



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg congratulates the graduates and sends them our best. Many of us are parents and grandparents of these young people who have studied very hard, especially during the past three months. We are very proud of them! Our club is delighted to see so many of our members playing Bridge Base Online. Bud Hinckley has even managed to run a silver point week and kept the cost down for our club. Thanx, Bud!



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOAN TOBLER

The greatest wish from our Board of Directors is that all of you are safe and well! It has been a tough three months but most of us have kept in touch with our family and friends by phone and e-mail. Some places have opened, particularly the libraries, so we can at least get out and get some books to read. We thank Jo Ann for keeping us informed about our bridge friends with the monthly newsletter.

More thanks to Bud Hinckley for all the work he has done to provide us with a place to continue to play this game we all love. He worked very diligently to bring BBO (Bridge Base Online) to our members and to invite Twin City Bridge Club (TCBC) of St. Joseph and the Michigan City Bridge Club (MCBC) to be a part of the "virtual bridge games". We can be safe in our homes, maybe wearing our pajamas and no shoes. We don't have to dress up, and don't have to fix our hair. Our partners and opponents can remember us at the Bridge Center as we were - 3 months younger and all dressed up! Hope all of you have enjoyed this new experience. As an added incentive, some of the funds from the games are being returned to the clubs. So be sure to contribute by playing in the online games.

Keep in touch so we can let our members know how everyone is doing and how they are coping in this time of wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Keep safe!

*Joan Tobler, President*

**Board of Directors:** Leslie Garvey, Margaret Lewis, Marty Martin, Ted Mullett, Bill Searcy, and Gini Stipp

**Director's Staff:** Bill Searcy, Lee Boser, Don Groch, Bud Hinckley and Bob Knoblock.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents." Alfred Sheinwold

"When declaring in a bad contract, be an optimist. When you are in a good contract, be a pessimist." Robert S. Todd

"One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts." Alfred Sheinwold

## Waiting at your mailbox!



Did you send coded messages to your friends when you were a kid? Did you look inside of the Cracker Jack box or the Chex box for messages that could only be solved with their special decoder ring? And, then did you order that special ring? Well, here is our version for you to work out!

Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today, a starting clue is:

**U = G**

**PIWRUS WJ O UISOK**

**QCATCIK WB FCLI CZR**

**OUS. WK OZJC VSZDJ**

**FCL USK KVSIS TOJKSI.**

## GOING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

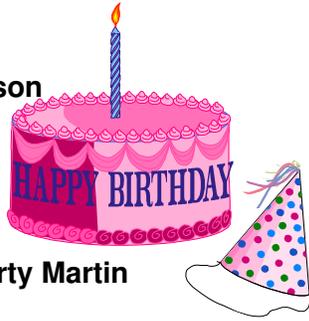


Bridge Base Online (BBO) is HERE! You can turn on your computer, I-Pad or Kindle, search for **bridgebase.com** and join South Bend (SBBC), St. Joseph (TCBC), & Michigan City (MCBC) Clubs in our virtual game - a way to keep playing bridge and earn master points. During the past month we have had a silver point week where generous amounts of silver were awarded. In May, the Open Pair games have averaged 10.25 tables per day and the 399er games 6 per day (the largest turnout was May 29 with 11 tables - more than the Open Game!). Give it a try.

To get a tutorial about getting on BBO, go to **BBOTutorial-shortform.pdf**

## 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 Virtual Games in May SBBC, TCBC & MCBC

### Pair Games:

399ers:	5/18 Loesken Vanderpoel & Karen Hayward	66.67%
	5/25 Peggy Latini & Vincent Trapani	66.50%
	5/12 Ginny Steinman & Barbara Bannow	65.28%
	5/22 Candace Hurwich & Marty Martin	62.50%
Open:	5/07 Elaine DeLaney & Rich Mao	73.69%
	5/11 John & Tricia Killeen	66.96%
	5/04 Lynne Bruehlman & Vance Senecal	66.71%
	5/13 Martin Alig & Bill Searcy	66.67%

## TEN YEARS OF THE SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

We congratulate and thank Jo Ann Steigmeyer for ten years of publishing our monthly SBBC newsletter. The first issue was published on July 1, 2010 (a collectors' edition), copied in black & white and handed out to the members in the club. Along came e-mails and Jo Ann was able to send the issues in color to a bigger audience. We look forward to more of our SBBC publications. *Joan Joller, President*



## Member Updates

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**PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE LISTS!**

## 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*



## Happenings

**We Get Letters!** (well, at least Perry Como did before the age of e-mails). We asked our members to keep us up to date about what they are doing and how they are coping. We thank all those who shared with us their "Tale of The Unwanted Vacation".

**Pat Borchert** - No big changes from last month. I do walk a lot around my neighborhood, Notre Dame and Wellfield Botanic Gardens in Elkhart. I still do a lot of reading, cross word puzzles, and Sudoku, plus lots of games on line. Also virtual travels all over the world, seeing famous museums and places I have visited. Good news for me, I lost some weight and I think it must be my cooking.

When some people ask "Is covid19 serious?" When casinos and churches are closed, it means that heaven and hell agree on the same thing. Then it is probably pretty serious!!

**Dave Barkmeier** - I have almost finished What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848 by Daniel Walker Howe who was the Rhodes Professor of history at Oxford for 10 years. This Pulitzer Prize winning history covers the political, economic, cultural, transportation and communications transformations that were more extensive in this 30 year period than possibly any other similar time period in the United States.

**Jo Ann Steigmeyer** - After a period of trepidation, I finally steeled myself to play online bridge at bridgebase.com (BBO). John and Tricia Killeen were kind enough to play some online "casual" games with my sister, Chris, and me so we could become comfortable and learn the "ropes". I hope most of you will try this great way to keep playing bridge and winning some master points. I just started reading Michael Connelly's new book Fair Warning. He's got me hooked again.

**Tricia Killeen** - Trish and John are busy playing online several days a week and helping other players to get started computerly (?). She may be retired as the Club Manager, but she still manages to have an interest in the affairs of the club. She is currently reading The Dutch House by Ann Patchett.

**Marty Martin** - Jo Ann, thank you for keeping everyone informed. As for what I am doing I am reading like everyone else, also taking walks to get strength back from my surgery which went well. But the biggest thing is I bought a bedspread to cross stitch and quilt in Jan of 1983. I got about 1/3 of the bottom embroidered then life interfered. We moved to Niles, I got a job etc. I went down in the basement and got the quilt and have been working on it for about three weeks now.

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# More Happenings

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**Lena Howard** - Have just been staying home, planting roses, walking with my husband, and boating on the St Joe River. The wonderful part of being home is feeding my Swan family (they have 5 new babies) and enjoying the Hummingbirds who come to visit our garden. Of course playing on OK Bridge. Take good care everyone!

**Ted Mullett** - Sue and I have been practicing safe distancing from others and have not left our home except for doctor appointments and rare food pickups since March 18, when we returned from Florida. I have played a bit of BBO bridge and a couple of rounds of golf but have been able to catch up on a few long-neglected projects (reviewing the disposition of collections). I still spend time in my consulting business and Sue has enjoyed getting her gardens started with the help of her grandchildren. We seem to make a day of it each day without venturing too much into each other's space, which makes playing Hand and Foot at the end of the day with Glen (our single malt friend) a good finish to the day before dinner and a bit of conversation and TV together.

**Becky Delahanty** - Since I have severe COPD, I have stayed inside for two months. I walk around, do exercises, play Hoyle bridge on my iPad and computer, and work jigsaw puzzles. I've been doing three a week and really enjoy it. Looking forward to our return to Indiana, which might be the first week in June.

**Nancy Alig** - Wish we had something fun and exciting to share... Marty is still in lots of back/leg pain and having his third shot tomorrow. Last Thursday he injured the other side of his back, and this has really done him in. He is still managing to play with Bill Searcy on BBO, and I'd say that's been one of the bright spots of his last 3 months.

# More Happenings

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Other bright spots include a week-long visit from our granddaughter Emily with lots of 3/13 and Bellies Up card games, our grandson's zoom MS graduation, and a mother's day gift of newly digitized old family pictures. (Were we ever really that young and energetic??). I'm reading, working in the yard, and enjoying zoom gatherings with family and friends. And watching Marty play on BBO...so that's how his mind works!! We are eager to hear how everyone else is doing.

**Miki Grant** - Thank you for keeping us informed. I wish I had something interesting to report but, alas, same old, same old. Thank heaven for BBO and you all.

**Ann Ullman** - My family and I are well (I do live alone though, they live in other states). I am becoming quite the domestic engineer after many years of not doing much because of working. Today I did heavy weeding, mulching and tree limb removal. I went out at 8:40 am because I knew it would be hot. I try to go out most days and am making great progress in the spring cleanup. Some people would have it done by now but I only do 60-90 minutes per day and I have a large yard with a lot of perennials. Grass is invading my beds so I am pulling a ton of that as well as a couple of other weeds which I wish I could identify. Just now I am back from a walk with my neighbor/friend/walking buddy and I'm dying of the heat so thank goodness for air conditioning! Cooking and kitchen cleanup eat up a lot of time. I used to eat out a ton. Probably healthier now. Take care everyone.

**Donna Tieman** - I have been binge watching Schitt's Creek and the Good Witch on Netflix. We just finished reading American Dirt (an Oprah book club recommendation). Thank goodness the weather has improved. It has allowed us to golf more, and enjoy the lake on the weekends. My dogs love the fact that I am home more to be outside with them. However, our long walks have not kept off the Covid 5 lbs! I need to stop baking! Take care, everyone!

## Virtual Bridge Report from Bud Hinckley

For the month of May, we had 161.5 tables participating of which 120.5 tables were in the open games and 41 tables in the 399er games. Game fee is \$6 per player. You need to be registered at least 10 minutes before game time. Game times: **Open - 12:15 p.m. EDT (11.15 a.m. CDT)** **399er - five minutes earlier 12:10 and 11:10**

### GAME SCHEDULE & DIRECTORS FOR JUNE 2020

Director Designations BH - Bud Hinckley, JB - John Bodish, BS - Bill Searcy



*Bill Searcy*

Mon, Jun 1, 399er and open (BH)  
Thu, Jun 4, 399er and open (BH)  
Fri, Jun 5, open (JB & BH)  
Mon, Jun 8, 399er and open (BH)  
Tue, June 9, open (BH)  
Thu, Jun 11, 399er and open (BH)  
Fri, Jun 12, 399er and open (BH)  
Mon, Jun 15, 399er and open (BH)  
Tue, Jun 16, open (BS)



*Bud Hinckley*

Thu, Jun 18, open (JB)  
Fri, Jun 19, open (BS)  
Mon, Jun 22, open (BS)  
Tue, Jun 23, open (BS)  
Thu, Jun 25, open (JB)  
Fri, Jun 26, 399er (JB)  
Mon, Jun 29, open (JB)  
Tue, Jun 30, open (JB)



*John Bodish*