



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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**“Count Dawgula” wishes you a Happy Halloween.** We have three new masters to acknowledge this month, and we will be honoring them at a special luncheon in the spring. The events planned for the month of October include: 8 Club Appreciation games, 1 Club Championship, 4 Junior Fund games, and an ACBL-wide Senior Pairs Game, all of which are a wonderful source of extra master points. Of special interest are the St. Joseph Sectional, October 5-7 and the Highland Sectional, October 19-21. Be sure to attend these tournaments - they are in our District!



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## Tom Hallum - Diamond Life Master

The title of Diamond Life Master has been bestowed on Tom Hallum for his lifetime achievement in the bridge world. Tom's earned many accolades in the past 40 years since he started playing duplicate in Chicago where he grew up. Tom plays a smart, competitive game & deserves the title of Diamond Life Master (5,000+ points). He makes SBBC a tough place for the rest of us to play and win!



Tom came to South Bend to be with his brother and cousins who live in the northern Indiana area, but every month he returns to Chicago to play with special partners that he's enjoyed playing with over the years. He claims he can't remember when or why he first started playing duplicate but, when he did, he certainly found his niche. Tom says, because bridge is a partnership game, having good partners is necessary to accumulate masterpoints and living here in Mishawaka has provided him with not only good partners but special friends.

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT, TOM!**

## Hugh Metzger - Ruby Life Master



Back in June of 2011, we wrote about Hugh's role as a director. At that time he said "It took me 64 years to amass the 1000 points needed to become a silver life master At that rate I will be 176 years old before we can celebrate my gold life master." Well, here it is, only 7 years later and Hugh has become a Ruby Life Master (1500+ masterpoints), well on his

way. Hugh is very enthusiastic about the game and enjoys the social life and friendships he's found at the center. He has been instrumental in encouraging and playing with newer players. Considering he was born only three days before the October 29th Crash, his life has certainly not been in any way depressing. He brings a smile to each table and also some groans when he tells his "punny" jokes. He's a man we really appreciate and are happy to honor.

**WELL DONE, HUGH!**

## Bud Hinckley - Sapphire Life Master

In recent years, Bud Hinckley has been directing bridge games more than he has played. But more than six years after becoming a Gold Life Master, he has reached the 3,500 masterpoint plateau.

Although Bud has recently moved to Stevensville, Michigan, he plans to continue his full time job at the Cook Nuclear Plant for at least another four years. He will be our resident "IT" computer expert while directing at least a few Mondays or Wednesdays each month.

He also expects to serve as a panelist on the District 8 Advocate Solvers Forum and will continue in his role as a Unit 154 South Bend area representative.



Bud would like to thank his regular partners over the last several years, in particular Richard Mao and Chayem Ben Moshe, for their assistance in helping him become a Sapphire Life Master.

**CONGRATULATIONS, BUD!**

## 2018 Service Award

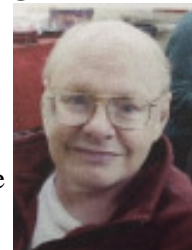


The South Bend Bridge Club proudly presented Margaret Lewis the 2018 Service Award at the Annual Meeting on September 12th. Serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years, she has been a strong liaison for the 399ers. She

works tirelessly on their behalf and encourages them to play in the Swiss Team Games, sometimes bringing as many teams as on the open side. Margaret's name has been inscribed on the plaque located on the wall by the entrance.

## FrankYoder III, June 4, 1944 - August 2018

We regret to report that Frank Yoder passed away in August. Frank was a member of the South Bend Bridge Club for many years playing often with his favorite partner, Elaine DeLaney. He was a formidable opponent with many of us being on the receiving end of his excellent play. We send our condolences to his family!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



## Top Games in September

### Pair Games:

399ers.	9/10	Bill Blauvelt & Gerry Wardzinski	68.33%
	9/12	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	62.50%
Thurs am	9/06	Nancy Shaffer & Rebecca Link	61.46%
	9/06	Annette Tyler & Peggy Cunningham	59.38%
Fri. pm	9/14	Bonnita Laub & Kathy Stegmaier	65.76%
	9/21	Candy Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	63.54%
Open:	9/12	John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon	69.91%
	9/19	Lena Howard & Gini Stipp	69.24%

### Swiss Team Games:

Tues.	9/04	Marian David, Lena Howard, Sara Marcus & Bill Searcy
Sun.	9/09	Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
Tues.	9/18	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Ren Singleton
Tues.	9/18	Ivye Benson, Irene Cooperrider, Margaret 399ers Lewis & Peggy Lyzun
Sun.	9/23	Lee Boser, Marian David, Ren Singleton & Joan Tobler
<b>Tie</b>		Elaine DeLaney, Tom Hallum Dick Hastings & Lena Howard

## MOVING ON UP

Anne Saal	Junior Master
Tom Saal	Junior Master
George Cramer	Regional Master
Mary Muller	Regional Master
Norm Muller	Regional Master
Hugh Metzger	Ruby Life Master
Bud Hinckley	Sapphire Life Master
Tom Hallum	Diamond Life Master



## Member Updates

Carol Bieneman 269-445-8734 correction

## Just a Reminder of Do's and Dont's

**DO** have your convention card filled out and open on the table so that the opponents can see both pages.

**DO** have your partner's and your convention cards filled out alike! (ACBL rule)

**DON'T** have your convention card open to the inside pages with your scores apparent for all the opponents to see and perhaps use to their advantage.

**DON'T** play a card from the board (if you are the dummy) until partner (declarer) has called for it - even if it is a singleton!

## Some Bidding & Playing Hints.....

**Didja' know?** If partner (unpassed hand) responds 1 diamond to your 1 club opener, it does **NOT** mean that he doesn't have a 4-card major. He may be bidding up the line. He could be holding KQxx Qxx Qxxxx x.

**Didja' know?** You bid 1 or 2 NT, your partner bids Stayman (Standard bidding) & you hold BOTH majors! After you have responded with one of your 4-card majors and she then bids no trump indicating no fit, you can confidently bid the other major knowing she would not have used Stayman without having at least one 4-card major.

**Didja' know?** Leading A from an AK+ holding applies **only** to the **opening lead**. During the play, lead the K from an AK+ holding. Playing the Ace during the play of the hand will deny the king.

## Education Updates

### "J & J" October Classes

**Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00**  
**No classes on 10/1 & 10/29**

10/08 Play of the Hand - No Trump Contracts  
 10/15 Forcing & Non Forcing Bids  
 10/22 Your requests!!!

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



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

October 4: Game

October 11: Opening Leads

October 18 & 25: Filling out the convention card:

Contact Tricia at patriciakilleen@att.net.

or call 574-271-1345.

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



**Elaine DeLaney's Friday Lessons & Game:**  
**Discussion: How to Compete Over Preempts**

Lesson 2-2:15 Game 2:15-5:00 Cost \$7 or \$8

Contact Elaine if you would like to play but need a partner. elaine.delaney@comcast.net

