

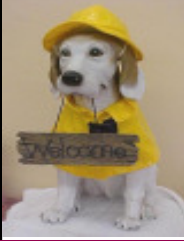


# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

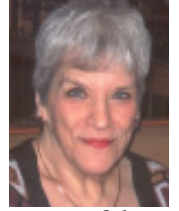
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Director Dawg is practicing social distancing, washing his paws frequently and staying at the club by himself these days. He is so sorry the club is closed as he enjoys overseeing all the activity of our players. We will join him as soon as the coronavirus leaves and we are back to normal activities. Not only have we missed the game of bridge but all the social interaction with our friends. Some of us have found playing online, lots of reading, occasional naps, and some spring cleaning. In any case, we hope there will be a safe and healthy outcome for all of us.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING YOUR UNWANTED VACATION?

We asked our members to tell us what they are doing during the past month's unwelcome incarceration. Here are some of the responses.

**From Maureen Skurski:** Well, I desperately need to get Roger back to the Bridge Center because he found a rip in the bedsheet this a.m. and decided to "fix" it—with duct tape!!!! Are we exempt from murder during this isolation period???



**From Cappy Gagnon:** I enjoy playing OKBridge, on line, with Tom Rossow, Dick Hastings, Lena Howard, and Gail Wells. And cleaning up my email in-box (of 2,000+).

**From Jo Ann Steigmeyer:** I am voraciously reading books NOT related to Bridge. However, I am working on lesson plans for when we all get back to the Bridge Center to play and to learn. I miss our friends at the club.

**From Pat Borchert:** I spend my time reading, doing crossword puzzles, exercise, yoga, and I walk as I really need to have some fresh air. Also let's not forget chocolate, which is good for the soul, but not good for the waistline.

**From Bob Knoblock:** We have watched a great deal of old movies on some CD's we were able to dig out of the closet ... plus taking a lot more naps than we used to ... Hope to see you again next month ... keeping our fingers crossed!!

**From Phil Bertoni:** Using BBO daily, sometimes with just robots, other times with live players. I like just the robot play...can take your time, no harsh comments! **FLASH!** Bruno (Zovich) & I have partnered up on BBO for two days of 1.5 hrs of play! We are working on our convention cards with help from Tricia.



**From Nancy Shaffer:** I'm working on planning trips for when this crisis is over. Also hoping to play on BBO.

**From Sally Frame:** We have been hiking at Potato Creek and St. Patrick's County Park, washing windows and spring cleaning.

**From LaDora Sloan:** In addition to catching up on

See "what are you doing" on page 2.

## Changes in the SBBC activities

### SOUTH BEND SECTIONAL

The South Sectional scheduled in May has been canceled & we hope to have it back in its glory next spring.

**Our club** will be closed until further notice. The Club cancellations include all the games & classes and the Recognition Luncheon. The health and welfare of our members are very important to us and we hope to return soon.

In order to allay some bridge anguish, Bud Hinckley, on behalf of SBBC, and John Bodish, representing St. Joseph Twin City Bridge Club, have been working on giving our members a chance to join **Bridge Base Online (BBO)**. If you are interested in playing online with members in our club, get in touch with **Bud** by e-mail at [budh9534@gmail.com](mailto:budh9534@gmail.com) or call 269-281-1214. He has been working with ACBL so that you can play, earn master points, while giving part of the money back to our club.

### HOW LIFE GOES ON!

**More Stuff done:** Bill Searcy, Dave Bontrager, Lee Boser and Tricia & John Killeen filled some of their unwanted incarceration at the Bridge Center cleaning all the bridge boards and bridgemates. We thank them for their diligence in making the center a safer place for us to play when we return.

**Seen around Town:** Lee Boser and Hugh Metzger were spotted downtown looking longingly at the dessert window at Macri's Deli.

John Killeen was spotted at Starbucks in Heritage Square ordering de-caf Turkish grind (finest), with 2 shots of de-caf espresso, cream & sugar. Does he need an Alert Card here? Probably not since he's a regular & they know his order by heart.

**Old Habits Die Hard:** Tricia Killeen still checks the mail at the club.

**Abundance at the Store:** Local groceries report an oversupply of sugar and flour. Is that because Candy, Miki, Peggy and Donna are not making their wonderful and very much missed baked desserts?

**Social Distancing:** We are practicing social distancing. The sisters, Chris and Jo Ann, have reported that one has moved to the basement. Who? Whatever happened to Baby ???

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



## Top Games in March

### Pair Games:

Open:	3/6 Cappy Gagnon & Candace Hurwich	73.96%
	3/15 Karen Nagy & Elaine Thompson	66.00%
399ers:	3/09 Miki Grant & Bonnita Laub	71.53%
	3/02 Connie & Ron McKay	64.58%

### Swiss Team Games:

Tuesday 3/3 Open:	Chris Barker, Ren Singleton, <i>Tie!</i> Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Joan Tobler
Tuesday 3/3 Open:	Pat Borchert, Elaine Thompson, Gail Wells, Rosemary Zonker
Sun.3/11 Open:	Lynne Bruehlman, Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, & Vance Senecal

## SPECIAL UNIT AWARDS

**From Joan Aldrich, our Representative to Unit 154.** ACBL award winners from the South Bend Bridge Club have been announced. Miki Grant won both the Ace of Clubs award for the most master points in the 0-5 MP



Group and the Mini McKenney award for the most master points won in a year in the Unit. The Mini McKenney was also won by Gerry Wardzinski in the 50-



100 MP group. Formal announcements and presentations of pins will occur when the SBBC meets again.

## MEMBER UPDATES

### New Members:

Linda Farwell 425-210-8060 farwellk@gmail.com  
Ruth Hagerty 574-707-1197 ruthhgerty@gmail.com

## Long Time Ago in a Land Far, Far Away (Elkhart)

The Elkhart DBC would have celebrated its 68th anniversary this month. Unfortunately it is no longer active but some of their members are regular players at SBBC now:

Nancy and Marty Alig, Dave Bontrager, Pat Borchert, Lee Boser, Steve Bibler, Tom & Connie Hebron, June Glazer, Dick Hastings, Phill & Sherri Kolski, Kevin Miller, Lena Howard, Reggie Lowenhar, Sharon Novotny, Vic Papai, Bill Searcy, Phil Slatt, and Rosemary Zonker.

Thank you Elkhartans (Elkharters?) for helping our club thrive.

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sleep, I have been sorting items to donate to charities when the travel restrictions are lifted, doing taxes, playing online bridge, watching movies, and assembling jigsaw puzzles. My other daily activities include walking my dog, Ace, and household chores. I'm keeping very busy so far and I'm trying to do my part to shorten the duration of the pandemic by staying in and not going out unless it's absolutely necessary.

**From Karen Nagy:** No fun things - like spring cleaning. Still seeing a few close friends for cards.

**From Nancy Alig:** Marty and I are basically being totally lazy - he because he's having so much pain from back issues, and me because I'm just a plain slug.... I'm doing a lot of reading and cross-stitch. Each day I arise with big plans to tackle projects around the house, but so far it isn't happening! When we heard of the Club's closing we were sad but it was the right decision for all of us "oldies but goodies". Say a prayer for Marty who is hurting a lot. Many of you also struggle with chronic pain so you know how exhausting it can be. Miss you all. Stay safe and well!

**From Linda Farwell:** I have been using this time at home to continue to unpack moving boxes. I was at a lull. But I found my sewing machine! I then set up my sewing room and began sewing. But I agree - I miss going to the SB Bridge Center. Plus Nancy Shaffer and I signed up at BBO and will learn this website.

**From Nancy Shaffer:** I'm working on planning trips for when this crisis is over. Also hoping to play on BBO.

**From Ann Ullman:** I still work but it is part time outside of tax season so I don't go to the bridge club at this time of year. So here I am doing taxes and bringing my lunch. Hoping to have take outs for dinner with my friends in the neighborhood if we can find somewhere to get the food. Keep your chin up and KEEP WELL!

**From Chris Barker:** I'm running errands, grocery shopping, getting prescriptions, etc. Jo Ann and I are sharing many Turner Classic Movies (she knows more of them than I do), reading, reading, reading (a plus during this very tough time) and enjoying not getting dressed up, not wearing binding clothes and shoes and not putting on makeup each day. By the way, contrary to what Searcy says, neither one of us has moved to the basement, which happens to be a lovely Family Room.

**From Tami McNally:** My sister Jessica who lives in Iowa and I are playing bridge at BBO. We play in the games where the club gets \$4 of our fee. It was a little nerve wracking at first, but we are getting the hang of it. Not always doing well but having fun. Also joined Baron Barclay's e-mail list and they send a game a week. Great learning experience.

## Education Updates

There will be no Thursday or Monday morning classes in April. Jo Ann, Joan and John & Tricia Killeen hope to see you in May.