



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

Volume 10, No. 11

Website: www.sbbc.info Phone: 574-255-6613

May 2020



Cinco de Mayo Dawg hopes that we may be getting closer to re-opening our club. Fortunately, many of you have been able to continue play on BBO (Bridge Base Online). Along with the St. Joseph Club (Twin Cities Club), members of our club have been able to play 3 or more times a week, receive points, and part of their BBO entry fee is returned to the club. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our club has been closed since mid March so we thank Bud Hinckley for his hard work to get SBBC/TCBC together to be able to play on BBO. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



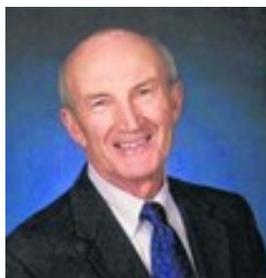
Bud Hinckley

We thank Bud for making it possible for us to feed our addiction. This time it's online! Through his efforts and working with ACBL, he made it possible for us to continue playing our favorite game at the club level. The St. Joseph Twin City Bridge Club (TCBC) has joined with us to have enough tables to go on BBO (Bridge Base Online) as a club and earn bridge points. Members pay \$6 and part of the money goes to each club. Bud has managed to schedule open games 3 or 4 times a week and has also run several 399er games. **Great Job, Bud!**

Edward R. Trubac

January 14, 1936 - April 16, 2020

This picture of Ed Trubac shows him smiling which he did a lot when he entered our club. He and his wife, Maureen, were a wonderful addition to our bridge group. Ed had a long list of educational achievements earning an MBA and PhD in Economics. He came to Notre Dame in 1960 to teach in the Finance Dept.



where he later became Department Chairman. He won many awards in the Banking & Finance fields. He retired in 2004 at which time he looked forward to playing some golf, traveling with his wife, spending time with his family, (daughter Corinne, son Michael), enjoying his seven grandchildren and, of course, playing bridge. He was a kind, caring, and loving man to everyone he knew. Our condolences to Maureen and the family. We will miss him.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

With so much time on their hands, many of our members are enjoying a chance to visit new books and some old books that they've always wanted to read. Below are suggestions (quite an eclectic list.) from our players for these long days



Tricia Killeen - She recommends two books by William Kent Krueger - Ordinary Grace & This Tender Land. She just finished The Splendid and The Vile by Erik Larson (an excellent read) and is now reading The Mirror & The Light by Hilary Mantel.

Susan Farrington - She recommends The Power of Habit, The Year of Less, Outliers, Lost Girls of Paris and Sapiens.

Christine Barker - She really enjoyed The Girls with No Names by Serena Burdick and In Five Years By Rebecca Serle

Dave Barkmeier - He recommends "the best book I have read in the past few years" - Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress by Steven Pinker. This is an excellent book and the author is brilliant!"

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - She just finished Walk the Wire by David Baldacci and is now reading Camino Winds by John Grisham. Her favorite book this month is The Splendid and The Vile by Erik Larson, a non-fiction book that reads like a novel!

Donna Tieman - Donna and her husband went to Chicago, before the quarantine, to hear Erik Larson speak about writing The Splendid and the Vile, which added to the enjoyment of reading the book.

Just a note: *During this unwanted vacation, the libraries were closed. I'm so glad I had my I-Pad (also a Kindle will do). These gadgets enabled me to get recently released books from the library at no cost. The other nice thing is: no matter how big the book is, it's never heavier than the I-pad or Kindle. Be sure to look into it!* *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
 02 Joan Tobler
 05 Art Houle
 07 Patricia Cavanaugh
 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

Open Pairs

4/17	Rami Antoun & John Bodish	70.83%
	Elaine DeLaney & Richard Mao	69.72%

399er Game

4/28	Miki Grant & Linda Urschel	61.11%
4/29	Miki Grant & Gerry Wardzinski	66.67%

MEMBER UPDATES

Leslie Garvey Phone Correction: 217-341-8984

Note: please change Leslie's phone number on your recent phone/e-mail list. When we get back together, I will issue a new list. Thank you. JAS

Education Updates

We regret that there are no classes scheduled until the Club opens again. We hope it will be soon!



Jo Ann



Tricia



Joan

A Special Message from Maureen Trubac

I would like to thank my friends at the SBBC for their condolences and prayers on the death of my husband, Ed Trubac. Our first intro to duplicate was taught by Jo Ann Steigmeyer at Forever Learning. From there it was at the Bridge Center on Thursday evenings with Elaine DeLaney. That was many years ago. Ed's gone, but you're stuck with me. God Bless you and keep you safe.

"What Are You Doing During Your Unwanted Vacation?"

Again we asked our members to tell us what they have been doing during the past two month's unwelcome incarceration. Here are some of the responses.

From Lee Boser: Playing a lot of Scrabble and listening to the free courses at Hillsdale College. These classes are awesome.



Sue Pattillo: She is surprised that she has not gone insane. She is still in California and planning to return home about May 22. Lots of bridge being played on line.

Joan Aldrich: has a question for our members: **How many of you are playing in your pajamas?**

Miki Grant: She says the BBO has been a god-send. She has been playing on BBO with players from Asian nations like Syria, Pakistan, China, European countries like Denmark, Ireland, Hungary, and even a jaunt through Africa, etc.,etc. She says she is looking forward to parole!

Pat Borchert: She is finding other activities like taking virtual tours of famous cities and museums. Zoom keeps her in contact with people and organizations, and she is taking classes on line, doing yoga, Pilates and walking several miles every day. On occasion she even cooks. "Bud is doing a great job."

Tricia & John Killeen: Trish & John are playing on BBO and are so grateful to Bud for organizing the virtual club game. Trish also sends out her usual Sunday e-mail for the Thursday class with a bridge quiz. It's always interesting to get back the answers. Hope to see all of you soon.

Christine Barker: Other than watching TCM and reading a lot, Jo Ann and she play a couple of cribbage games each evening. The biggest problem is shuffling, which she seems to have forgotten how to do. The cards keep falling on the table or the floor. Chris did take a giant leap and let Jo Ann cut her hair.



Ivy Benson: She came back early from Florida and regrets coming back so soon. The warm weather is so much better for her arthritis. She's been playing bridge on line, cleaning out closets, watching Netflix, playing the piano and reading. I'm anxious to get back to the "live" table and see people again. (continued on page 3)



Donna Tieman: She and her husband enjoy the outdoors when weather permits. She started crocheting again so everyone will get a blanket for Christmas. She gave her husband a hair cut with dog clippers and says it was scary (probably for both of them). She has been playing anonymously on BBO but finds that the social interaction is really her thing. "I miss everyone and cannot wait to get back to the club."



Susan Farrington: She enjoys watching Netflix, (particularly Ozarks and Unorthodox) and movies like



The Accountant and Lincoln Lawyer. She played a lot of games with her 20 year old kids and has made almost 30 face masks for the Center for the Homeless and other non-profit organizations in South Bend. "My house has never been cleaner and my husband is still alive."

Jo Ann Steigmeyer: She has been working on the newsletter, reading, and taking afternoon naps (doesn't know what she will do when the club is open and starts playing at 1 PM).

Tom & Connie Hebron: They are still in California waiting for "the" virus to slow down. Connie has knitting projects while Tom is doing odd jobs. He built a shed in the yard and two trellis structures. They say they are getting a little homesick though.



Rosemary Polizzotto: Busy getting her chemo treatments and her last radiation treatment. She's hoping to be on the mend in a few weeks so she can get back to playing bridge after some refresher lessons. She misses all the good people at SBBC (and we miss her). Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

TOM ROSSOW RUBY LIFE MASTER



Congratulations to Tom Rossow, who joins the exalted ranks of Ruby Life Master (1500+ masterpoints).

Tom has lived in South Bend all his life. He graduated from IUSB with a B.S. in Accounting. He married his beloved wife, Judy, in September 1993 and they have been very involved in their church through the years.

Bridge is Tom's favorite game; he likes the mental challenge and the social aspect, too. You will find him often playing online (his job keeps him from playing at the games during the week) with two of his favorite partners Don Maupin and Cappy Gagnon.

We congratulate him and wish we could celebrate with him personally. We hope to see him as soon as this virus goes away. Take care, Tom.

JOIN THE ONLINE BRIDGE EXPERIENCE!

Log in to Bridgebase.com (Bridge Base Online) and register to play bridge online; You can play with your favorite partner in the South Bend Bridge Club/Twin City Bridge Club game to earn points in our club. You can also play anonymously with robots - for practice - or play with another person from other countries in the world - What an experience! Give it a try!

BIDDING BRIDGE PEARLS

- * Do you know the Kresge (5 & 10 cent store) bid? You need 5 hearts and 10 points to respond two hearts over one spade.
- * When you are in a hole, stop digging.
- * Bridge is like marriage. Once you've found a fit, stop looking around.

Virtual Bridge Report from Bud Hinckley

Here is a breakdown of the ACBL virtual SBBC-TCBC (South Bend Bridge Club – Twin City Bridge Club) club games this month: 9 games (7 open, 2 "399ers"), 92 total tables, 56% players from South Bend area, 44% from Saint Joseph area. Total net money to the two clubs approximately \$1600, to be split 56%/44%. Game fee is \$6 per player

April SBBC-TCBC virtual club games

		# of Tables	split of SBCC & TCBC)
April 13	Open	12	14/10
April 17	Open	11	13/9
April 20	Open	13.5	14/13
April 23	Open	13	15/11
April 24	Open	8.5	6/11
April 27	Open	11.5	13/10
April 28	Limited	5	7/3
April 29	Limited	5	8/2
April 30	Open	12.5	13/12

Schedule for May

May 1	Fri,	12:15	Open
May 4	Mon	12:15	Open
May 5	Tue	12:15	399ers
May 7	Thu	12:15	Open
May 11	Mon	12:15	Open
May 12	Tue	12:15	399ers
May 13	Wed	12:15	Open
May 18	Mon	12:15	Open
May 25	Mon	12:15	Open
May 28	Thu	12:15	Open
May 29	Fri	12:15	399ers

Thanks again, Bud!!