



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" on St. Patrick's Day. The March calendar is filled with special games including an ACBL-wide **Senior Pairs Game** (both members must be 60+ to be eligible), an ACBL **Membership Team Game** (all members of the team must be members of ACBL to earn points), an Education Foundation Team Game, an Education Foundation Pairs Game, a Swiss Team game on the 22nd, three (3) Club Championships, a Junior Fund, a Grass Roots, and an ACBL-Wide Charity Game. A Busy Month! Great way to pick up those extra points!!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

SOME "DIDJA" KNOWS?"

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.

Didja Know..... No, No, No! - Do not underlead an ACE against a suit contract.

Didja Know..... If partner (unpassed hand) responds 1 diamond to your 1 club opener, it does NOT mean that he doesn't have a 4-card major. He may be bidding up the line. He could be holding KQxx Qxx Qxxxx x.

Didja Know..... You bid 1 or 2 NT, your partner bids Stayman (Standard bidding) & you hold BOTH majors! After you have responded with one of your 4-card majors and she then bids no trump indicating no fit, you can confidently bid the other major knowing she would not have used Stayman without having at least one 4-card major.

Didja Know..... Leading A from an AK+ holding applies only to the opening lead. During the play, lead the K from an AK+ holding. Playing the Ace during the play of the hand will deny the king.



Please consider playing one more time per month. Our expenses and our revenues are not happy with each other! Thanks!

FRIDAY'S GAME IS BAAACK!

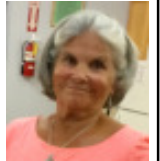


Elaine DeLaney's Friday game for 149ers is in action again at 2:00 P.M. Be sure to check it out. If you need a partner or more information contact Elaine at elaine.delaney@comcast.net.

PRO-AM SWISS

In auguration of a New Date for the Pro-Am Swiss

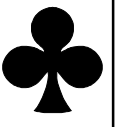
The Club is offering a Pro-Am Swiss Team game on the fourth Tuesday in March (the 24th). Be sure to get your own team together and sign



up. Any questions, contact Leslie Garvey at



574-341-8984 or e-mail at lesliescottgarvey@gmail.com.



Wander Our Wall



Next month, on April 18th, the SBBC will be honoring members who have made stellar achievements during the past year. Our Celebrity Wall features pictures of 2019 honorees who include Joan Tobler, Jody Praklet-Heiner, Dave Bontrager and Mike Young. 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!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/10 Carol Bieneman
 3/10 Cappy Gagnon
 3/16 Gloria Bates
 3/20 Joan Fahey
 3/21 Ted Mullett
 3/22 Nancy Alig
 3/22 Karen Knoblock
 3/26 Bill Odell
 3/27 LaDora Sloan
 3/31 Candace Hurwich



Top Games in February

399ers: 2/20 Judith Kearns & Judith McCullough 68.00%
 2/17 Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich 65.28%
 149ers: 2/21 Jassica Koob & Tami McNally 65.50%
 2/18 Gloria Bates & Miki Grant 61.63%
 Open: 2/17 Marian David & Joan Tobler 66.93%
 2/12 Marian David & Lena Howard 66.37%

Swiss Team Games

Tues. 2/4 Open: Marian David, Lena Howard, Sara Marcus & Bill Searcy
 Sun. 2/09 Open: Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, Bruce Sokol, & Mike Young
 Tues. 2/18 Open: Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard, Phil Slatt, & Don Wertheimer
 Tues. 2/18 399ers: Irene Cooperrider, Margaret Lewis, Peggy Lyzun & Marty Martin
 Sun: 2/23 Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard & Dick Hastings

Member Updates

New Member Karen Knoblock 574-360-3358

MOVING ON UP

Jo Ellen Praklet-Heiner Ruby Life Master
 David Bontrager Silver Life Master



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 269-687-9766, 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. Also, feel free to bring a bridge friend with you



Good Bridge Habits Reviewed

the director's corner

The directors have recently received numerous complaints about a card being "played."

Law 45 clearly states:

45A Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching it from his hand and facing it on the table immediately before him.

45C A card is deemed to be played if it is held face up, touching, or nearly touching the table, or held in a position it is deemed to be played.

A defender's card is deemed to be played if is held in a manner that partner "could" have seen it, whether he did or not.

It is not proper to play a card in such a manner that any/all players at the table cannot clearly see it.

HENCE:

The directors have recommended to the Board and accepted by the Board that if called to the table regarding a player not playing a card properly, as above, a procedural penalty of a 1/4 board will be assessed..



Bill Searcy

Good bridge habits are always in order at the SBBC

NEWS FLASH!!!



E-mail and phone lists will be published and distributed in the month of March. 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.

Education Updates

THURSDAY, NEWCOMER GAME - 9:30

The schedule for March: 3/5 - Doubles
 3/12 - Bill Searcy - Filling out convention card.
 3/19 - Bill Searcy - Filling out convention card.
 3/26 - Review of Audrey Grant Book 2
 If you need a partner, contact Tricia Killeen by e-mail at patricia.killeen@att.net or phone 574-271-1345



J & J MONDAY MORNING CLASSES

In March Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler offer the following classes



3/2 - No Class
 3/9 - Balancing
 3/16 Effective Opening Leads
 3/23 - Defensive Logic



Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00
 Plus BASICS, BASICS & MORE BASICS