

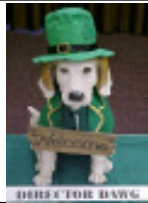


# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

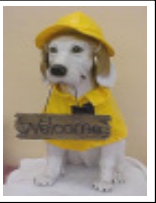
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This issue is a combination of the March and April newsletters, so we will try to cover any news and announcements for the two months. The April schedule will bring eleven (11) Charity Fund games for all those extra points. There will also be an ACBL Membership game on the 17th (members must be ACBL members to garner any points). The Swiss Team games are on the 2, 8, 14 and 28. And, of course, don't forget the Recognition Luncheon on the 6th.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## Good Bridge Habits

1. Get in the habit of counting your cards **BEFORE** you look at your hand. Reason:
  - a. No result on a board is ever valid unless all players start with 13 cards
  - b. The Director may not be able to allow a result on a board if you look at your hand holding a wrong number of cards.
2. When leading, please choose a card, place it face down on the table and ask if it is your lead and if your partner has any questions. This will alleviate having to call the director because of a lead being made from the wrong hand.
3. Do not fold **bidding cards** until all the bidding is done and all are in agreement. E.g.: 1 NT - P - 3NT  
Do not assume this series of bidding ends the auction. There are three players who have bids available.
4. Do not fold **playing cards** after a hand has been played until all have agreed on the result.
5. When it is your turn to bid, do not tap the table to designate a "pass". Many players have a habit of tapping the table when they are "thinking". Is it a pass or just idle tapping? To make sure there is no misunderstanding, please use your green (pass) card.
6. After all players have played to a trick:
  - a. You can ask to see any card played to that trick **only if your card is still face up**. You are not obligated to show your last played card if all the players have turned their cards facedown.
  - b. The only one of your own facedown cards you can look at is the one you just played - and only until someone leads to the next trick.
7. Not only should players have legible convention cards, they also should match their partner's and be on the table so the opponents can read them.

**Our thanks to Bill Searcy, Bud Hinckley and Bob Knoblock, directors par excellence, for their input.**

## Wander Our Wall



On April 6th, the SBBC will be honoring members who have made stellar achievements during the past year. Our Celebrity Wall features pictures of 2018 honorees including Bob Adams, Pat Borchert, Tom Hallum, John Hamilton, Bud Hinckley, Lena Howard, Hugh Metzger, Virginia Stipp, Mike Young & Rosemary Zonker. Along with this group, the plaques on the wall feature the top players in the club, top players in each category (A, B, C, & 99ers), Mini McKenney winners, Ace of Clubs winners, Friends Who Have Passed Away, and a salute to all the volunteers who have made this club a success. Be sure to stroll down the Lane - you might discover your name on one of the rosters!

The Wall is quite a work of art. We thank Tom Hebron for its construction, Jo Ann Steigmeyer for the artwork and John Killeen for providing all the final results. Great Job!

### ACE OF CLUBS & MINI MCKENNEY AWARDS

On April 10th Gary Cheney, President of Unit 154, will be here to give special awards to several of our SBBC members. The Ace of Clubs race is based upon points won at a local sanctioned club. Mini McKenney includes all masterpoints won at ACBL sanctioned tournaments and clubs but not online points. Join us to see who these recipients are.

### PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS ARE OUT & ABOUT



Copies of the phone and e-mail list are available at the Directors' Station.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 Gloria Falcone  
 10 Cappy Gagnon  
 11 Annette Tyler  
 12 Kathy Stegmaier  
 16 Gloria Bates  
 20 Joan Fahey  
 21 Ted Mullett  
 22 Nancy Alig  
 26 Bill Odell  
 27 LaDora Sloan  
 31 Candace Hurwich



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Joey Stiver  
 04 JoEllen DePaepe, Iris Goerner  
 11 Kurt Stiver  
 12 Bud Hinckley, Gini Stipp  
 13 Mary Hintz  
 18 Janet Turnock  
 20 Linda Podlin  
 22 Gayle Gonser, Lynn Miller  
 22 Bill Searcy  
 24 Judith McCullough  
 26 Tami McNally



## Top Games in February

Thurs: 2/14 Rosemary Polizzotto & Annette Tyler 60.42%  
 a.m. 2/14 Mel Meyer & Fred Stump 54.17%  
 149ers: 2/15 Miki Grant & Linda Urschel 66.77%  
 2/22 Rosemary Polizzotto & Annette Tyler 57.50%  
 2/22 Miki Grant & Linda Urschel 57.50%  
 399ers: 2/18 Christopher Clarke & John Gadd 69.50%  
 1/27 Candy Hurwich & Peggy Lyzun 69.00%  
 Open: 2/12 Bill Searcy & Raji Sundararajan 71.00%  
 2/15 John Scheibelhut & Elaine Thompson 70.83%

### Team Games

Tues. 2/5 Open: John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen,  
 & Virginia Stipp  
 Sun. 2/10 Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy  
 & Ren Singleton  
 Tues. 2/19 Open: Joan Fahey, Dee Stevenson, Gail Wells  
 & Elaine Thompson  
 Tues. 2/19 399ers: Chris Clarke, Merrill Crull, Ron McKay  
 & Judith McCullough  
 Sun: 2/24 Open: Tom Hallum Dan McCarthy, Connie  
 & Tom Hebron  
**Tie!** John & Patricia Killeen, Tom Rossow  
 & Virginia Stipp

## Top Games in March

Thurs: 3/07 Miki Grant & Linda Urschel 66.67%  
 a.m. 3/07 Rosemary Polizzotto Annette Tyler 64.58%  
 399ers: 3/25 Ron & Connie McKay 72.50%  
 3/13 Ron Bodach & Ron McKay 65.97%  
 Open: 3/25 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney 75.15%  
 3/14 Leroy Boser & Ren Singleton 70.51%

### Team Games

Tues. 3/5 Open: John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen,  
 & Virginia Stipp  
 Sun. 3/10 Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Dick  
 Hastings & Rosemary Zonker  
 Tues. 3/19 Open: John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus  
 & Ren Singleton  
 Tues. 3/19 399ers: Judith Kearns, Judith McCullough,  
 Anita Nunemaker & Kathy Stegmaier  
 Sun: 3/24 Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney,  
 Lena Howard & Richard Mao

## Education Updates

### THURSDAY, NEWCOMER APRIL GAMES - 9:30

The schedule for the month of April:

**April 11, 18 & 25 - Declarer Play**

If you need a partner, contact Tricia Killeen by e-mail at patriciakilleen@att.net or phone 574-271-1345



### J & J MONDAY MORNING CLASSES - APRIL - 9:30

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer classes on **April 1, 8, 15 & the 22nd.**

Subjects to be covered include Play of the Hand, Timing, Bidding Basics, Rebids, and your requests!



**Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00**

## WHAT ARE THE CARDS TELLING YOU?

## Several alert situations arose recently at SBBC games

If you are playing weak jump shifts, you do not alert if the bid is made in competition. You must alert if the bid is made **not** in competition.

Playing weak 2 opening bids, a non-forcing new suit by responder is alertable. After a weak 2 opener and a double, a non-forcing new suit by responder is also alertable

If you are playing a convention, please learn all the alerts associated with the series of bidding.

**E.g.:** Jacoby 2NT - the 2 NT response to a major must be alerted and the responses to the 2NT (such as singletons, voids or another 5-card suit) must be alerted. **Another example** is (Reverse?) Drury: P - P - Major suit - P - 2C. Two (2) clubs must be alerted as Drury - not necessarily a club suit but asking about partner's opening bid in 3rd or 4th seat.

the director's corner