday Intermediate Lessons

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present a series about

DOUBLES & THEIR VARIOUS MEANINGS

May 1 - takeout doubles & responses
May 8 - takeout and penalty doubles - discovering the difference
May 15 - negative doubles - an introduction
May 22 - Filling out the convention card and duplicate scoring with guest speaker Bill Searcy
May 29 - Memorial Day - **no class**

Elaine's Classes



Wednesday Intermediate Lessons are at a new time **11:30AM-12:30PM**. Topic: **Finesses** - taking a finesse and defending against a finesse. Cost: \$5.00

Friday game and mini-lesson: Lesson at 2PM Topic: Competitive bidding. Game time 2:15-5PM. Cost \$7.00



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June 2017



The month of June offers ten (10) NAP (North American Pairs) Games, the Sunday Swiss Team Game on the 11th, a Men's free play on Father's Day the 18th, the 3rd Tuesday Swiss Team game on the 20th, and the "Longest Day" Charity Game, (contributions to the Alzheimer's Association will be welcome that day). Be sure to sign up for all these activities.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



DON'T FORGET THE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON ON THE 24TH!

E. Tim Carl - Silver Life Master

Back in November 2013, when Tim became a Bronze Life Master, we interviewed him to see if he had anything to add since becoming a Life Master. He mentioned then that he hadn't realized how much there was to learn and discover about the "duplicate" game. Evidently he has learned enough to become the latest Silver Life Master in our Club.



Congratulations, Tim!

DENNIS DAVID

May 10, 1937 - May 26, 2017



It was not easy to tell our members that we had lost our dear friend, director, and teacher this past month. Dennis came to us when he married Marian Eggebrecht in February 2009 and became an enthusiastic partner for many of our members. He was always available to fill in when needed because he LOVED the game and enjoyed the camaraderie in the club. He served as a director for many years and taught bridge at Forever Learning Institute where he found more future SBBC members. He was not with us long enough, and we send our condolences to his family and to Marian. We will miss him and his smile.

Note: Check with Jo Ann Steigmeyer for a complete obituary.

PRO-AM WINNERS

Our semi-annual Pro-Am Swiss Team Event, held on Thursday night, May 25th, was a great success! There were 12 teams of life masters or players with more than 500 points partnering with non-life master players with fewer than 500 points. The winners were



(pictured l to r): **Marty Martin, Linda Podlin, Bob Adams and Peggy Lyzun.** We send our congratulations! In addition, a hearty thank you to Director Bill Searcy (our hot dog chef) for running the event so smoothly & to Joan Tobler's committee, Ruth Minish & Jo Ann Steigmeyer for the tasty spread. Look for the next Pro-Am this fall!

Recognition Luncheon

Save Saturday, June 24th for the annual Recognition Awards Banquet. The lunch will begin at 12 Noon (\$7) followed by an afternoon of Bridge (NAP Game) at 1 PM (\$8). The Club will honor the accomplishments of many of our members during the year of 2016. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Bridge Center.

Honorees being recognized are:

Diamond Life Master: Elaine DeLaney

Sapphire Life Master: Sara Marcus

Gold Life Master: John Bodish

Ruby Life Masters: Victor Papai

& Richard Scheibelhut

Silver Life Master: Shirley Soucek

Bronze Life Masters: Leslie Garvey & Gail Wells

Life Masters: Robert Knoblock

& Lynn Miller

Other members honored will be the winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards and the Mini-McKenney Awards

In the August 2010 newsletter the following item appeared:

"Etti-kits"

All of us at one time or another have had that shock when partner puts us in game after we've opened "the hand" we wish we hadn't. It's a good idea to resist gasping. Smart opponents will look for signs like this and may toss that red card (a hateful double) on the table. A minus 100, which might matchpoint OK, could become a minus 300 which seldom wins."



THESE WORDS OF WISDOM STILL APPLY!!!!

Golden Age Recipients

On May 26th the club and ACBL honored our latest



Golden Age Award recipients, Joan Fahey and Connie Hebron. There was cake and ice cream presented by the club and a certificate from the ACBL to let them know that we appreciate their loyalty and support for the great game of bridge over the years.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Dan Barnhart, Kaye Kale
- 04 Frank Yoder
- 08 Dick Hastings
- 09 Kathleen Peterson
- 11 Don Groch, Julie Nelson,
Bud Parshall
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 19 David Gardner
- 21 Ann Ullman
- 28 Patricia Borchert, Marty Martin
- 29 June Glazer
- 30 Bruce BonDurant



Top Games in May

Pair Games:

149ers:	5/26	Joey & Kurt Stiver	69.44%
	5/09	Carole Partlow & Rosemary Polizzotto	61.11%
399ers:	5/03	Bob & Margaret Lewis	64.50%
	5/22	Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	64.07%
Open:	5/17	John & Tricia Killeen	70.83%
	5/03	Marty Alig & Dave Bontrager	69.50%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open:	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
Tuesday Open:	Tim Carl, Martha Hosinski, Dee Stevenson, & Elaine Thompson

MOVIN' ON UP

Ben Paulson	Club Master
Maureen Skurski	Sectional Master
E. Tim Carl	Silver Life Master



Member Updates

New Members:

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Jolene Stiver	joestiver@comcast.net	269-340-5060

Corrections: Rosemary Polizzotto (spelling)

Sue Pattillo Phone: 574-298-3903

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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER!

Starting in September, there will be two Sunday team games and two Tuesday team games. The Tuesday games will be on the 1st & 3rd, and the Sunday games will be on the 2nd & 4th.

Players can sign up as a team or as partners (and we'll find another partnership to fill out the team).



The SBBC Summer Sectional August 4, 5, & 6

will be held at the Kroc Community Center. The schedule will be published on the ACBL website as well as in our July newsletter and August Calendar.

Happenings



DAVE IRWIN

November 14, 1929 - May 3, 2017



Although Dave Irwin wasn't a member the past few years due to health issues, he was instrumental in the establishment of the South Bend Bridge Club over ten years ago. As the President of the Thursday Club and with the permission of its club members, he turned over all the assets of his group and helped start what is today the SBBC. He achieved the status of Silver Life Master and particularly enjoyed the game with Al Rossow (1927-2012) who, we are certain, is his partner wherever they may be. We send our condolences to his son, David, & daughter, Stacey. Dave leaves us with fond and fun memories.

The Longest Day

On Wednesday, June 21st, our club will be accepting donations for the ACBL-Alzheimer Association's fundraiser, *The Longest Day*. Every one of us has experienced seeing either a friend, relative or loved one touched by this disease. Your help is needed to stamp out this hurtful and hurting disease. Your donations will be much appreciated.

Education Updates

J & J Monday Classes in June:

12th - a continuing look at responses to no trump bids. When to use Stayman and when to use Transfer bids. When to think slam.



19th - Forcing & Non-Forcing Bids - when must you bid again? - when can you pass?

26th - Slam Bidding - Opening 2 Clubs - Jump shifts & Reverses

Contact Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net, phone 574-243-1355 or Joan at 269-687-9766. **Cost: \$5**



Tricia's Newcomer Game (Thursday mornings) will



have a real game on June 1, 15, & 29. On June 8 and 22, weak two bids will be featured. John Killeen is taking a break from giving lessons so sessions will start at 9:15.

The lesson group will be working on the following:

June 1: opening and responding to 1 no trump

June 8 & 15: major suit openings

June 22 & 29: minor suit openings.

Elaine DeLaney's scheduled topics are:



Wednesday Lessons at 11:30 to 12:30 - \$5

Strong 2 club opening bids and slam bidding.
Friday Lesson & Game - Cost \$5.

Balancing & competitive bidding

Lesson: 2-2:15 PM Game: 2:15 - 5 PM



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July 2017



This edition marks the beginning of the eighth year of our Club newsletter. It's been fun to discover so much about our members, to celebrate their achievements, and to watch the Club grow. We are now at 171 members. The month of July brings a special holiday on the 4th (**we will be open**), the Sunday Swiss on the 9th and the Tuesday Swiss on the 18th. Be sure to take advantage of earning extra points in 8 of the NAP (North American Pairs) games. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



The Celebration of 2016 LIFE MASTER HONOREES

Another wonderful Recognition Luncheon was presented Saturday, June 24th. Great food, great tributes presented to the recipients, and great accomplishments by our honorees. And, of course, we thank Joan Tobler & her Hospitality Committee and our director, Bill Searcy, for a party well planned. The winners of the Special Game that afternoon were:
N/S: Leroy Boser & Ren Singleton E/W: John & Tricia Killeen



l to r - Elaine DeLaney (Diamond), Gail Wells (Bronze), John Bodish (Gold), Vic Papai (Ruby), Shirley Soucek (Silver), Bob Knoblock (Life Master), Dick Scheibelhut (Ruby), Lynn Miller (Life Master), Sara Marcus (Sapphire) & Leslie Garvey (Bronze).

The Sputnik Double

by Chayem Ben Moshe

In 1958, Al Roth of the Roth-Stone system, was on his way to the World Championships. His team was representing the United States, and he knew that to win the championship he would have to beat the many-time world champion Italian Blue Team.



He faced a dilemma; every time he or his partner opened one of a minor, the Italians would overcall one spade with four, five, or six spades, and Roth and his partner could never show a hand with four or five hearts and fewer than ten points. Then he realized that penalty doubles at the one level were infrequent. He felt that, like the Russians, he could launch a satellite (the Sputnik) over the spade bid, in the form of a double that would show the hand with four or five hearts and limited to ten or fewer points. Today, you know this bid as the negative double. This is the foundation of many low-level doubles today. Thanks, Al!

Our thanks to Chayem Ben Moshe for this interesting and historic article. There may be a few of our members who don't remember the Sputnik's entry into space on October 4, 1957 but most of us do. It launched a new age of space exploration, and Al Roth launched a new age of defensive bidding in the bridge world. What a difference this tool has made.

Editor

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John Chmielowiec

September 1, 1942 to June 11, 2017

Although John, who was a resident of Michigan City and a former SBBC member, hadn't been coming to the Club for many years because of health issues, most of us still remember his superior play and gentle demeanor. We were sorry to hear of his passing and send our condolences to his family..



Happenings



SENIOR GAME DAY

Be sure to look in the June ACBL Bulletin on page 59 to see that our own Vic Papai and Guy Morrical were the winners of the Senior Game Day bridge event in District 8 which includes northern Indiana, central & southern Illinois, Paducah and St. Louis. Great accomplishment, guys!



THE LONGEST DAY ACBL WIDE CHARITY GAME to conquer Alzheimer's Disease

Our club members gave generously to the Alzheimer's Association at the Longest Day event on Wednesday, June 21st. The grand total was \$432. We thank everyone who contributed.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

03 Suzanne Watson
 06 Jimmy Cordas
 10 John Killeen
 11 Maureen Conboy
 16 Jim Heiner
 19 Rich Mao
 22 Ren Singleton
 23 Susan Farrington
 25 Jim Feinstein
 31 Rebecca Link



Top Games in June

Pair Games:

Newbies:	6/15	Robert DuComb & Fred Maione	72.22%
	6/15	Julie Jarvis & Rebecca Link	61.11%
149ers:	6/23	Carole Partlow & Patricia Short	73.15%
	6/09	Carol Miracle & Patricia Short	65.29%
399ers:	6/05	Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	66.07%
	6/19	Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	64.17%
Open:	6/19	Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao	72.45%
	6/01	Chayem Ben Moshe & Ren Singleton	70.24%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Peter Elliott, & Dick Hastings
 Tuesday Open: Sara Marcus, Bill Searcy and John & Tricia Killeen

Member Updates

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 kurtstiver@comcast.net

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MOVIN' ON UP

Gayle Gonser Junior Master
 Bonnita Laub Club Master



PRO-AM SWISS

Mark your calendar for **ANOTHER Pro-Am Swiss Team Game - Saturday afternoon, August 19th (note the change of the day & time).** Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event, and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh, by the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy at Noon. Certainly worth the trip! **\$8 play - \$5 meal.**



When is a card considered played?

the director's corner

1. Defender – card deliberately detached from hand and other defender could have seen it if looking in that direction, no matter where the card is located.
2. Declarer – held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.
3. Dummy – when the declarer verbally names the card, or when declarer physically picks the card up from dummy.
4. A card must be played if a player verbally names it as the card he proposes to play.
5. A card accidentally dropped or stuck to another card is not a played card.
6. If an unintended card is deliberately removed from hand and faced, it is a played card under the guidelines of #1 & #2 above.
7. However, a card declarer verbally calls from dummy can often be corrected if it is clear it was not the intended card [see Law 45C4(b), possibly the subject of a future “Directors Corner” article]. You are allowed a “slip of the tongue”, but not a “slip of the hand”.



Bud Hinckley

In any case, please endeavor to place the played card on the table so that it can be seen by everyone. Do not cup the card, cover it with your hand, or turn it sideways. (re-printed from the July 2016 SBBC newsletter.)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR SHIRLEY SOUCEK



During the Recognition Celebration, Tim Carl, our President, presented a red rose to our newest 90 year old member, Shirley Soucek from Arizona. Her birthday was actually May 3rd but she wasn't able to join us until June. We congratulate Shirley and wish her many more happy & healthy years.

Education Updates

Tricia's Newcomer Group (Thursday mornings) will be working on the following:



July 6: Opening and Responding to a Major Suit
 July 13: Game
 July 20: Opening & Responding to a Minor Suit
 July 27: Game **9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$6.00**

“J & J” July Classes

There will be **no Monday class** on July 3rd. In the following weeks, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer will present:



July 10 - 3rd, 4th and Beyond Bids
 July 17 - Strong 2-Club Bidding & Play
 July 24 - Blackwood, Gerber & Control Bidding
 July 31 - New Minor Forcing Bids
9:30 to 11:30. Cost \$5.

Elaine DeLaney's classes for July:



There will be no Wednesday lessons for the month of July.

Friday mini-lesson & game: Lesson topic: The Describer and the Decider. Who is in charge?
 2 -2:15PM Game time: 2:15PM-5PM Cost: \$7.00



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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) 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

299er Partnerships..... Bob Knoblock, 727-418-0729,
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) 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 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





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September 2017



This month's "specials" are **International Fund** games with extra masterpoints awarded, and the **SBBC annual meeting** on the 11th at 3 P.M.. Don't forget the *added* Swiss Team games this month. The Sunday Swiss will be on the second and fourth Sunday (10th & 24th) and the Tuesday Swiss will be on the first and third Tuesday (5th & 19th) Be sure to get your teams lined up. Lots of great opportunities for you to pick up those coveted masterpoints!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

of the South Bend Bridge Club will be held on **Monday, September 11th at 3:00 PM.** **President Tim Carl will present his "State of the Club" report.**

Proposed Slate of new Board Members for membership approval:

(3) candidates for 3-year terms (1) candidate for 2-year term



Leslie Garvey



Margaret Lewis



Marty Martin



Bill Searcy

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

John Killeen

Leeroy Boser

Joan Tobler

Tom's Tables

Tom Hebron, our resident woodworker, artist and handyman extraordinaire, has created a sea of beautifully crafted tables. He transformed ordinary card tables into works of art. In future issues we will highlight some of the seventeen tables, describing the different woods



Tom used to create one-of-a-kind tables. He also attached bidding box holders which are on the **outside** of the table allowing for more room on the top. Be sure to look around our playing area to see his handiwork on display.

Thanks, Tom



Antoinette R. Harding
Nov. 3, 1938 - Aug. 22, 2017

Antoinette (Toni) had many friends in our club and we are so grateful for the time she spent with us. We send our condolences to her family and her friends.

FORT WAYNE REGIONAL
October 2nd through the 8th

NEW RULES FROM ACBL



* Cards shall be dealt so adjacent cards are NOT dealt into the same hand. Dealing into four piles ABCDDCBAABCD is not allowed because adjacent cards end in piles A and D. But dealing in FIVE piles ABCDEDCBABCDEDCBA, then combining piles A and E to create one hand is allowed.

* The board shall remain in the center of the table correctly oriented until play is completed. This ensures cards are returned to the correct pocket when play ends.

* You are not allowed to touch cards of another player except by permission of an opponent or the Director. (Previously, only the Director could give permission.)

* You may attempt to prevent an irregularity by any player, including when you are dummy. But if the irregularity just occurred and therefore it's too late to prevent it, if you are dummy, you must stay silent about the irregularity until the play ends. (Previously, dummy was not allowed to warn an opponent to prevent an irregularity.)

* If the auction has started with two players found to have the wrong number of cards (e.g., 12 and 14), the hands are corrected.

(a) If a call was made with an incorrect hand, the Director MAY allow completion of the board.

(b) If a call was not made with an incorrect hand, the Director MUST allow completion of the board.

A player who held too many cards may now know a card in another player's hand. The Director in both of the above cases may award an adjusted score if that information affected the result.

* If you make a call holding a hand from the wrong board, as soon as your partner makes a call before the error is discovered, you immediately score Average-Minus. If the error is caught in time, the call from the wrong hand and LHO's call (if made) is canceled and the auction proceeds.

Later, if the wrong hand came from a board not yet played and when that board is played you do not repeat your call, the Director awards an adjusted score.

To be continued.

Wow, what a task to bring this information so we mere mortals can understand it. We thank Bud Hinckley for his input.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Irene Cooperrider, John Gadd, Bob DuComb
 09 Myra Anthony
 14 Dorothy Cahill
 21 Conrad Adams
 22 Ruth Minish
 24 Chris Habegger
 25 Dave Bontrager
 29 Chris Barker, Aimee Bjornstad
 30 Ilse Grove



Top Games in August

Pair Games:

399ers:	8/23 Maureen & Roger Skurski	70.50%
	8/09 Chris Clarke & Peggy Lyzun	68.06%
Th. am	8/10 Kent Dennis & Ben Paulson	62.50%
	8/24 Rebecca Link & Nancy Shaffer	60.42%
Fri. pm	8/18 Bill & Edi Murray	69.44%
	8/18 Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	61.81%
Open:	8/0 John & Tricia Killeen	69.91%
	8/18 Tom Hallum & Suzanne Watson	69.85%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, Joan Tobler, & Jo Ann Steigmeyer
 Tuesday Open: Chris Barker, Marian David, Joan Tobler, & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

MOVIN' ON UP

Julie Jarvis Junior Master



Member Updates

New Members

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Gerry Wardzinski	754-676-2273	gerryw366@gmail.com
Bob DuComb	602-432-1606	rjducomb@gmail.com

New Information

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Jimmy Cordas	cordasj@yahoo.com	new e-mail
Ron Peterson	574-386-0408	new phone number
Virginia Peterson	574-386-0159	new phone number

PRO-AM WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners (pictured below left to right: Guy Morrical, Tom Rossow, Ted Mullett and Cappy Gagnon) of another successful Pro-Am Swiss Team Event. There were 12 teams in attendance enjoying a Saturday



afternoon (a new time) with hot dogs & extras provided by the Chef, Bill Searcy, & the Hostess Committee, Joan Tobler, Marty Martin & Ruth Minish. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

2017 SBBC SUMMER SECTIONAL TOP TEN SILVER POINT WINNERS

TOP TEN OPEN

Chris Habegger	29.79
Chayem Ben Moshe	25.66
Dave Bontrager	17.23
Tom Hebron	14.23
Marty Alig	12.38
Vance Senecal	12.24
Jo Ann Steigmeyer	12.11
Mike Young	11.04
Bob Knoblock	10.45
Lena Howard	10.10

TOP TEN 299er Games

Chris Clarke	2.20
John Gadd	2.20
Iris Goerner	1.47
Gayle Gonser	1.12
Sally Frame	1.04
Margaret Lewis	1.04
Dave Barkmeier	1.01
Kathy Peterson	1.01
Ivy Benson	.93

The South Bend Sectional Tournament was held the first weekend of August at the



Kroc Community Center. We had outstanding participation, particularly from the 299ers. The total number of tables was 159 with 184 players. The Tournament committee who worked diligently to make the event a success was led by the Tournament Chairman, John Hamilton. There were many volunteers, particularly the hostesses, the greeters, partnership chairpersons, caddies and our fellows doing the heavy duty lifting. We thank all of them for their hard work.

Education Updates

"J & J" September Classes

Beginning September 11 (no class on Labor Day -

but the club will be open), Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler are scheduling classes on evaluating and RE-evaluating hands, play of the hand, bidding and defense. Contact Jo Ann by

e-mail at joann1107@comcast.net, by phone 574-243-1355, or Joan at 269-687-9766. 9:30 am to 11:30 Cost \$5.00



Tricia Killeen's schedule for September is:

9/7, 9/21 - Games

9/14 Practice Session on 2C openings

9/28 Practice Session on 2C openings

Contact Tricia Killeen by phone (574-271-1345) or by e-mail at patriciakilleen@att.net. Cost \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney's schedule for September is:

Friday Lesson & Play: Friday 149'er mini-lesson and game: Time: 2-5 PM Cost \$7.00





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October 2017



WOW! We have two new masters to acknowledge this month. We will be honoring them at a special luncheon in the Spring. "Count Dawgula" wishes you a Happy Halloween. The events planned for the month of October include: eight Club Appreciation games, three Club Championships, two Junior Fund games, and, thanks to Rich Mao, an ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. Of special interest are the Fort Wayne Regional from October 2 - 8 (our club will be closed October 6-8) and the Highland Sectional (October 22-27). **BUSY MONTH!**



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Marian David - Sapphire Life Master

What a terrific list of Sapphire Life Masters in our club and a well deserved addition is Marian David. She helps to make SBBC a tough place to play and win! She plays a smart, competitive game & deserves the title of Sapphire Life Master (3500+ points).

Marian learned to play bridge from her sorority House Mother. Her father informed her that he was not paying for a B.S. in bridge so she hit the books and graduated from Indiana University. After teaching and then raising four children, she took up the game again!

One of her first partners was Dean Duncan whom she played with for over thirty five years. Another of her partners was her husband, Dennis, who was her partner in bridge for over eight years.. We were all saddened when he passed away in May of this year. Her children, grandchildren, bridge and gardening fill her life. **CONGRATULATIONS, MARIAN!**



Leroy Boser - Sapphire Life Master

When Lee became a gold Life Master in 2013, it brought a smile to his face but, we all know that Lee wears lots of smiles everyday. His grin was larger when he achieved the Sapphire Life Master status earning more than 3500 points. Among his duties at our club include being our Purchasing Agent and a Director for over ten years (a challenge these days since ACBL has changed so many rules, but he's a fellow who can handle it!) He brings enthusiasm to the game, a great sense of humor, as well as a helping hand. This year's **Service Award** was presented to him at the SBBC Annual September meeting and, since Lee has quite a sweet tooth, he was presented with a pecan pie from Rise & Roll. He received the Service Award for all the assistance and help he gives during the year. His name has been etched forever on the Service Award plaque. He's a valued member of our club and a valued person.

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, LEE!



Tom's Tables



In last month's SBBC newsletter, we introduced Tom Hebron, our resident woodworker, artist and handyman extraordinaire, and promised to show some of his creations. The first in this series is a table made of Curly Cherry heartwood (Table 6) which varies from rich red to reddish-brown and is considered by most woodworkers to be one of the finest North American hardwoods available. Since the first American settlers, cherry wood lumber has been traditionally used in fine furniture. It is prized for its beauty and its workability and is described as an exotic wood. Beautiful choice, Tom!



A Message from our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

We are eligible twice a year to hold STaC weeks (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) at the club that let us award silver points to our members. Unit 154 used to subsidize the extra table fees so that we could charge our normal entry fee. Budgetary problems caused Unit 154 to have to drop this feature two years ago. Since then we have had to charge a \$9 entry fee, and the result was a 20% drop in our attendance between the November, 2016 and February 2017 STaC weeks. As a result, the Board voted to hold only one STaC week/year. We are eligible to hold another StaC series the first week of November, but I have not put it on the calendar because we already had one in February. If enough members sign the petition I am placing on the bulletin board that they wish SBBC would reconsider this decision (approximately 75 signatures), I will register us for it. Please see me if you have additional questions.



FORT WAYNE REGIONAL

October 2nd through the 8th

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Muller, Carol Kilbourne
 12 David Barkmeier
 12 Guy Morrical, Paul Scherer
 15 Pat Short
 16 Mary Powell, Barbara Emmons
 18 Phill Kolski, Peggy Lyzun
 22 Sherri Kolski
 24 John Scheibelhut
 26 Hugh Metzger
 26 Jean Scheibelhut
 28 Mike Young
 31 Tom Hebron, Dick Scheibelhut



Top Games in September

Pair Games:

399ers.	9/18 Gloria Bates & Lyla Lockhart	65.83%
	9/25 Ted Mullett & Roger Skurski	64.58%
Thurs AM	9/21 Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	72.22%
	9/21 Kent Dennis & Mel Meyers	56.94%
Fri. PM	9/22 Becky DeLahanty & Kathy Stegmaier	64.29%
	9/08 Bob Lewis & Gerry Wardzinski	57.14%
Open:	9/21 Jimmy Cordas & Suzanne Watson	71.48%
	9/14 John & Tricia Killeen	71.43%

Swiss Team Games:

Tues. 9/5	John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen & Gini Stipp
Sun. 9/10	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
Tues. 9/19	John Bodish, Lena Howard, Gini Stipp, & Rosemary Zonker
Sun. 9/24	Leroy Boser, Chayem Ben Moshe, Al Fenton, & Ren Singleton

MOVIN' ON UP

Leroy Boser Sapphire Life Master
 Marian David Sapphire Life Master



THANK YOU, RICH!

Many thanks go to Rich Mao who has generously volunteered to pick up the extra table fees for the Instant Matchpoint Game on Wednesday afternoon, October 25. ACBL charges \$12/table (our players will pay the usual \$8 special game fee). This special game awards 1 gold point to the section top winners, and then pays half red and half black points at 81.8% of sectionally-rated points (great points!). It comes with a special scoring feature that rates how you did on a board in comparison with a group that played the hands previously. Similar to a standardized test, your results will be given in percentages (i.e., you will get a score from 1-100, and your opponents will get the inverse of that. If you get 80%, then they will score 20%). All the results go into the ACBL for a national comparison, and you are also compared across the field and at the club. A hand analysis booklet comes with the game.



NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 2

Pretend your pair is a roving (bumping) pair about to start the next round – but the pair you are supposed to bump just started the auction. The Director **MUST** now allow the board to be completed and your pair scores Average Plus because you were not able to play the board. Directors now have even more incentive to warn the pair about to be bumped, because, if this happens, it creates a **HUGE** headache in scoring the game!

If YOU realize that YOU made an error (failure to alert, incorrect explanation) during the auction, you are not required to immediately call the Director – but you must call the Director before the opening lead.

Don't confuse this with realizing PARTNER made a similar type of error. You must stay silent until the auction ends (if your side declares) or after play ends (if you become a defender)

A call can be changed only if a mechanical bidding box error (call made and call intended are close together in the bidding box) occurs and only if identified before partner's next call.

Partners must play the same conventions (including transfers), but style and judgement of each partner need not be similar. (If partners have extreme difference in style, e.g., one very conservative and one very aggressive, the opponents should be informed.)

You may consult your opponent's convention card and/or ask about an opponent's call:

- (1) prior to the auction,
- (2) when it is your turn to call or play,
- (3) between the end of auction and opening lead, or
- (4) if necessary to answer an opponent's question (this one was added as part of the law changes)

When you are dummy, you may not look at either defender's hand. When you are a defender, you may not show dummy your hand.

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this addition to Part One.

Education Updates

"J & J" October Classes
Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00
There will be no classes on
October 2nd and the 30th.

10/9 Play of the Hand - No Trump Contracts
 10/16 & 23rd - Defense - Leads & Signals
 Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net,
 574-243-1355, or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.



Tricia Killeen will offer the following topics on
 Thursday mornings in October..



October 5: No session
 October 12 & 26: Game
 October 19: Practice Session on "Overcalls"
 Contact Tricia at patrickilleen@att.net.
 or call 574-271-1345.

Time: Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:30 Cost: \$6.00

Elaine DeLaney's Friday Lessons & Game:
 Lesson 2-2:15 Game 2:15-5:00 Discussion of hands
 including bidding & declarer play. Cost \$7.00





SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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November 2017



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. Be sure to pick up the November calendar to see the events scheduled. There is a series of STaC games from 10/30-11/5, two club championships, a charity game on the 13th, a Grass Roots Fund, Junior Fund, Education Foundation, ACBL Membership AND on Veterans Day (10th) vets will play free. Take advantage of these special games that award extra points.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT JOAN TOBLER

We are pleased to announce the election, by the Board of Directors, of Joan Tobler as President of the SBBC for this next year.

Other officers are:

Vice-President Barbara Fedder
Secretary Margaret Lewis
Treasurer Vic Papai



The Board of Directors, in addition to the above listed officers, consists of:

Bob Knoblock, Leslie Garvey, Marty Martin, Ted Mullett, Bill Searcy, and Gini Stipp
Our best wishes to all of them and congratulations!

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO OUR PAST PRESIDENT E. TIM CARL



Pictured here is our past president who diligently led our club for the past 3 years. We thank Tim for his time, encouragement, and enthusiasm. During his tenure he reached personal achievements of Bronze Life Master, and Silver Life Master - all while overseeing the activities of the club.

Tim urged us to try new types of games and helped find a new venue (Kroc Center) for our tournament. He saw & encouraged the establishment of more novice classes and games. All this kept him very busy and we thank him. Our best wishes to him on his presidential retirement.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Be sure to save
Saturday, December 16, 2017
for our annual
SBBC Christmas Party
Lunch at 12 Noon (\$7)
Game at 1:00 PM (\$7)

BOB KNOBLOCK BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Congratulations AGAIN to Bob Knoblock (Life Master in October 2016) who has now achieved the rank of Bronze LM. Bob wants to thank his partners who helped him earn the points necessary to get to this bridge plateau. He sends special thanks to his regular Monday and Wednesday partners, Karen Nagy and Dick Scheibelhut, "who are always ready and willing to play with me, regardless of any bidding and playing errors I might make..." It doesn't look like he's made many mistakes! Your partners & the rest of the Club send you our best wishes.



Tom's Tables



Another of Tom Hebron's masterpieces is this interesting table made from Tulip Poplar. Tom cut the wood in 1" strips, joined them together and created this beautiful playing surface (Table #10 at our club). Although this wood is not usually used for its appearance, Tom proved the experts wrong as this table is really a thing of beauty. We encourage you to visit our Bridge Club to see the seventeen different creations on display that make playing bridge a special experience. We're very proud of Tom and glad he's in our club!



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SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS



Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$20) will be collected during December for the year 2018.

Note: The club will be closed on Thanksgiving, the 23rd.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 James Kilbourne
07 Jo Ann Steigmeyer
08 Karen Drain
13 Bob Currey
14 Margaret Lewis
14 Lyla Lockhart
16 Ben Paulson
16 Mary Wisniewski
18 Sharon Novotny
23 Elaine DeLaney
25 Kathy Klaer
26 John Hamilton
30 Kaye Tyler



Top Games in October

Pair Games:

399ers:	10/04 Bill Blauvelt & George Cramer	71.50%
	10/16 Bill & Linda Odell	66.00%
Th.AM	Raji & Donna Tieman	86.11%
	Kurt & Joey Stiver	69.44%
Fri PM	Kurt & Joey Stiver	61.11%
	Candace Hurwich & Bonnita Laub	58.02%
Open:	10/13 Marian David & Joan Tobler	70.83%
	10/30 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	68.57%

Swiss Team Games:

Sun. 10/1	Cappy Gagnon, Joan Tobler, Tom Rossow & Jo Ann Steigmeyer
Tues. 10/3	Chris Barker, June Glazer, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer
Tie	Marian David, Elaine DeLaney, Ruth Minish & Sara Marcus
Tues. 10/17	John Bodish, Peter Elliott, Lena Howard, & Bruce Sokol
Sun. 10/29	Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings, & Lena Howard

ANONY "MICE"

We have been blessed to have not just one but two anonymous donors. Through their generosity we are able to play in the STaC games at the price of \$8 instead of the \$9 we paid last year, and the Directors are enjoying a beautiful and sturdy chair at the Director's Station. Not anonymous was the donation of a bookcase for the library from Karen Nagy. **Thanks to all of you for your donations!**

MOVIN' ON UP

Kathy Peterson	Club Master
Penny Krug	Junior Master
Robert Lewis	Sectional Master
Bob Knoblock	Bronze Life Master



NEW MEMBERS

Raji Sundararajan 574-343-6343 raji51165@hotmail.com
 Donna Tieman 574-315-0728 donnatieman@comcast.net

NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 3

You must correct your revoke if attention is drawn to the irregularity before it becomes established (you or partner playing to the next trick). You are not required to draw attention to the irregularity yourself.

Until your side plays to the next trick, you may (1) tell partner his quitted trick is pointed in the wrong direction, or (2) look at your own last quitted (face down) card.

If you claim, you are required to face your hand. Then if someone questions your claim, you may "play it out", but only if all FOUR players (including dummy) agree. Otherwise, you call the Director.

The remaining changes involve the insufficient bids, calls out of rotation, lead penalties, and the new definition "comparable call". You can assume for any insufficient bid or call out of rotation, the opponents decide not to accept it.

If you make an insufficient bid and do not replace it with an appropriate replacement, partner will be required to pass forever. If you make a call (pass, bid, double, or redouble) out of rotation, partner will be required to pass at most only ONCE (a major law change).

For insufficient bids or calls out of rotation, if you use a "comparable call", the auction proceeds normally thereafter with no restrictions in the auction (and no later lead penalties if you become a defender). (Note: there may not be a comparable call for you to use.)

A comparable call to your withdrawn call is a call that

1. has the same or similar meaning, or
2. defines a subset of the possible meanings, or
3. has the same purpose (such as an asking bid, answering bid to an asking bid, or relay).

If your next call defines your hand as much as your withdrawn call, or if all of your legal calls give partner as much information as those legal calls combined with your withdrawn call, then your replacement call is a "comparable call" and there will be no restrictions on your partner and no lead penalties will apply if you become a defender.

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this third addition.

(To be continued)

Education Updates



Join Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler on Mondays, November 6, 13, and 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 for classes on DEFENSE - leads and signals, which will help you and your partner communicate. **No class on 11/27. Cost \$5.00**

On Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in November, Tricia Killeen will focus on jump shifts by opener on 11/2 & 11/16. There will be real games on 11/9 and 11/30. No class on Thanksgiving, 11/23 Cost \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney: Lessons: Attitude signals when defending. Time: Mini-lesson 2-2:15PM Game: 2:15PM-5PM There will not be a game Nov. 24th. Cost \$7.00





SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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December 2017



Santa Dawg wishes you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah** season. Be sure to get your membership forms filled out and dues (\$20) paid so that you can be included in the phone number and e-mail lists which will be available in February at the Director's Station. Also pick up the December calendar to see the events scheduled such as our Holiday Party/ACBL Membership on December 16th and the other special games. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



Jill Culby Bronze Life Master



Jill grew up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan where her Mom raised two children, Jill & her brother, on her own. Her Mom's one 'fun thing' was duplicate bridge, and she passed her love and enthusiasm for the game to Jill.

Jill's choice of college was Michigan State University where she earned degrees in English and Psychology. She married Larry Culby in 1970 and moved to Benton Harbor, Michigan, where his family had been farming since 1830. They hoped to set the world on fire, but along came a recession. With no jobs anywhere and being broke, Larry became a farmer and she became a writer.

For the next twenty years, Jill wrote 86 books under various pseudonyms (Jennifer Greene, Jeanne Grant, Jessica Massey, Alison Hart). One reason for writing romance novels was that the publishers would take on new writers, and she & Larry had two children to support. The kids grew up, got their masters degrees and charged off into life. And she had the "roms" to thank for that.

There were setbacks including an unfortunate fall requiring shoulder replacement at Cleveland Clinic, back surgery, and being hit by a truck. All these vicissitudes of life brought her to seek out a local duplicate game. She discovered a great way to heal herself - "playing this marvelous game and meeting so many wonderful people". **CONGRATULATIONS, JILL!**



Ruth Minish Ruby Life Master

Congratulations to Ruth Minish, our newest Ruby Life Master. She reached this plateau of 1500 master points on November 1st. (Refer to the August 2012 newsletter at the Directors' Station for her bio). Wonderful achievement, Ruth!



SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS

Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$20) will be collected during December for the year 2018. *(Wow, where did 2017 go?)*

Note: The club will be closed in December on the 24th, 25th & 31st.

Requests From Our Members

Below are issues mentioned by our members (from both sides of the room) that we would like to address.

Pleeze put the card that you are playing **ON THE TABLE** for all to see. Do not cup the card or hold it in such a way that only some of the players can see it. See Law 45A.

Pleeze do not turn over your played card quickly. Everyone has the right to see it including the dummy.

North has a lot to do with the BridgeMate **and** entering the results in his/her private scorecard. It would be nice if South would take on the responsibility of moving the boards, both on the table and to the next table.

Do not mix the played cards (keep them in order of play) until everyone agrees with the final contract and result. Law 79 A 1

REMINDER: If an irregularity occurs at your table,

CALL THE DIRECTOR!



Bill Searcy

Holiday Party at the Bridge Center

Mark your calendar for December

16th, get your best friend, spouse or companion, and bring them to our Holiday Luncheon at 12 noon



with bridge (ACBL Membership game) after. Lunch is \$7 and play is \$7 for members (\$8 for non-members). See you there!

Silver Point Winners STaC Week 10/30 - 11/5

1. John Bodish	13.13	6. Dee Stevenson	7.61
2. Cappy Gagnon	13.13	7. John Killeen	6.71
3. Virginia Stipp	10.32	8. Tricia Killeen	6.71
4. Tim Carl	9.62	9. LaDora Sloan	6.64
5. Elaine DeLaney	9.03	10. Tom Hallum	6.43

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 E. Tim Carl, Chris Clarke
- 05 Joan Aldrich
- 06 Florence Retek
- 09 Anita Nunemaker, Jill Culby
- 10 Patricia Killeen
- 11 Chayem Ben Moshe, Al Fenton
- 13 Maureen Trubac
- 15 Sue Pattillo
- 16 Tom Wisniewski
- 20 Linda Odell
- 24 Bob Adams, Robert Ryan
- 25 Mary Jaicomo
- 28 Martha Hosinski
- 31 Pat Laing, Norm Muller



Top Games in November

Pair Games:

399ers:	11/20	Robert Lewis & Julie Nelson	66.00%
	11/15	Bill Blauvelt & George Cramer	64.58%
Th. AM	11/09	Raji Sundararajan & Donna Tieman	66.15%
	11/09	Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	61.88%
Fri. PM	11/03	Candace Hurwich & Margaret Lewis	54.63%
	11/09	Joey & Kurt Stiver	53.70%
Open:	11/08	John & Tricia Killeen	69.79%
	11/01	John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon	68.98%

Swiss Team Games:

1st Sunday Open:	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Virginia Stipp
1st Tuesday Open:	Chris Barker, June Glazer, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer
2nd Sunday Open:	Martin Alig, Elain DeLaney, Dick Hastings, & Lena Howard
2nd Tuesday Open:	Chris Barker, Marian David, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

SBBC CELEBRITIES

Here are some very well known celebrities who play in our club.

MARTIN (Marty) & **LEWIS** (Margaret)

LEWIS (Robert) & **CLARKE** (Chris)

EVERLY BROTHERS - **DON** (Groch) & **PHILL** (Kolski)

TOM (Hebron) & **GERRY** (Wardzinski)

RUTH's (Minish) **CHRIS** (Barker)

MOVIN' ON UP

Gerry Wardzinski	Junior Master
John Gadd	Club Master
Ben Paulson	Section Master
Tom Hebron	NABC Master
Jill Culby	Bronze Life Master
Ruth Minish	Ruby Life Master



Friends for Multiple Sclerosis

On November 13th a Charity Club game was held to contribute to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Our Club was very generous and gave \$416, of which \$64 was from the club, and the rest consisted of donations from our members. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 4

Directors have been instructed to be flexible with the term "similar meaning", when a replacement bid does not quite meet the definition above. The Director is still allowed to award an adjusted score if he determines the result was affected by a comparable call.

If you make an insufficient bid or call out of rotation, if your next call is not a "comparable call", even if you show the same suit(s), there are lead penalties if you become a defender. Declarer can prohibit the lead of any ONE suit, but if you legally showed any suits, he cannot prevent those from being led. If you make an insufficient bid or call out of rotation, if your next call is not a "comparable call", even if you show the same suit(s), there are lead penalties if you become a defender. Declarer can prohibit the lead of any ONE suit, but if you legally showed any suits, he cannot prevent those from being led.

To keep your partner from passing forever, the replacement bid for your insufficient bid must be:

- (a) the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s), OR
- (b) a comparable call.

(Note "the lowest sufficient bid" could be a transfer bid showing the same suit as your insufficient bid.)

Otherwise, you may not double or redouble, and whether you pass or make a sufficient bid, partner will be required to pass forever. *(to be continued)*

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this fourth installment.

AN UPDATED THANK YOU FROM BILL

Last year, the club very generously devoted a charity game to Playing Cards for the Blind. Half of the money raised at the game was donated to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.



Bill Blauvelt

The remaining funds were used to produce and distribute decks of Euchre cards which are given to over 300 blind individuals and their supportive groups. In the process, I have received many requests for a full deck of 52 cards which could be used by the blind for other games. I have developed a full deck in the past year and am now distributing the cards around the country. Once again I am very grateful for the support of the South Bend Bridge Club and the encouragement to expand this project.

Editor's Note: If you would like to contribute to this cause, get in touch with Bill Blauvelt or any of the club officers.

Education Updates

J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present their classes from 9:30 to 11:30 on 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18. Topics covered will be reading cards, playing combinations of cards, counting, etc. AND, of course, **BASICS. BASICS, BASICS!** \$5.00



Tricia Killeen's topics for the 9:15 Thursday A.M. classes are:

December 7: Jump Shifts by Opener

December 14: Game

December 21: Notrump openers

December 28: Game Cost: \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney's lessons for December are:

Continuing Defense - Fridays in December beginning Dec. 1. Mini Lessons: 2-2:15 PM

Game: 2:15- 5:00 PM Cost: \$7.00

