



Welcome, ♥ Judy! ♥

Judy Tarpo who hails from Ogden Dunes was welcomed to the Monday game. She came as a guest of Carol Miller, and together they placed first in their section in that STaC game.

Judy has been playing bridge since her college days — since 1957. And she has kept on playing since that time — in the setting of social bridge. She just loves the game! ♥♥ She would play every day (that's as often as she is asked to be a partner), but there are a few other requests that life asks of her.

Before retirement, Judy was a microbiologist at St. Mary Medical Center and at Community Hospital. She has 5 children and 10 grandchildren. Other activities that interest her are golfing and singing. She was a member of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus for 27 years.

Well, dear lady, we are pleased to have met you, and we hope that you will include us in your busy bridge calendar for some future visits!



Less Experienced Bridge Players Make the Big Time

The local duplicate bridge unit covers all of the northern third of Indiana. Within that unit the top 100 players for the years are compiled. Many players from Northwest Indiana appear on the list, but the most impressive is that four newer players in duplicate — those with less than 300 masterpoints — have earned enough points to rank in the top 100. They are Terry Bauer, Mary Kocevar, Chuck Tomes and Carol Miller.

The players who participate in the duplicate games in Chesterton, Calumet Township, Valparaiso, Highland and Portage and who have scored in the top 50 for the month of January are — Trudi McKamey, Louis Nimnicht, James O'Connell, Barbara Graegin, Zafar Khan, James Angell, Barbara Walczak, Helen Miller, Robert Porter, Dave Bigler, Terry Bauer, Carol Osgerby, Don Valiska, Alan Yngve, Joseph Chin, Carolyn Potasnik, Daniel Spain, Michael Brissette, Daryl Fraley, Wayne Carpenter, Anna Urick, Dolores Marshall, William Birk, Patricia Mikuta, Robert Ferguson, Janice Custer, Constance Stevens, Robert Butz, Lynne Kostopoulos, Mary Kocevar, Hilda Connor, Stacy Jacobs, Anne Murphy, Jerry Palm, Judy Selund, John Goring, Indra Gupta, Ginney Qian Ye, Yuan Hsu, Karen Sarsfield, Laurence Dunford, Dorothy Hart, Ruth Westberg, Michele Whitney, Charles Tomes, Edmond d'Ouille, Thomas Hallum, Laverne Niksch, Patricia Valiska and Jane Krueger.



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MIKE LAWRENCE FUN QUESTIONS

1. In first seat partner opens 4H with nobody vulnerable. How many high card points should he have?
A. 8-12 B. 13-15 C. 15-18
2. How many spade symbols are on the Jack of spades?
A. 2 B. 4 C. Lots
3. How many points, counting distribution, does it take to make a takeout double when your RHO opens 3S?
A. 14 points B. 17 points C. 20 points
4. The opponents bid 1NT - 3NT. What card should you lead from the K J 10 7 4 of spades if using normal leads?
A. J B. 10 C. 7 D. 4
5. What is the maximum number of bids (counting passes) possible to end up in a contract of 1D?
A. 10 B. 12 C. 16

Caption for photo — Bridge players who ranked in the top 100 in Unit 154 of the American Contract Bridge League in 2018 are: (from left) Terry Bauer of Portage, Mary Kocevar of Hobart, Carol Miller of Valparaiso and Chuck Tomes of Valparaiso.