



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.





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June 2019



The month of June offers seven (7) NAP (North American Pairs) Games, a week of STaC Games (June 24-30), the Sunday Team games on the 9th & 23rd, and the Tuesday Swiss Team games on the 4th & 18th, Be sure to sign up for all these activities.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



Byron (Bud) Parshall June 11, 1926 - October 5, 2018

Last November we had the sad duty of advising our members that we had lost a dear bridge friend, Bud Parshall. It turns out that he found us to be his friends also because he left a wonderful gift of over \$48,000 to our club. We will be hearing more about how the club will remember Bud and how the money will be used to benefit our members and promote this game that all of us find so interesting and challenging.



Bud was raised in South Bend and graduated from the University of Michigan with an Engineering Degree. He was employed by N.A. Rockwell to serve as quality control manager involved in the NASA Space Program. However, he was not all work and no play. He was an avid fly fisherman, was an Arthur Murray ballroom dance instructor and achieved the lofty rank of life master. He was an extremely tough bridge competitor, particularly when he partnered with his favorite partner, Fred Binder. They really kept the other players on their toes. We will continue to have him in our thoughts.

We thank him for his generous gift!

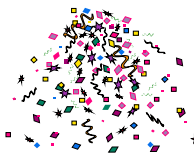
PRO-AM WINNERS



Our semi-annual Pro-Am Swiss Team Event, held on Saturday afternoon May 25th, was a great success! There were 12 teams of life masters or players with more than 500 points partnering with non-life master players with fewer than 500 points. The winners were (l to r): **Kathy Stegmaier, Elaine DeLaney, & Gini Stipp.** The fourth member, Margaret Lewis, was not available when the picture was taken. We send our congratulations! In addition, a hearty thank you to Director Bill Searcy (our hot dog chef) for running the event so smoothly and to Joan Tobler's committee, Leslie Garvey, Candace Hurwich, and Tricia Killeen, for the festivities & the tasty spread. Look for the next Pro-Am on August 17th!



IT'S PARTY TIME!!! AGAIN!!!



On July 10th we will recognize the accomplishments of our 399er players who have recently risen in the

ranks. Our heartiest congratulations to all of them for having achieved the following rankings as they make the journey from Rookie to Life Master. This month we are honoring the following:

REGIONAL MASTERS: George Cramer, Mary Muller and Norm Muller

SECTIONAL MASTER: Candace Hurwich

JUNIOR MASTERS: Miki Grant, Mary Newbold, Anne Saal, and Tom Saal

CLUB MASTERS: Peggy Cunningham, Fred Maione and Kathy Stegmaier

A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!

WHAT'S ACBL UP TO NOW?

ACBL has designated July 29th to August 3rd as the dates when our club can participate in **REACH** (Regional Event At Club House). This program allows our members to earn gold and red points at the club. We will have more details as they become available for our members about this program.

ACBL is providing a new feature called Live for Clubs. To find out more about this, log onto the ACBL website with your player number and password. Scroll down to where it says Live for Clubs. Take the tour of how Live for Clubs works and provide your email address. You will receive an e-mail on the days you play with your results. This is very similar to the Live feature that gives you your results when you've played in a tournament. We hope you like this new option..

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 08 Dick Hastings
- 09 Kathleen Peterson
- 11 Don Groch, Julie Nelson
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 18 Connie McKay
- 21 Ann Ullman
- 27 Nancy Shaffer
- 28 Patricia Borchert, Marty Martin
- 29 June Glazer
- 30 Bruce BonDurant



Top Games in May

Pair Games:

149ers:	5/17 Candace Hurwich & Bonnita Laub	78.57%
	5/10 Julie Nelson & Anita Nunemaker	65.87%
399ers:	5/20 Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich	71.50%
	5/22 Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	64.00%
	5/08 Candace Hurwich & Marty Martin	64.00%
Open:	5/10 Christine Barker & Jo Ann Steigmeyer	70.14%
	5/02 John Killeen & Tricia Killeen	68.29%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open:	John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Gina Stipp	
	5/26 & Tom Rossow	
Tuesday Open:	Marian David, Lena Howard, Sara Marcus	
	5/07 & William Searcy	
Tuesday Open:	John Bodish, Jimmy Cordas, Elaine DeLaney	
	5/21 & Gini Stipp	
Tuesday 399er:	Bill Blum, Connie McKay, Ron McKay	
	5/21 & Gerry Wardzinski	

MOVIN' ON UP

Miki Grant Junior Master
 Kathy Stegmaier Club Master



Member Updates

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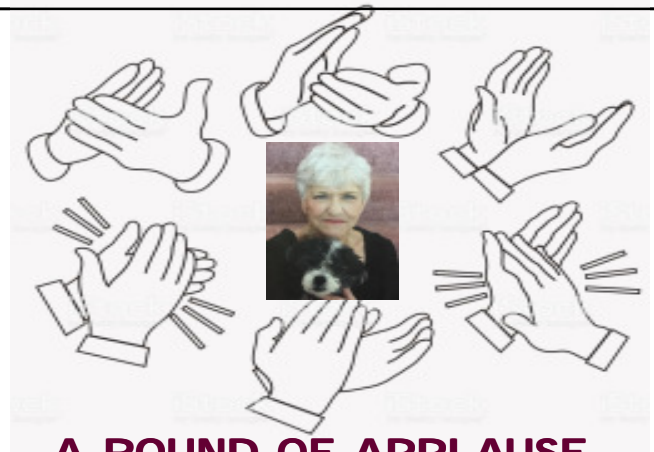
VOUCHER SUPPLY

Be sure to use our system for buying and receiving blue vouchers. Present your money to the director and you will be given the vouchers.



**The SBBC Summer Sectional
 August 2, 3, & 4**

will be held at the Kroc Community Center. The schedule will be published on the ACBL website as well as in our July newsletter and August Calendar.



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

to **Christine Barker** for picking up the extra table fees for the STaC games from June 24 through June 30. Her gift will allow our members to play for the regular special fee of \$8 instead of \$9.

THE TEACHERS ARE PROUD!

Looking at the Pro-Am results, the SBBC teachers were very proud of the number of players, who regularly attend classes on Monday, Thursday and Friday, played well and earned masterpoints. Their hard work paid off! **Congrats!**

The *Longest* Day

On Wednesday, June 19th, our club will be accepting donations for the ACBL-Alzheimer Association's fundraiser, *The Longest Day*. Every one of us has experienced seeing either a friend, relative or loved one touched by this disease. Your help is needed to stamp out this hurtful & hurting disease. Your donations will be much appreciated.

Education Updates

J & J Monday Classes in June:



3rd - Unusual NT over Majors **and** Minors
 10th - Negative Doubles
 17th - Advanced Negative Doubles
 24th - Re-opening Doubles
 Contact Jo Ann at 574-243-1355, email joann1107@comcast.net, or Joan at 269-687-9766.

Time: 9:30 -11:30 Cost: \$5



Tricia's Newcomer Group will have a real game on June 6th, practice sessions on the 13th, 20th, & the 27th. John Killeen's lessons will be on Defending Against a No trump Contract. Contact Tricia at PatriciaKilleen@att.net or phone 574-271-1345. **Time: 9:15 to 11:30 Cost \$6.00**



Elaine DeLaney's Friday Mini-Lesson starts at 2 PM with a 149'er game from 2:15 -5:15 PM **Cost: \$7.00 - \$8.00** Please contact Elaine at elaine.delaney@comcast.net if you would like to play but need a partner.



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August 2019



The August schedule features the **SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL**, on the 2nd through the 4th, seven NAP (North American Pairs) games and our Swiss Team games on Sundays, the 11th & 25th and on Tuesdays, the 6th & 20th.. Also, be sure to get your teams signed up for the Pro-Am cookout game on **Saturday afternoon**, August 17th. These activities are waiting just for YOU!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL

Join us at the Kroc Community Center, 900 W. Western, South Bend for the South Bend Summer Sectional from August 2 through the 4th.



Single sessions on August 2 and 3 are at 10:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M. and the Sunday Swiss on the 4th starting at 10 AM will include a short lunch break with an added playing fee for a box lunch.

Partnerships..... Karen Nagy, 574-514-7677
kanagy14@gmail.com

SILVERPOINT WINNERS



The South Bend Bridge Club is very proud to announce the SBBC top ten winners during Silverpoint Week in June. John Bodish was 3rd in our district out of 1,275 players with a total of 23.92 points. Below is a list of our other members who earned well deserved silver points.

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|----------------------|-------|------------------|------|
| 1. John Bodish | 23.92 | 6. Dee Stevenson | 7.25 |
| 2. Cappy Gagnon | 19.39 | 7. Ren Singleton | 6.42 |
| 3. Jo Ann Steigmeyer | 9.58 | 8. Sara Marcus | 5.05 |
| 4. Rosemary Zonker | 7.37 | 9. Bill Searcy | 4.64 |
| 5. Gail Wells | 7.25 | 10. Gini Stipp | 4.52 |

Among the players in the 399er games we find some of our very own players:

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|------------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1. Candace Hurwich | 2.59 | 6. Mary Hintz | 1.34 |
| 2. Mary Newbold | 1.80 | 7. Ann Ullman | 1.34 |
| 3. Linda Urschel | 1.70 | 8. Roger Chrastil | 1.20 |
| 4. Rosemary Polizzotto | 1.44 | 9. Mary Muller | 1.13 |
| 5. Miki Grant | 1.43 | 10. Norm Muller | 1.13 |

Well done, SBBC Players!

SBBC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, September 11th at 3:00 PM.

Three of the current Board members' terms are ending: Gini Stipp, Ted Mullett, and Bill Searcy. All three have agreed to run for a second term. Their names will be presented at the Annual Meeting as the Nominating Committee's slate. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by John Killeen and includes Bob Knoblock and Lee Boser as members.

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE & PROTOCOL (con t'd)

The auction

1. Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact. When using a bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this impropriety is when you touch a 2H card and then pull out a pass card.
2. Do not ask for information from your opponents unless it is your turn to bid.
3. Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorized information to one's partner. If one doesn't intend to bid, questions of the opponents, should be made after the auction has concluded.

INSTANT MATCHPOINT REPORT

On July 8, our club participated in the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. The game was sponsored in part by Rich Mao who has our thanks. The winners were:

Open Pairs: N/S - Sara Marcus and Joan Tobler

E/W - John & Tricia Killeen

399ers: N/S - Chris Clark & John Gadd

E/W - Merrill Crull & Miki Grant

Each winner received a **GOLD POINT!**

PRO-AM SWISS

Pro-Am Swiss Team Game - Saturday afternoon, August 17th. Lunch (\$5) at 12 Noon and game (\$7) 1 PM. We are delighted to offer the following choices for your lunch: **barbecued hot dogs or chili hot dogs (chili compliments of Miki Grant), potato salad, house salad, green beans and (compliments of Donna Tieman and her southern back-ground) cheesy grits and hot brown dip with chips, punch, ice cream and desserts.** Plus our resident chef Bill Searcy will working his magic at the barbecue kettle cooking the hot dogs. **A great bargain!**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 Dan McCarthy
 06 Leroy Boser, Joy Evard,
 Elaine Thompson
 08 Rosemary Polizzotto
 15 Dee Stevenson
 16 Bill Blauvelt, Roger Skurski
 17 Martie Black
 18 Rosemary Zonker
 19 Tom Rossow
 22 Judy Ayer



Top Games in July

Pair Game

399ers: 7/12 Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich 66.96%
 7/01 Candace Hurwich & Anita Nuneberg 65.97%
 Open: 7/11 Lee Boser & Ren Singleton 70.54%
 7/12 Gini Stipp & Rosemary Zonker 70.31%
 Fri. PM 7/19 Bob DuComb & Fred Maione 64.81%
 7/19 Candace Hurwich & Kathy Stegmaier 62.96%

Swiss Team Games

Tuesday Open: John Bodish, John Killeen, Tricia Killeen
 7/2 & Virginia Stipp
 Sunday Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy
 7/14 & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday Open: Dave Barkmeier, Joan Fahey, Tom Hebron
 7/16 **Tie** & Elaine Thompson
 Tuesday Open: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus
 7/16 & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday 399ers: Bill Blum, Connie McKay, Ron McKay
 7/16 & Gerry Wardzinski
 Sunday Open: Marty Alig, Jimmy Cordas, Elaine DeLaney,
 7/28 & Lena Howard

MOVING ON UP

Gloria Bates Club Master
 Donna Tieman Club Master



New Member Updates

Bob Binder 480-895-6332
 Robert O'Connor 574-234-3779
 Joyce Foley 574-291-0999

**PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR
 PHONE AND E-MAIL LISTS!**

Didja Know.....

In competition, your hesitation puts a burden on your partner who must now base his next bid on his hand and not on what may have been implied by your hesitation.

Also, the lead of the A from AK is only on opening lead. During play of the hand, lead the K to show you have the Ace.

No No - Do not underlead an ACE against a suit contract.

SHUTOUT BIDS

This month's guest columnist is Cappy Gagnon who will offer a few words about Shutout Bids. (Ed. note: it was not easy to get only a few words from Cappy).

Guest
Column

Overheard at the Bridge Club after a bidding of N-1C, S-1S, N-4S, S-P making 6! South's comment was: "But you made a shutout bid!" North's answer: "No, partner, I made an informational bid. With your 'at least 6 points and at least 4 spades', my 4S hand should promise 'at least 20 points and support.' If you have 12+ points, slam should be explored."

What are some Shutout bids?

1. **1NT - 3NT** Partner's hand is **known and limited** (15-17); therefore, you are the decider (Captain) of the end result.

2. Your partner opens a pre-empt and you bid game. In this case, you are again the Captain, because the opener's hand is **known and limited**. You are either saying "We can make this game" or "We have no hope of making this game, but those guys don't know it and I'm trying to shut THEM out".

3. **1H - 2H - 4H** Responder's hand is **known & limited** (6-9 pts).

One thing all shutout bids have in common is having one of the partners with a "known" amount of points enabling his partner to reach the right contract.



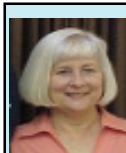
Thanks, Cappy!

Education Updates

"J & J" August Classes - Monday 9:30 - Cost \$5.00
BASICS of BRIDGE with PLAY OF THE HAND FEATURED

8/5 Basics & Play of the Hand (POH)
 8/12 Handling Interference & POH
 8/19 The Difference between leads & signals & POH
 8/26 **NO Class**

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



The Newcomer games on Thursday mornings will continue in August with a 9:15 starting time. "On August 1, there will be a game, and the rest of the month will cover "Declaring a Suit Contract" with John Killeen.

For more information contact Tricia Killeen at 574-271-1345, or e-mail patriciakilleen@att.net.. Cost \$6.00

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