



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! During February there will be an ACBL Membership game on the 17th (both players must be members of ACBL to earn points), 3 Club Championship games, and 10 Education Foundation games - great way to get those extra points. Of course, don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 4th, 9th, 18th & 23rd. Also be sure to check out the educational classes offered (see page 2).

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



2019 Recognition Celebration



Be sure to put **April 18th** on your calendar for the 2019 Recognition Luncheon. Honorees are:

Joan Tobler, Sapphire Life Master

Jody Praklet Heiner, Ruby Life Master

Dave Bontrager, Silver Life Master

Mike Young, Bronze Life Master

The winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKenney Awards will also be honored.

..... Dave Bontrager

Our Newest Silver Life Master



Born, bred and schooled in Elkhart,

Dave set out to be a teacher. After achieving a BA degree at Hanover, an MA at Ball State, and post grad work at Iowa and Notre Dame Universities, he began his 50 year teaching career: 6 in high school, and over 42 in college. He has a wonderful family consisting of 3

adult children, a kiwi stepdaughter (Australian), 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. His mother and his grandmother taught him lots of card games so he was ready to take on the game of bridge, still the best of the lot. Like many of us, he started playing bridge in college. This allowed him to meet a lot of characters and their feeling for him was mutual. **GOOD GOING, DAVE!**

..... Elizabeth Joan "Betty Jo" Miller April 3, 1930 - January 7, 2020

Even though Betty Jo loved tennis, camping, walking and other forms of physical exercise, she found time to come to the Bridge Center and "just sit" and exercise her mind. She not only played the game but she often took lessons to improve. There was great fun and love shared with her husband of 67 years, Bob, who also haunted our bridge center. Betty Jo brought with her wonderful smiles and warm greetings for all her friends. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her family.



Jo Ellen Praklet Heiner RUBY LIFE MASTER

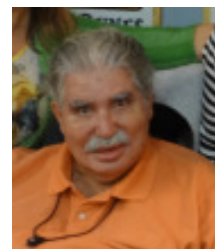


Jo Ellen (Jody) left for California a few years ago but came back this past year with her husband, Jim, for a welcome visit. We were delighted to see them. They were always formidable opponents. We congratulate her on achieving the Ruby Life Master award. It seems only yesterday that she became a Silver Life Master. We wish her well and congratulate her for her achievement. We hope to see her back at our club soon.

James Bernard Heiner

July 16, 1943 - Dec. 25, 2019

Born in Villejo, California, Jim, at an early age, was determined to experience life so he toured Europe on a motorcycle. Later, after attending UCLA, he earned his masters degree from San Jose State. Jim loved outdoor activities but his greatest love was music. In college he was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy but it never stopped his zest for living. He defied the odds by teaching for over 43 years and directed numerous choirs & musicals. He enjoyed watching old movies, playing competitive bridge & babysitting his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Jody, his children & grandchildren. We are blessed that he spent time with us. **WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.**



MERRILL CRULL - ANOTHER PICTURE AND NAME TO ADD TO OUR 90+ WALL



We welcomed Merrill Crull to our 90+ wall as he reached the impressive age of 90 on January 14th. He is a major force among the 399er players and has many stories to tell about his colorful life. Pictured here is our New Club Manager, Marty Martin, presenting Merrill with a gift from the Club along with celebratory cake and ice cream.

CONGRATULATIONS, MERRILL

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Top Games in January

Open Games

399ers: 1/08	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	69.44%
1/15	Dorothy Cahill & Clarke Dippell	64.17%
Open: 1/16	Richard Hastings & Rich Mao	72.69%
1/29	Elaine DeLaney & Don Wertheimer	70.00%

Swiss Team Games

Tues. 1/7 Open:	John & Tricia Killeen, Gini Stipp & LaDora Sloan
Sun. 1/12 Open:	Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
Tues. 1/21 Open:	Bud Hinckley, Richard Mao, Phil Slatt, & Don Wertheimer
Tues. 1/121 399ers:	Irene Cooperrider, Candace Hurwich, Margaret Lewis, & Peggy Lyzun
Sun. 1/28 Open:	Martin Alig, Lena Howard, Barb Myers, & Bill Searcy

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 2020 MEMBERS!

Phil Bertoni	217-341-8967
Patricia Cavanaugh	574-259-0691
Sherry Cummings	574-276-4858
Francie Rosen	574-272-5574
Elizabeth Walton	574-292-2873
Bruno Zovich	574-246-1408

WELCOME!



Norman Muller

Dec. 30, 1930 - Jan. 19, 2020

The 399ers will certainly feel the loss of Norm Muller. He and his wife, Mary, made bridge a fun experience. Norm served his country in the Air Force for 28 years as an engineer and was a Vietnam veteran. Armed with several degrees, his last assignment was as a professor of aerospace at Notre Dame where he retired as a Colonel in 1978. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, children, and great grandchildren.



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS TIME WITH US.



You can't please everybody all the time. Here are reactions to our thermometer that shows

75°

Our thanks to photographer, Margaret Lewis, for capturing Candy Hurwich & Miki Grant dressing for the fluctuations of temperatures.

CELEBRATING DR. JIM

The seventh annual Jim Farner Day, held on January 8, 2020, gave us this year's winners - Marty Alig and Dick Hastings with a whopping 65.74%. 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 6: **Doubles and advances**

February 13: **Competitive Bidding**

February 20: **Doubles and advances**

February 27: **Competitive Bidding**

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

J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer the Monday classes on February 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Lessons and explanations will be presented on **New Minor Forcing, Fourth Suit Forcing, How to Get Out of a Slam, and Play of the Hand.** 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!

Elaine DeLaney's Friday afternoon 149er game - Future scheduling TBA.

