



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Cinco de Mayo Dawg advises that there is **no Sunday Swiss Team game on May 12.** Other activities for the month include: a Pro-Am Swiss Team game on the afternoon of Saturday, May 25th; three Club Championships; six Grass Roots Fund games; an ACBL Membership Game on the 23rd, Swiss Team Games on Tuesdays, 5/7 & 5/21 and on Sunday, the 26th. Take advantage of the extra points that can be earned at these special games. **The Bridge Club will be open on 5/27 (Memorial Day).**

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



GOOD AND BAD BRIDGE HABITS AT SBBC

Law 46A

When calling a card from dummy, declarer should clearly state the suit and the rank of

Bill Searcy the card to be played.

Many of our declarers have morphed into the habit of saying "play" when calling a card from dummy. While the ACBL does allow this, the word "play" is deemed to mean the lowest card in the suit in dummy. I believe this condones a bad habit, and disagree with the ACBL stance.

They go on to state that if there is any possible confusion to this, the director now rules in favor of the opponents.

Now, a new issue involves declarer's "intent". This means declarer is allowed to change a card designation if the intent was clear at the start of a trick, and before he plays to the next trick

Dummy has K543 of a suit and declarer leads the 2 toward dummy. He then says "play" or "play low". His intent was certainly to play the K, so he is now allowed to change the card. The directors are now charged with determining carelessness or intent. For years, we have ruled for the defense. This change will not make for happy campers defending, but it is now the ruling.

Conversely, dummy has A Q xx of a suit and declarer leads small towards dummy. LHO plays the K and declarer starts to say Queen. Here, the intent was to clearly finesse, so declarer is stuck playing the queen. No longer is the term "same breath" allowed, as declarer is stuck with carelessness

I will continue to comment on bad bridge habits, both here and at the table.

The directors meet monthly on the third Monday after the game. Any player is welcome to attend. We discuss many of our rulings in order to give our players the best game possible. Questions from our members are always welcome.

ACE OF CLUBS & MINI-McKENNEY AWARD WINNERS



On April 10th Gary Cheney, President of our Unit 154, paid us a visit to present certificates to the 2018 winners of the Mini-McKenney (points earned in all events) and Ace of Clubs (points earned only in the club events) Awards. Pictured above, l to r, are Gini Stipp, Gerry Wardzinski, Elaine DeLaney, President Cheney, Tricia Killeen, Raji Sundararjan, and Bill Flanagan, all of whom won Ace of Clubs awards except for Gerry who won both the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

PRO-AM SWISS

On a Saturday!



Mark your calendar for the Pro-Am Swiss Team Game - **Saturday afternoon, May 25th.** Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or

player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points.

The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event, and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! by the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef,

Bill Searcy @ 12 Noon. Certainly worth the trip! \$7 play - \$5 meal.



REMINDER: The Fort Wayne Sectional is May 3, 4, & 5.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
 02 Joan Tobler
 03 Tom Saal
 05 Art Houle
 11 Raji Sundararajan
 13 Randy Peterson
 14 Karen Nagy
 15 Joyce Sopko
 17 Fred Binder
 21 Nancy Saunders
 22 Roger Chrastil
 22 Kent Dennis



Top Games in April

Pair Games:

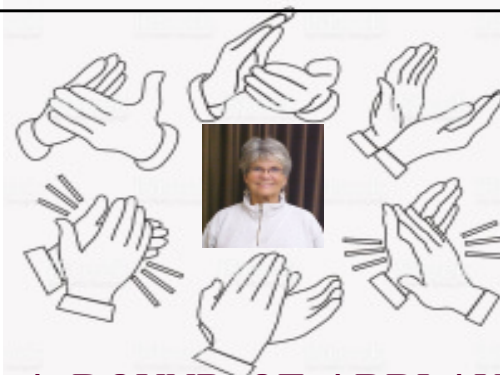
149ers: 4/26 Bonnita Laub & Linda Urschel 65.00%
 4/26 Mary Newbold & Garry Wardzinski 61.25%
 Newcomers: 4/04 Miki Grant & Linda Urschel 66.67%
 4/04 Rosemary Polizzotto & Annette Tyler 58.33%
 399ers: 4/01 Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin 65.0%
 4/17 Candy Hurwich & Gerry Wardzinski 63.89%
 Open: 4/25 Dick Hastings & Lena Howard 69.79%
 4/23 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney 68.33%

Swiss Team Games:

Tuesday 4/2 Open: John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen & Gini Stipp
Tie! Open: Cappy Gagnon, Vance Senecal, Bruce Sokol & Mike Young
 Sunday 4/16 Open: John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday 4/16 399ers: Irene Cooperrider, Margaret Lewis, Peggy Lyzun & Marty Martin
 Sunday, 4/28 Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings & Lena Howard

Kudos to Bud Hinkley:

Those who participated in the 4/28/19 Swiss Team game were very pleased that it was a Dupli-Swiss event since there were only 5 teams participating. We thought Dupli-Swiss could only be held with an even number of teams. We asked the Director Bob Knoblock how this was possible, and he said that Bud created this movement and it needed only ONE set of boards. The teams were spread out across the room and were playing different boards throughout the session, although, of the 30 boards made, each team played 24 of them. It was a very enjoyable experience. Thanks, Bud!



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

to Leslie Garvey for sponsoring the ACBL-wide charity game in February. We appreciate her generosity.

HAPPY TO SEARCH



Looking for a partner? When you want to increase the number of times you play each month, you may be looking for a partner. We have just the people for you to contact. Just call Joan Tobler at 269-687-0766, Elaine DeLaney at 574-291-3521 or e-mail her at elaine.delaney@comcast.net. It would be fun to see you more often AND it would help the club.

Education Updates

THURSDAY MORNING CLASSES

Tricia Killeen, along with her dedicated mentors, will continue her **Beginning Lessons**.

Tricia will host a REAL GAME on May 2. John Killeen's topics for **May 9, 16, 23 & 31** will be:

Declaring & Defending against No Trump

Contact patriciakilleen@att.net or call 574-271-1345.

Times: 9:15 to 11:30 Cost: \$6



J & J MONDAY MORNING CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler's Classes will cover play of the hand, defense and "good ole fashioned basic" bidding. And, of course, listening and answering your



questions about any part of bridge.

Schedule for classes is: **May 6, 13, 20**
May 27 - Memorial Day - No Class

9:30 to 11:30 Cost: \$5



ELAINE'S CLASS & GAME

The Friday afternoon 149'er game starts at 2 PM each Friday with a 15-minute lesson before the game. If you would like to play but need a partner, contact Elaine Delaney at elaine.delaney@comcast.net. Cost: \$7 or \$8.

