



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Membership forms have been filled out and dues have been paid so you will be seeing a phone and e-mail list issued sometime in January of 2019. Club events you can participate in are two Sunday Swiss Team games (1/13 & 1/27), two Tuesday Swiss Team games (1/1 & 1/15), our annual Jim Farnor Day on 1/7, ACBL-wide Jr. Fund (1/22), International Fund Game and many other Junior Fund games.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



2018 Recognition Banquet



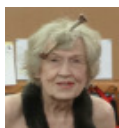
In the Spring of 2019

The club will be honoring the members who have achieved another level in their bridge careers. The honorees are:

Diamond Life Masters



Tom Hallum



Rosemary Zonker



Lena Howard

Sapphire Life Masters



Bud Hinckley



Virginia Stipp

Gold Life Master



Bob Adams

Silver Life Master



John Hamilton.

Ruby Life Master



Pat Borchert

Ruby Life Master



Hugh Metzger

Life Master



Mike Young

Also, the winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKenney Awards will be revealed.

OVERHEARD AT THE BRIDGE CENTER

“How can I revoke when I haven’t ‘voked yet’ ?”

E. TIM CARL

December 1, 1940 - December 16, 2018



It was wonderful to have Tim as long as we did. He came into the club smiling and didn't stop even during his last days. He was a regular fixture coming in each day to play and to tell us that he had just seen "my very favorite movie on TCM last night." He loved old movies and any western he could find. He had an enthusiasm for

bridge that was infectious. But, he had that same enthusiasm for many of his other accomplishments. He won awards for his sales of cars and recreational vehicles, and after retirement he worked at Central High School as a teacher's aide, working with students with autism. He was married to his wife Lenora for fifty-seven special years. He was an avid golfer, a Silver Life Master bridge player, and served honorably in the U.S. Air Force. And to us, Tim was our Club President for three years and a good friend. We will miss him.

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESULTS

What a wonderful turnout! There were 10 tables in the open section and 5 in the 399er section. Richard Mao won the 50/50 raffle, but returned it all to the club for a total of \$201 for the club. Thank you, Rich! A Skillet-prepared lunch of chicken, sausage, gravy, noodles and stuffing was enjoyed by our members. Many of our members donated delicious desserts to top off the satisfying and filling lunch. Special thanks to our contributors.

Of course, kudos go to the Hostess Chairperson Joan Tobler and her committee, Marty Martin and Tricia

Killeen, for making this party a success.

The winners were: In the Open section Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao and in the 399er section Maureen & Roger Skurski.

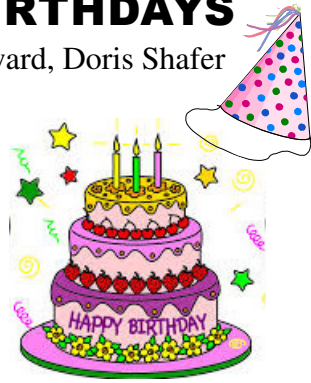


Congratulations!

Note: There was a bit of a computer glitch so the players had to use traveling score sheets - a new experience for many of them. These scores had to be transferred to the computer and we thank Marian David for spending a couple of hours with the director reading off the scores.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Barbara Fedder, Lena Howard, Doris Shafer
- 9 Reggie Lowenhar
- 13 Gail Wells
- 14 Merrill Crull
- 15 Clarke Dippell
- 17 Connie Hebron
- 28 George Cramer
- 30 John Bodish
- 31 Bill Blum, Barbara Myers



Top Games in December

399ers:	12/19 Candace Hurwich & Peggy Lyzun	67.00%
	12/03 John Gadd & Julie Nelson	62.00%
Fri. PM	12/07 Candace Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	63.33%
	12/14 Mary Newbold & Joey Stiver	57.50%
Open:	12/17 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	72.66%
	12/19 Lee Boser & Ren Singleton	71.19%

Swiss Team Games

- Tuesday 12/4: Cappy Gagnon, Ted Mullett, Vance Senecal & Mike Young
- Sunday 12/9: Lynne Bruehlman, Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, & Vance Senecal
- Tuesday 12/18: Chris Barker, Marian David, Joan Tobler
Open & Jo Ann Steigmeyer
- Tuesday 12/18: Ivey Benson, Irene Cooperrider, Peggy Lyzun, 399ers & Marty Martin
- Sunday 12/23: Tricia & John Killeen, Tom Rossow & Gini Stipp

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to find the latest Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, the latest calendars (club, hostess and director schedules), newsletters (past and present), Hands of the Month, game results, a list of our library books and more.

PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

When you filled out the Membership Application Form in December, you were asked to give permission to print your phone and/or e-mail address on a list for **distribution to our members only**. This information will **not** appear on the website. The list will be available at the Director's Station in January 2019.



MORE INFO FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM: We would like to have your birthday (year not necessary) so that we can wish you a Happy Birthday. Besides, at least once a year your name will appear in our newsletter.

THANKS

Our thanks to Bob Knoblock for having made all the boards for our games each month.



SBBC BOARD NEWS:

The Board passed a new policy that gives the directors the discretion to levy a procedural penalty for slow play without a warning.

2 Diamond Non-Alertable Response

Since a response of 2D over a 2C opener is **never** to be alerted, (adopted by ACBL January 1, 2012), **it would be wise to either ask the opponent or look at his card to see what his 2D bid means.** It could be waiting, game force, steps, showing an ace or king, or a variety of other bids. This could have an impact on your subsequent bids and defense.



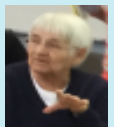
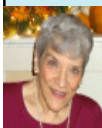
When opponents look at your convention card during the bidding, do not offer an explanation of a bid or action **unless they ask!**

Education Updates

J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present their classes from **9:30 to 11:30 on 1/7, 1/14, & 1/21.**

No set-up hands! We will shuffle, deal and play to see how to handle a mix of possible bids, plays and defense. We will see how these hands and results stand up to duplicate scoring. The hands will be new to Jo Ann and Joan, also. Of course, there will be **BASICS. BASICS, BASICS! Cost \$5**



Tricia Killeen's Newcomers at 9:15-11:30 Thursday a.m. Schedule:

1/3: Game 1/10: Reverse bids

1/17: Reverse bids 1/24: Q & A Session
and 1/31: Q & A Session



Contact Tricia Killeen at 574-271-1345 or patriciakilleen@att.net Cost \$6.00

Elaine DeLaney's Friday afternoon 149er game and lessons are on hold.



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February 2019



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! During February there will be an ACBL - Wide Charity game on the 20th, an ACBL Membership game on the 25th (both players must be members of ACBL to earn points), a Grass Roots Fund game, & several Junior Fund games. Of course, don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 5th, 10th, 19th & 24th and be sure to check out the educational classes offered (see page 2).

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



From the Club Manager



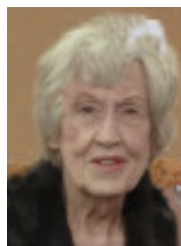
We ended 2018 with a loss of over \$5,200, largely due to declining attendance. There were one-time expenditures of \$2,000 in 2018 that included our share of the new carpeting, overhauling the dealing machine, and the voucher cabinet. The Board met in January to discuss ways to make up the deficit. Our

Directors have offered to help in several very generous ways: (1) each director will make the game boards for the game he is directing (a savings of more than \$1,500/year); (2) the directors of the two section games have agreed to take \$60 as compensation, rather than the \$80/96 previously paid (a savings of approximately \$2,500/year); and (3) the Sunday game director Lee Boser has been taking a lower director fee and serving as host for a savings of approximately \$400/year. Thus, the Directors will be contributing about \$4,400 in annual savings to the Club. The Board agreed to eliminate cookies from the refreshment budget for a savings of \$500/year, and Rosemary Zonker has pledged to supply the coffee (The Board was considering charging 50 cents/day for coffee and tea). We hope these measures allow us to operate in the black in 2019. The Board is very grateful to the Directors for their help in dealing with our financial troubles and will continue its search for other creative long-term solutions. The membership can help by increasing their attendance, encouraging others to do the same and inviting their friends to play if they are not members already. We all need to pitch in to the extent we can to ensure the continued good health of the Club.

Fricia Killeen, Club Manager

Rosemary Zonker

Diamond Life Master



Rosemary Zonker achieved the lofty title of Diamond Life Master by earning over 5000 masterpoints during her bridge career. Her achievement became a reality in December 2018 so she will be honored along with nibne others at the Spring Awards Luncheon. Rosemary has been a very dedicated member

playing 4 to 5 times a week, driving from Elkhart, no matter the weather (This IS Indiana, you know!).

Con gratulation s Rosemary!

Robert (Bob) Lewis II

February 20, 1941 - January 10, 2019

Bob was such a wonderful ambassador and a great addition to our club. But, he was that and more to all the people he came in contact with. Playing bridge he started out on the "B" side (newer players) of our club but was making headway on the "A" side (the veterans).

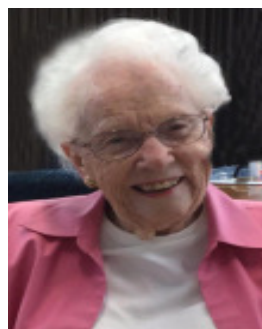


Bob's love for education was evident throughout his professional career. He held executive administrative posts at many universities and retired in 1997 from Notre Dame after being in charge of the Graduate Education For Minorities for seven years. He also served his church and his community by volunteering his time and talents. For fun and relaxation Bob enjoyed playing in the MOB Group (Men Only Bridge) and the Par Putter Golf Club.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Margaret (often his bridge partner), 3 children & 4 grandchildren. We send our condolences to his family. We will miss his infectious smile.

Martha Hosinski

December 28, 1919 - January 7, 2019



Our bridge Club was so happy to be able to celebrate many of Martha's birthdays especially her last one - the 99th. Throughout the years she would come bouncing in ready to play with her myriad of partners who thoroughly enjoyed her company. If you gave her even a hint that game was possible, she would bid it with enthusiasm!

Martha was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, graduated from Regis College and later joined the U.S. Navy, serving during WW II. She often claimed that, if she had stayed in the Navy, she would have been an admiral (and we believe it wholeheartedly). However, along came William Hosinski, who brought her to his hometown of South Bend where they raised their five children. She was a wonderful helpmate for her Bill as he practiced law and became a judge. For her children she was the upbeat, postive force in their lives. We shall all miss her.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leslie Garvey, Jill Mroczkiewicz
- 7 Bill Flanagan
- 12 Bob Knoblock
- 13 Donna Tieman
- 14 Maureen Skurski
- 15 Carol Kraabel
- 16 Victor Papai
- 18 Marian David
- 22 Sara Marcus
- 28 Vicki McIntire, Bonnita Laub



Top Games in January

Open Games

399ers: 1/09	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	70.00%
1/14	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	70.00%
Open: 1/21	Elaine DeLaney & Tom Hallum	68.25%
1/20	Don Groch & Bill Searcy	67.59%

Swiss Team Games

- Tues. 1/1 Open: John & Tricia Killeen, Gini Stipp & Rosemary Zonker
- Sun. 1/13 Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
- Tues. 1/15 Open: John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard & Virginia Stipp
- Tues. 1/15 399ers: Irene Cooperrider, Peggy Lyzun, Marty Martin & M. Julie Nelson
- Sun. 1/27 Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Richard Hastings & Lena Howard

NEWS FLASH!!!

E-mail and phone lists will be published and distributed in the month of February. This directory is being made available with the permission of our members and is for their use only. **It will not be published on the web. If you did not give your permission to publish your phone number or e-mail address, it will not appear in the directory.** Check with Jo Ann if you want to make sure that your info is published.

A GROUP HUG FOR OUR NEW 2019 MEMBERS! WELCOME!

Rebecca Delahanty, Miki Grant, Art Houle, Mary Lou Houle, Pam Johnson, Judith Kearn, Judith McCullough, & Fred Stump. **Glad to have you with us!**



The Inauguration of a New Game

The Club will begin holding a 149er game at 10 am on Friday mornings effective 2/1/2019. A recent survey of the membership produced 26 positive responses to this idea. We hope to see that this new game brings lots of players to the club.



Mr. Sohail Bahu, a former member, has donated his bridge library to the Club. We send him our grateful thanks.



CELEBRATING DR. JIM



The sixth annual Jim Farner Day, held on January 7, 2019, gave us this year's winners - Marian David and Bill Searcy with a whopping 62.64%. Jim Farner was a member of SBBC for many years, and, when he died, his family generously donated to our club. We have a plaque to honor his birthday with the winners' names inscribed each year.

Education Updates

Tricia Killeen's topics for the 9:15 Thursday morning sessions are:

February 7: **Game**

February 14: **Lesson on How to Evaluate Your Hand when you and your partner have found a fit.**

February 21: **Lesson on What Does It Mean to be Vulnerable**

February 28: **Question & Answer Session Cost: \$6**



J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer the Monday classes on February 4, 11, 18 & 25. Short talks will be presented on **DOUBLES - take-out, negative, support, and redoubles.** Random hands will be discussed at the tables showing what various bids, leads, plays and defensive cards are saying.

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

BRING PROBLEM HANDS TO CLASS!

CHECK OUT THE NEW FRIDAY MORNING (10:00) GAME NOTICE AT TOP OF THIS PAGE.

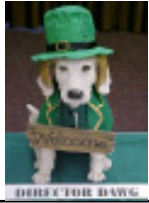


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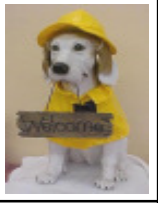
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March/April 2019



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