

## Top bridge scorers for November

Listed are the highest-scoring 50 duplicate bridge players for November who play in the Valparaiso, Calumet Township, Portage, Chesterton and Highland games. Lou Nimnicht leads with a sizable amount of masterpoints — 18.51 for the month. Top scorers include: Lou Nimnicht, Yuan Hsu, James Angell, Wayne Carpenter, Joseph Chin, Barbara Graegin, Steven Watson, Zafar Khan, Dave Bigler, James O'Connell, Trudi McKamey, Michael Brissette, Terry Bauer, Daniel Spain, Hilda Connor, Robert Butz, Carolyn Potasnik, Laverne Niksch, Joan Butz, Barbara Walczak, John Goring, Helen Miller, Anna Urick, John Teshima, George Roeper, Mary Kocevar, Alta Allen, Sally Will, Richard Will, Jerry Palm, Mary Schumm, Patricia Mikuta, Indra Gupta, Dolores Marshall, Carol Osgerby, Donald Valiska, Edmond d'Ouille, Martha Harris, Robert Porter, Alan Yngve, Lynne Kostopoulos, Arlyne Filler, Constance Stevens, Delphine Slater, Ruth Goodpasture, Alfred Simmons, Jane Krueger, Thomas Hallum, Alan Filler and Barbara Stroud.

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The wise old owls recognize wisdom when they see it.

### Dec 12 Tuesday's Results

#### Beach Bridge Club

Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 2.19  
Dave Bigler and Zafar Khan 1.64  
Barbara Walczak and Hilda Connor 1.08  
Alan Yngve and Trudi McKamey 1.08

#### Duneland Bridge Club

Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 1.00  
Jim and Marcia Carson 0.70  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.50  
Trudi McKamey and Mary Kocevar 0.35  
Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.25  
Sally and Rich Will 0.17

### Dec 13 Wednesday's Results

#### Community Bridge Club

Anna Urick and Daryl Fraley 2.33  
Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 1.75  
Jim Angell and Indra Gupta 1.31  
Lou Nimnicht and Steven Watson 0.98  
Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 0.92  
Trudi McKamey and Helen Miller 0.69  
Terry Bauer and Dee Marshall 0.52

#### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Hank Cecil and Charlie Halberstadt 0.90  
Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.63  
Janet and Knoefel Jones 0.45  
Dee Van Bebber and Dolores Browne 0.32

### Bridge

#### Dec. 16 Results

##### North-South

Jim O'Connell and Joe Chin 1.48  
Anna Urick and Judy Selund 0.92  
Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 0.66  
Bernice Bell and Grace Burress 0.53

### East-West

Al Simmons and John Teshima 2.63  
Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 1.97  
Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 1.14  
Marilyn and John Ginzel 0.64

### Monday's Results

### Dec 18 Calumet Bridge Club

#### North-South

Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska 2.30  
John Goring and Lynne Kostopoulos 1.72  
Jim Lively and Jane Krueger 1.52  
George Roeper and Joe Chin 0.97  
Ruth Westberg and Barbara Graegin 0.73  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.71

#### East-West

Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 3.06  
Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 1.29  
Larry Dunford and Indra Gupta 1.14  
Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 0.86  
Bob and Joan Butz 0.77  
Carolyn Potasnik and Jim Angell 0.54

### Dec 19 Tuesday's Results

#### Beach Bridge Club

Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 2.81  
Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 2.11  
Bob Ferguson and Anne Murphy 1.58  
Laverne Niksch and Bob Porter 1.19

#### Duneland Bridge Club

Jim Lane and Dee Van Bebber 2.04  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 1.34  
Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 1.34  
Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.54  
Joel Charpentier and Helen Boothe 0.54

### Dec 20 Wednesday's Results

#### Community Bridge Club

Lou Nimnicht, Dan Spain, Norm Szewczyk and Steve Watson 2.80  
Joe Chin, Jim O'Connell, Barbara Graegin and Don Cohen 2.10  
Jim Angell, Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 1.53  
George Roeper, Lynne Kostopoulos, Indra Gupta and Pat Valiska 1.53  
Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 1.01  
Dave Bigler, Mike Brissette, Alta Allen and Delphine Slater 0.98  
Al Simmons, Ruth Westberg, Annie Lyson and Dan Taylor 0.89  
Hilda Connor, Marilyn Ginzel, Norma Vierk and Carolyn Potasnik 0.76  
Chris and Sara Grande and Dan and Donna Simon 0.24  
Kay and Jim Lively, Dee Marshall and Terry Bauer 0.24  
Barbara Walczak, Jerry Palm, Mary Schumm and Ed d'Ouille 0.24  
Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey and Alan and Arlyne Filler 0.12



### SPRING FESTIVAL REGIONAL

April 15-20

Merrillville, IN

### Flight A Knockout Teams

- 1 - Ron Anderson - Paul Soloway - Eric Rodwell - Jeff Meckstroth - A. Benaroya

### Women's Pairs

- 1 - G. Weber - Muriel Seegers
- 2 - Marinesa Letizia - Linda Perlmar
- 3 - Cookie Evans - Susan Finkelman
- 4 - Joan Remy - Sue Weinstein
- 5 - Muriel Peterson - Barbara Graegin

Helen Miller, Barbara Stroud, Anne Murphy and Janice Custer 0.12

### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Chuck Tomes and Dee Van Bebber 0.80  
Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.56  
Alice and Don Giedemann 0.40

### Highest scorers for this 1½ week

Lou Nimnicht — 9.61; Steve Watson — 6.84; Wayne Carpenter — 5.47; Terry Bauer — 4.95; Dan Spain — 4.91; Laverne Niksch — 4.91; Joe Chin — 4.51; Dave Bigler — 4.37; Trudi McKamey — 4.21; Indra Gupta — 3.98; Alan Yngve — 3.89; and Mike Brissette — 3.79

*Congratulations*



This is a message from Wayne Carpenter —

Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe that it has been five years since I took over the Beach Bridge Club! As a thank you, there will be extra treats and a few other things that you must be present to enjoy. It may be cold outside, but there's hot bridge inside. I hope to see many bridge friends on Tuesday to help me start my next five years.

Let's turn out in great numbers. If half of you who get this newsletter show up, there will be 16 tables there. Wayne deserves our support — our enjoyment is his biggest concern — he runs a mighty fine game.

This is a wee bit of an excerpt from the District 8 Advocate dated June 1986. The newspaper is lent to us by Veronica Schmid and is available for perusal at the head table. See how many players' names you recognize from 31½ years ago. For those of you who still believe that

computer hands are set-ups, be sure to read the lead article.

(Thanks, Veronica!)

## Weekly "Chat" Bridge!

What can be better for improving your bridge thinking than to watch an entire deal and then to discuss ways to bid/play it differently or better? Bridge practice in ways that you can never do when competing with opponents.

EVERY WEDNESDAY — starts at 9:00

\$5 per person

Contact Alan Yngve  
219-315-9438



This sign is at the Unity Church in Hammond where we played bridge on Mondays before the Elks Club.

Those of you who played there will remember Moses who wandered around at will during our games and enjoyed the attention given to him. He was left abandoned at the church in a makeshift shelter and lived for 17 years in the church.



## Newcomer Rick Warburton

Rick Warburton is from Schererville. He visited us at the Calumet Township game — playing with Anna Urick and collecting 0.72 mp — not bad for a player with about 10 total points. (He also played in Lynwood the next day and the Highland on the following day.)

Rick has been playing bridge since 1971 — off and on. When he began playing at the University of Illinois, he became addicted. He plays at Bridge Base Online at home. In the 1998 NABC in Chicago he played in one game and earned 8.36 red points.

Rick has 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He is a medical courier. He likes science and computers and astronomy, as well as camping and going to the beach. Photography is another of his interests. He used to be a computer programmer.

We hope Rick decides that the sociability of coming to a game and playing with a real live partner beats the online experience.

# Farewell, Dear Cathy



Our beloved Cathy Mason has passed away — the oldest member of our bridge club. We were rooting for her to reach 100, but she didn't quite make it. The last game she played was on December 13 at the age of 98. There will be a memorial service for her sometime later this month.

Her daughter Ruth, with whom she lived, shares these memories with you — “My mom started playing bridge as a teenager. She played in her mother's bridge club. She continued to play all of these years. I was told that she was very good at it. Even when she was confused in her last few days, in her mind she was playing bridge. She'd ask me if I bid one diamond or one club. I've never played bridge in my life. She loved her bridge-playing friends so much. Bridge is what kept her going all of her almost 99 years.”

Judy Selund writes, “Cathy and I started playing together about 5 years ago after my husband passed away. — in Gary, Portage and every week in Michigan City. She taught me a lot and was like a second mother to me.”

Dave Bigler says, “I met Cathy in late November of 2005. She was a standby at the Portage game and my first partner at duplicate bridge. There wasn't much time for idle conversation then, but during the months ahead, I found her to be much like my mom. We talked a lot about family and the people we had in common. I asked Cathy to be my second mom, and each day I gave her a hug and called her Mum-Mum. Cathy, I will really miss you!”

Barbara Stroud adds — “I first met Cathy many years ago while playing in the Portage-Bridge-A-Rama before getting involved in duplicate bridge playing. She became my partner in playing duplicate bridge more than ten years ago. She took me under her wing, and began the process of helping me learn to play the game. I was in an early stage of learning how to play duplicate bridge, and over the years she has guided me on this journey.

We formed a partnership of playing four or five times a month. Not only did we discuss bridge as we drove to the clubs, but family and friends would become part of our conversations. Cathy always had pictures to show. She was very proud of her family.

I am very thankful for all that I learned from Cathy, and I am truly going to miss playing with her.”

It was touching — Wayne Carpenter lit a candle at the beginning of his game and kept it burning throughout the day in Cathy's memory.



SNOWFLAKE  
SILVER  
SECTIONAL  
JANUARY 5-7  
HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS

Players from our clubs who scored some silver points —

- George Goewey — 5.57
- Bill Birk — 4.04
- Trudi McKamey — 4.04
- Terry Bauer — 4.04
- Alan Yngve — 4.04
- Jan Summers — 3.20
- Mary Kocevar — 1.56
- Daryl Fraley — 1.56

Congratulations!

## BIG GAMES + 75% +

Did you spot Barbara Graegin's and Lou Nimnicht's names in the January *Bridge Bulletin* on page 66 for their 75.00% game on September 30. Look again in this same spot in the February *Bridge Bulletin* for Wayne Carpenter's and Laverne Niksch's names for their 76.62% game on November 6. It's great to make the big time!

# BRONZE LIFE MASTER



I first joined ACBL back in about 1973, but after two years of too many late week nights of duplicate bridge with a 5:30 a.m. wakeup for work, I gave it up. Along the way, my wife, Carol, taught bridge (and me by osmosis) for about 30 years until we both retired.

So along comes 2008, we are retired, and I have a renewed interest in duplicate, with lots of local opportunities to play. And Carol was teaching and mentoring me every step along the way. She and I played as partners, and I was lucky enough to pick up some other great partners, who were both encouraging and willing to teach me. Carol and I went with good friends, Don and Pat Valiska, to Gatlinburg — and what an experience that was! We ended the week on Saturday, winning the Swiss, and I picked up my first gold — almost 10 points! I was hooked! From there on out it was tournaments— mostly regionals — with another good friend, Charlotte Abernethy, winning another 10 gold with her, and then playing in the Chicago Nationals in a team game with George Roeper as my partner for more gold. Although I have slowed down, there are still games to be won and great times to experience — which I look forward to very much.

I would encourage everyone to keep at the game, as it will serve you well, and you can play to your heart's content. Thanks to everyone.

~ Gale Osgerby

Gale is just the most enthusiastic learner. He so enjoys this wonderful game and he learns quickly. He is a delight to play with and always wants to please!! We enjoy playing together when it works for us. We will talk about bridge hands and how you play certain combinations of cards. I am not at all surprised he has done so well, because he has always enjoyed tackling problems. Mostly he is a kind and caring partner at the bridge table, just like he is in life.

~ Carol Osgerby

"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy." That's how I feel about Gale Osgerby's obtaining Bronze Life Master. Several years ago, Gale and I attended regional and sectional tournaments regularly, because he needed 50 gold points. This seemed almost like an insurmountable task. After a while Gale pretty much decided that he would just play at the local club level, and if "Life Master" happened to fall from the sky, then that would be good, too. Well, this past weekend ACBL grandfathered him in under the old plan since he had broken membership that dated back to the '70s. Viola! The bridge gods delivered, so he is now a Bronze Life Master with a little over 700 points.

Gale has always played like a Life Master anyway. He definitely taught me more things than I taught him. He is insistent that I pay attention to carding. He seems to consistently calculate when it is best to overbid and take a sacrifice. I usually wince when he puts me in a small slam, but 95% of the time he is dead on. Most of all, playing with Gale is FUN, and that is what bridge and life should be. Thanks, Gale, and continued success.

~ Charlotte Abernethy

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR BRIDGE STARS!



70.83%



Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane were the star players in a Tuesday evening game in Chester-ton — with a noteworthy percentage of 70.83% to earn 2.04 masterpoints!

Jim says, "Dee is a perfect partner for me — more experienced at duplicate bridge and a calming influence if I'm down on myself."

Dee comments, "We did nothing exceptional — just got lucky. Sometimes you get breaks because the opponents at a given time make mistakes to your advantage. We just played good bridge throughout the evening. Jim is quite a gentleman — a very nice partner — does not criticize, and that's always appreciated."

CONGRATULATIONS



## BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Carolyn is the latest of our group of three players who attained the Bronze Life Master status, by virtue of being grandfathered in dependent upon their previous lapsed membership.

Carolyn writes — Bridge has always been in my life. My mother and uncle were great players, and if they were alive today, they would be very proud of my achievement.

I started playing bridge in high school. My friends and I would meet at someone's house after school and play bridge usually in the kitchen, hence the term — "kitchen bridge".

At college in Bloomington (I.U.) after dinner you would invariably hear someone call, "Fourth for bridge". In Indianapolis at the medical center we played for 1/20 of a cent per point. Then at home I still played in several bridge clubs.

When I was introduced to duplicate, I was excited and loved the challenge. I appreciate and thank all those people who helped me to achieve my goal.

# ★ Congratulations ★

Congratulations, Carolyn!! An honor well deserved! I began playing with Carolyn a few years ago. Carolyn is easy to understand and we do well together. We have been traveling buddies to a number of regionals. We have managed to garner a few points and have many laughs along the way.

~ Mary Kocevar

I always look forward to playing with Carolyn. Her analytical approach to the game has paid off, and she is consistently in the points standing. Congratulations, Carolyn, in making Bronze Life Master!

~ Trudi McKamey

I enjoy playing with Carolyn a couple of times a month, and it's no surprise that she has become a Bronze Life Master. I've witnessed her progress in becoming a stronger bridge player along the way.

~ Pat Mikuta

Carolyn and I play together each first Monday at the Elks Club. We've had some good results and some not so good results. Our best game ever was when we went to Champaign about two years ago. We got first in a pairs game and were presented with a trophy. This gave us about 5 gold points. We drank champagne in Champaign to celebrate our good fortune.

We enjoy playing together — we've had some really good times. Carolyn is a good all-around player. You feel confident about her bidding. She understands me, and I understand her. I hope we continue our partnership down the road.

~ Shirley Koch

Carolyn and I have been friends forever. We've played social and competitive bridge, and learned and practiced together. Carolyn is a delight to partner with — thinking, competitive, positive. As an opponent — look out! She'll get you. Carolyn is a lovely lady.

~ Connie Stevens



Those of us at Wayne Carpenter's "Five Years As Director" party last week enjoyed the festivities — extra food, including ham, turkey and sausage sandwiches — as well as a memory quiz. The questions referred to Wayne's first day as director. Well, what kind of a quiz is that? There are many of us that can't remember who played last week, much less five years ago. We were given a list of participants that day, and we had to write down the pairs that came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, where of four venues the game was played, what was the winning percentage and how many pairs scratched. Prizes were given to Mike Brissette for coming in 1st place, and to Anne Miller, Dave Bigler and Barbara Walczak for tying for 2nd. There were 11 players present last week that were also present the first day — they received excellent chocolates. (Five of the original 22 had passed away during those years.)



## JANUARY TEAM GAME

Eleven of the 12 teams scratched in the third Wednesday of the month team game. Those that scored overall points are —

Lou Nimnicht, Norm Szewczyk, Alan Yngve and Dan Spain — 2.57

Dave Bigler, Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch and Jim Angell — 1.93

Bob Porter, Bill Hahn, Wayne Hiser and Bob Ferguson — 1.47

Al Simmons, Annie Lypson, Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs — 1.45

Barbara Walczak, Mary Schumm, Ed d'Ouille and Zafar Khan — 1.10

Roger Sokol, Bruce Sokol, Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell — 0.95

Delphine Slater, Jennie Alsobrooks, Alta Allen and Mike Brissette — 0.90

Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, Caron Espinosa and Patrice Princehorn — 0.83



*A Winners*



*B Winners*



*C Winners*



Dee VanBebber was misidentified last week in an article that commended her and Jim Lane for achieving a great 70.83% game. Here is the real Dee VanBebber with her partner.

Congratulations, again!



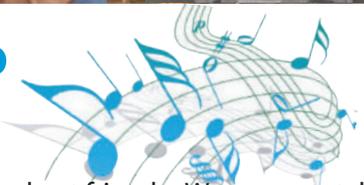
## ROGER'S HIGHLIGHTS IN CLEVELAND

Roger Sokol went to Cleveland to play with his "homeboys" in the Rock 'n Roll Regional from January 10 - 14. Following is his commentary about his participation in the event —

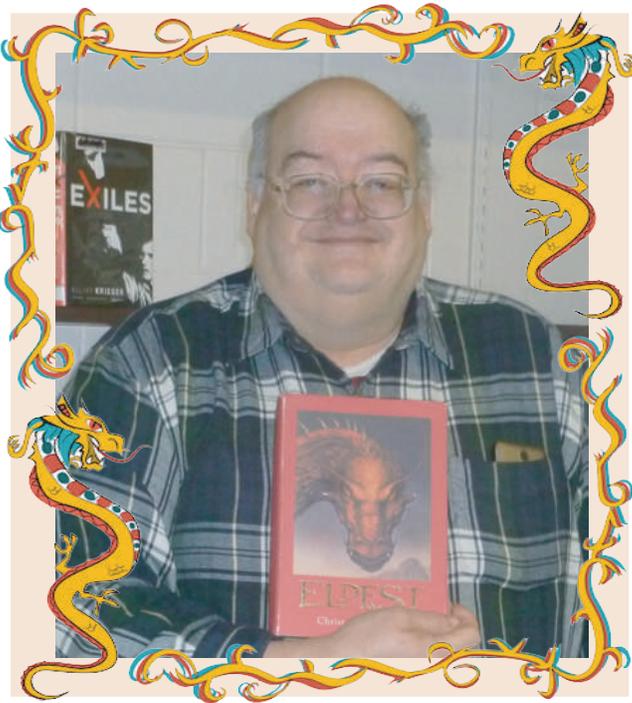
I played for 4 1/2 days with Wayne Heritage, one of my brother's college mates, and one of our best friends. We won a total of 29.87 masterpoints all together. The biggest chunks were 5.28 gold mp for 3rd place in a Compact KO bracket on Thursday and 18.71 gold mp for a 2nd place overall in a 2-session Open Pairs event on Friday. The Open Pairs was run in parallel with a Gold Rush Pairs event.

The tournament was well attended and drew players from Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Michigan and Canada including half a dozen pro teams. So the competition was pretty stiff. We found that out on Wednesday in the 2nd session of the Wednesday/Thursday KO, when we were in a 3-way match with a team with some top Cleveland players, (Don and Kathy Sulgrove and Hao Ge [a terrific younger player]) and a pro team including some young National level players —Kevin Bathurst and Kevin Dwyer. Needless to say, that's why we didn't make it through to the second day of the regular KOs and were in the Compact KO.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS!**



# Bronze Life Master



Mike Brissette has gained a new status in the bridge world. He is now a Bronze Life Master. Here are his thoughts on this occurrence —

What has improved my bridge playing the most is playing with good partners — namely, Alan Yngve and Dave Bigler. When playing with good partners, they bring your play up. I don't lead 4th best anymore. Also, if you make a 1NT response after an opponent makes an overcall and your partner raises, he knows what he is doing. So if you are at the top range of your bid, go to 3NT.

This is another important thing I just learned. I picked up a hand —

|   |            |                                                                                                                                                          |
|---|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ♠ | Q          | My partner opened — I responded                                                                                                                          |
| ♥ | Q J        | 1S 2D                                                                                                                                                    |
| ♦ | A 10 x x x | 2S 3C is the correct bid. You have 13 HCP, and you should be in game. It looks ugly, but tell your partner what you have, and let him make the decision. |
| ♣ | A x x x x  |                                                                                                                                                          |

Reading good bridge books and discussing them with Alan has also helped a lot. The #1 book that opened my eyes lately was the book by Mel Colchamiro. His rules help you make better decisions. When playing against strong opponents, play for averages — against weaker opponents, play for plusses.

And lastly, *make a bridge diary*. Put your mistakes in it and review it twice a month. Learning from your mistakes turns bottoms into averages! Don't pay for the same mistake 3 or 4 or 5 times over! And, as always, watch out for Yuan.

Mike mentions that he has a new web page up, which has lots of good information — <http://www.b4uget.com>

Mike's favorite partner, Alan Yngve, writes, "Except for the fact that the "bronze" category no longer has much meaning now that 500 masterpoints are needed for regular Life Master (might ACBL increase Bronze to 750?), any award can be called worthwhile.

"I continue to enjoy partnering with Mike. We don't always do well, but we seem to always be competitive. Mike likes to talk about bidding and defensive card play methods — topics that I have always also enjoyed. Mike continues to be effective with declarer play — also a valuable skill for anyone to hone. There are still times when he plays with a "pick-up partner" when he seeks knowledge from his partner's card play, when that knowledge is mostly not there.

"Welcome to the varied world of bridge, Mike! And congrats on the Bronze Life Master, too!"

And the rest of us also say to you, Mike —

## CONGRATULATIONS!



## Bridge Scores The Times



### Bridge

#### Dec. 23 Results

##### Community Bridge Club

Joe Chin and John Teshima 2.63  
 Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.97  
 Dave Bigler and Yuan Hsu 1.75  
 Helen Miller and Barbara Walczak 1.31  
 Jim Angell and Alan Yngve 0.98  
 Jane Krueger and Dee Marshall 0.95  
 George Roeper and Charlotte Abernethy 0.74  
 Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 0.73  
 Marilyn and John Ginzel 0.71

#### Dec 26 Tuesday's Results

##### Beach Bridge Club

Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 0.80  
 Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 0.56  
 Zafar Khan and Dave Watkins 0.40

##### Duneland Bridge Club

Barbara Mort and Kris Prohl 2.44  
 Sally and Rich Will 1.83

##### Wednesday's Results

#### Dec 27 Community Bridge Club

Indra Gupta and Jim Angell 2.46  
 Wayne Carpenter and Dave Bigler 2.46  
 Trudi McKamey and Anna Urlick 1.58  
 Al Simmons and Joe Chin 1.19  
 Dave Watkins and Zafar Khan 1.04  
 Judy Selund and Alan Yngve 0.70

##### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Dee Van Bebber and Chuck Tomes 0.90  
 Lila Cohen and Dee Stritof 0.63  
 Rich and Sally Will 0.45  
 Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.32  
 Wayne Carpenter and Dave Bigler 2.46  
 Trudi McKamey and Anna Urlick 1.58  
 Al Simmons and Joe Chin 1.19  
 Dave Watkins and Zafar Khan 1.04

Judy Selund and Alan Yngve 0.70

##### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Dee Van Bebber and Chuck Tomes 0.90  
 Lila Cohen and Dee Stritof 0.63  
 Rich and Sally Will 0.45

Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.32

### Bridge

#### December 30 Results

##### Community Bridge Club

Yuan Hsu and Carolyn Potasnik 3.19  
 Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 2.39  
 Jim O'Connell and Joe Chin 1.79  
 Daryl Fraley and Mary Kocevar 1.48  
 Barbara Walczak and Helen Miller 1.11  
 Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 0.89  
 Pat Mikuta and Trudi McKamey 0.83  
 Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 0.58

##### Monday's Results

#### Jan 1 Calumet Bridge Club

##### North-South

Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 2.30  
 Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 2.30  
 Judy Zhu and Jack Snyder 1.48  
 Carolyn Potasnik and Shirley Koch 1.07  
 John and Marilyn Ginzel 1.02

Jim Lively and Joan Adams 0.77

Carol Miller and Mary Kocevar 0.57  
 Mary Schultz and Genny Cesario 0.40  
 Lou Nimnicht and Tony Gillian 0.23

##### East-West

Wayne Hiser and Zafar Khan 3.50  
 Connie Stevens and Craig Wakefield 1.43  
 Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 0.80  
 Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 0.53  
 John Miller and Rosemary McCarthy 0.53  
 Bonnie Galanti and Barbara Wetzel 0.49  
 Pat and Fred Princehorn 0.24

#### Jan 2 Tuesday's Results

##### Beach Bridge Club

Jim O'Connell and Lou Nimnicht 2.04  
 Dave Watkins and Alan Yngve 1.53  
 Bob Ferguson and Zafar Khan 1.15

##### Duneland Bridge Club

Jim and Marcia Carson 0.70  
 Sally and Rich Will 0.49  
 Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.30  
 Helen Boothe and Jim Lane 0.30

#### Jan 3 Wednesday's Results

##### Community Bridge Club

Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 2.19

Barbara Walczak and Alan Yngve 1.43  
 Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 1.07  
 Yuan Hsu and Carolyn Potasnik 0.80  
 Judy Selund and Mike Brissette 0.58  
 Daryl Fraley and Anna Urlick 0.41

##### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.70  
 Knoefel and Janet Jones 0.49  
 Mary Kocevar and Carol Miller 0.35  
 Joe Mihalov and Vikki Voller 0.22



Top scorers for the two weeks —  
 Jim O'Connell — 8.19; Yuan Hsu — 6.54; Zafar Khan — 6.09; Lou Nimnicht — 6.09; Al Simmons — 5.88; Joe Chin — 5.61; Jim Angell — 5.28; Carolyn Potasnik — 5.06; Ruth Westberg — 4.69; Alan Yngve — 4.64; Barbara Graegin — 4.36; Wayne Carpenter — 4.33

# 71.53%



Mary Schultz and Ruth Westberg are a new two-some who have joined the ranks of those with an unusually high game.

Ruth says — I don't generally come without a partner, but when I did on Monday, I was fortunate to have Mary pair up with me. It was interesting to play with someone new. Everything — all elements of bridge: declarer play, bidding and defense — worked beautifully. Since it was a new partnership, we just played standard. And, as always, luck is some component of a game like this.

Mary writes — It was my pleasure to partner with Ruth. Partnering with such an experienced and accomplished player was delightful. Every player in our game should strive to demonstrate Ruth's impeccable comportment at the table. Every move is in tempo. Every action is supported by judgment. She is quick to compliment opponents and her partner. She rapidly and graciously thanked the opponents for their compliments.

Our conversations about our agreements consisted of, "Let's play standard" — bridge pure and simple. And we enjoyed a few healthy laughs along the way. Every moment was a joy — so the result was simply a bonus! Thank you, Ruth!

## Congratulations!

**SPECIAL FEBRUARY GAMES**

Sat, 3rd — **NOON start** ACBL-wide Int'l Fund game - hand records

Mon, 5th — Dist 8 STaC game

Tues, 6th — Dist 8 STaC game

Tues, 6th (evening) — D8 STaC

Wed, 7th — Dist 8 STaC game

Sat, 10th — **NOON start** D8 STaC

Mon, 12th — Elks Charity

Wed, 14th — Charity game

Sat, 17th — Charity game

Tues, 20th — Local Charity game

Wed, 21st — Club Championship Team game — potluck (MCL-Z)

Sat, 24th — Charity pairs

Mon, 26th — Club Championship

Tues, 27th — Club Championship

Wed, 28th — Charity game

Silver points in all 5 STaC games!

### RISING THROUGH THE RANKS

The newest rank advancers since August —

**Junior Masters** — Joseph Mihalov, Eric Friedman, Joel Charpentier, Fred Green

**Sectional Masters** — Naomi Goodman, Sally Will, Rich Will, Celia-Ann Toll, Geri Tyler, Norma Vierk

**Regional Masters** — Terry Bauer, Chuck Tomes, Sheila Edwards

**NABC Regional** — Caron Espinosa

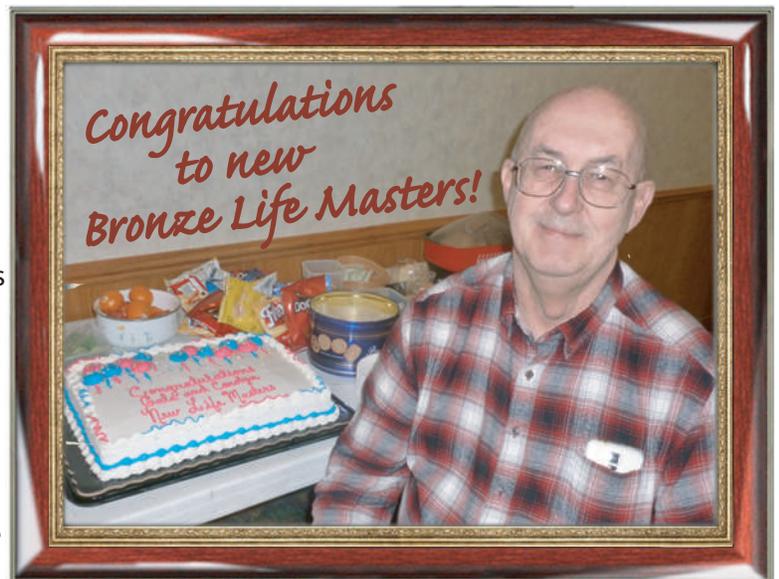
**Adv NABC Regionals** — Mary Kocevar, Bill Birk, Jan Summers

These are the latest listings I have of additional players on their way to Life Master. Let me know if you've been overlooked, since these are important steps in your bridge journey.

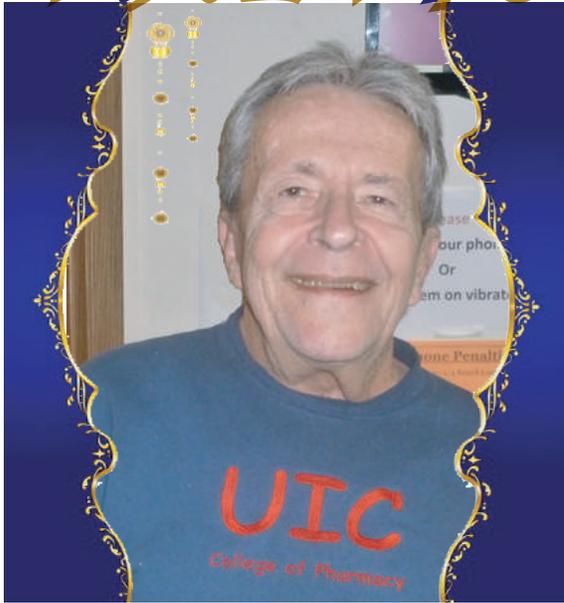


Thanks to Gale and Carol Osgerby for bringing this cake to a Monday game to celebrate Gale Osgerby's and Carol Potasnik's becoming Bronze Life Masters!

Michael L. Brissette's initials backwards are the abbreviation for Bronze Life Master. That got me to thinking — what could our initials backwards be an acronym for? I tried "Wizardry at Bridge" for mine — but, alas, that is only a pipe dream. What can you come up with using your initials? Submit one or more possibilities, and they'll get published in the newsletter.



# 73.21%



There were only two tables in play at SSBC on the evening of January 18. Therefore, the director had the players engage in an individual game. This is a fun way to play bridge a little differently — You play with all other 7 players as your partner — a real test of your skill, since everyone has exactly the same partners that you have.

Fred Princehorn emerged victorious! He comments — I have always enjoyed the individual movement games — they give you an opportunity to play with other partners. Although there were only eight of us in this particular game, I was pleased to get such a high score and would like to thank each of my partners (and opponents) for helping me to achieve it.

## Congratulations, Fred, for earning 1.05 masterpoints!

Carolyn Potasnik & Mike Brissette



Celebrating the two latest Bronze Life Masters — Congratulations!

Thanks to Carolyn Potasnik for bringing a delicious cake for all of us to share to highlight this auspicious occasion.

This article appeared in The Times on January 17, 2018.

## Bridge club provides shelter needs

For duplicate bridge players, part of their entry fee goes to support American Contract Bridge League causes such as ACBL charities as well as funds to financially support players who attend international events, to promote junior events to encourage younger players into the game and to provide assistance to those learning the game. The Community Bridge Club of Calumet Township designated its 2017 contribution to the Calumet Township Trustee Shelter Unit. Money will be used for bedding, toys for children and other necessities, which are not supported by taxes, to be used by the homeless.

The top 50 players for the month of December, determined by the number of points earned in Highland, Portage, Chesterton, Calumet Township and Valparaiso include: Barbara Graegin, Lou Nimnicht, Yuan Hsu, Trudi McKamey, Joseph Chin, Steven Watson, James O'Connell,



Bridge club provides shelter needs  
Louise Neese, assistant director of the Calumet Township Trustee Shelter Unit, accepts a \$802 check from Alan Yngve, director of the Community Bridge Club.

James Angell, Ruth Westberg, Carolyn Potasnik, Daniel Spain, Zafar Khan, Dave Bigler, Helen Miller, Wayne Carpenter, Terry Bauer, Anna Urick, Barbara Walczak, Alfred Simmons, Daryl Fraley, Anne Murphy, Indra Gupta, Alan Yngve, Carol Osgerby, Laverne Niksch, Robert Ferguson, Donald Valiska, Patricia Mikuta, John Teshima, George Roeper, Robert

Porter, Michael Brissette, Charles Tomes, William Birk, Norman Szewczyk, Lynne Kostopoulos, Dolores VanBebber, Hilda Connor, Sally Will, Richard Will, Marilyn Ginzel, Marc Tomes, Jane Krueger, Laurence Dunford, Kay Lively, James Lively, Charles Halberstadt, Joel Charpentier, William Kilbride and Don Cohen.

— Times Staff

Okay — since no one submitted an acronym of their initials backwards, I will propose a couple. Now you have to figure out who these 4 could be — Great at Bridge

Comedic Laughable Joker  
Mighty Intelligent Thinker  
Courteous Clever Winner



These are the players who scratched in Wheeling —

- John Goring — 8.04
- Joe Connelly — 4.33
- Rose McCarthy — 4.00
- John Miller — 4.00
- Lou Nimnicht — 3.69
- George Goewey — 3.69
- Brian Beecher — 3.69
- Mary Kocevar — 2.26
- Daryl Fraley — 2.26



- Stacy Jacobs — 0.78
- Jan Summers — 0.28

Barbara Graegin contributed some interesting facts on initials within her family —

Her maiden name initials are BAR. When she got married they were BAG (which you see on her licence plate as BAG LDY). Paul's initials were PKG, and her daughter's initials are EGO (which Barbara characterizes as apropos).

# 74.54%



Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch added yet another 70%+ game to the dozens they have totaled in their past illustrious games together.

Laverne happily reports — Wayne and I had a great game in Portage on January 23. While we were playing it, it only seemed like a *good* game to me. We only bid and made four games and one slam. We had 10 tops overall and one bottom against Barb and Norm. (Editor's note — "Yay for the opposition!") Most of our tops came from setting our opponents. I do not believe Wayne made any mistakes, and I only made one that I can recall. Wayne is always great to play with, and we get over our misunderstandings quickly.

From Wayne — This was one of the most relaxing games I can remember playing. A lot of our high scores came on defense. We set a number of contracts that other pairs made. Laverne and I just didn't miss any games or slams that were available. I don't know if it's true or not but Laverne said I didn't make a mistake in our offense or defense that day. I've never had a partner tell me that before and coming from such a good player as Laverne, it meant a lot. Of course, Laverne sure didn't make many either. It was a great fun day of bridge!



# 70.37%

As you can see by the accompanying write-up, Ruth made quite an accomplishment — 2 big games in one day — this time with Mike Howards!

She says — Mike was very tired due to health conditions, so I told him to just take it easy and relax — that I would play all of the hands. But at one point he became noticeably rejuvenated, and, obviously, our game benefitted from his new-found perkiness.

Mike adds — I came as a substitute that evening, so it was a total surprise that I should be leaving with a 70%+ result. Ruth is a partner's partner. She is the best at knowing when to bid 3 No Trump!



## Bridge Queen of the South Suburbs

by Joe Chin

Ruth Westberg did it again! The Emerald Life Master and nonagenarian scored another two 70%+ games on the same day — Monday, January 22nd—71.53% with Mary Schultz at the Calumet Bridge Club, and 70.37% with Mike Howards at the South Suburban Bridge Center. Ruth has won Unit 123's Ace of Clubs awards consecutively since 2001 — an amazing record matched by few — if any. Hats off to you, dear Ruthie!



| Bridge Jan. 6 Results<br>Community Bridge Club      |                                               | Tuesday's Results<br>Jan 9 Beach Bridge Club        |                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 2.48                      | Hilda Connor and Jane Krueger 1.63            | Barbara Graegin and Lou Nimnicht 1.63               | Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 1.15      |
| Pat Mikuta and Carolyn Potasnik 1.09                | Anna Urick and Rick Warburton 0.72            | Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 0.65                 | Judy Selund and Dee Marshall 0.72    |
| Monday's Results<br>Jan 8 Calumet Bridge Club       |                                               | Duneland Bridge Club                                |                                      |
| Al Simmons and Ruth Westberg 1.56                   | Sandy Yeiser and Celia-Ann Toll 1.17          | Jane Krueger and Jim Lively 0.86                    | Zafar Khan and Joe Chin 0.77         |
| Helen Miller and Anne Murphy 0.64                   | Monday's Results<br>Jan 8 Calumet Bridge Club |                                                     |                                      |
| North-South                                         |                                               | Wednesday's Results<br>Jan 10 Community Bridge Club |                                      |
| Al Simmons and Ruth Westberg 1.56                   | Sandy Yeiser and Celia-Ann Toll 1.17          | Jane Krueger and Jim Lively 0.86                    | Zafar Khan and Joe Chin 0.77         |
| Helen Miller and Anne Murphy 0.64                   | East-West                                     |                                                     |                                      |
| Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 2.77                    | Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 2.08                | Joan and Bob Butz 0.70                              | Gale Osgerby and George Roeper 0.50  |
| Roger Sokol and Barbara Graegin 0.49                | Tuesday's Results<br>Jan 9 Beach Bridge Club  |                                                     |                                      |
| Al Simmons and Joe Chin 2.33                        | Mike Brissette and Dave Bigler 1.75           | Alan Yngve and Trudi McKamey 1.31                   | Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 0.85     |
| Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 0.85             | Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 0.39                | Duneland Bridge Club                                |                                      |
| Charlie Halberstadt and Tom Wade 0.90               | Lori and Tom Rea 0.63                         | Rich and Wally Will 0.45                            | Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.32 |
| Wednesday's Results<br>Jan 10 Community Bridge Club |                                               | Duneland Bridge Club                                |                                      |
| Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 2.19                  | George Roeper and Zafar Khan 1.64             | Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 1.23                | Trudi McKamey and Helen Miller 0.92  |
| Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 0.82                      | CONGRATULATIONS on your masterpoints!         |                                                     |                                      |

Top scorers in these games — Al Simmons - 6.37; Zafar Khan - 4.89; Mike Brissette - 4.59; Dave Bigler - 3.63; Alan Yngve - 3.50; Trudi McKamey — 3.38; Joe Chin - 3.10; and Terry Bauer - 2.93



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

**0 - 5 mp**

- 9. Eric Friedman — 9.25

**20 - 50 mp**

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

**50 - 100 mp**

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

**100 - 200 mp**

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

**200 - 300 mp**

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

**300 - 500 mp**

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

**500 - 1000 mp**

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

**1000 - 1500 mp**

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

**1500 - 2500 mp**

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

**2500 - 3500 mp**

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

**3500 - 5000 mp**

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

**5000 - 7500 mp**

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

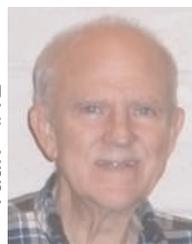
Two of our players, while not in Unit 154, did place in District 8 in their category —  
 Bob Butz — 113.25 #23 (3500-5000)  
 Larry Rabideau-61.47 #19 (5000-7500)

**TO THE RESIDENT COMEDIC JOKER**  
 who brings laughter to our game — first prize for guessing the identities of the persons whose backwards initials were formed into descriptive initialisms of themselves —  
**Congratulations!** Joe Chin!

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



Yuan - #12



Wayne - #23



Terry - #30



Anna - #46



Lou -- #63



Joe - #64



Laverne - #76



Carol - #79



70.14%



Stacy Jacobs and Ruth Westberg combined their extraordinary skills and came up with this extraordinary game on January 31st. Of the 24 boards they played, they had 10 tops and 4 tied for tops. Extraordinary! Ruth comments — Stacy has the exceptional ability to anticipate what you're going to bid. We have excellent communication. I look forward to playing with her — it's always a positive experience, even on those occasions when we don't scratch.

*Congratulations!*

**Happy Valentine's Day**

**2018 indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional**  
**January 29 - February 4**

- These are the fortunate players who played well in last week's regional —
- Bill Birk and Terry Bauer — 11.33
  - Bobbie Dakich and Judy Black — 7.26
  - Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson — 6.90
  - Mary Kocevar and Carolyn Potasnik — 5.69
  - Caron Espinosa — 4.79
  - Pat and Fred Princehorn — 4.59
  - Daryl Fraley — 0.55



**SUPER (BOWL) WEEKEND** (sent in by Bill Birk)

The bridge designation — LIFE MASTER — usually takes years of dedication to achieve. Our Terry Bauer appears able to break that typical pattern as he blitzed the Indy Regional last weekend. While attending for only two days, Terry took first out of 38 pairs in the Saturday Gold Rush overalls, scooping 6.66 gold. He followed that effort by earning a first-place tie in the 17-team Sunday Gold Rush Swiss, teaming with Mary Kocevar, Carolyn Potasnik and Bill Birk. In only his third regional competition Terry earned 11.33 gold during the two days.



I really enjoy partnering with Terry. He is a fierce competitor who never appears to lose his composure. Terry is a quick learner, as he seems to never make the same mistake twice. He is always pleasant and considerate even of his opponents. We played together in his first regional when we drove to Champaign last May for the day. **GOLD!** I still smile as I recall Terry telling me that he did not realize getting gold was that difficult. Later that year we had a successful Kalamazoo Regional, gathering over 9 masterpoints — with 6.80 being gold. Then Terry took Indy by storm last weekend — going **FIRST** and **FIRST**. To date Terry has had 7 days of regional play and has a haul of 19.74 gold — and I thought he said it was hard to get gold.



**COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS**

**Jan 10 Valparaiso Bridge Club**

- Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.90
- Ed Hollander and Hank Cecil 0.63
- Dee Van Bebber and Dolores Browne 0.45
- Tom and Silvia Luekens 0.32

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**January 13 Results**

**Community Bridge Club North-South**

- Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 1.97
- Pat Mikuta and Trudi McKamey 1.53
- Jennie Alsobrooks and Delphine Slater 1.04
- Hilda Connor and Helen Miller 0.86

**East-West**

- Joe Chin and Dave Bigler 2.63
- Anna Urick and Rick Warburton 1.15
- Donna Penn and Helen Thirso 0.78
- Shawn Concannon and Rose McCarthy 0.66

**January 15 Results**

**Calumet Bridge Club**

- Ruth Westberg and Barbara Graegin 2.63
- Carolyn Potasnik and Jim Angell 1.97
- Bob Porter and Trudi McKamey 1.48
- Joe Kasper and Rick Hochman 1.11
- Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 0.83
- Delphine Slater and Geri Tyler 0.80
- Yuan Hsu and Pat Mikuta 0.60
- Joe Chin and George Roeper 0.30

**Jan 16 Tuesday's Results**

**Beach Bridge Club**

- Trudi McKamey and Barbara Walczak 1.90
- Daryl Fraley and Lou Nimnicht 1.43
- Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch 0.89
- Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 0.44
- Zafar Khan and Bob Porter 0.44

**Jan 17 Wednesday's Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

- Lou Nimnicht, Norm Szweczyk, Dan Spain and Alan Yngve 2.57
- Dave Bigler, Wayne Carpenter, Jim Angell and Laverne Nicksch 1.93
- Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Bill Hahn and Wayne Hiser 1.47
- Al Simmons, Annie Lypson, Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs 1.45
- Barbara Walczak, Mary Schumm, Ed d'Ouville and Zafar Khan 1.10
- Roger Sokol, Bruce Sokol, Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 0.95
- Delphine Slater, Jennie Alsobrooks, Alta Allen and Mike Brissette 0.90
- Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, Patrice Princehorn and Caron Espinosa 0.83

- Anna Urick, Charlotte Abernethy, Peggy Kiernan and Esther Walenga 0.38
- Hilda Connor, Carolyn Potasnik, Marilyn Ginzel and Norma Viero 0.19
- Jim and Kay Lively, Juwanna Walton and Nancy Didion 0.19

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**

- Alice and Don Giedemann 1.00
- Dee VanBebber and Chuck Tomes 0.70
- Joel Charpentier and Fred Green 0.50
- Mary Kocevar and Donna Penn 0.35

Top scorers —

- Ruth Westberg - 6.05
- Dave Bigler - 4.56
- Lou Nimnicht - 4.00
- Jim Angell - 3.90
- Trudi McKamey- 3.84
- Barb Graegin - 3.58
- Al Simmons - 3.42
- Bob Porter - 3.39
- Barbara Walczak-3.00
- Pat Mikuta - 2.96
- Joe Chin - 2.93
- Wayne&Laverne-2.82





# MINIMCKENNEY RACE



(The graphics are not meant to imply that some of us need outside help to be a contender in the race. Think of your partner as your outside help.)  
These figures represent the total points earned by players from Unit 154 for the 2017 year, including online points, as well. Numbers in green are placement in District 8.

## 20 - 50 mp

- 1. Terry Bauer — 101.38 #2
- 4. Sally Will — 33.37 #13
- 5. Rich Will — 28.32 #23
- 6. Barbara Lawson — 27.42 #24
- 7. Naomi Goodman — 26.92

## 50 - 100 mp

- 3. Marcy Tomes — 46.85 #19
- 4. Charlie Halberstadt — 41.82 #22
- 5. Creighton Rawlings — 37.81
- 7. Jim Lively — 29.24
- 10. Kay Lively — 21.35

## 100 - 200 mp

- 2. Chuck Tomes — 68.55 #15
- 9. Alta Allen — 37.55
- 10. Martha Harris — 37.15

## 200 - 300 mp

- 2. Mary Kocevar — 114.40 #8
- 8. Carol Miller — 48.94
- 10. Judy Selund — 46.44

## 300 - 500 mp

- 4. Carolyn Potasnik — 127.84 #8
- 5. Daryl Fraley — 117.30 #14
- 9. Anna Urosevich — 74.73
- 10. Bob Ferguson — 73.71

## 500 - 1000 mp

- 1. Yuan Hsu — 260.05 #2
- 2. Anna Urick — 184.29 #7
- 4. Alan Yngve — 132.13 #20
- 5. Indra Gupta — 130.47 #22
- 6. Mike Brissette — 130.06 #23
- 10. Shirley Koch — 113.15

## 1000 - 1500 mp

- 2. Wayne Carpenter — 240.85 #3
- 4. Laverne Nicksch — 201.86 #6
- 7. Trudi McKamey — 144.51 #14
- 8. Peggy Kiernan — 134.97 #20

## 1500 - 2500 mp

- 3. Don Valiska — 225.55 #6
- 4. Jim Angell — 196.66 #13

## 2500 - 3500 mp

- 6. Pat Valiska — 172.85 #21
- 7. Dave Bigler — 162.82 #25
- 8. Connie Stevens — 151.61
- 9. Barbara Walczak — 136.83

## 3500 - 5000 mp

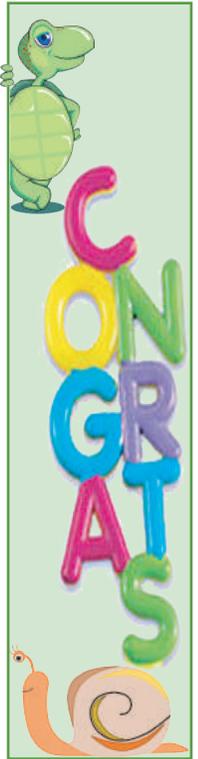
- 3. Barbara Graegin — 241.60 #12
- 4. Tom Hallum — 228.62 #15
- 7. Steve Watson — 197.14 #19
- 8. Jim O'Connell — 171.98 #24

## 5000 - 7500 mp

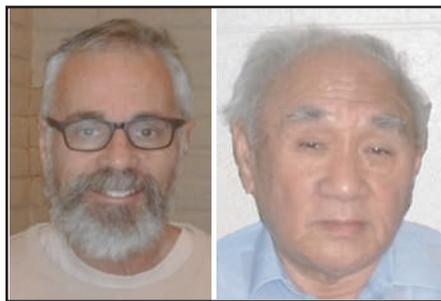
- 1. Joe Chin — 326.08 #4
- 2. Carol Osgerby — 270.03 #63
- 4. Lee Esworthy — 217.41 #13

### Placing in District 8 in their category:

- Bob Butz - #6 — 275.89
- Larry Rabideau - #15 — 183.72



# 71.53%



Ranking in the top 100 in all of ACBL in their category:  
Terry Bauer — #34 (out of 16,197 players in 20 - 50 mp)  
Yuan Hsu — #81 (out of 21,796 in 500 - 1000 mp)



Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch scored this unusually high game on February 6th in a STaC game — if only they got STaC points commensurate with their performance! They would have been awarded 8.06 instead of 1.78.

Wayne sadly shares his feelings — Usually I write a little about our defense or offense. This was a District 8 STaC game. I don't know if you know about the conditions of contest that say a playing director and his/her partner do not qualify for STaC points. Why, you ask? I can't think of any reason at all. Laverne played very well, and I was proud of his defense. Our 71.53% game, which was the top score of all who played in the Tuesday morning game — 33 tables — was not recognized. Needless to say, the great score was bittersweet.

Laverne adds — We had a good game, did not make too many mistakes and got a few gifts. We had 6 tops and bid and made 7 games. Since it was a STaC game and Wayne was the director, we did not get any STaC points. ☹

# Masterpoint Races in Unit 123

These are the year-end results for the year 2017 in Unit 123 in both the Ace of Clubs Race and the Mini-McKenney Race. The lines in black are the Ace of Clubs finish — numbers to the left of the name are the unit standing and to the right are District 13 standing. The green lines are the Mini-McKenney finish — numbers to the left are the unit standing and to the right are the district standing.

## 20 - 50 mp

- 6. Geri Tyler — 33.89 #7
- 10. Geri Tyler — 38.58 #13
- Norma Vierk — 27.90 #15
- Norma Vierk — 32.30 #24

## 100 - 200 mp

- 3. Larry Dunford — 75.86 #3
- 6. Larry Dunford — 96.72 #6
- Caron Espinosa — 40.50 #16

## 200 - 300 mp

- 1. Fred Princehorn — 104.92 #1
- 2. Fred Princehorn — 150.38 #3
- 6. Larry Heidemann — 54.33 #7
- Larry Heidemann — 64.38 #19
- Bill Birk — 42.51 #20
- 7. Bill Birk — 84.38 #12

## 300 - 500 mp

- 2. Patrice Princehorn — 97.02 #2
- 4. Patrice Princehorn — 129.98 #6
- 10. Lou Gaspardo — 63.08 #10
- Rosemary McCarthy — 57.67 #16
- Rosemary McCarthy — 93.17 #21

## 500 - 1000 mp

- 1. John Miller — 286.68 #1
- 1. John Miller — 409.37 #1
- 4. Mary Schultz — 140.19 #5
- 4. Mary Schultz — 162.52 #9

## 1000 - 1500 mp

- 2. Lynne Kostopoulos — 176.04 #2
- 3. Lynne Kostopoulos — 208.55 #4
- 4. Claire Murvihill — 146.16 #4
- 9. Claire Murvihill — 154.01 #11
- 9. Ruth Goodpasture — 118.32 #9
- Ruth Goodpasture — 147.35 #16

## 1500 - 2500 mp

- 4. Mike Devine — 186.88 #4
- Mike Devine — 216.17 #14
- 9. Jerry Palm — 150.62 #9
- Marge Hedegard — 120.48 #21
- George Roeper — 118.29 #25

## 2500 - 3500 mp

- 4. George Goewey — 155.34 #5
- George Goewey — 196.12 #18
- 9. Stacy Jacobs — 137.93 #10
- Stacy Jacobs — 227.24 #14
- John Goring — 109.88 #16
- 10. John Goring — 245.82 #11

## 3500 - 5000 mp

- Al Levering — 114.19 #22
- Al Levering — 229.87 #21

## 5000 - 7500 mp

- 1. Ruth Westberg — 368.44 #1
- 4. Ruth Westberg — 445.00 #4
- Sally Levering — 109.15 #17
- Sally Levering — 224.83 #15
- Al Simmons — 103.44 #20

Pictured here are the four players (plus one extra) whose final results stand out as superior — way above the average — placing in the top 100 in their category in all of ACBL. Can you believe this — John Miller placed **first** in ACBL in the 500 - 1000 mp category in the Ace of Clubs race out of the 21,803 players in his category! John is also the only player from Unit 123, who plays in our Northwest Indiana clubs, who placed in the top 100 in ACBL in the Mini-McKenney race! John is a wonder! Ruth Westberg showed up a wonder also — with the highest number of points in the list — 445.00! Mary Schultz gets an honorable mention — She placed 101st in all of ACBL, missing being in the top 100 by 0.08 mp.

*Congratulations!*



These are the top 20 players in the District 8 Winter STaC game held from February 5 - 11 —

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lou Nimnicht - 12.56    | Jim Angell - 3.50          |
| Joe Chin - 12.29        | Charlie Halberstadt - 3.23 |
| Dan Spain - 11.12       | Judy Selund - 2.53         |
| Wayne Carpenter - 10.03 | Dave Bigler - 2.53         |
| Laverne Nicksch - 10.03 | Barbara Walczak - 2.49     |
| Don Cohen - 6.44        | Marcy Tomes - 2.42         |
| Tom Hallum - 5.44       | Chuck Tomes - 2.42         |
| Al Simmons - 4.53       | Yuan Hsu - 2.34            |
| Bob Butz - 3.64         | Helen Miller - 2.08        |
| Joan Butz - 3.64        | Zafar Khan - 2.06          |

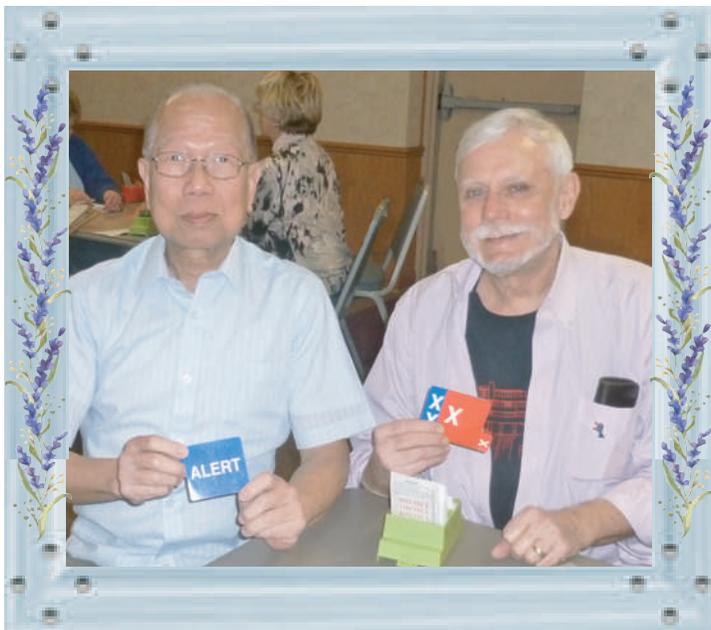


*Congratulations!*



Congratulations!

# 79.63%



Congratulations!

# TOP 100

*Barry Crane*

These are the top players from our clubs in Unit 154 who placed in the top 100 in 2017.

- 2. Joe Chin, Highland IN 326
- 5. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN 280
- 6. Carol Osgerby, Dyer IN 270
- 8. Yuan Hsu, Hammond IN 260
- 12. Barbara Graegin, Dyer IN 242
- 13. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton 241
- 15. Tom Hallum, Mishawaka IN 229
- 16. Donald Valiska, Highland IN 226
- 18. Lee Esworthy, The Villages FL 217
- 23. Laverne Niksch, Portage IN 202
- 25. Steven Watson, Schererville IN 197
- 26. James Angell, Munster IN 197
- 27. Anna Urick, Hammond IN 184
- 29. Norman Szewczyk, Lansing IL 176
- 31. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN 173
- 32. James O'Connell, Valparaiso IN 172
- 36. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN 163
- 41. Constance Stevens, Highland IN 152
- 44. Trudi McKamey, Portage IN 145
- 48. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN 137
- 52. Margaret Kiernan, Schererville 135
- 55. Alan Yngve, Chesterton IN 132
- 56. Indra Gupta, Munster IN 130
- 57. Michael Brissette, Gary IN 130
- 60. Carolyn Potasnik, Munster IN 128
- 63. Daryl Fraley, Crown Point IN 117
- 65. Mary Kocevar, Hobart IN 114
- 66. Shirley Koch, Schererville IN 113
- 68. Charlotte Abernethy, Griffith IN 105
- 69. Daniel Spain, Portage IN 103
- 70. Zafar Khan, Crown Point IN 102
- 71. Terry Bauer, Portage IN 101
- 73. Patricia Mikuta, Schererville IN 100
- 74. Edmond Douville, Hobart IN 98
- 75. Keith Meyer, McKinney TX 98
- 77. Laurence Dunford, Dyer IN 97
- 80. Daniel Simon, South Bend IN 94
- 81. Marci Meyer, McKinney TX 93
- 91. John Teshima, Trail Creek IN 79
- 97. Anna Urosevich, Munster IN 75
- 99. Robert Ferguson, Valparaiso IN 74

This absolutely exceptional percentage was earned by Joe Chin and George Roeper on Friday, February 16 at South Surburban. It was an amazing game. When was the last time you saw an 80% game!

Joe comments — George and I have partnered for quite a few years now, and last Friday's game was yet the highest peak of our quest. This was THE hand that kept us from going over 80% — I held KJTxxx, xx, Qx, xxx. I, as declarer passed; LHO opened 1D; George preempted 4C; RHO responded 4H. I chimed in with 4S; leftie called 5H; George doubled. My opening lead would have made all the difference. A spade lead would have given us the setting ruffed trick, plus A and K of trumps. Naturally, I led a club — nothing doing. Thanks, George, for the excellent game!

George's viewpoint — This was the best game of my bridge life — thank you Joe! We would not have been close to 80%, except for Joe's 89% average for ten boards as declarer — I couldn't do that with my cats on defense. On board #16 Joe opened 1NT and played 3NT despite our known 8-card spade fit — making 9 tricks for 400 while the spade contracts all were down one. *How did he do that?* I expect to revert to my mean on Monday. Joe has already fallen back with his 69.91% on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS!



**COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS**

**Bridge**  
Jan. 20 Results  
**Community Bridge Club North-South**  
Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell 2.08  
Al Simmons and John Teshima 1.56  
Helen Miller and Marilyn Rosen 1.05  
Jennie Alsobrooks and Dave Bigler 0.98  
Daryl Fraley and Alta Allen 0.79  
Juwanna Walton and Stacy Jacobs 0.73

**East-West**  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 2.77  
Jim Angell and Barbara Walczak 1.31

Shawn Concannon and Rose McCarthy 0.70  
Anna Urick and Rick Warburton 0.59  
Yuan Hsu and Truci McKamey 0.55  
Jane Krueger and Dee Marshall 0.37

**Jan 22 Monday's Results**  
**Calumet Bridge Club North-South**  
Ruth Westberg and Mary Schultz 2.92  
Helen Miller and Jim Angell 1.92  
John Goring and Bob Butz 1.23  
Pat Princehorn and Susan Stromberg 1.08  
Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 0.92  
Marge Hedegard and Shirley Koch 0.48  
Peg Kiernan and Pat Mikuta 0.46

**East-West**  
Al Simmons and Joe Chin 2.19  
Lou Nimnicht and Zafar Khan 1.64  
Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 1.44  
Anna Urick and Rick Warburton 0.81  
Bill Kilbride and Barbara Walczak 0.61  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 0.55  
Barbara Graegin and Bob Ferguson 0.51

**Jan 23 Tuesday's Results**  
**Beach Bridge Club**  
Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 2.19  
Norm Szewczyk and Barbara Walczak 1.44  
Alan Yngve and Mike Brissette 1.44  
Zafar Khan and Dan Spain 0.92

**Duneland Bridge Club**  
Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 0.80  
Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.56  
Tom and Lori Rea 0.40  
Tom Wade and Charlie Halberstadt 0.20  
Carol Miller and Mary Kocevar 0.20  
Rich and Sally Will 0.20

**Jan 24 Wednesday's Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 1.79  
Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 1.79  
Barbara Walczak and Bob Ferguson 1.15  
Pat Mikuta and Daryl Fraley 0.55

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.70  
Carol Miller and Mary Kocevar 0.49  
Tom and Sylvia Luekens 0.35  
Alice and Don Giedemann 0.22

Top weekly scorers — Alan Yngve - 5.01; Barbara Walczak - 3.98; Brissette - 4.21; Wayne Carpenter - 3.98; Jim Angell - 3.75; Helen Miller - 2.97

4.51; Joe Chin - 4.27; Mike Brissette - 3.87; Al Simmons

# FEBRUARY TEAM WINNERS



All 13 teams scored points on the third-Wednesday-of-the-month team game. These are the 7 teams that scored overall points —

Tom Hallum, Barbara Graegin, Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell — 2.68

Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Nicksch, Jim Angell and Yuan Hsu — 2.01

Terry Bauer, Rich Will, Dee Marshall and Sally Will — 1.55

Barbara Walczak, Ed d'Ouville, Jerry Palm and Mary Schumm — 1.16

Stacy Jacobs, Ruth Westberg, Al Simmons and Dan Taylor — 1.13

Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosevich, Shirley Koch and Jan Merrick — 0.87

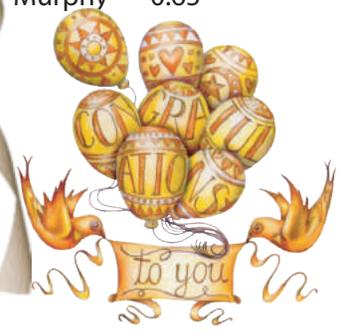
Barbara Stroud, Janice Custer, Helen Miller and Anne Murphy — 0.65



B/C Winners



A Winners



## TOP 100 Lifetime Masterpoints

The following players are ranked among the top 100 players in Unit 154 for lifetime achievement in total masterpoints as of Dec. 2017.

- 3. Joseph Chin, Highland IN 6754
- 7. Lee Esworthy, The Villages, FL 6012
- 8. Carol Osgerby, Dyer IN 5570
- 12. Tom Hallum, Mishawaka IN 4867
- 15. Steven Watson, Schererville 4270
- 19. Barbara Graegin, Dyer IN 3797

- 20. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point 3776
- 21. James O'Connell, Valparaiso 3769
- 30. Daniel Simon, South Bend 3329
- 35. Donna Simon, South Bend 3084
- 36. Norman Szewczyk, Lansing 3006
- 43. James Angell, Munster IN 2670
- 54. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN 2236
- 61. Donald Valiska, Highland IN 2070
- 64. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN 1941
- 65. Daniel Spain, Portage IN 1939
- 70. Constance Stevens, Highland 1780
- 71. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN 1776
- 74. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton 1656
- 85. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN 1412
- 90. Trudi McKamey, Portage IN 1291
- 91. Laverne Nicksch, Portage IN 1284
- 93. Janice Custer, Chesterton IN 1247
- 95. Yuan Hsu, Hammond IN 1206
- 96. Margaret Kiernan, Schererville 1204
- 97. Helen Miller, Griffith IN 1185
- 98. Anna Urick, Hammond IN 1174

These are players from Unit 123 who placed in the top 100 from their unit for masterpoints earned in 2017 —

- 18. Ruth Westberg, Tinley Park IL 445
- 22. John Miller, Chicago IL 409
- 52. John Goring, Frankfort IL 246
- 62. Al Levering, Frankfort IL 230
- 66. Stacy Jacobs, Hinsdale IL 227
- 67. Sally Levering, Frankfort IL 225
- 72. Michael Devine, Homewood 216
- 77. Lynne Kostopoulos, Lansing 209
- 85. George Goewey, Chicago IL 196

There are several players from Unit 123 who rank in the all-time top 100 for lifetime achievement as of the end of 2017. As you can see, they had to work a little harder for their placement.

- 37. Ruth Westberg, Tinley Park IL 7638
- 49. Alfred Simmons, Chicago IL 5965
- 54. Sally Levering, Frankfort IL 5594
- 69. Shawn Concannon, Oak Lawn 5254

Lots of names here today — 68!  
Some appear more than once.



# High % AGES for 2017

High High High High High

The following partnerships scored big percentages in the past year — 2017.

## Northwest Indiana Clubs

- Chuck and Marcy Tomes — 80.00%
- Barbara Graegin and Lou Nimnicht — 75.00%
- Joe Chin and Indra Gupta — 74.44%
- Jim Angell and Barbara Walczak — 74.09%
- Marcy and Chuck Tomes — 73.96%
- Sharon Massey and Judy Selund — 73.75%
- Rich and Sally Will — 72.92%
- John Goring and Larry Rabideau — 72.73%
- Lou Nimnicht and Jim O'Connell — 72.69%
- Don Giedemann and Chuck Tomes — 72.50%
- Chuck Briggs and Dave Watkins — 72.28%
- Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart — 71.88%
- Chuck and Marcy Tomes — 71.11%
- Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht — 71.11%
- Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson — 70.83%
- John and Karen Fieldhouse — 70.83%
- John Teshima and Al Simmons — 70.83%
- Marcy and Chuck Tomes — 70.83%
- Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby — 70.03%
- Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska — 70.03%
- Sharon Massey and Pat Christ — 70.00%

A great listing! There were 52 games that were 70% or better for the past year — a 27% increase over the 38 games in 2016. There were 50 players who had at least one 70% game in 2017.

## MARCH SPECIAL GAMES

- |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat, 3rd — Charity pairs game  | Tues, 20th — Unit Championship   |
| Wed, 7th — Charity pairs game  | Tues, 20th (eve) - Club Champion |
| Sat, 10th — Charity pairs game | Wed, 21st — Charity Swiss team   |
| Mon, 12th — ACBL Charity game  | (potluck — A - Mck)              |
| Tues, 13th — ACBL Charity game | Sat, 24th — Charity pairs game   |
| Wed, 14th — Charity pairs game | Wed, 28th — Charity pairs game   |
| Sat, 17th — Charity pairs game | Sat, 31st — Charity pairs game   |



## South Suburban Bridge Center

- Don Cohen and Joe Chin — 76.39%
- Ruth Westberg and Carol Osgerby — 76.04%
- Barbara Graegin and Ruth Westberg — 75.00%
- Ruth Goodpasture and Carol Osgerby — 74.77%
- Ruth Westberg and Rosietta Brown — 73.21%
- Shirley Koch and George Roeper — 72.92%
- Carol Osgerby and Ruth Westberg — 72.92%
- Pat Valiska and Ruth Goodpasture — 72.73%
- Shirley Koch and Don Valiska — 72.22%
- George Goewey and Betty Steffek — 71.88%
- Barbara Graegin and Ruth Westberg — 71.82%
- Ruth Westberg and George Goewey — 71.73%
- Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby — 71.00%
- Peggy Kiernan and Jan Merrick — 71.00%
- Mike Devine and Ruth Westberg — 70.83%
- Ruth Westberg and Mike Devine — 70.83%
- Mike Devine and Ruth Westberg — 70.83%
- Stacy Jacobs and Ruth Westberg — 70.82%
- Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska — 70.42%
- Brian Beecher and George Goewey — 70.24%
- Jan Merrick and Peggy Kiernan — 70.00%

## Other Nearby Venues

- Al and Sally Levering — 77.98%
- Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch — 76.62%
- Larry Rabideau and Bob Butz — 73.63%
- Laverne Nicksch and Wayne Carpenter — 73.21%
- John Teshima and Bill Wendt — 73.10%
- Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch — 72.76%
- Laverne Nicksch and Wayne Carpenter — 72.22%
- Sally and Al Levering — 71.88%
- Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch — 71.13%
- Marci and Keith Meyer — 70.24%

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Top scorers for this week and a half — Lou Nimnicht — 11.45; Barbara Graegin — 6.37; Jim O'Connell — 6.25; Yuan Hsu — 4.81; Ruth Westberg — 4.27; Barbara Walczak — 3.48; Pat Mikuta — 3.44; John Goring — 3.36; Zafar Khan — 3.34; George Roeper — 3.06; Don Valiska — 3.06; Carol Osgerby — 3.06; Chuck Tomes — 3.04; and Marcy Tomes — 3.04



## COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS

### Bridge

#### Jan. 27 Results

##### Community Bridge Club North-South

- Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 2.19
- John Goring and Lou Nimnicht 1.64
- Mike Brissette and Geri Tyler 0.98
- Mary Kocevar and Jane Krueger 0.84
- Pat Mikuta and Hilda Connor 0.73
- Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 0.69

##### East-West

- Al Simmons and Ruth Westberg 2.92
- Indra Gupta and Lynne Kostopoulos 1.31
- George Roeper and Jim Angell 0.73
- Donna Penn and Helen Thiros 0.63
- Anna Urlick and Daryl Fraley 0.61
- Kay and Jim Lively 0.39

#### Monday's Results

##### Jan 29 Calumet Bridge Club North-South

- Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 3.06
- Carolyn Potasnik and Pat Mikuta 1.28
- Fred Princehorn and Bill Birk 0.77
- Rick Warburton and Geri Tyler 0.57
- Claire Murvihill and Peggy Kiernan 0.54
- Lynne Kostopoulos and Pat Valiska 0.32

##### East-West

- Barbara Walczak and Marge Hedegard 2.30
- Lou Nimnicht and John Goring 1.72
- Joan and Bob Butz 1.29
- Norma Vierk and Marilyn Ginzle 1.02
- Connie Stevens and Jerrv Palm 0.72

#### Tuesday's Results

##### Jan 30 Beach Bridge Club

- John Teshima and Ed d'Ouville 2.04
- Jim O'Connell and Lou Nimnicht 1.53
- Yuan Hsu and Zafar Khan 1.15
- Laverne Nicksch and Wayne Carpenter 0.75

##### Duneland Bridge Club

- Jim Lane and Dee VanBebber 0.80
- Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.56
- Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.40

#### Wednesday's Results

##### Jan 31 Community Bridge Club

- Lou Nimnicht and Zafar Khan 2.19
- Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 1.64
- Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 1.38
- Daryl Fraley and Mary Kocevar 0.91
- Judy Selund and Jennie Alsobrooks 0.91

##### Valparaiso Bridge Club

- Marcy and Chuck Tomes 2.48
- Terry Brendel and Don Giedemann 1.86
- Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 1.40
- Daryl Penfold and Kathie Fritz 0.92
- Joel Charpentier and Fred Green 0.92

### Bridge

#### February 3 Results

##### Community Bridge Club North-South

- Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell 2.39
- Ruth Westberg and Dan Taylor 1.35
- Alta Allen and Delphine Slater 1.34
- Hilda Connor and Jane Krueger 1.01
- Pat Mikuta and Norma Vierk 0.83

##### East-West

- Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 3.19
- Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 1.97
- George Roeper and Indra Gupta 1.48
- Dee Marshall and Judy Selund 0.67

#### February 5 Results

##### Calumet Bridge Club North-South

- Bob and Joan Butz 1.69
- Helen Miller and Barbara Walczak 1.18
- Bob Ferguson and Barbara Graegin 0.85
- Hilda Connor and Pat Mikuta 0.60

##### East-West

- Jim Angell and Yuan Hsu 1.69
- Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 1.18
- Charlotte Abernethy and George Roeper 0.85
- Connie Stevens and Anna Urlick 0.60



# 70.00%

Sally and Al Levering attained this magnificent percentage at a game in the South Suburban Bridge Center on February 7th.

Sally writes — We were happy to score in the 70s. When the gods are good, we benefit. I'm very lucky to have a great partner. Also, a good game contributes to marital bliss.

In 24 hands Sally and Al had 7 top boards and 4 ties for top. Well played hands indeed.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

in *The Times*  
on Feb. 28th

## Bridge winners

**TIMES STAFF**

### Bridge winners

Duplicate bridge is a competitive activity among players in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Bermuda, plus others from countries throughout the world, who not only join their local sanctioned duplicate governing body, but ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) as well. Players are ranked according to the number of masterpoints they have earned.

The 50 duplicate bridge players who scored highest during the month of January by playing in Highland, Valparaiso, Calumet Township, Chesterton and Portage, are: Alfred Simmons, Louis Nimnicht, Zafar Khan, Ruth Westberg, Alan Yngve, Dave Bigler, James O'Connell, Barbara Graegin, Wayne Carpenter, Michael Bris-

sette, Daryl Fraley, Barbara Walczak, Trudi McKamey, Joseph Chin, Patricia Mikuta, James Angell, Jerry Palm, Laverne Niksch, Norman Szewczyk, Carolyn Potasnik, Terry Bauer, Yuan Hsu, Wayne Hiser, Helen Miller, Charles Tomes, William Birk, Anna Urlick, John Goring, Marci Tomes, Robert Porter, Robert Ferguson, Donald Valiska, Carol Osgerby, Rick Warburton, Jennie Alsobrooks, Mary Kocevar, Jane Krueger, John Teshima, Daniel Spain, Hilda Connor, Carol Miller, Mary Schultz, Robert Butz, Edmond d'Ouille, Joel Charpentier, George Roeper, Don Giedemann, Marge Hedegard, Delphine Slater and Gale Osgerby.

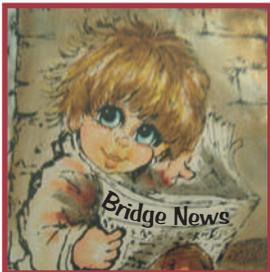
There are 15 categories from 0-5 points to 10,000+. There are 10,000 - 20,000 players in many categories. In the accompanying photo are pictured those players from Northwest Indiana who placed in the top 100 among all the ACBL players in total club points, along with their placement and masterpoint category.



*Bottom Row:* Laverne Niksch - #76 (1000-1500); Yuan Hsu - #12 (500-1000); Joe Chin - #64 (5000-7500); *Top Row:* Terry Bauer - #30 (20-50); Lou Nimnicht - #63 (2500-3500); Wayne Carpenter - #23 (1000-1500); Anna Urlick - #46 (500-1000). *Not pictured:* Carol Osgerby - #79 (5000-7500)

Below is the caption that was written for the photo. Due to a lack of space, the photo only appears online.

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## The Times

### Feb 6 Tuesday's Results Beach Bridge Club

Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 1.78  
Al Simmons and Joe Chin 1.25  
Ed d'Ouille and John Teshima 0.89  
Bob Ferguson and Zafar Khan 0.62  
**Duneland Bridge Club**  
Charlie Halberstadt and Tom Wade 1.78  
Chuck and Marci Tomes 1.25  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.89  
Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 0.62

### Feb 7 Wednesday's Results Community Bridge Club

Joe Chin and Don Cohen 2.06  
Lou Nimnicht and Zafar Khan 1.44  
Jim Angell and Trudi McKamey 1.16  
Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 0.81  
Alan Yngve and Alta Allen 0.69  
Mary Kocevar and Shirley Koch 0.48  
Anne Murphy and Barbara Walczak 0.41  
**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
Charlie Halberstadt and Vikki Voller 1.00  
Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.60  
Fred Green and Terry Brendel 0.60  
Beth Rader and Anne Gott 0.35

### Bridge

#### February 10 Results Community Bridge Club

Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 1.88  
Joe Chin and Roger Sokol 1.32  
Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 0.94  
Judy Selund and Dave Bigler 0.94  
Shirley Koch and Mary Kocevar 0.55

#### February 12 Results Calumet Bridge Club

**North-South**  
Bob Porter and Pat Mikuta 2.77  
Roger Sokol and Barbara Graegin 2.08

Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 1.56  
Hilda Connor and Peggy Kiernan 0.92  
Carol Miller and Daryl Fraley 0.52

#### East-West

John Miller and Joe Chin 1.39  
Zafar Khan and Bob Ferguson 1.22  
Jim Angell and Yuan Hsu 0.70  
Bob and Joan Butz 0.49

### Feb 13 Tuesday's Results Beach Bridge Club

Bob Porter and Bob Ferguson 0.70  
Terry Bauer and Barbara Walczak 0.49  
Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 0.35  
**Duneland Bridge Club**  
Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.80  
Sally and Rich Will 0.56  
Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 0.40  
Tom and Lori Rea 0.28

### Feb 14 Wednesday's Results Community Bridge Club

George Roeper and Zafar Khan 2.33  
Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 1.75  
Dee Marshall and Terry Bauer 1.31  
Hilda Connor and Mary Schumm 0.98  
Barbara Walczak and Bob Ferguson 0.53  
Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 0.53

### Community sports results

#### Bridge

#### Feb. 17 Results

**Community Bridge Club North-South**  
Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell 2.77  
Dave Bigler and Jennie Alsobrooks 1.31  
Dee Marshall and Jane Krueger 0.77  
Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 0.70  
Hilda Connor and Peggy Kiernan 0.44

#### East-West

Indra Gupta and Larry Dunford 1.82  
Al Simmons and John Teshima 1.82  
Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 1.02  
Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 0.98  
Barbara Lawson and Carol Miller 0.57

#### Monday's Results

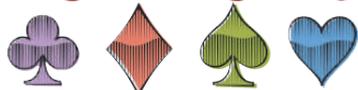
**Feb 19 Calumet Bridge Club North-West**  
Patrice and Fred Princehorn 1.20  
Barbara Graegin and Ruth Westberg 0.84  
John Goring and Lynne Kostopoulos 0.60  
Yuan Hsu and Pat Mikuta 0.42  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.28  
Dave Bigler and Celia-Ann Toll 0.24

**East-West**  
George Roeper and Joe Chin 1.20  
Joan and Bob Butz 0.84  
Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 0.60  
Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 0.56  
Barbara Walczak and Wayne Hiser 0.39  
Helen Thiros and Carol Miller 0.32  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 0.28  
Bill Kilbride and Anna Urlick 0.24  
Mary Kocevar and Shirley Koch 0.22



Top scorers in two weeks —  
Joe Chin — 9.99; Zafar Khan — 6.21; Lou Nimnicht — 5.77; Al Simmons — 5.23; Bob Porter — 5.09; Terry Bauer — 4.82; Pat Mikuta — 4.53; Barbara Graegin — 3.89; Dan Spain — 3.63; George Roeper — 3.53; Roger Sokol — 3.40; Bob Ferguson-3.07

# Top 25 players in our 5 Northwest Indiana



## Clubs for 2017



CALLIMET BEACH COMMUNITY DUNELAND VALPARAISO

John Goring  
Bob Butz  
**Lou Nimnicht**  
Joe Chin  
**Steve Watson**  
Carol Osgerby  
Don Valiska  
Barbara Graegin  
Ruth Westberg  
Joan Butz  
**Yuan Hsu**  
Lynne Kostopoulos  
Stacy Jacobs  
Al Simmons  
George Roeper  
Indra Gupta  
Pat Mikuta  
Gale Osgerby  
Jim Angell  
Charlotte Abernethy  
Carolyn Potasnik  
**Barbara Walczak**  
**Dan Spain**  
Bob Ferguson  
**Zafar Khan**

**Lou Nimnicht**  
Laverne Niksch  
Wayne Carpenter  
**Yuan Hsu**  
**Steve Watson**  
Bob Ferguson  
Alan Yngve  
**Barbara Walczak**  
**Zafar Khan**  
Dave Watkins  
Norm Szewczyk  
Bob Porter  
**Dan Spain**  
Chuck Briggs  
Mike Brissette  
Hilda Connor  
Trudi McKamey  
Janice Custer  
John Teshima  
Jim O'Connell  
Anne Murphy  
Ed d'Ouille  
Wayne Hiser  
Bill Hahn  
Dave Bigler

Jim O'Connell  
Barbara Graegin  
Jim Angell  
**Lou Nimnicht**  
**Yuan Hsu**  
Joe Chin  
Trudi McKamey  
**Barbara Walczak**  
Al Simmons  
Dave Bigler  
**Zafar Khan**  
Pat Mikuta  
Wayne Carpenter  
Ruth Westberg  
Carolyn Potasnik  
**Steve Watson**  
Indra Gupta  
Anna Urick  
Mike Brissette  
**Dan Spain**  
Helen Miller  
Bob Porter  
Daryl Fraley  
Terry Bauer  
John Teshima

Chuck Tomes  
Marcy Tomes  
Rich Will  
Sally Will  
Terry Bauer  
Dottie Hart  
Jim Lane  
Dee VanBebber  
Alan Yngve  
Jim Carson  
Helen Boothe  
Marcia Carson  
Charlie Halberstadt  
Tom Rea  
Carol Miller  
John Fieldhouse  
Karen Fieldhouse  
Barbara Mort  
Barbara Lawson  
Lori Rea  
Kris Prohl  
Naomi Goodman  
Frank Howard  
Ann Howard  
Mary Kocevar

Chuck Tomes  
Marcy Tomes  
Don Giedemann  
Charlie Halberstadt  
Tom Rea  
Dee VanBebber  
Anna Robbins  
Ric Friedman  
Sally Will  
Lori Rea  
Knoefel Jones  
Janet Jones  
Fred Green  
Rich Will  
Joel Charpentier  
Ed Hollander  
Naomi Goodman  
Tricia Fox  
Beth Rader  
Anne Gott  
Vikki Voller  
Hank Cecil  
Lynn Bayman  
Alice Giedemann  
John & Karen Fieldhouse

The names in red are 6 players whose names appear three times.

# 智 70.51%



Joe Chin and Yuan Hsu attained this outstanding score in a game at the Community Bridge Club on February 24th. Yuan writes — It is really a pleasure to be a partner with Joe. I learn something new every time I play with him. Thanks, Joe. I am really blessed to be part of the Northwest Indiana bridge community. All the people here are so nice and friendly. I want to thank you all for making my retirement life so fruitful.

Joe adds — It was not an outstanding game in terms of number of top boards, but Grandfather (an affectionate name I gave Yuan) and I made almost every decision correctly. This was our second 70%+ game.

Though I was born and raised in the Philippines, I shared Yuan's Chinese roots and can handle most of his Mandarin. What I had to adapt to at the beginning was his "standard" Chinese bridge system. For example, I open a spade and he responds 2C — he may have as few as two clubs. Now we use a more American standard approach.

Thank you, Grandpappy. May I have more ....

很高的分数

# 恭喜!



# Welcome

Monday was Qian Ye's first visit to a Northwest Indiana bridge club. She started playing duplicate bridge in 2016 and plays only sporadically. She learned to play bridge at home playing with her aunt and friends. Her aunt has passed away, and now Qian (Ginnie) is trying to find a partner. She has played a few times at SSBC. Ginnie lives in Matteson. She makes many visits to China to visit her mother and family; therefore, it is hard for her to stick with a schedule to either take bridge lessons or to even hold a job. She does some work in bookkeeping and as an account technician. She has one daughter.

Ginnie said that she met a lot of potential friends on Monday. She also said she loved her fun partner — Carol Miller.

## A NEW BRIDGE MAGAZINE



# 72.50%



On February 13 Lynne Kostopoulos and Alyce Teemer achieved this fantastic percentage!

These are Lynne's words — On the first Tuesday of every month we hold a mentoring session at South Suburban Bridge Center. Alyce Teemer and I were paired up on this particular Tuesday. She is a delightful woman and a lovely bridge partner. We had one of those magical days where everything fell our way. Congratulations to Alyce, and thanks to her also for making that day very enjoyable for me!

Alyce happily adds — I was unexpectedly thrilled at our results — all due to having an excellent partner. Lynne is conscientious in her study and is also helpful and encouraging to her partner. I made use of the instructions I received at SSBC, for which I am grateful.

## Congratulations!

Did you spot the ad for "A New Bridge Magazine" on page 84 of the current *Bridge Bulletin*? You've got to check it out — a top quality publication — and at no cost. There are hands galore to test your technique and articles by expert players and fun reading. What I especially enjoyed were the cleverly humorous tales from Oz in the *Over the Rainbow* series. Here's a small snippet — "Perhaps you should just open the bidding with 3NT on every hand," Almira had remarked coldly. "You clearly intend to declare there anyway," she continued. "It wouldn't be quite as bad if you had at least played the last one competently." The Lion thought he could see the ice droplets, her voice was so cold. "Perhaps when I show a seven-card suit, you might raise me holding four of them," the Wicked Witch had screeched. "Imagine thinking a five-card suit headed by the jack was more important information than four-card support for my suit." Her voice had reached a crescendo. The Scarecrow felt he could feel the heat from the flames she was breathing.



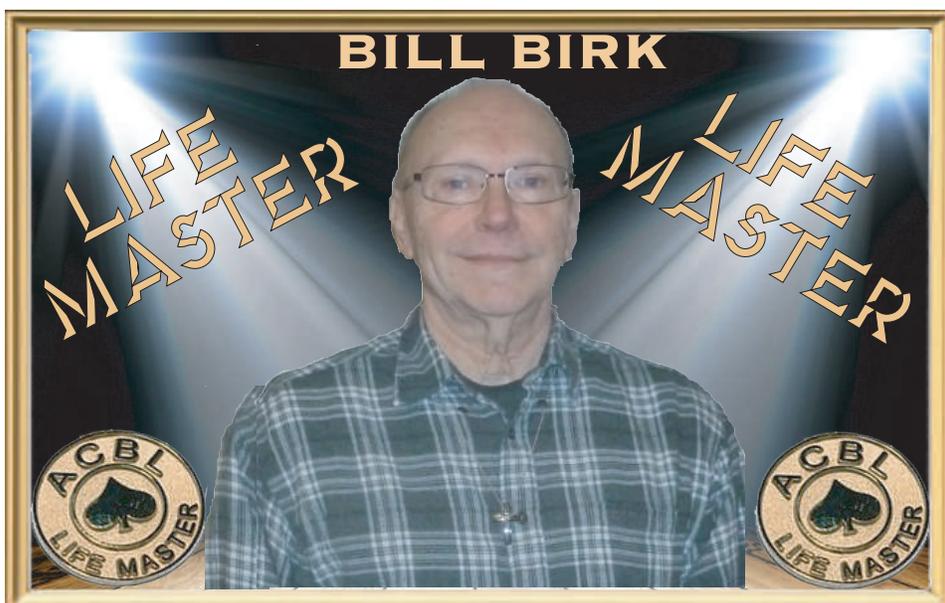
# 71.48%

Lou Gaspardo and Don Valiska, through skill and cunning, earned themselves a mighty decent score on March 2nd during a Friday afternoon game at South Suburban Bridge Center.

Lou says — We had a great day with some interesting hands and very good cards. I had an excellent partner, and we worked well together. It made for a very enjoyable day of bridge.

Don comments — Lou and I have played four or five times now and are tweaking our bidding systems — I think for the better. In this six-table game with 5 mps being the top board, we had only 5 boards with 2 mps or under and 11 tops or tied for the top score. Most importantly, we had a good time. Lou is always pleasant and easy to play with.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



My fraternity brother, Don, began my love affair with the game of bridge as he introduced a number of us to the game back in the 1960s while I attended Valparaiso University. Don and I captured the VU campus championship and even played duplicate several times at a club in Chesterton. Then came the greeting from Uncle Sam. It was during my first day in the Army that I met my second bridge partner as four strangers spent several hours killing time at the induction station in downtown Chicago. Greg and I joined the ACBL in the mid 1970s, playing at the Washington Park Bridge Club and at tournaments in the Chicagoland area. Kids and a shortness of money ended by bridge days.

I returned to bridge on a casual basis about a decade ago. While substituting at a women's

game, a stranger asked me, "Are you looking to play more bridge? My husband is looking for a fourth at the Ridge Country Club." Several months later, I was playing duplicate with Carol at Diane Martin's Orland club after her husband recommended that she replace her current bridge partner and mentor with me. I rejoined the ACBL that summer of 2013. We had a successful partnership of about two years when I decided to move on and look for a new partner.

I was blessed to have been partnered with Daryl Fraley one day at the Community Club. Our first day was very successful so we began playing on a consistent basis. During our time together, we had several notable successes at sectional and regional play. We took first in the Open at the Aurora Turkey Bowl Sectional and nearly won it the next year. At Champaign we earned the highest session score for the day while winning gold. I admire Daryl for his gentlemanly demeanor and thoughtful pace of play.

I have enjoyed my recent partnership with Terry Bauer and look forward to upcoming club and tournament play. Our February success at the Indy Regional continues to amaze me. Terry is a delight to play with. I look forward to playing in regionals this summer and hope to still be his partner when he achieves Life Master.

I love the competition available at our local clubs. Many players better than I have offered useful advice and words of encouragement that have elevated my play. I notice that the level of play in tournament Gold Rush events is clearly beneath that of the local competition. God willing, I will be able to continue enjoying duplicate bridge with the friendship and competition it engenders.

Bill is a studious bridge player who studies difficult bidding hands and has learned to make the right bid in most situations. He also shares his valuable observations in a helpful manner, and this makes Bill an excellent mentor and partner. Besides being a good bridge partner, Bill also sets a good example in life in general, like persevering as an avid White Sox fan. ~Terry Bauer

# 72.92%



This is an outstanding partnership who complement each other well. Chuck Tomes and Don Geidemann earned this very high percentage on March 14th in an 11:00 game at the Valparaiso Bridge Club.

Don notes — This is the third time that Chuck and I scored above 70%. As all bridge players know, there is always some luck involved when scoring this big. This day we just played our not too aggressive normal game and made fewer mistakes than usual. Chuck is a confident and superior player. I am usually relaxed when we are paired.

Chuck adds — Don and I play once a month when our regular partners, our wives, cannot play. Don is a very competent partner, but most important, is that we always have fun playing together. On Wednesday we got plus scores on 17 of the 24 boards and got a good result when we made the correct decision (rule of 15) on a passed-out hand. Also, we were lucky in that our inevitable mistakes didn't cost us any match points.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## LIFE MASTER

Rosemary McCarthy has recently joined the ranks of Life Masters. She shares her story with you.

I learned bridge watching my parents play with friends. I loved math and this was right up my alley. When I was a teenager, my mother would ask me to substitute in her bridge club — and I was hooked! I played off and on socially until about 15 years ago when a friend asked me to play with her at a duplicate club. How much fun it was! Life got in the way until 3 years ago when I walked into a club run by Diane Martin and soon became partners with Shawn Concannon. What a blessing to have such a mentor! Success in bridge relies on great partners, and I have been lucky to play with John Miller and Dave Bigler — both great teachers of the game.

I learned early on not to be intimidated by the best, since I always had to play up with Shawn — we earned 34 gold points at the Nationals in Chicago, and I think I only had about 170 points at the time — and to be humble on worst days, and I've had many of those.

Work continues to get in the way of playing bridge, but as I near retirement maybe you'll be seeing me around more often.

Rosemary is just about the fastest learner of bridge that I have ever encountered. She is also, in my opinion, a super nice partner — very pleasant at the bridge table. I found myself with her in impossible

contracts, and the crazy thing is that she makes them most of the time. In other words, she pulls off miracles. If we were in 6Sx, and were missing two aces with no voids, I would bet that she makes it. I don't know how she does it — but she does it.

~ Shawn Concannon

Rosemary and I began to play together on Tuesday nights at South Suburban in the fall of 2016. Rosemary is tremendous at the 'play of the cards'. Rose always figures out where the cards are and makes extra tricks often. Rose isn't retired, so she doesn't play all the time like many others, but she is just naturally gifted at this game. Also, Rosemary has been a good sport — she gets over my mistakes. I hope to continue to play bridge with her. Congratulations!

~ John Miller



Limericks composed by our newly anointed poet in residence

A master bridge player named Anna  
Slipped and fell on a banana.  
As she landed "ker thump",  
She cursed Donald Trump,  
Quit bridge and flew off to Havana.

A certain bridge player named Charley  
Played to the tunes of Bob Marley.  
While bidding six no  
Was told, "Too slow",  
Stomped out and rode off on her Harley.

The ace of spades covered the nine,  
And the king topped the seven just fine.  
But when jack trumped the three,  
East cried, "I gotta pee!"  
And left for the porcelain shrine.

Poor Patty McDougall O'Sheen  
Thought she would dye her hair green,  
But when duty called,  
She ended up bald,  
And decided she'd date Mr. Clean.

Limericks by  
Anna Urick



## The Times



### COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS

#### Bridge

##### February 14 Results

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 1.00  
Dolores Browne and John Teshima 0.70  
Ric Friedman and Anna Robbins 0.50  
Fred Green and Terry Brendel 0.35  
Ed Hollander and Hank Cecil 0.21

##### Feb 20 Tuesday's Results

#### Beach Bridge Club

Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 2.04  
Barbara Stroud and Trudi McKamey 1.53  
Lou Nimmicht and Jim O'Connell 1.15  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 0.52

#### Duneland Bridge Club

Kris Prohl and Barbara Mort 0.51  
Jim Lane and Dee VanBebber 0.51

##### Feb 21 Wednesday's Results

#### Community Bridge Club

Joe Chin, Barbara Graegin, Tom Hallum and Jim O'Connell 2.68  
Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch, Jim Anzell and Yuan Hsu 2.01  
Terry Bauer, Dee Marshall, Rich and Sally Will 1.55  
Barbara Walczak, Ed d'Ouville, Jerry Palm and Mary Schumm 1.16  
Stacy Jacobs, Ruth Westberg, Al Simmons and Dan Taylor 1.13  
Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosvich, Shirley Koch and Jan Merrick 0.87  
Barbara Stroud, Janice Custer, Helen Miller and Anne Murphy 0.65  
Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Bill Hahn and Wayne Hiser 0.24  
Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, Mary Kocevar and Daryl Fraley 0.24  
Joel Charpentier and Helen Boothe 0.24  
Lou Nimmicht, Zafar Khan, Norm Szewczyk and Dan Spain 0.12  
Hilda Connor, Carolyn Potasnik, Marilyn Ginzel and Norma Vierk 0.12  
Anna Urick, Charlotte Abernethy, Mike Brissette and Esther Walenga 0.12  
Kay Lively, Sheila Nagan, Juwanna Walton and Joan Adams 0.12

#### February 21 Results

##### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Vikki Voller and Donna Penn 0.90  
Sylvia and Tom Luokens 0.63  
Dee VanBebber and Chuck Tomes 0.45  
Madge Kollar and Sharon Snyder 0.32

#### February 24 Results

##### Community Bridge Club

Joe Chin and Yuan Hsu 2.63  
John and Marilyn Ginzel 1.97  
Dan Spain and Lou Nimmicht 1.48  
Pat Mikuta and Hilda Connor 1.22  
Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 1.11  
Daryl Fraley and Alta Allen 0.92  
Kay and Jim Lively 0.69  
Jim Angell and Indra Gupta 0.30

#### Monday's Results

##### Feb 26 Calumet Bridge Club

**North-South**  
Helen Miller and Jim Angell 3.06  
Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska 2.30  
Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs 1.72  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.75  
Joe Chin and Al Simmons 0.73  
Connie Stevens and Mary Schumm 0.68  
Diane Martin and Peggy Kierman 0.34

##### East-West

Larry Dunford and Indra Gupta 1.61  
Barbara Graegin and Bob Ferguson 1.29  
Shirley Koch and Marge Hedegard 1.21  
Barbara Stroud and Daryl Fraley 1.00  
Lou Nimmicht and Dan Spain 0.97  
John Goring and Bob Butz 0.55  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 0.51

#### Tuesday's Results

##### Feb 27 Beach Bridge Club

Dan Spain and Lou Nimmicht 2.33  
Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 1.75  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 1.31  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 0.98  
Wayne Hiser and Barbara Walczak 0.60  
Ed d'Ouville and John Teshima 0.22

#### Duneland Bridge Club

Jim and Marcia Carson 0.80  
Jim Lane and Dee VanBebber 0.56  
Barbara Lawson and Carol Miller 0.40  
Trudi McKamey and Helen Boothe 0.24  
Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.24

Top scorers during this time are — Lou Nimmicht -6.05; Joe Chin - 6.04; Wayne Carpenter - 5.80; Laverne Niksch - 5.80; Jim Angell - 5.37; Dan Spain - 4.90; Yuan Hsu - 4.64; Barbara Graegin - 3.97; Ruth Westberg - 3.96; Jim O'Connell - 3.83; Helen Miller - 3.71; Trudi McKamey - 3.26; and Barbara Stroud -3.18.

*Congratulations*



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day — Great make-up job, guys!



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## ADDITIONAL CONGRATULATIONS

Dave Bigler wishes to add something to the accolades that **Rosemary McCarthy** was given for having become a Life Master —

Rose McCarthy is a unique bridge player. She has been mentored by very good players who are known for their skills at the bridge table. Rose is positive and has the ability to ask the right questions and respond and adapt to any bridge partner. New players would do well to seek Rose out and listen carefully to her thought processes. She is respectful to all and sets a fine example. Good luck!

Daryl Fraley has just returned from a cruise and can now share his views on **Bill Birk's** becoming a Life Master —

Bill is an outstanding bridge player, as well as a good Christian. We met at Community and had a great first game — but nothing like our winning five gold points in the Gold Rush game at the Nationals in Chicago during that summer!! We went on to win five gold at the Milwaukee regional and four more gold at Gatlinburg. Bill is well read in bridge and has a keen insight into the play of the hands.

# 74.11%



## ☆ Congratulations ☆



Happy Birthday to Stacy Jacobs! Lovely birthday cake is brought by her partner, Larry Dunford.



A/B Winners

C Winners

Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette earned this enviable score at a Saturday game— just shy of making the national bigtime in the *Bridge Bulletin*.

Dave comments — Mike is a unique bridge player. We have tried this partnership with mixed results on more than one occasion. The systems we play are a challenge and knowing that Mike is a student of the game, I fully understand his experimenting with our conventions and play. On Saturday Mike said, “Let’s just play and worry about the changes later.” The whole day was easy, and Mike’s play was amazing. Thanks, Mike!

Mike’s thoughts — I can’t believe that we had that good a game even with two misunderstandings. Therefore, we must have gotten a lot of gifts. Well, there was also some very good play mixed in, too. Trees have to bend at times, including me. Dave can’t wait to hear my adjustment. We play 19 HCP unbalanced 2C and a balanced 19 HCP 2NT. I picked up a three loser hand — ♠ A K Q x x x x ♥ K Q x x ♦ x ♣ x

I opened 2C unbalanced. Our responses are control points — aces = 2 control points, kings = 1 control point. 2D means 0-1, (at most a king). 2H means 2-3 pts. 2S means 3 kings and 2NT is 4+ pts. Dave responded 2S which means 3 kings???? That can’t be!! Dave’s hand was 2 kings and an ace and a void in spades and 13 HCPs. Dave said he didn’t want to bid 2NT with a void. I can see that a little. So I put the blame mostly on me. How should the hand be bid? I should have opened it with 1S, then do a jump shift to hearts, hopefully ending up in 3NT or 4S — making 4-5 instead of 6S going down — so sad. The moral of the story — this system has to be in HCP strength — NOT playing strength. I would gladly have traded Dave’s 13 HCPs for 2 aces and 2 spades and 4 hearts.

## Wednesday Team Game

- There were nine teams that scored overall points —
- Delphine Slater, Zafar Khan, Ed d’Ouille and Barbara Walczak — 2.80
- Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Nicksch, Yuan Hsu and Dick Brewe — 2.10
- Steve Watson, Lou Nimnicht, Dan Spain and Norm Szewczyk — 1.58
- Barbara Graegin, Jim O’Connell, Bruce Sokol and Roger Sokol — 1.18
- Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosevich, Shirley Koch and Jan Merrick — 1.04
- Sally & Rich Will, Terry Bauer and Dee Marshall — 0.93
- Al Simmons, Ruth Westberg, Dan Taylor and Stacy Jacobs — 0.89
- Hilda Connor, Marilyn Ginzel, Carolyn Potasnik and Norma Vierk — 0.70
- George Roeper, Indra Gupta, Lynne Kostopoulos and John Miller — 0.68

## Congratulations



Bruce Sokol of St. Joseph, MI played recently in the Wednesday Gary team game with his younger brother, Roger. He grew up in Cleveland in a family of pinochle players. He first started playing bridge in the early '60s while at Case Tech. He and some college mates became successful playing in ACBL tournaments while still in school and for a while shortly thereafter. After graduation, he worked in the aluminum smelting, aluminum reclaiming, and eventually the zinc reclaiming industries as an engineer and manager. As family and work responsibilities grew, he cut way back on playing bridge. But he still retained contact with his college mates. He met up with them to play an occasional tournament, often one of the Cleveland

## Welcome, Newcomers!

Dick Brewe may be a familiar face to some of you. He is a regular player at the Monday Michigan City game with his wife, Betty — and they are most often among the top contenders in the game.

Dick lives in Michigan City. He has been playing since the days of Goren — in college. But that was always party bridge. He played with his mother and father over Manhattans.

Dick started playing duplicate bridge 5-6 years ago. After the first session, he realized that both he and Betty needed lessons. They now play once or twice a week. It's something fun that they look forward to. He said, "We don't take bad bids or bad plays home with us."

Dick was an English teacher for a while. Then he managed a hardware store for 30 years. Now in his retirement he has been working for 5 or 6 years for the visitors' bureau distributing brochures.

Dick has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He has traveled extensively.

regionals. His career opportunities carried him from Cleveland to St. Joe/Benton Harbor, Chicago, and as far as Minnesota and Tennessee. But eventually he found his way back to the St. Joe area where his son and daughter have their families. So now Bruce gets as much pleasure from being grandpa to his 3 grandsons as from bridge.

Bruce is a Gold Life Master and until recently ran the duplicate games in St. Joe. He actively worked to promote the game there, by mentoring and teaching upcoming players. Mostly he did it because he really enjoys the game and wanted to do his part to promote it. But bridge for him has also been as much about getting together with friends to play in tournaments, then enjoying good times and camaraderie with them after play is over. About 2000, with some encouraging success at regionals, he challenged Roger and the Cleveland "home boys" to see how good they could be and commit to play in several regionals each year. They have played several regionals a year since, mostly in team events, and have done extremely well.

Bruce enjoys travelling, cooking, and getting together with family or friends. Last year, he and his closest friend/college mate just took off on a road trip out west to see Glacier National Park. Along the way, they even played in a tournament in Bozeman, MT. A few weeks ago, they went to New York to see the Big Ten Basketball tournament. During the annual trip to the Gatlinburg regional, Bruce usually packs a cooler with several scrumptious meals for the whole team to enjoy during the week there. Also, he always makes sure the family gets together during holidays to create and keep up long-lasting family "traditions".

From Roger — Here are my comments about my brother —

Bruce has been my main mentor as a bridge player and is hands down my favorite partner. He really understands the game well and did a great job imparting that knowledge to me. He's been a huge factor in my development as a bridge player. Along the way, we've developed a much closer relationship by being able to share an activity. But it's as much about being there for each other and how we've positively impacted each other's life through good times and bad. However, when we phone each other, it usually gets to "Here's your hand," pretty quickly. We've also gotten to be a pretty darn good partnership that, at times, amazes both of us with how well we play. He likes to say "Our partnership is like an old pair of shoes; you slip them on and they're just very comfortable." The only disturbing thing is he keeps telling people we play against that I'm his father. Fortunately, nobody ever believes him!!

### April Special Games

All games in Portage, Highland and Calumet Township during April will be Charity Fund Games, which are alternated between local charity causes and ACBL-designated charities.

Directors are permitted to schedule as many charity games as they wish during the month. There

are two exceptions. On Wednesday, the 25th, the game will be an ACBLwide Charity game — (mega points) and hand records on predealt hands that all players in the contest will be playing. On Saturday, the 28th, the game will either be a Unit Championship game or a D13 STaC game. Potluck on the 18th — McL-Z.

In Memoriam



Faye Anderson has passed away at the age of 98. She had been a long-time duplicate player and had achieved the rank of Bronze Life Master. She said that she planned to play bridge until she became a Silver Life Master (with 168 more points to go) or until she became 100 years old. Sad to say — she didn't accomplish either goal. It was never in her original plans to become a Life Master, but one day I said to her, "Let's hop a plane to Reno (notice her Reno shirt) and get started on our Life Master gold." She was game for the adventure. We traveled to many places in the next nine months until we had our 25 gold. We even had the thrill of playing with Eddie Wold and Mike Passell (ranked in the top 12 in ACBL) in Lake Geneva.

Faye was feisty (in a lovable way) and had a fun teasing personality endearing her to everyone. Gunnar Berg called her "Bulldog" — and I think she liked that nickname.

One of Faye's biggest regrets was that, as much as she desired to, she was not able to go to college. It was the 1930s and there were 12 children in the family, and it couldn't happen. It was a shame — her potential was never fully realized. She was a smart lady.

There will be a memorial visitation for Faye on Monday, April 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 at Lincoln Ridge Funeral Home.

This article appeared in *The Times* on March 25. A photo of the players in green on St. Patrick's Day was submitted, but it was not run with the article.

Bridge results for February

The results from the games in February — including the duplicate bridge clubs in Valparaiso, Highland, Calumet Township, Chesterton and Portage — for the top 50 players are as follows: Joseph Chin, Louis Nimmicht, Barbara Graegin, James Angell, James O'Connell, Yuan Hsu, Alfred Simmons, Daniel Spain, Zafar Khan, Terry Bauer, Laverne Niksch, Wayne Carpenter, Helen Miller, Patricia Mikuta, Robert Porter, Trudi McKamey, Ruth Westberg, Charles Tomes, Dolores Marshall, Barbara Walczak, Marcy Tomes, Robert Ferguson, Alan Yngve, Hilda Connor, Indra Gupta, George Roeper, Carol Miller, John Teshima, Robert Butz, Laurence Dunford, Roger Sokol, Anne Murphy, Shirley Koch, Edmond d'Ouville, Barbara Stroud, William Birk, Barbara Lawson, Joan Butz, Stacy Jacobs, Charlie Halberstadt, Daryl Fraley, Tom Hallum, Richard Will, Sally Will, Mary Schumm, Dave Bigler, Michael Brissette, Carol Osgerby, Donald Valiska and Alta Allen.

— Times Staff



I looked through all the 4389 players who earned points at the nationals which finished recently in Philadelphia, and Ruth Goodpasture was the only name I found — 3.45 masterpoints. Good for you, Ruth!

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Wednesday's Results

Community Bridge Club

Anne Murphy and Helen Miller 2.33  
Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 1.75  
Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.31  
Terry Bauer and Dee Marshall 1.23  
Ed d'Ouville and Barbara Walczak 0.92  
Jim Angell and Alan Yngve 0.69

Valparaiso Bridge Club

Marcy and Chuck Tomes 1.50  
Fred Green and Terry Brendel 1.05  
Donna Penn and Mary Kocevar 0.75  
Sally and Rich Will 0.54  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.39  
Dee VanBebber and Dolores Browne 0.30  
Frd Hollander and Hank Cecil 0.27

March 3 Results

Community Bridge Club

North-South

Pat Mikuta and Carolyn Potasnik 2.63  
Lou Nimmicht and Barbara Graegin 1.11  
Joe Chin and Indra Gupta 0.66  
Jim and Kay Lively 0.63  
Hilda Connor and Jane Krueger 0.39

East-West

Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 1.97  
Anna Urlick and Mary Kocevar 1.48  
Elнора Washington and Alan Yngve 1.12  
Donna Penn and Helen Thiros 0.84

March 5 Results

Calumet Bridge Club

North-South

Dan Spain and Zafar Khan 1.10  
John Goring and Joe Chin 0.77  
Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs 0.55  
Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 0.39  
Helen Miller and Barbara Walczak 0.39  
Mary Kocevar and Sandy Yelser 0.32  
Patrice and Fred Princehorn 0.22

East-West

Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 1.10  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.77  
Bill Kilbride and Lynne Kostopoulos 0.55  
Anna Urlick and Connie Stevens 0.39

March 6 Results

Beach Bridge Club

Yuan Hsu and Norm Szewczyk 1.00  
Lou Nimmicht and Steve Watson 0.70  
Bob Ferguson and Zafar Khan 0.64  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 0.45  
Janice Custer and Anne Murphy 0.32

Duneland Bridge Club

Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.68  
Rich and Sally Will 0.68  
Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane 0.40  
Charlie Halberstadt and Tom Wade 0.28

March 7 Results

Community Bridge Club

Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 2.33  
Steve Watson and Lou Nimmicht 1.75  
Anna Urosevich and Trudi McKamey 1.53  
Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 1.31  
Bob Porter and Pat Mikuta 1.15  
Anna Urlick and Daryl Fraley 0.86

Valparaiso Bridge Club

Fred Green and Terry Brendel 1.20  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.84  
Donna Penn and Judy Tarpo 0.60  
Anne Gott and Joanne Wagenblast 0.42  
Barbara Stroud and June Reisinger 0.25  
Anna Robbins and Charlie Halberstadt 0.22

March 10 Results

Community Bridge Club

North-South

Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 2.77  
George Roeper and Zafar Khan 2.08  
Pat Mikuta and Trudi McKamey 0.70  
Shirley Koch and Mary Kocevar 0.50  
Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 0.49

East-West

Barbara Walczak and Yuan Hsu 1.56  
Joe Chin and Roger Sokol 1.17  
Marilyn and John Gazel 1.07  
Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 0.88  
Helen Thiros and Donna Penn 0.70  
Jim and Kay Lively 0.70  
Lou Nimmicht and Dan Spain 0.49

Monday's Results

Calumet Bridge Club

North-South  
Roger Sokol and Barbara Graegin 3.06  
Claire Murvihill and Marge Hedegard 1.84  
Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska 1.29  
Celia-Ann Toll and Sandy Yelser 0.78  
Dan Spain and Lou Nimmicht 0.54  
Bee Sendak and Marilyn Rosen 0.44

East-West

Joe Chin and Steve Watson 2.30  
Connie Stevens and Carolyn Potasnik 1.38  
Gale Osgerby and George Roeper 1.04  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 1.04  
Yuan Hsu and Indra Gupta 0.78

Tuesday's Results

Beach Bridge Club

Dan Spain and Zafar Khan 2.19  
Barbara Walczak and Elnora Washington 1.44  
John Teshima and Jim O'Connell 1.44  
Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 0.92

Duneland Bridge Club

Marcia and Jim Carson 0.80  
Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.56  
Sally and Rich Will 0.40  
Tom and Lori Rea 0.18

Wednesday's Results

Mar 14 Community Bridge Club

Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 2.33  
Don Cohen and Joe Chin 1.75  
Barbara Walczak and Hilda Connor 1.64  
Lou Nimmicht and Steve Watson 1.31  
Helen Miller and Trudi McKamey 1.08  
Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 1.08  
Mike Brissette and Anna Urosevich 1.00  
Dee Marshall and Terry Bauer 0.75  
Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 0.69

Valparaiso Bridge Club

Chuck Tomes and Don Geidemann 0.70  
Tom Rea and Dee VanBebber 0.49  
Fred Green and Terry Brendel 0.35

The top scorers in the first half of March are —

- Barbara Graegin — 12.91
- Zafar Khan — 11.04
- Jim O'Connell — 10.18
- Joe Chin — 6.65
- Steve Watson — 6.06
- Barbara Walczak — 5.95
- Al Simmons — 5.91
- Lou Nimmicht — 5.90
- Pat Mikuta — 5.56
- Carolyn Potasnik — 5.16
- Trudi McKamey — 4.41
- Terry Bauer — 4.35
- Dan Spain — 4.32
- Roger Sokol — 4.23
- Helen Miller — 3.80
- Chuck Tomes — 3.72





# WELCOME LEATRICE!

Effervescent Leatrice Smith comes to us from Chicago as a guest of Martha Harris. Leatrice considers herself an eternal novice in bridge.

It was many many years ago when she first started to play. She was 20 years old and already teaching school. She came home after 12:00 one evening, and her dad was angry because of her coming home at that late hour. She had her own car and moved out. It was after that when she decided to take bridge lessons from Mr. Davis, a well known teacher, 60 years ago.

Leatrice taught at four different junior colleges in Chicago in the math department, getting reassigned after taking maternal leaves. She worked in a data processing department in the '60s. She has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



## BRIDGE

March 17 Results

### Community Bridge Club

North-South

Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 2.77  
Dee Marshall and Jane Krueger 1.56  
Carolyn Owens and Delphine Slater 0.88  
Pat Mikuta and Mary Kocovar 0.32

East-West

Anna Urlick and Rick Warburton 2.08  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 1.17  
John and Marilyn Ginzle 0.45  
Jim Angell and Barbara Walczak 0.32

Monday's Results

### Calumet Bridge Club

Mar 19 North-South

Yuan Hsu and Pat Mikuta 1.20  
Bob Porter and Trudi McKamey 0.84  
Carol Osgerby and Lou Gaspario 0.60  
Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 0.42  
Jim Lively and Jane Krueger 0.40  
Hilda Connor and Helen Miller 0.25  
Joan Adams and Juwana Walton 0.24  
Arlene and Alan Filler 0.24

East-West

Dave Bigler and Joe Chin 1.20  
Larry Dunford and Stacy Jacobs 0.84  
Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 0.60  
Barbara Walczak and Wayne Hiser 0.50  
Anna Urlick and Bill Kilbride 0.36  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.25  
Bob and Joan Butz 0.24

Tuesday's Results

Mar 20

### Beach Bridge Club

Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch 1.79  
Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 1.79  
Barbara Walczak and Yuan Hsu 1.15  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 0.52

### Duneland Bridge Club

Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 2.33  
Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane 1.75  
Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 1.31  
Marcia and Jim Carson 0.98  
Sally and Rich Will 0.61  
Tom and Lori Rea 0.61

Wednesday's Results

Mar 21

### Community Bridge Club

Barbara Walczak, Ed d'Ouille, Delphine Slater and Zafar Khan 2.80  
Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Nicksch, Yuan Hsu and Dick Brew 2.10

Steve Watson, Lou Nimnicht, Dan Spain and Norm Szczyk 1.58  
Barbara Graegin, Jim O'Connell, Bruce Sokol and Roger Sokol 1.18

Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosevich, Shirley Koch and Jan Merrick 1.04  
Al Simmons, Ruth Westberg, Dan Taylor and Stacy Jacobs 0.89

Terry Bauer, Dee Marshall, and Rich and Sally Will 0.93  
Hilda Connor, Marilyn Ginzle, Carolyn Potasnik and Norma Vierk 0.70

George Roeper, Indra Gupta, Lynne Kostopoulos and John Miller 0.68  
Anna Urlick, Charlotte Abernethy, Esther Walenga and Susan Stromberg 0.46

Bob Porter, Wayne Hiser, Bill Hahn and Bob Ferguson 0.23  
Dave Bigler, Mike Brissette, Martha Harris and Alta Allen 0.23

Barbara Stroud, Mary Kocovar, Carol Miller and Daryl Fraley 0.23

### Valparaiso Bridge Club

Dee VanBebber and Chuck Tomes 1.00  
Helen Thirus and Donna Penn 0.70  
Janet and Knoefel Jones 0.50  
Don and Alice Giedemann 0.35



## Fort Wayne Sectional

May 18, 19, & 20, 2018

### Fort Wayne Bridge Center

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Bridge Rate/\$115 until 4/19/18  
Double Queen Rooms

#### Friday & Saturday

Stratified Open Pair/Team Games  
Single Sessions  
10:00 AM 3:00 PM  
\*\*\*Limited (299ers) Pairs  
Single Sessions  
10:00 AM 3:00 PM

#### Sunday Swiss Teams

10:00 AM

The Fort Wayne Sectional is coming up next month — a sectional in our very own unit. Many of their players support our sectional — it's only fair that we reciprocate. Do plan to attend. It'll be a fun experience — coordinated by two outstanding planners who know how to run the show.



Unit 154 — our beloved Northern Indiana Unit — is now a member of District 12. On March 8, 2018 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to approve our request for transfer from D8 to D12.

On behalf of the Unit Board of Directors each and every one of you who signed the petition for transfer are

thanked — all 480 of you! You comprised 85% of all the unit members who played at a unit club two or more times in the past two years. You spoke with gusto and passion and the ACBL heard you.

Now that the unit is part of D12, let's demonstrate our bridge passion and participate fully in the D12 Grand National Team qualifying on May 11-12 in metro Detroit.

*excerpted from a report by Gary Chaney, unit president*

#### Top weekly scorers —

- Barbara Walczak — 4.77
- Terry Bauer — 4.68
- Yuan Hsu — 4.45
- Dave Bigler — 4.20
- Wayne Carpenter — 3.89
- Laverne Nicksch — 3.89
- Lou Nimnicht — 3.79
- Delphine Slater — 3.68
- Mike Brissette — 3.52
- Zafar Khan — 3.40
- Dan Spain — 3.37
- Anna Urlick — 2.90
- Ed d'Ouille — 2.80
- Dee VanBebber — 2.75

Congratulations!

# 70.83%

Bill Wendt and Judy Selund rate a big HURRAH! for their result at last week's Monday game in Michigan City.

Judy comments — At the end of the game Bill said, "I think we have a 70% game." He said we got 8 tops and 3 bottoms. Well, we finished with 9 tops and 1 bottom and 2 ties for top. I played better defense than usual, and Bill played great — as always! He is a congenial partner to play with.

Bill adds — Stranger than having a big game is the fact that Judy and I have never partnered together. I told her after our game and before I knew the score to find a digital picture of herself for the bridge newsletter. I knew we had to have a big game.



**COMMUNITY SPORTS**

**Bridge**

**March 24 Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Joe Chin and Tom Hallum 2.63  
Carolyn Potasnik and Trudi McKamey 1.97  
Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 1.48  
Dave Bigler and Yuan Hsu 1.27  
Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.11  
Mary Kocevar and Jane Krueger 1.07  
Conrad Staudacher and Judy Selund 0.80  
Marilyn and John Ginzle 0.60  
Al Simmons and Ruth Westberg 0.30

**Mar 26 Monday's Results**

**Calumet Bridge Club**  
**North-South**

Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 1.20  
Helen Miller and Jim Angell 0.84  
Dan Spain and Zafar Khan 0.64  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.45  
Larry Dunford and Anna Urlick 0.32  
George Roeper and Carol Osgerby 0.24

**East-West**

John Goring and Bob Butz 1.20

Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 0.84  
Joe Chin and Al Simmons 0.60  
Indra Gupta and Yuan Hsu 0.42  
Alan and Arlyne Filler 0.28  
Barbara Graegin and Bob Ferguson 0.24

**Mar 27 Tuesday's Results**

**Beach Bridge Club**

George Roeper and Joe Chin 0.90  
Norm Szweczyk and Barbara Walczak 0.54  
Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 0.54  
Barbara Stroud and Janice Custer 0.40  
Zafar Khan and Yuan Hsu 0.28

**Duneland Bridge Club**

Jim and Marcia Carson 1.00  
Rich and Sally Will 0.70  
Tom Rea and Chuck Tomes 0.50  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.35  
Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.21

**Mar 28 Wednesday's Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Dave Bigler and Alan Yngve 2.19  
Zafar Khan and Bob Ferguson 1.64  
Barbara Walczak and Ed d'Ouille 1.23  
Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 0.92  
Bob Porter and Carolyn Potasnik 0.82

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
**North-South**

Ric Friedman and Anna Robbins 0.70  
Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.49  
Dee VanBebber and Dolores Browne 0.35  
Naomi Goodman and Lila Cohen 0.24

**East-West**

Ed Hollander and Terry Brendel 0.70  
Anne Gott and Beth Rader 0.49  
Bobbie Dakich and Judy Black 0.35

**March 31 Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Al Simmons and Zafar Khan 2.63  
Dave Bigler and Indra Gupta 1.97  
Barbara Walczak and Ed d'Ouille 1.30  
Yuan Hsu and Carolyn Potasnik 1.30  
Daryl Fraley and Alta Allen 1.04  
Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 0.83  
Mary Kocevar and Carol Miller 0.78  
Joe Chin and John Teshima 0.30

**Apr 3 Tuesday's Results**

**Beach Bridge Club**

Bob Ferguson and Zafar Khan 1.79  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 1.79  
Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 1.15

**Duneland Bridge Club**

Janice Custer and Alan Yngve 0.80  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.56  
Barbara Stroud and Carol Miller 0.40  
Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane 0.28  
Joel Charpentier and Terry Bauer 0.28  
Tom and Lori Rea 0.17  
Barbara Mort and Kris Prohl 0.17

**Apr 4 Wednesday's Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 2.33  
Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.75  
Yuan Hsu and Carolyn Potasnik 1.48  
Dan Spain and Marilyn Rosen 1.11  
Bob Porter and Pat Mikuta 1.08  
Delphine Slater and Carolyn Owens 0.81  
Conrad Staudacher and Mike Brissette 0.62  
Jim Angell and Trudi McKamey 0.32

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**

Ed Hollander and Terry Brendel 1.20  
Ric Friedman and Anna Robbins 0.84  
Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.60  
Lori and Tom Rea 0.42  
Carol Miller and Dee VanBebber 0.24



Gary Chaney, Unit 154 president, and Kim Grant, Fort Wayne Sectional Chairman, visited us on Monday and Tuesday in three games.

Did you notice some of our bridge friends listed in the current *Bridge Bulletin* on pages 18 - 25? They are —

**Ace of Clubs Race (2017)**

0 - 5 mp  
#22 Richard Brewes — 48  
500 - 1000 mp  
#1 John Miller — 287  
#12 Yuan Hsu — 219  
1000 - 1500 mp  
#23 Wayne Carpenter — 200  
5000 - 7500 mp  
#4 Ruth Westberg — 368

**Mini-McKenney Race (2017)**

500 - 1000 mp  
#11 John Miller — 409

How exciting to have these celebrities from our area to be recognized for their performance in the top 25 at the ACBL level.

We congratulate you!

Top scorers — Dave Bigler - 7.76; Zafar Khan - 6.98; Carolyn Potasnik - 5.57; Barbara Graegin - 4.85; Yuan Hsu - 4.75; Trudi McKamey - 4.08; Lou Nimnicht - 4.05; Joe Chin - 3.83; Jim O'Connell - 3.78; Bob Porter - 3.69; and Bob Ferguson - 3.67



Players who scored points in the Lake Geneva Regional last week were —

John Goring — 18.92  
Steve Watson — 17.50  
Lou Nimnicht — 17.50  
John Miller — 13.01  
Jan Summers — 8.94  
Mary Kocevar — 2.90  
Daryl Fraley — 1.63  
Carol Miller — 1.27



*In Memoriam*

Mike Howards passed away. Memorial service is Thursday — 5:00-7:30 at the Church of Christ in Matteson—Crawford and 206th Street. There will be a Jewish graveside service on Thursday at 11:00 at the Skyline Memorial in Monee — 24800 S. Governors Highway.



Gary Chaney, Unit 154 President, and Kim Grant, immediate past president, presented awards for those who placed first in their category in the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races in Unit 154 for 2017. Certificates were given to the Ace of Clubs winners, and medals were given to the Mini-McKenney winners. Recipients were — Lou Nimnicht (MM), Terry Bauer (MM & AofC), Joe Chin (MM & AofC), Yuan Hsu (MM & AofC) and Wayne Carpenter (AofC). (Others were not available for picture taking — Marcy Tomes, Chuck Tomes and Don Valiska.)



Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch had yet another highly successful game in Michigan City on Monday, April 9.

Laverne comments — Wayne and I had a good game on Monday. The cards favored our side, and we played 19 of the 28 boards — bid and made 8 games and set our opponents 6 times. We got a few gifts and gave a few gifts. It was a good bridge day.

Wayne adds — Monday was a very good bridge day. Laverne and I didn't make any slam bids, but we did make about eight game bids that a lot of pairs also bid and made, but on a few of those we got the all-important extra trick. The thing I enjoyed the most was our communication on both offense and defense. We just knew what each other meant on bids and defensive signals. Most of our high scores came on defense.

Next week — April 15 - 21 is National Volunteer Week. Through volunteerism, we find our purpose and create meaningful change. If you contribute your services voluntarily some time next week, or have done some recent volunteer work, let us know what you've done.



Ruth Westberg and Norm Szewczyk were the distinguished players at the Monday evening game at the South Suburban Bridge Center on April 9.

Ruth says — Norm and I partnered well together. We seem to understand each other's signals in our defense. He is a reliable partner and is dependable in the play of the hand. It's always a thrill to reach this level.

Norm's thoughts — Ruth is always a pleasure to play with. Her experience proves itself at the table all the time in competitive auctions. She excels in declarer play, as well as in defense. Ruth is a very congenial person, and she treats her partners with dignity.

They had 8 top boards and 3 ties for top out of 24 boards. What a great outcome!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

In  
Memoriam  
**MIKE HOWARDS**



76 years of age

Mike Howards passed away on April 8, 2018.

Tom Hallum considered Mike a very good friend. Here are his reminiscences — Mike was married for over 30 years to Lisa. He was a high school teacher for many years — teaching French and German in the south suburbs of Chicago. He was a very excellent bridge player. He was exceedingly intelligent with an absolutely wonderful dry sense of humor.

Lynne Kostopoulos remembers Mike fondly — Although I first met Mike when I started playing bridge about 10 years ago, it wasn't until the past couple of years, after he was diagnosed with cancer, that I felt I really got to know him well. As a director, Mike was extremely conscientious about doing the best job possible. He persisted in getting everything right with our computer system. He was one of the first ones to jump on board learning the bridgemates. We take these things for granted now, and it may not seem like a big deal for some, but for those who didn't grow up with computers, it was definitely a challenge at first.

However, the thing that I will absolutely hands-down miss most about Mike, which some people might not realize, is that he was hysterically funny. He had one of the driest sense of humor that I have yet to experience. You really had to be listening, because he would sometimes be talking to himself and it would be very easy to miss it. But if you happened to be sitting next to him or near him and you caught one of his zingers, they were priceless. Oftentimes they were even directed at himself. I can still see him sitting at the bridge table, cards in hand, totally stumped on what move to make next — and all of a sudden he mumbles — totally deadpan — "Oh, wait! I know what to do — I'm a professional!!!" Okay — so maybe you had to be there, but trust me — it was funny. I'm so grateful that I got to spend time with him this past year. Mike — you will be missed.

# A BIZARRE HAND

Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson encountered this extraordinary hand in an auction at the Lake Geneva Regional. Lou said that it was the most unusual hand he had ever seen.

**Steve**

- ♠ x x x
- ♥ J 10
- ♦
- ♣ K Q 10 x x x x x

**West**

- ♠ 9 x
- ♥ A K x x x
- ♦ K J x x
- ♣ x x

**East**

- ♠ A K Q J x
- ♥ x x
- ♦ A Q x
- ♣ A J x

**Lou**

- ♠ 10 x x
- ♥ Q x x x
- ♦ 9 8 7 x x x
- ♣

|       |      |       |      |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
|       | 1 ♠  | Pass  | 2 ♥  |
| 3 ♣   | 3 ♦  | Pass  | 4 ♠  |
| Pass  | 6 ♠  | Pass  | Pass |
| Pass  |      |       |      |



## BRIDGE SCORES

**SPORTS RESULTS**

**Bridge**

**April 2 Results**

**Calumet Bridge Club North-South**

Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs 3.06  
Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 2.30  
Arlhne and Alan Filler 0.96  
Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 0.77  
Helen Miller and Barbara Walczak 0.72  
Carol Miller and Barbara Stroud 0.72

**East-West**

Bob and Joan Butz 1.72  
Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 1.71  
Gale Osgerby and George Roeper 1.28  
Barbara Graegin and Bob Ferguson 0.73  
Patrice and Fred Princehorn 0.54

**April 7 Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 2.63  
Barbara Graegin and Lou Nimnicht 1.97  
Joe Chin and Indra Gupta 1.48  
Carolyn Potasnik and Pat Mikuta 1.39  
Yuan Hsu and Trudi McKamey 1.39  
Joel Charpentier and Dottie Hart 1.12  
Janice Custer and Barbara Stroud 0.89  
Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.84  
Hilda Connor and Jane Krueger 0.63  
Barbara Walczak and Jim Angell 0.30

**Monday's Results**

**Apr 9 Calumet Bridge Club North-South**

CONGRATULATIONS

Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 2.30  
Mary Schultz and Yuan Hsu 1.55  
Anne Murphy and Helen Miller 1.55  
Sandy Yeiser and Marilyn Ginzle 0.95  
Joe Chin and Steve Watson 0.73  
Larry Dunford and Indra Gupta 0.45  
Joan Adams and Juwanna Walton 0.36

**East-West**

Joan and Bob Butz 3.06  
Roger Sokol and Barbara Graegin 1.72  
Charlotte Abernethy and Anna Urlick 1.00  
Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 0.75  
Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 0.71  
Barbara Walczak and Wayne Hiser 0.56

**Apr 10 Tuesday's Results**

**Beach Bridge Club**

Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 2.19  
Bill Hahn and Wayne Hiser 1.64  
Alan Yngve and Trudi McKamey 1.23  
Kim Grant and Gary Chaney 0.92

**Duneland Bridge Club**

Gary Chaney and Kim Grant 0.80  
Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.56  
Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.40  
Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 0.28

**Apr 11 Wednesday's Results**

**Community Bridge Club**

Yuan Hsu and Joe Chin 2.33  
Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 1.75  
Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.31  
Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 1.23  
Anna Urlick and Daryl Fraley 0.92  
Helen Miller and Trudi McKamey 0.69  
Mary Kocevar and Sandy Yeiser 0.50

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**

Don Giedeman and Chuck Tomes 1.00  
Terry Brendel and Fred Green 0.70  
Ric Friedman and Anna Robbins 0.50  
Dee VanBebber and Dolores Browne 0.35  
Kathie Fritz and Mary Ann Filipiak 0.34

Top scorers for the week —

Lou Nimnicht — 7.23  
Barbara Graegin — 5.73  
Yuan Hsu — 5.27  
Trudi McKamey — 5.02  
Mike Brissette — 4.86  
Joan Butz — 4.78  
Bob Butz — 4.78  
Steve Watson — 3.69  
Bob Porter — 3.46  
Pat Mikuta — 3.14  
Ruth Westberg — 3.06  
Stacy Jacobs — 3.06

**CHARITY ACBL-WIDE GAME**

The spirit of giving is always in season. This game supports the ACBL Charity Foundation.

**DATE** — April 25  
**WHEN** — Wednesday 11:00  
**WHERE** — Community Bridge Club  
**MASTERPOINTS** — 81.8% sectional-rated black  
**OVERALL WINNERS** - 10 places  
**DISTRICT WINNERS** - 5 places  
Hand records and analyses provided electronically.  
Winners listed in *Bridge Bulletin*

Lou led the 9D, Steve ruffed. KC, AC, ruff—and N/S were able to use all of their trumps for down 5. Note that Lou's 10S was bigger than dummy's 9 for the last ruff. East/West were cold for 6NT.

# WELCOME



Alan Yngve invited three of his bridge-playing friends from West Lafayette to join us in our game. All are really grateful to Alan for inviting them here and also for his playing in their small game in West Lafayette.

Tom Busch learned to play bridge 60 years ago when his parents taught him. He has now almost 300 masterpoints. He is a retired judge. He has 3 children. He plays on Bridge Base. Join him online at srjudgetom.

Larry Brown's mother taught him to play bridge in the 1950s. He has played off and on ever since. He has 336 masterpoints. He was a Math professor at Purdue. He has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He is only a test away from becoming a bridge director.

Roxanne Drnevich learned bridge when in college. She has 208 masterpoints (has all her red and gold, though). She has 4 children and 7 grandchildren. She helps the international students do their taxes. She was a chemist in Michigan.

## TEAM GAME



A winners



B  
Winners  
(tie)

W  
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D  
N  
E  
S  
D  
A  
Y  
  
1  
8



B Winners (tie)



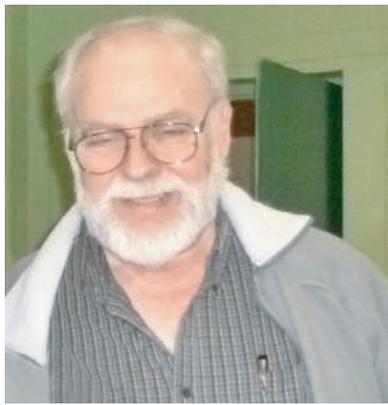
C Winners

The most exciting news in this team game is that the top team achieved a score of 72.00. The top possible score in each round is 20 IMPs. If 80.00 is the best that can be done, then the 72 VPs can be considered a **90%** score. Amazing!

Eleven of the teams earned points. Those scoring overall —  
 Tom Hallum, Jim O'Connell, Barbara Graegin, Joe Chin — 2.57  
 Jim Angell, Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch — 1.93  
 Ruth Westberg, Al Simmons, Zafar Khan, Stacy Jacobs — 1.45

Alan Filler, Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey and Arlyne Filler — 1.29  
 Dave Bigler, John Weber, Mike Brissette, Betty Steffek — 1.29  
 Lou Nimnicht, Steve Watson, Norm Szewczyk, Dan Spain — 1.08  
 Bill Hahn, Terry Bauer, Bob Ferguson and Bob Porter — 0.96  
 Hilda Connor, Carolyn Potasnik, Marilyn Ginzel, Norma Vierk — 0.63  
 Tom Busch, Larry Brown, Roxanne Drnevich, Alan Yngve — 0.63

★ Congratulations! ★



George Goewey was two hours late in submitting a remembrance of Mike Howards in last week's newsletter. However, his reminisces are just as important, even though a little late. Mike was a fierce competitor, but tended to be a bit rigid in his bridge. Playing with me often took him out of his comfort zone, which wasn't all bad. One of the most memorable times playing bridge with Mike was at a Sunday swiss at the Rockford regional. Our teammates were Brian Beecher and Diane Beyer. Mike and I had a complicated auction and arrived at a cold 6C contract (at the other table the opposing team bid 3NT.) We placed in the event, and our team had a celebratory drink at the Tilted Kilt. Mike enjoyed a good IPA, and we enjoyed a drink or two at the One Trick Pony after some of our bridge games at SSBC. Mike and I occasionally conversed in French. He will be sorely missed in our bridge community — and I do miss my good friend.

# 76.50%



This article appeared in *The Times Sunday*, April 22. You can also view it online by going to [nwi.com](http://nwi.com). On the home page click on the magnifying glass option in the black top bar and write in "bridge results".



Joe Chin and John Miller achieved this extraordinarily high percentage at a game on Friday afternoon at South Suburban Bridge Center. They have earned themselves a mention in the *Bridge Bulletin*.

Joe writes — This was quite an accomplishment for a relatively new once-a-month partnership. John is a soft-spoken serious player with far-reaching bridge goals. He seeks improvement through reading and listening and observing more experienced players. I am impressed with all three aspects of his skills — bidding, declarer play and defense. After all, John was THE top winner of the Ace of Clubs in his category for the entire ACBL for 2017.

John adds — Joe is a great guy and, obviously, an expert player. Joe is always positive and constructive whether the game goes well or not. Our game Friday was a lucky day in which almost every hand went well. We did not get into any bad contracts and avoided any zero boards.

I admire the way Joe plays a hand — he is watching the opponents' discards, counting all the suits, figuring out ways to make more tricks than others. I wish I could do that — but I'm not sure if I can. Most players just are not Joe — including myself. I look forward to playing more games with Joe.

*Congratulations!*



PROVIDED

Pictured are the top five duplicate bridge players for the month of March who play in the Northwest Indiana clubs. Front row: Lou Ninmicht, Crown Point. Second row, from left: Zafar Khan, Crown Point; Barbara Graegin, Dyer; Barbara Walczak, Munster; and Jim O'Connell, Valparaiso.

**TIMES STAFF**

**Bridge results for March**

This listing ranks the top 50 players from among those who play in the Lake and Porter counties clubs in Valparaiso, Calumet Township, Highland, Portage and Chesterton.

Zafar Khan, Barbara Graegin, Louis Nimnicht, James O'Connell, Barbara Walczak, Joseph Chin, Yuan Hsu, Dave Bigler, Steven Watson, Alfred Simmons, Daniel Spain, Carolyn Potasnik, Terry Bauer, Patricia Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, Alan

Yngve, Anna Urick, Roger Sokol, Edmond d'Ouville, Robert Porter, Michael Brissette, George Roepel, Mary Kocevar, Wayne Carpenter, Indra Gupta, Charles Tomes, Dolores VanBebber, Laverne Niksch, Delphine Slater, Anna Urosevich, Jane Krueger, Sally Will, Richard Will, Dolores Marshall, William Birk, Ruth Westberg, Norman Szewczyk, Hilda Conner, Dorothy Hart, Marilyn Ginzler, James Carson, Marcia Carson, Robert Ferguson, Tom Hallum, Elnora Washington, Helen Miller, Carol Osgerby, Stacy Jacobs, Terry Brendel and James Lane



The Annual Spring Fling at SSBC will be held on Sunday, April 29. The pairs game, which will be a STaC game, will begin at 12:30. The team game will be at 5:00 following the buffet dinner at Bennys. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Do sign up posthaste, if you haven't already. Don't miss out of the fun and the points.



Judy Selund sent in this picture. She wrote — I wore my necklace one day and both Lori Law and Mary Kay Kellstrom said they had one, too. We all wore these last week at bridge, as we modeled our squash blossom necklaces at the Michigan City game. These are expensive necklaces — mine is worth about \$2500, and theirs are about \$6000 or more because of a lot more turquoise than mine.

The crescent pendant is called the “Naja” by the Navajos. This form goes back as far as the Paleolithic age. It’s mentioned in the book of Judges as an ornament worn around the camel’s neck. The “Naja” was put on the Navajo’s horse bridle. The flower represents the Spanish-Mexican pomegranate.

I know that this has nothing to do with bridge, but we thought it was interesting.

### The Travels of Mary Schumm from Indiana to the Mundelein Duplicate Bridge Club —

as written by Joe Chin (Junior) to Joe Connelly (Senior):

Twin Senior:

Previous Monday (the 23rd) —

Mary and her daughter paid a visit to the Mundelein Duplicate Bridge Club and was immediately greeted By Joe Connelly, the Owner, Director and Chief Bottle Washer.

Mary met the players at the Club and was presented an official Mundelein Duplicate Bridge Club badge! Her daughter had picked her up from Green Oaks, where Mary lives.

Just visiting!

Next Monday she is scheduled to play bridge with Ted, another Silver Life Master, in a Charity Championship Team event. They will be joined by Susie and Larry, who just returned from Florida.

Looks like a Board-a-Match game with 7 tables. Which means 6 rounds 4 boards per round and Hand Records!!!

Is this team coming in 1st Place? Time will tell!

So far this year a different team has come in 1st Place every month!

Joe Connelly

Twin Senior:

Past Monday (the 30th) —

After 4 rounds, our team was first by 0.5 matchpoints!



Exciting news from the Spring Fling at South Suburban Bridge Club — The top players were — Brian Beecher and George Goewey — 4.71 mp Norm Szewczyk and Georgia Satriano — 4.25 mp Rosemary McCarthy and John Miller — 3.93 mp Top B players were Alan Yngve and Mike Brissette — 3.14 mp (including extra points for tops in district 13 in STaC — 7.64 mp) Top C players — Carolyn Potasnik and Mary Kocevar — 1.87 mp The total points from both the pairs game and team game were 93.74. However, when extra STaC points were added in, there was a grand total of **111.32** masterpoints earned that day by the 32 tables!!!



► and Mary’s team was second!

We won — please notice how close the results are!!!

5 rounds — 5 boards each!

Let everyone know that she is doing fine — playing bridge in Mundelein on Mondays!

Twin Junior

# RUBY LIFE MASTER



Congratulations to Lynne Kostopoulos — a new Ruby Life Master — after having amassed a total of 1500 masterpoints.

Rubies are one of the most precious stones in the world — and to us, Lynne is one of the most precious players in our bridge world. Ivan the Terrible of Russia stated that rubies were good for the heart, brain and memory. Isn't that true of Lynne? Her brain and memory are truly working to capacity in remembering and constantly learning new techniques as she hones her skills. And her generosity of spirit and her understanding of the makeup of all of her friends endears her to our hearts and vice versa.

The uplifting and vital nature of the ruby is an encouragement to live fully and embrace the joy of life that is missing in many people's lives — and Lynne lives her life to the utmost.

Like no other gemstone in the world, the ruby is the perfect symbol for powerful feelings — and Lynne is the current president of the board of directors for SSBC.

Like the ruby, which retains its beauty for many years to come, Lynne has retained her remarkable youthful brightness, vibrance and glowing fluorescence to belie her years.



And those ruby slippers have brought her back home to Indiana.



The top 21 scorers of the District 13 STaC week from April 23 - 29 were —

- |                            |                         |                           |                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Mary Schultz - 11.65       | Mike Brissette - 6.94   | Georgia Satriano - 3.71   | Don Valiska - 3.32   |
| George Goewey - 9.49       | John Miller - 6.21      | Joe Chin - 3.40           | M. Hedegard - 2.98   |
| Sally & Al Levering - 8.34 | Bill Kilbride - 4.50    | Stacy Jacobs - 3.39       | Betty Steffek - 2.95 |
| Ruth Westberg - 8.23       | Claire Murvihill - 4.05 | Creighton Rawlings - 3.38 | Larry Dunford - 2.76 |
| Alan Yngve - 6.94          | Brian Beecher - 3.90    | Norm Szewczyk - 3.32      | Anna Urick - 2.76    |



## COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS

**Bridge**  
**April 14 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 Jim Angell and Carolyn Potasnik 1.56  
 Hilda Connor and Helen Miller 1.31  
 Joe Chin and Joe Connelly 1.17  
 Shirley Koch and Mary Kocivar 1.12  
 Judy Selund and Alan Yngve 0.84  
 Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 0.55

**East-West**  
 Barbara Walczak and Yuan Hsu 2.77  
 Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 2.08  
 Daryl Fraley and Anna Urick 0.98  
 Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 0.63  
 Al Simmons and Ruth Westberg 0.45

**Monday's Results**  
**Calumet Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
**Apr 16**  
 Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 2.77  
 Hilda Connor and Helen Miller 1.61  
 Zafar Khan and Al Simmons 1.56  
 Sandy Yeiser and Jim Lively 0.95

**East-West**  
 Bob and Joan Butz 2.08  
 Connie Stevens and Jerry Palm 1.21  
 Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 0.71  
 Joe Chin and George Roeper 0.70

**Apr 17 Tuesday's Results**  
**Beach Bridge Club**  
 Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 2.19  
 Yuan Hsu and Barbara Walczak 1.64  
 Rob Ferguson and Anne Murphy 1.23  
 Barbara Stroud and Trudi McKamey 0.92  
 Bob Porter and Zafar Khan 0.78

**Duneland Bridge Club**  
 Knoefel and Janet Jones 0.70  
 Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane 0.49  
 Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.30  
 Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 0.30  
 Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 0.20

**Wednesday's Results**  
**Apr 18 Community Bridge Club**  
 Joe Chin, Jim O'Connell, Barbara Graegin and Tom Hallum 2.57  
 Jim Angell, Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Nicksch 1.93  
 Ruth Westberg, Al Simmons, Zafar Khan and Stacy Jacobs 1.45  
 Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, and Alan and Arlyne Filler 1.29  
 Dave Bigler, Mike Brissette, John Weber and Betty Steffek 1.29  
 Lou Nimnicht, Steve Watson, Norm Szewczyk and Dan Spain 1.08  
 Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Bill Hahn and Terry Bauer 0.96  
 Hilda Connor, Carolyn Potasnik, Marilyn Ginzel and Norma Vierk 0.63  
 Tom Busch, Larry Brown, Roxanne Dnevich and Alan Yngve 0.63  
 Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosevich, Shirley Koch and Esther Walenga 0.24  
 Barbara Stroud, Anne Murphy, Helen Miller and Janice Custer 0.12

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
 Fred Green and Joel Carpenter 1.10  
 Bill Wendt and John Teshima 0.77  
 Vikki Voller and Naomi Goodman 0.55  
 Kathie Fritz and Daryl Penfold 0.39  
 Janet and Knoefel Jones 0.25

**Bridge**  
**April 21 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
 Jim O'Connell and Joe Chin 2.63  
 Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 1.97  
 Al Simmons and John Teshima 1.48  
 Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 1.31  
 Judy Selund and Juwanna Walton 1.12  
 Indra Gupta and George Roeper 0.98  
 Jenny Alsobrooks and Dee Marshall 0.84  
 Barbara Walczak and Mike Devine 0.74  
 Delphine Slater and Elnora Washington 0.63  
 Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 0.30  
 Trudi McKamey and Yuan Hsu 0.24

**April 23 Results**  
**Calumet Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 George Roeper and Mike Devine 2.51  
 Helen Miller and Jim Angell 1.35  
 Joe Chin and Al Simmons 1.18  
 Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 1.02  
 Carol Miller and Barbara Lawson 0.77  
 Marilyn Rosen and Bee Sendak 0.57

**East-West**  
 Barbara Graegin and Bob Ferguson 3.35  
 John Goring and Bob Butz 1.88  
 Yuan Hsu and Delphine Slater 1.80  
 Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 1.06  
 Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 0.76  
 Zafar Khan and Dan Spain 0.45  
 Daryl Fraley and Barbara Stroud 0.44  
 Connie Stevens and Jerry Palm 0.32

**April 24 Results**  
**Beach Bridge Club**  
 Barbara Walczak and Norm Szewczyk 2.19  
 Chuck Briggs and Laverne Nicksch 1.64  
 Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 1.08  
 Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 1.08  
 Bob Porter and Trudi McKamey 0.75

**Duneland Bridge Club**  
 Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 1.00  
 Rich and Sally Will 0.60  
 Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.60  
 Alan Yngve and Joel Charpentier 0.35  
 Knoefel and Janet Jones 0.18

**April 25 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
 Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 3.19  
 Laverne Nicksch and Yuan Hsu 2.39  
 Wayne Carpenter and Dave Bigler 1.79  
 Alan Yngve and Conrad Staudacher 1.51  
 Zafar Khan and George Roeper 1.35  
 James Edmonds and Ed d'Ouville 1.13  
 Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 0.89  
 Pat Mikuta and Daryl Fraley 0.85

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 Sylvia and Tom Luekens 1.40  
 Ric Friedman and Anna Robbins 1.05  
 Anne Gott and Beth Rader 0.78

**East-West**  
 Fred Green and Terry Brendel 2.48  
 Ed Hollander and Joe Mihalov 1.86  
 Judy Black and Bobbie Dakich 0.35

**April 26 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
 Alan Yngve and Conrad Staudacher 2.33  
 Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 1.75  
 Donna Penn and Helen Thiros 1.31  
 Anna Urick and Mary Kocevar 0.98

**Monday's Results**  
**Apr 30 Calumet Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 Ruth Westberg and Barbara Graegin 2.41  
 John Goring and Larry Rabideau 1.81  
 Arlyne Filler and Jackie Chavez 1.02  
 Connie Stevens and Jerry Palm 1.01  
 Bee Sendak and Marilyn Rosen 0.77  
 George Roeper and Charlotte Abernethy 0.45  
 Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 0.32

**East-West**  
 Joe Chin and Tom Hallum 3.21  
 Larry Dunford and Indra Gupta 1.80  
 Trudi McKamey and Bill Kilbride 1.35  
 Jim Angell and Yuan Hsu 0.57  
 Celia-Ann Toll and Helen Thiros 0.57  
 Zafar Khan and Al Simmons 0.56  
 Lou Nimnicht and Diane Martin 0.32

Top players for these 2½ weeks —

|                        |
|------------------------|
| Lou Nimnicht — 14.07   |
| Joe Chin — 11.46       |
| Yuan Hsu — 11.34       |
| Barbara Graegin — 9.52 |
| Steve Watson — 9.18    |
| Alan Yngve — 9.01      |
| Barbara Walczak — 7.34 |
| Dave Bigler — 6.69     |
| Al Simmons — 6.68      |
| Zafar Khan — 6.15      |
| Jim O'Connell — 6.09   |

**Congratulations**

**PLEASE DO NOTICE**  
**JOE CHIN'S AND**  
**GEORGE ROEPER'S**  
**NAME IN THE BRIDGE**  
**BULLETIN ON P. 36!**



# ACE OF CLUBS

These are the Ace of Clubs points as of the end of the first four months of 2018. They are the points collected at only the club games (excluding the STaC points.) There are 45 players who placed in the top ten in Unit 154, with four categories having at least half of the top ten from our clubs. There are 32 of our players who are in the top 25 of all of District 12. The unit standing is to the left of the names and the district standing is to the right of the names. Also, there are 7 of our players who have placed in the top 100 in all of ACBL. (See below.) Whoopee! Barbara Graegin is at the top of all masterpoints listed!

## 5 - 20 mp

- 3. Joel Charpentier — 7.95 #5
- 6. Frederick Green — 5.87 #20
- 9. Jim Lane — 5.09

## 20 - 50 mp

- 6. Rick Warburton — 8.25 #12

## 50 - 100 mp

- 2. Creighton Rawlings — 14.87 #5
- 7. Dottie Hart — 8.67
- 8. Tom Rea — 8.49
- 10. Sally Will — 7.71

## 100 - 200 mp

- 1. Terry Bauer — 29.09 #2
- 4. Delphine Slater — 11.70
- 5. Marcy Tomes — 11.47
- 8. Jane Krueger — 9.45

## 200 - 300 mp

- 1. Larry Dunford — 47.12 #1
- 5. Chuck Tomes — 18.06 #15

- 6. Judy Selund — 12.84
- 8. Dee Marshall — 11.32
- 9. Wayne Hiser — 10.88

## 300 - 500 mp

- 1. Daryl Fraley — 22.26 #11
- 5. Bob Ferguson — 18.54
- 6. Marilyn Ginzler — 16.99
- 9. Mary Kocevar — 14.39

## 500 - 1000 mp

- 1. Zafar Khan — 49.44 #1
- 3. Alan Yngve — 38.85 #4
- 4. Shirley Koch — 31.95 #8
- 5. Charlotte Abernethy — 30.76 #9
- 6. Mike Brissette — 29.73 #12
- 10. Bob Porter — 25.39 #18

## 1000 - 1500 mp

- 1. Yuan Hsu — 57.47 #1
- 2. Anna Urick — 51.08 #2
- 3. Laverne Niksch — 49.82 #3

- 4. Trudi McKamey — 44.03 #6

- 6. Pat Mikuta — 28.06 #20

## 1500 - 2500 mp

- 2. Wayne Carpenter — 52.88 #3
- 3. Dave Bigler — 49.52 #4
- 8. Barbara Walczak — 36.59 #19
- 9. Connie Stevens — 36.11 #20
- 10. Dan Spain — 28.79

## 2500 - 3500 mp

- 6. Norm Szewczyk — 34.97 #19
- 10. Jim Angell — 22.73

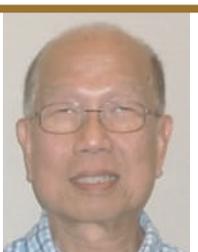
## 3500 - 5000 mp

- 1. Barbara Graegin — 80.48 #1
- 4. Lou Nimnicht — 75.44 #4
- 7. Tom Hallum — 61.73 #7
- 9. Jim O'Connell — 51.28 #11

## 5000 - 7500 mp

- 2. Joe Chin — 80.13 #3
- 4. Carol Osgerby — 17.62 #19

In their category in District 12 — Anna Urosevich with 24.21 placed #25 and Steve Watson with 24.79 placed #24.

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| Larry Dunford #10                                                                  | Yuan Hsu #66                                                                        | Barbara Graegin #75                                                                 | Joe Chin #77                                                                        | Zafar Khan #83                                                                       | Terry Bauer #85                                                                       | Lou Nimnicht #91                                                                      |

Congratulations



## BRIDGE SCORES in the Times

### May 1 Tuesday's Results

- #### Beach Bridge Club
- Norm Szewczyk and Yuan Hsu 2.19
  - Bob Porter and Trudi McKamey 1.64
  - Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 1.23
  - Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 0.92
  - Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 0.72
  - John Teshima and Ed d'Ouille 0.39

- #### Duneland Bridge Club
- Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.80
  - Sally and Rich Will 0.56
  - Joel Charpentier and Alan Yngve 0.40
  - Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.28
  - Jim and Marcia Carson 0.20

- #### May 2 Wednesday's Results
- #### Community Bridge Club
- Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 2.33
  - Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.84
  - Beth Rader and Joanne Wagenblast 0.60
  - Anna Robbins and Dee VanBebber 0.42
  - Alice and Don Giedemann 0.32
  - Carol Miller and Mary Kocevar 0.24

- #### Valparaiso Bridge Club
- Janet and Knoefel Jones 1.20
  - Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.84
  - Beth Rader and Joanne Wagenblast 0.60
  - Anna Robbins and Dee VanBebber 0.42
  - Alice and Don Giedemann 0.32
  - Carol Miller and Mary Kocevar 0.24
- #### Community Bridge Club results from May 5
- Larry Dunford and Lou Nimnicht 2.63
  - Chris and Sara Grande 1.97
  - Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 1.63
  - Joe Chin and John Teshima 1.48

- #### Calumet Bridge Club results from May 7
- #### North-South
- Ruth Westberg and Stacy Jacobs 1.72
  - Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 1.29
  - Arlayne Filler and Norma Vierk 1.07
  - George Roeper and Mike Devine 1.00
  - Patrice and Fred Princehorn 0.80
  - John Goring and Joe Chin 0.54
- #### East-West
- Larry Rabideau and Lee Esworthy 3.06
  - Indra Gupta and Yuan Hsu 2.30
  - Trudi McKamey and Bob Porter 1.33
  - Carolyn Potasnik and Shirley Koch 0.60
  - Bob and Joan Butz 0.54
  - Connie Stevens and Anna Urick 0.42
- #### Beach Bridge Club results from May 8
- Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 2.04
  - Anna Urick and Trudi McKamey 1.53
  - Barbara Walczak and Ed d'Ouille 1.15
- #### Duneland Bridge Club results from May 8
- Barbara Lawson and Carol Miller 1.20
  - Janice Custer and Alan Yngve 0.84

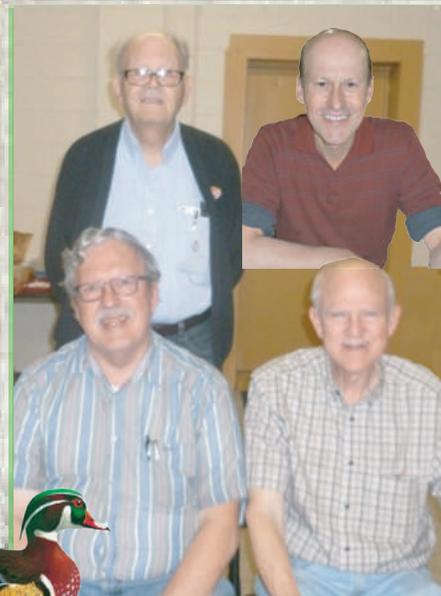
- Sally and Rich Will 0.60
  - Helen Boothe and Joel Carpenter 0.49
  - Joe Chin and Don Cohen 1.86
  - Jim and Marcia Carson 0.30
  - Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.30
- #### Community Bridge Club results from May 9
- Barbara Walczak and Bob Ferguson 2.48
  - Joe Chin and Don Cohen 1.86
  - Jim Angell and Indra Gupta 1.40
  - Pat Mikuta and Bob Porter 1.05
  - Yuan Hsu and Terry Bauer 1.02
  - Mike Brissette and Carolyn Potasnik 0.77
- #### Valparaiso Bridge Club results from May 9
- Dee VanBebber and Dolores Browne 0.80
  - Don Giedemann and Chuck Tomes 0.56
  - Fred Green and Joel Charpentier 0.40
  - Ed Hollander and Joe Mihalov 0.22

- Top scorers for this 1½ weeks —
- Lou Nimnicht — 7.17
  - Trudi McKamey — 6.25
  - Barbara Walczak — 5.97
  - Yuan Hsu — 5.51
  - Steve Watson — 4.54
  - Jim Angell — 4.26
  - Anna Urick — 4.11

- Bob Porter — 4.02
- Joe Chin — 3.83
- Indra Gupta — 3.70
- Mike Brissette — 3.63



# Congratulations to all!



*B Winners*



*A Winners*



*C Winners*

MAY 16, 2018

Of the 15 teams scoring points, these scored overall —

- Lou Nimnicht, Norm Szewczyk, Dan Spain and Steve Watson — 2.80
- Laverne Niksch, Wayne Carpenter, Jim Angell and David Gendreau — 2.10
- Barbara Walczak, Ed d'Ouille, Dan and Donna Simon — 1.58
- Norma Vierk, Carolyn Potasnik, Marilyn Ginzle and Hilda Connor — 1.31
- Daryl Fraley, Alta Allen, Martha Harris and Judy Selund — 0.98
- Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Bill Hahn and Mary Kocevar — 0.74

Alan Yngve, with his partner, Darrell Clinton, scored 3.94 masterpoints at an Indianapolis Sectional on May 6.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

This excellent percentage was attained by Steve Watson and Joe Chin at a Monday morning game.

Joe comments — After speaking with Steve a couple of times over the phone this past weekend, I had a good feeling about our upcoming Monday game for some unknown reason. Top and above-average boards practically started from the beginning, with only three boards below average.

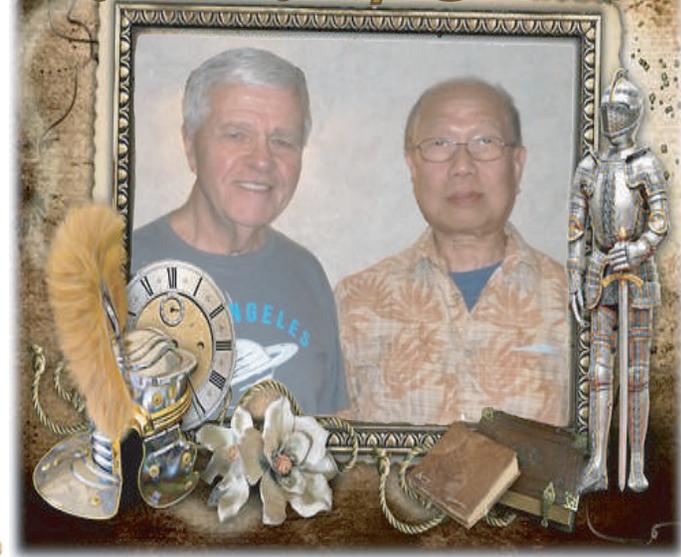
Holding Q95, AQ7, AK5, 9873, I opened the bidding with 1NT. Pard transferred with 2D and rebid 3NT. What would you have done? Without shape, I decided to pass.

A small spade was led, and dummy's spade was a singleton 2. I was counting how many tricks I'd go down. RHO played the K, then ..... the ACE! My spade queen WAS a stopper. I ended up making 4!

Steve adds — Joe and I clicked very well on this occasion with our decision-making being — in most instances — spot on. It always helps, though, when you park your boat in the exact spot where the fish are jumping.

*Congratulations!*

# 71.28%



This article appeared in *The Times* on May 20. The photo and explanatory paragraph was not included. However, the photo does appear online. This is the link to get there —

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/region-roundup/article\\_603417a4-790e-5d98-89b6-0c5379fa4d4f.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/region-roundup/article_603417a4-790e-5d98-89b6-0c5379fa4d4f.html)

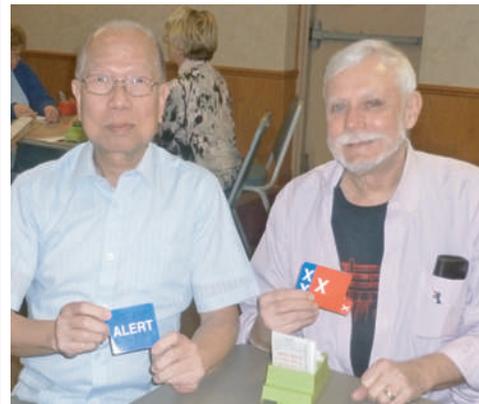
However, you may wish to call me to figure out the little gimmick to get to the photo from there.

### Bridge scores

The 51 bridge players who have received points only from the Lake and Porter County duplicate games — Valparaiso, Calumet Township, Portage, Highland and Chesterton — during the month of April. Most of these players have also won masterpoints from other clubs:

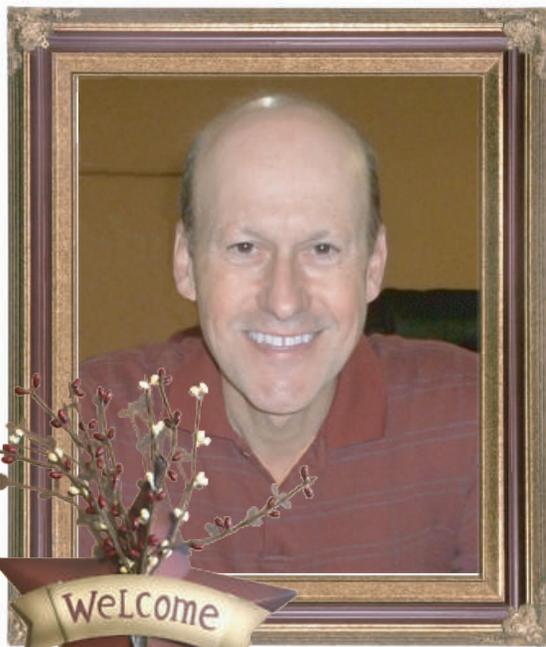
Lou Nimnicht, Yuan Hsu, Barbara Graegin, Joseph Chin, Steven Watson, Alan Yngve, Dave Bigler, Trudi McKamey, Michael Brissette, Robert Porter, Daniel Spain, James O'Connell, Barbara Walczak, Robert Butz, Zafar Khan, Robert Ferguson, Ruth Westberg, Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch, Joan Butz, Alfred Simmons, Helen Miller, Terry Bauer, George Roeper, Conrad Staudacher, Patricia Mikita, Tom Hallum, James Angell, Indra Gupta, Carolyn Potasnik, Daryl Fraley, Stacy Jacobs, Terry Brendel, Fred Green, Hilda Connor, William Birk, Jerry Palm, Anna Urick, John Goring, Arlyne Filler, Norman Szewczyk, Michael Devine, Delphine Slater, Joel Charpentier, Carol Osgerby, Ed Hollander, Charles Tomes, Donald Valiska, Dorothy Hart, William Hahn and Mary Kocevar

Joe Chin of Highland and George Roeper of Homewood have scored a winning game — 79.63%



In duplicate bridge, players play the same hands, which remove the requirement that in order to win, you must hold good cards. Duplicate bridge simply levels the playing field so that results are only based on how well you do with the same cards many others will hold. When a player receives a 50% or

better score he/she usually earns some masterpoint credit. Imagine what a rarity a 79.63% final score is — a phenomenon! These two players have accomplished that result — one they will always remember!



David Gendreau passed by our bridge club last Wednesday and stopped

in to play in the team game. And he did a super fine job — placed first in B with his teammates.

David learned bridge about 20 years ago when a friend taught him the game as a social exercise. He now has 550 masterpoints.

David is a primary care doctor in San Francisco. He is a master cyclist and an avid swimmer.

We were most happy to have him joining us for our enjoyable afternoon.

# 71.48%



# Congratulations

Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson have yet again added another 70%+ game to their ever-accumulating dozens of outstanding games. This game was played on May 18 at SSBC.

Steve writes — Sometimes things go your way on one occasion and then they also go your way on the next occasion. Our bidding, communications, play and decision-making were on target from start to finish. Sure wish I could make a template that would capture all of this for future play.

Lou adds — I thought that I'd had a pretty good week with two wins in the mid 60% (with Steve) plus the 71%er. Steve outdid me with two 71% games in the week. The good doctor declared seven times in 24 boards and averaged a tad over 77%. Just when you think you're getting pretty good, we had a 47% game on Monday.

## World Wide Bridge Contest

Make it a point to be at the game on Saturday, June 2. It's the annual contest scored across the world to produce an overall winner. It's a rare opportunity to play in a major event and compete with players from other countries. Participants receive electronic access to souvenir commentary. Winners ACBL-wide are featured in the Bridge Bulletin.





**Stars of Tomorrow**  
**I/N Silver Point Sectional**  
**May 19-20, 2018**  
**Glenview, IL**

Those that scored masterpoints in this 499er tournament are —  
 Larry Dunford and Bill Birk — 4.01  
 Jim and Kay Lively — 2.99  
 Jan Summers — 0.66  
 Marilyn and John Ginzler — 0.26



**Fort Wayne Sectional**  
**May 18-20, 2018**

Those players who scored in the Fort Wayne Sectional are —  
 Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch and Dave Bigler — 5.36  
 Terry Bauer — 3.83



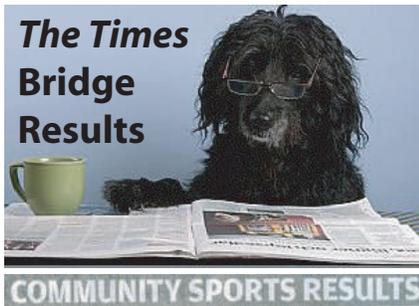
**District 12 — May 1, 2018**  
**Grand National Team Finals**  
**Southfield, MI**

Mike Brissette, Alan Yngve, Yuan Hsu and Terry Bauer entered the GNT game as a B team. Even though they only placed third, they had a wonderful time. Mike had a few comments — He commended Terry for playing above his potential — a “C” player who played against precision players. He said that he and Alan were a big nuisance against the precision players — and that they gained a lot of insight against precision players. They earned 1.84 mp.

Who kept the faith and fought the fight  
 The glory theirs — the duty ours.

**June Special Games**

Sat, 2nd — World Wide Bridge Contest — red/black  
 Mon, 4th — Club Championship  
 Tues, 5th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Wed, 6th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Sat, 9th — Local Charity  
 Mon, 11th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Tues, 12th — ACBL Charity  
 Wed, 13th — Local Charity  
 Sat, 16th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Mon, 18th — Elk’s Charity game  
 Tues, 19th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Tues, 19th — (eve) Club Champion  
 Wed, 20th — The Longest Day  
 • 9:00 - pairs • 1:00 - Swiss teams  
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 Sat, 23rd — ACBL Charity  
 Mon, 25th — NAP Qualifier — r/b  
 Tues, 26th — Club Championship  
 Wed, 27th — NOON! STaC - Silver  
 Sat, 30th — NOON! STaC - Silver  
 WOW! Never so many opportunities to get red and silver points — 20 chances to get extra points!



COMMUNITY SPORTS RESULTS

**Bridge**  
**May 12 Results**

**Community Bridge Club North-South**  
 Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 2.77  
 Mike Brissette and Martha Harris 1.56  
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 Joe Chin and Steve Watson 3.21  
 Mike Devine and George Roeper 1.87  
 Bob and Joan Butz 1.35  
 Barbara Walczak and Wayne Hiser 1.05  
 Alan Filler and Jim Fill 0.50  
 Pat Valiska and Lynne Kostopoulos 0.45

**May 15 Tuesday's Results**

**Beach Bridge Club**  
 Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 2.04  
 Wayne Hiser and Bill Hahn 1.53  
 Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 1.15

**Duneland Bridge Club**  
 Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.80

Sally and Rich Will 0.56  
 Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 0.40  
 Barbara Lawson and Carol Miller 0.22

**May 16 Wednesday's Results**

**Community Bridge Club**  
 Lou Nimnicht, Steve Watson, Norm Szcwycyk and Dan Spain 2.80  
 Jim Angell, Wayne Carpenter, Laverne Niksch and David Gendreau 2.10  
 Barbara Walczak, Ed d'Uville, Dan Simon and Donna Simon 1.58  
 Hilda Connor, Carolyn Potasnik, Norma Vierk and Marilyn Ginzler 1.31  
 Daryl Fraley, Alta Allen, Martha Harris and Judy Selund 0.98  
 Bob Porter, Bob Ferguson, Bill Hahn and Mary Kocevar 0.74  
 Terry Bauer, Dee Marshall, Rich Will and Sally Will 0.38  
 Ruth Westberg, Al Simmons, Annie Lysson and Dan Taylor 0.38  
 Pat Mikuta, Arlyne Filler, Jim Fill and Pat Valiska 0.38  
 Joe Chin, Jim O'Connell, Barbara Graegin and Tom Hallum 0.19  
 Dave Bigler, Mike Brissette, Wolfgang Wostl and Betty Sieftek 0.19  
 Helen Miller, Barbara Stroud, Anne Murphy and Janice Custer 0.19  
 Indra Gupta, Lynne Kostopoulos, George Roeper and Ruth Goodpasture 0.19

**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
 Dolores Browne and Ric Friedman 0.90  
 Janet and Knoefel Jones 0.54  
 Helen Thiros and Donna Penn 0.54  
 Terry Brendel and Fred Green 0.25  
 Joel Charpentier and Joe Mihalov 0.25

**Community Bridge Club results from May 19**  
 Barbara Graegin and Lou Nimnicht 2.33  
 Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell 1.75  
 Donna Penn and Helen Thiros 1.44  
 Helen Miller and Carolyn Potasnik 1.44  
 Pat Mikuta and Mary Kocevar 0.92  
 Daryl Fraley and Alta Allen 0.75  
 Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 0.69

**Calumet Bridge Club results from May 21**

**North-South**  
 Yuan Hsu and Pat Mikuta 2.92  
 Larry Rabideau and Zafar Khan 1.64  
 Hilda Connor and Helen Miller 1.23  
 Jim Lively and Jane Krueger 0.95

**East-West**  
 Connie Stevens and Jerry Palm 2.19  
 Joe Chin and George Roeper 1.02  
 Bob and Joan Butz 0.73  
 Alan Filler and Jim Fill 0.71  
 Barbara Walczak and Marge Hedegard 0.71

**Beach Bridge Club results from May 22**  
 Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 2.04  
 Bob Ferguson and Jim O'Connell 1.53  
 Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 1.15

**Community Bridge Club results from May 23**  
 Helen Miller and Anne Murphy 2.19  
 Barbara Walczak and Ed d'Ouille 1.64  
 Martha Harris and Anna Urlick 1.23  
 Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 0.92  
 Bob Porter and Carolyn Potasnik 0.50

**Valparaiso Bridge Club results from May 23**  
 Rich and Sally Will 1.20  
 Anne Gott and Beth Rader 0.84  
 Anna Robbins and Ric Friedman 0.60  
 Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.33  
 Dee VanBebber and Joel Charpentier 0.33  
 Fred Green and Terry Brendel 0.31  
 Pat Christ and Sharon Massey 0.31



**CONGRATULATIONS**

# MINI-McKENNEY RACE

The 39 names listed below are those players whose masterpoint totals for the first four months in 2018 have placed them in the top ten in Unit 154 in the Mini-McKenney Race and in the top 25 for District 12 as well. The unit placement is to the left of the name, and the district ranking is to the right in red. This includes all the points garnered from January 1 until April 30 from all sources. (Obviously, we do better when we're comparing points just at the club level.) Steve Watson placed in the district — #20 with 48.24 points. Lou Nimnicht is at the top of all masterpoints listed!

## 5 - 20 mp

- 3. Joel Charpentier — 8.57 #11
- 8. Frederick Green — 5.87
- 10. James Lane — 5.67

## 20 - 50 mp

- 2. Barbara Lawson — 20.56 #4

## 50 - 100 mp

- 2. Creighton Rawlings — 18.25 #9
- 8. Dottie Hart — 8.67
- 10. Tom Rea — 8.49

## 100 - 200 mp

- 1. Terry Bauer — 47.35 #1
- 5. Marcy Tomes — 13.89
- 9. Delphine Slater — 11.70

## 200 - 300 mp

- 1. Larry Dunford — 66.55 #2
- 4. Chuck Tomes — 20.48
- 6. Judy Selund — 15.37

## 300 - 500 mp

- 1. Mary Kocevar — 32.89 #21
- 2. Daryl Fraley — 32.27 #23
- 3. Carol Miller — 26.62
- 7. Bob Ferguson — 20.01
- 8. Marilyn Gintel — 19.03

## 500 - 1000 mp

- 1. Alan Yngve — 53.08 #5
- 2. Zafar Khan — 52.29 #6
- 5. Mike Brissette — 36.67 #23
- 6. Charlotte Abernethy — 36.34
- 8. Shirley Koch — 36.84
- 10. Carolyn Potasnik — 27.73

## 1000 - 1500 mp

- 2. Yuan Hsu — 64.08 #9
- 3. Laverne Niksch — 59.85 #11
- 4. Anna Urick — 56.72 #13
- 5. Trudi McKamey — 50.78 #15
- 9. Pat Mikuta — 30.11

## 1500 - 2500 mp

- 3. Wayne Carpenter — 62.91 #13
- 7. Dave Bigler — 52.90 #23

## 2500 - 3500 mp

- 6. Norm Szewczyk — 38.29

## 3500 - 5000 mp

- 1. Lou Nimnicht — 109.19 #3
- 5. Barbara Graegin — 81.33 #9
- 8. Tom Hallum — 68.88 #12
- 10. Jim O'Connell — 51.28 #19

## 5000 - 7500 mp

- 2. Joe Chin — 95.82 #12
- 4. Carol Osgerby — 18.73



These two ranked ACBLwide —



#27



#76



Congratulations to Terry Bauer! He is the new replacement member of the board of directors to our Unit 154! He will be a representative of the Community Bridge Club and will begin his 3-year term on Aug. 4.

## STaC

- Top 21 STaC winners from District 13 — May 7 - 13
- Stacy Jacobs — 14.12
  - Ruth Westberg — 13.73
  - Joe Connelly — 10.50
  - John Miller — 7.68
  - Fred Princehorn — 5.70
  - Claire Murvihill — 5.01
  - Jan Merrick — 4.63
  - Mike Devine — 3.88
  - Al Simmons — 3.88
  - Shirley Koch — 3.21
  - Patrice Princehorn — 3.16
  - Roger Sokol — 2.69
  - Norm Szewczyk — 2.69
  - Bill Kilbride — 2.62
  - Creighton Rawlings — 2.54
  - Sally Levering — 2.49
  - Al Levering — 2.49
  - Rosemary McCarthy — 1.98
  - Bill Birk — 1.48
  - George Roeper — 1.48
  - George Goewey — 1.48



This is a picture of Nancy Didion's mother, Joanne Hunter, on Mother's Day attending brunch. She will be 102 years old on May 17. The corsage was given to her by her caregiver. Nancy says that she and her mother live in a townhome and Mom is still able to walk the stairs. She is still mentally alert and is in reasonably good health. Hurray for Joanne!



## Fort Wayne Sectional



The Fort Wayne Sectional takes place this weekend from Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20. Fort Wayne puts on a fantastic tournament and it comes highly recommended.

Top 10 reasons why you should be there —

- Hobnob with the greats from our unit.
- Earn those elusive silver points.
- Get in on the Pair/Team games.
- Enjoy the finest hospitality around.
- Play in the beautiful Fort Wayne Bridge Club.
- Receive a free entry for one game (299ers).
- Stay in an affordable quality hotel.
- Support one of our unit's three sectionals.
- Nosh on the generous amount of snacks.
- Participate in the finest game ever invented.



Some of the participants at the Memorial Day game at South Suburban Bridge Center

Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin, one of the most enduring partnerships over many decades, have again triumphed over the opposition and have emerged victorious with a decisive win.

Jim O'Connell was reluctant to add to this accolade. He says that Barbara is fully aware of the admiration he has for her expertise as a top-notch bridge player. He also commented on how, during this game, she was able to make *two* doubled contracts. Barbara adds — There isn't much to say about the game with Jim last week. He is always a joy to play with — win or lose. Sometimes he shakes his head in disbelief when I make some gross error — but, fortunately, that is not too often. We probably had a few gifts — I really can not remember.

Wednesday we were below average — go figure. I hope to have many more great games together — and I hope that I don't lose my mind with all that is going on right now.

Join us for our 2nd annual The Longest Day fundraising event supporting Alzheimer's disease, care and research, being held on Wednesday, June 20th. Last year we raised \$651 — and this year, we're hoping it will be even greater. We are playing 3 games that day. Are you able to come up with ideas to help bring in more revenue to help find the cure?

# 70.00%



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### the longest day



# Illini Regional Bridge Tournament Memorial Week May 22-28 Champaign, IL

The following 20 players scored mega points at this regional!

- Larry Rabideau — 16.46
- John Goring — 16.46
- Bob Butz — 15.88
- Lee Esworthy — 15.88
- Betty Steffek — 12.56
- Susan Stromberg — 10.56
- Jackie Chavez — 10.56
- John Miller — 7.24
- Dan Taylor — 4.56
- Charlotte Abernethy — 4.07
- Anna Urick — 4.07
- Jan Merrick — 2.69
- Claire Murvihill — 2.69
- Jan Summers — 1.85
- Zafar Khan — 1.68
- Steve Watson — 1.68
- Joe Chin — 1.68
- Al Simmons — 1.68
- Bill Birk — 1.38
- Terry Bauer — 1.38

## CONGRATULATIONS!



In Memoriam

John Weber of Watseka, IL died in a two-car accident on Memorial Day afternoon. He was attempting to make a left-hand turn when he drove into the path of oncoming traffic. He was not wearing his seat belt, but his airbag did deploy. The funeral is on Tuesday, June 5. (Call me for further information.)

Some interesting facts and observations about playing cards—

Did you know that the traditional deck of playing cards is a strikingly coherent form of a calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and so are there 52 playing cards in a deck.

There are 13 weeks in each season, and thus there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in the deck.

There are 12 months in a year, so there are 12 court cards — those with faces, namely jack, queen, king in each suit — 3 cards each in 4 suits.

The red cards represent the day, while the black cards represent the night.

If you give jacks = 11, queens = 12, and kings = 13, then add up all the sums of  $1 + 2 + 3 \dots$  to  $13 = 91$ . Multiply this by 4, for the 4 suits — therefore,  $91 \times 4 = 364$ . Add 1 that is the

joker, and you will arrive at the number 365 being the days in a year.

Is that a mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards — eg: Add up the letters in “ace, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king” = 52. (3 letters in the word “ace”; 5 letters in “three”; “jack” is 4, “queen” is 5, etc.)

The spades indicate plowing/working.

The hearts indicate loving thy crops.

The clubs indicate flourishing and growth.

The diamonds indicate reaping the wealth.

Also, in some cards games, 2 jokers are used, indicating the leap year.

There is a deeper philosophy than just merely a game of playing cards.

The mathematical perfection is mind-blowing!



# COME JOIN THE PARTY!

Probably the biggest concern of bridge players as they age is that they might lose the ability to concentrate enough to actually continue playing the great game of bridge! Not surprisingly, ACBL has joined with the Alzheimer's Association to earn funds for research. And, according to current knowledge, playing the game of bridge can actually postpone the onset of Alzheimer's disease.



To help make this a really successful event, every player is asked to contribute one extra dollar, which will be matched by the Bridge Club to increase the donations by a factor of three!

The Swiss Team potluck will be the usual McL~Z, but there is much room for extra contributions — especially for an evening light dinner and treats for the morning. Just come and bring whatever you can to make the day a party!

For the second year the Community Bridge Club will devote the third Wednesday of June (June 20th) to the 2018 LONGEST DAY. We will play all day! A Pairs game at 9:00 am, a Swiss Team game at 1:00 pm and finally one more Pair game at 5:30 pm! Come play in one or two or all three games! A partner is guaranteed for the Pair games.

There will be a silent auction during the team game. Many spectacular items will be auctioned off, including bidding for a partner to play with at a future date. Please try to bring something (that you have around the house) to auction off.

Color scheme for the LONGEST DAY (June 20) is **PURPLE!**



# SILENT AUCTION AT THE LONGEST DAY



↑ Punch Bowl and 1 dozen Cups  
Hummel Lamp →



Coach Travel Bag ↑  
Partnership with a Pro →

Some items for the silent auction have begun coming in. The crystal Fostoria punch bowl and one dozen punch cups at a sale price are \$270.00. The Goebel Hummel table lamp is very rare and old — is about \$300.00. The Coach sport calf leather travel bag lists for \$985.00. It's new and a perfect way to get one person already crossed off of your Christmas list. A game with Joe Chin is priceless.

There will be many other items, hopefully, as other players bring them in. So do bring your checkbooks on the 20th. Now even if you aren't playing in the team game, you might wish to drop in at the game site at about 4:30 just to come and check out the bargains being offered and put in a bid.

## TRUDI AND FRIEND IN RUSSIA

Trudi spent two weeks in Russia at the end of May. Here is her story — Russia always held a certain mystery to me. First, there was the Cold War and now, with so much talk about this country, I just had to see it for myself. So my friend, Linda, and I booked a river cruise.



It started in Moscow where we stayed for four days. We visited the Red Square and the Kremlin and saw the beautiful St. Basil's Church. After all the sightseeing, our ship started cruising down the Volga River. We stopped in many small towns and villages. Life is peaceful — people working in their gardens, fishing and enjoying life. It was great to see both — the metropolitan Moscow and the country.

Our last five days were spent in St. Petersburg. There was so much to see. It seemed almost every other block had a beautiful church, a museum, a palace ... and more. One of the highlights was the Hermitage and the Fabergé exhibition. Our tour also included a visit to the opera house to see "Swan Lake".

I did not see any reminders of the Soviet past. There were no statues of Stalin and Lenin, no "Hammer and Sickles". It is a country moving forward — being optimistic about its future.



### Bridge Results in The Times

| Bridge                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 22 Results</b>                      |
| <b>Duneland Bridge Club</b>                |
| Tom and Lori Rea 1.00                      |
| Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.70                 |
| Judy Selund and Sharon Snyder 0.50         |
| Barbara Stroud and Janice Custer 0.35      |
| Charlie Halberstadt and Naomi Goodman 0.25 |
| <b>May 26 Results</b>                      |

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|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community Bridge Club</b>               |
| Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 2.33     |
| Conrad Staudacher and Wayne Carpenter 1.75 |
| Dave Bigler and Joe Chin 1.31              |
| Mary Kocevar and Jane Krueger 1.00         |
| Barbara Walczak and Helen Miller 0.75      |
| Mike Brissette and Geri Tyler 0.39         |
| <b>Monday's Results</b>                    |
| <b>May 28 Calumet Bridge Club</b>          |
| <b>North-South</b>                         |
| John Goring and Bob Butz 3.50              |
| Jim Angell and Helen Miller 1.48           |
| Carolyn Potasnik and Pat Mikuta 0.96       |
| Sally and Al Levering 0.88                 |
| Jim Lively and Jane Krueger 0.72           |
| Ruth Goodpasture and Joan Butz 0.54        |
| Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 0.35            |
| <b>East-West</b>                           |
| Carol Osgerby and Don Valiska 2.63         |
| Joe Chin and Al Simmons 1.97               |
| Lynne Kostopoulos and Pat Valiska 1.71     |
| Charlotte Abernethy and Gale Osgerby 1.28  |
| Jerry Palm and Connie Stevens 0.83         |
| Mary Schultz and Genny Cesario 0.43        |
| Yuan Hsu and Dave Bigler 0.29              |
| <b>Tuesday's Results</b>                   |
| <b>May 29 Beach Bridge Club</b>            |

|                                          |
|------------------------------------------|
| Hilda Connor and Barbara Walczak 2.04    |
| Zafar Khan and Bob Ferguson 1.53         |
| Dan Spain and Lou Nimnicht 1.15          |
| <b>Duneland Bridge Club</b>              |
| Sally and Rich Will 0.80                 |
| Barbara Lawson and Carol Miller 0.56     |
| Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane 0.40          |
| Marcy and Chuck Tomes 0.28               |
| Joel Charpentier and Helen Booth 0.28    |
| Dottie Hart and Terry Bauer 0.20         |
| <b>Wednesday's Results</b>               |
| <b>May 30 Community Bridge Club</b>      |
| Carolyn Potasnik and Yuan Hsu 2.33       |
| Barbara Walczak and Bob Ferguson 1.75    |
| Jim Angell and Indra Gupta 1.31          |
| Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 0.98     |
| Anna Urlick and Charlotte Abernethy 0.78 |
| Bob Porter and Martha Harris 0.52        |
| Zafar Khan and Lou Nimnicht 0.32         |
| <b>Valparaiso Bridge Club</b>            |
| Rich and Sally Will 1.50                 |
| Chuck and Marcy Tomes 1.05               |
| Lori and Tom Rea 0.75                    |
| Dee VanBebber and Dolores Browne 0.53    |
| Knoeffel and Janet Jones 0.44            |
| Sylvia and Tom Luekens 0.40              |
| Kay Moody and Judy Enslin 0.28           |

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| <b>Bridge</b>                       |
| <b>June 2 Results</b>               |
| <b>Community Bridge Club</b>        |
| Joe Chin and Jim O'Connell 3.00     |
| Dave Bigler and Mike Brissette 2.25 |
| Anna Urlick and Mary Kocevar 1.90   |
| Marilyn and John Ginzler 1.43       |
| Yuan Hsu and Trudi McKamey 1.07     |
| Donna Penn and Helen Thiros 0.96    |
| <b>Monday's Results</b>             |
| <b>Jun 4 Calumet Bridge Club</b>    |
| <b>North-South</b>                  |
| Don Valiska and Carol Osgerby 3.21  |
| John Goring and Joe Chin 2.41       |
| George Roeper and Mike Devine 1.35  |
| Arlyne Filler and Norma Vierk 0.91  |
| Bee Sendak and Marilyn Rosen 0.68   |
| Bob Porter and Trudi McKamey 0.51   |
| <b>East-West</b>                    |
| Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 1.81  |
| Alan Filler and Jim Fill 1.61       |
| Diane Martin and Zafar Khan 1.21    |
| Bob and Joan Butz 1.02              |
| Dave Bigler and Yuan Hsu 0.76       |
| <b>Jun 5 Tuesday's Results</b>      |
| <b>Beach Bridge Club</b>            |
| Norm Szcwzyk and Yuan Hsu 2.63      |

|                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 1.97 |
| Janice Custer and Anne Murphy 1.48      |
| Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 1.04      |
| <b>Duneland Bridge Club</b>             |
| Rich and Sally Will 1.00                |
| Chuck and Marcy Tomes 0.60              |
| Jim and Marcia Carson 0.60              |
| Anna Urlick and Daryl Fraley 1.48       |
| Indra Gupta and Zafar Khan 1.11         |
| Anna Urosevich and Martha Harris 0.73   |
| Terry Bauer and Dee Marshall 0.73       |
| <b>Valparaiso Bridge Club</b>           |
| Dottie Hart and Joel Charpentier 1.20   |
| Tom and Sylvia Luekens 0.84             |
| Anne Gott and Joanne Wagenblast 0.60    |
| Sally and Rich Will 0.42                |
| Kay Moody and Judy Enslin 0.25          |
| Anne Robbins and Ric Friedman 0.24      |

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|-----------------------------|
| <b>Top eleven scorers —</b> |
| Joe Chin — 8.69             |
| Dave Bigler — 7.84          |
| Yuan Hsu — 7.08             |
| Jim O'Connell — 7.02        |
| Wayne Carpenter—6.95        |
| Lou Nimnicht — 6.63         |
| John Goring — 5.91          |
| Carol Osgerby — 5.84        |
| Don Valiska — 5.84          |
| Steve Watson — 4.81         |
| Barbara Walczak - 4.54      |



# 70.14%



Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain achieved this fine percentage at a Saturday game at Community Bridge Club. Lou comments — We were defending almost as often as declaring (13 to 14) which, I believe, is unusual. It seems like the cards typically run our way in such a performance. The fun fact is that of the 14 boards we declared, Dan did 13 of them. For you math majors, this explains our success.

Dan, a man of few words says — Lou played great — we really clicked! Bridge is a strange game — sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

## Congratulations



A 70th birthday party for Laverne Nicksch was celebrated on Tuesday, the 19th at the Portage game. A lovely birthday cake was brought by Laverne's favorite partner, Wayne Carpenter. Everyone who came to the game received a beanie baby.

Laverne wishes to thank Wayne and everyone for the never suspected surprise birthday party.



The results are overwhelmingly powerful in our second annual participation in ACBL's "The Longest Day". So many of you contributed ever so generously to making this a successful undertaking — with a grand total of \$853.50 — \$245 from the silent auction + \$316 from the "play with a pro" auction + \$292.50 from game fees. Amazing! Thank you, first of all, to Alan Yngve for taking on this challenge to plan and carry out this 13-hour nonstop "three bridge games in one day" adventure. It was an enjoyable day for all.

Thank you heartily to those who contributed items for the auction — Barbara Graegin, Barbara Walczak, Wayne Carpenter, Indra Gupta, Trudi McKamey, Joe Chin, Martha Harris and Judy Selund. And even more thanks to those who purchased some of these treasures. Zafar Khan was the biggest customer — beating out the other interested buyers with \$105 for a Coach travel bag.

The four "pros" were so very willing to give their time and expertise to coach aspiring players to fine tune their game — Jim O'Connell, Joe Chin, Alan Yngve and Dave Bigler — were each assigned the top two bidders for some future games. Thank you, guys!

Thank you to all of the players who furnished the potluck tables with delicious food that lasted the whole day.

Total masterpoints earned for the day was 69.2 by the 61 players who participated — all of whom earned something. Three players played all three games — Trudi McKamey, Anna Urick and Wayne Carpenter playing 68 hands! Top masterpoint earner was Wayne Carpenter with 4.16 points.

Although the number of participants was only 80% of last year's number, the profit made was \$200 greater. Congratulations to you!



## A & B Winners



# Wednesday Team Game

All 15 teams on June 20 scratched. These are the 6 teams who scored overall —  
 Helen Miller, Anne Murphy, Barbara Stroud and Janice Custer — 2.92  
 Al Simmons, Annie Lypson, Dan Taylor and Ruth Westberg — 1.92  
 Indra Gupta, Ruth Goodpasture, Lynne Kostopoulos and Mike Devine — 1.92  
 Jim Angell, Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch — 1.23  
 Alta Allen, Daryl Fraley, Judy Selund and Joe Connelly — 0.92  
 Terry Bauer, Dee Marshall, Rich Will and Sally Will — 0.69



## C Winners



## July Special Games

Games in July where extra points are awarded (for one extra dollar) are —  
 Tues, 3rd — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Wed, 4th — NO GAME!  
 Sat, 7th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Mon, 9th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Wed, 11th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Sat, 14th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Mon, 16th — Charity Game  
 Tues, 17th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Wed, 18th — Club Championship  
 Swiss Teams - Potluck - A - Mck  
 Sat, 21st — Local Charity Game  
 Mon, 23rd — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Tues, 24th — ACBL Charity Game  
 Wed, 25th — NAP Qualifier - r/b  
 Sat, 28th — ACBL Charity Game  
 Mon, 30th — Club Championship  
 Tues, 31st — 5th Tuesday Potluck

Be there!

## Bridge players compete worldwide

Community Bridge Club participated in a World Wide Bridge Contest. Winners in this Northwest Indiana game were Jim O'Connell and Joe Chin. Worldwide they had a 60.37 percent as a club result with a total of 40,737.07 match points. They ranked 744 among the 2,513 pairs playing at 135 clubs in 21 countries. Clubs from around

the world played the same bridge hands at the same time. Those players who scored the most master points playing in the five Northwest Indiana bridge clubs for the month of May were:

Louis Nimnicht, Barbara Walczak, Joseph Chin, Steven Watson, Yuan Hsu, James Angell, Carolyn Potasnik, Michael Bissette, Wayne Carpenter, James O'Connell, Robert Ferguson, Anna Urick, Alan Yngve, Indra Gupta, Helen Miller, Larry Rabideau, Barbara Graegin, Daniel Spain,

Martha Harris, John Goring, Trudi McKamey, Patricia Mikuta, Robert Butz, Dave Bigler, Wayne Hiser, Robert Porter, Richard Will, Sally Will, William Hahn, Charles Tomes, Conrad Staudacher, Norman Szewczyk, Michael Devine, Marcy Tomes, Edmond d'Ouville, Daryl Fraley, Hilda Connor, Connie Stevens, George Roeper, Laverne Niksch, Alta Allen, Zafar Khan, Charlotte Abernethy, Terry Bauer, Mary Koccevar, Judy Selund, Jane Krueger, Lee Esworthy, Joan Butz, Jerry Palm.

This article appeared in *The Times* on June 20. The photo was not published. The article, with the photo, however is printed online.

These two sentences were omitted to fit in the allotted newspaper space —

Clubs from around the world played the same bridge hands at the same time. Players from Greece, England, Canada, Japan, Kenya, Tunisia, Brazil, India, Netherlands and Mexico, as well as the USA, placed in the top 40.





Those who placed in the regional —  
 Larry Rabideau & John Goring — 29.31  
 Bob Butz & Lee Esworthy — 28.60  
 Roger Sokol & Joe Chin — 5.37  
 Martha Harris — 4.63  
 Lou Gaspardo & Larry Heidemann — 4.15  
 Fred & Patrice Princehorn — 3.52  
 Jan Summers — 3.28  
 Mary Kocevar & Carol Miller — 0.88  
 Caron Espinosa — 0.79  
 Bill Birk & Larry Dunford — 0.44  
 Don Cohen — 0.36



73.40%

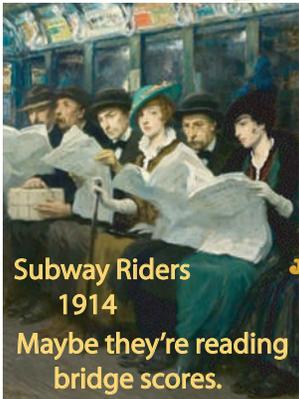
And, once again, the incomparable duo of Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain have reached another game of over 70% — this time on a Saturday at the Community Bridge Club.

Lou submits his thoughts — This was kind of a strange one — The first round against Jim Angell and George Roeper was quite average. But from that point on we were absolutely on fire. The remaining rounds were way above average — two of the last three rounds were 21 and 23 points (out of 24 points), respectively. That doesn't happen very often! We declared well and defended well, and that day was our most incredible game ever!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dan was a little put out today. He had planned

to play with Lou to make it three times this month that they, together, got a 70% game, but Lou didn't show up. Obviously, being in the hospital was more important than a bridge game with Dan.



Alan Yngve and Trudi McKamey 1.92  
 Laverne Niksch and Wayne Carpenter 1.92  
 Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 1.23  
 Dave Bigler and Zafar Khan 0.92  
**Duneland Bridge Club**  
 Marcia and Jim Carson 0.90  
 Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 0.63  
 John and Karen Fieldhouse 0.45  
 Tom and Lori Rea 0.32  
**Jun 18 Wednesday's Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
 Barbara Walczak and Bob Ferguson 2.33  
 Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 1.75  
 Wayne Carpenter and Dave Bigler 1.31  
 Daryl Fraley and Anna Urlick 1.06  
 Zafar Khan and George Roeper 0.98  
 Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 0.80  
 Trudi McKamey and Helen Miller 0.61  
 Lou Nimnicht and Steve Watson 0.32  
**Jun 13 Results**  
**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
 Karen and John Fieldhouse 1.20  
 Tom and Lori Rea 0.84  
 Don Giedemann and Chuck Tomes 0.60  
 Dottie Hart and Joel Carpenter 0.42  
 Tom and Sylvia Luekens 0.24  
**Jun 16 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 2.67  
 Alta Allen and Daryl Fraley 1.50  
 Al Simmons and John Teshima 1.13  
 Martha Harris and Judy Selund 0.98  
 Conrad Staudacher and Alan Yngve 0.94  
 Joe Chin and Roger Sokol 0.62  
**East-West**  
 Jim Angell and Barbara Walczak 3.56  
 Trudi McKamey and Janice Custer 2.00  
 Lou Nimnicht and Barbara Graegin 0.89  
 Helen Thirus and Donna Penn 0.74  
 Geri Tyler and Juwanna Walton 0.46  
**Monday's Results**  
**Calumet Bridge Club**  
**Jun 18 North-South**  
 Steve Watson and Lou Nimnicht 3.35  
 Mary Kocevar and Shirley Koch 2.19  
 Ruth Westberg and Barbara Graegin 1.41  
 Helen Miller and Hilda Connor 1.23  
 Patrice and Fred Princehorn 0.82  
 George Roeper and Joe Chin 0.79  
 Marilyn Rosen and Bee Sendak 0.46  
 Anna Urlick and Pat Mikuta 0.36  
**East-West**  
 Larry Rabideau and John Goring 2.51  
 Bob and Joan Butz 1.88  
 Terry Bauer and Bill Birk 1.64

Claire Muvvihil and Harry Dunbar 0.92  
 Stacy Jacobs and Zafar Khan 0.84  
 Alan Filler and Jim Fill 0.61  
 Mike Devine and Indra Gupta 0.55  
**Jun 19 Tuesday's Results**  
**Beach Bridge Club**  
 Bob Porter and Zafar Khan 2.63  
 Terry Bauer and Alan Yngve 1.97  
 Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 1.48  
 John Teshima and Ed d'Ouville 1.04  
**Duneland Bridge Club**  
 Barbara Walczak and Trudi McKamey 2.19  
 Joel Charpentier and Dee VanBebber 1.64  
 Terry Bauer and Dottie Hart 1.23  
 John and Karen Fieldhouse 0.92  
 Lori and Tom Rea 0.64  
 Rich and Sally Will 0.57  
**Jun 20 Wednesday's Results**  
**Community Bridge Club (A.M.)**  
 Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 2.33  
 Al Simmons and Annie Lypton 1.75  
 Mike Devine and Indra Gupta 1.31  
 Anna Urlick and Charlotte Abernethy 0.98  
 Barbara Walczak and Trudi McKamey 0.69  
 Barbara Stroud and Janice Custer 0.52  
**Community Bridge Club (P.M.)**  
 Barbara Stroud, Anne Murphy, Helen Miller and Janice Custer 2.92  
 Al Simmons, Annie Lypton, Ruth Westberg and Daniel Taylor 1.92  
 Indra Gupta, Mike Devine, Lynne Kostopoulos and Ruth Goodpasture 1.92  
 Jim Angell Yuan Hsu, Wayne Carpenter and Laverne Niksch 1.23  
 Daryl Fraley, Alta Allen, Judy Selund and Joe Connelly 0.92  
 Terry Bauer, Rich and Sally Will and Dee Marshall 0.69  
 Pat Mikuta, Trudi McKamey, Arlyne Filler and Jim Fill 0.58  
 Joe Chin, Roger Sokol, Barbara Graegin and Jim O'Connell 0.46  
 Wayne Hiser, Bill Hahn, Zafar Khan and Bob Ferguson 0.46  
 Dave Bigler Mike Brissette, Betty Steffek and Wolfgang Wostl 0.46  
 Hilda Connor, Norma Vierk, Carolyn Potasnik and Suzanne Willis 0.35  
 Dan Spain, Norm Szweczyk, Lou Nimnicht and James Edmonds 0.23  
 Anna Urlick, Charlotte Abernethy, Esther Walenga and Pat Valiska 0.23  
 Dan and Donna Simon, Ed d'Ouville and Barbara Walczak 0.12

Jackie Chavez, Anna Urosvich, Shirley Koch and Jan Merrick 0.12  
**Community Bridge Club (Nightcap)**  
 Dave Bigler and Wayne Carpenter 0.60  
 Mike Brissette and Alan Yngve 0.60  
 Pat Mikuta and Trudi McKamey 0.60  
**Valparaiso Bridge Club**  
 Dee VanBebber and Chuck Tomes 1.00  
 Fred Green and Terry Brendel 0.70  
 Joe Mihalov and Paul (Al) Marks 0.50  
 Dolores Browne and David Holbeck 0.35  
 Tom and Lori Rea 0.28

Top scorers in these 2 weeks —  
 Barbara Walczak - 10.97; Lou Nimnicht - 10.27; Terry Bauer - 9.95; Zafar Khan - 9.06; Al Simmons - 8.87; Trudi McKamey - 8.59; Ruth Westberg - 7.40; Wayne Carpenter - 7.39; Barbara Graegin - 6.24; Alan Yngve - 6.23; Bob Butz - 6.19; Joan Butz - 6.19; Helen Miller - 6.16; Laverne Niksch - 5.48; Janice Custer - 5.44



## SPORTS RESULTS

**Bridge**  
**June 9 Results**  
**Community Bridge Club**  
**North-South**  
 Mike Brissette and Dave Bigler 1.40  
 Bill Birk and Terry Bauer 1.12  
 Jim O'Connell and Barbara Graegin 0.97  
 Chris and Sara Grande 0.70  
 Delphine Slater and Jennie Alsbrooks 0.63  
**East-West**  
 Lou Nimnicht and Dan Spain 2.77  
 Barbara Walczak and Yuan Hsu 2.08  
 Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 1.56  
 Martha Harris and Mary Kocevar 0.84  
 Kay and Jim Lively 0.39  
**Monday's Results**  
**Calumet Bridge Club**  
**Jun 11 North-South**  
 Lou and Carol Gaspardo 2.49  
 Ruth Westberg and Al Simmons 1.51  
 Helen Miller and Anne Murphy 1.40  
 Carol Osgerby and Dan Valiska 1.08  
 Norma Vierk and Marilyn Ginzel 1.05  
 Arlyne Filler and Jackie Chavez 0.74  
**East-West**  
 Bob and Joan Butz 4.31  
 Stacy Jacobs and Zafar Khan 3.23  
 Charlotte Abernethy and Anna Urlick 1.87  
 Daryl Fraley and Jerry Palm 0.83  
 Barbara Graegin and Roger Sokol 0.76  
 Alan Filler and Jim Fill 0.61  
 Indra Gupta and Mike Devine 0.59  
**Jun 12 Tuesday's Results**  
**Beach Bridge Club**