



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Our Club is still closed until further notice. In the meantime, our members have been busy playing bridge online (BBO) where the club gets some compensation from our virtual games. We have Bud Hinckley to thank for the hard work he has done to bring this option to our group. During July we had 399er AND 99er games and the last week of the month we were able to earn silver points. The turnout for these games has been great and August's game schedule is on the website.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## Mary B. Powell

October 16, 1916 - July 17, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce to our members that Mary Powell has passed away at the age of 103. She was a major civic force in the Niles area but spent time in South Bend playing in our club. Many of our members were fortunate to have her as a partner, her favorite being Tim Carl who unfortunately died in December

2018. Others she enjoyed playing with her were Joan Tobler, Linda Podlin, Christine Barker and Louise Tickfer.

In February of 2013, Martha Hosinski at 93 and Mary at 96, the 2 oldest members in our club, had a winning game of 59.72%. Their combined ages of 189 more than tripled their percent.

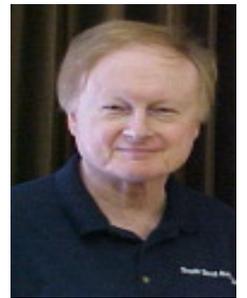
She graduated from Niles High School and continued her education with University of Michigan extension courses, and Finance and Banking classes at the University of Notre Dame. She was married to Ralph Powell. They celebrated their remarkable Sixtieth Anniversary of their wedding just four weeks prior to his death on May 7, 2001. Her son Terrill passed away in 2016. She is survived by her daughter Jan, four grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed both the social fellowship and the mental challenge of bridge, and was a Charter Member of the Niles-Buchanan YMCA Duplicate Bridge Club, a member of the South Bend Bridge Club, and a member of the American Contract Bridge League, qualifying as a Club Director in 1998, and attaining the ranking of Bronze Life Master in 2004.

We send our condolences to the family. Mary hasn't been with us in the past few years due to health issues. We missed her then and we will miss her even more now. So glad we could have this time with her.

## JOHN KILLEEN DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

**We are so proud of John as he reaches the title of Diamond Life Master by earning over 5000 masterpoints. What an accomplishment! We have asked him to look back and let us know how he started on this journey.**



"Like a lot of us, I learned to play in college with my roommate. Living off campus my senior year, I began to play with my landlady, Theo Reid, who was a prominent duplicate player in South Bend. Tricia and I started playing together junior year in college. We played several years, but we quit while raising our family and pursuing careers in teaching.

I retired in 2000, and when tennis got to be too much of an effort, I came to the Bridge Center in 2001 and started playing duplicate again. I found it was a lot of fun, quickly made friends, and found a lot of partners. I never dreamed that some day I would be a diamond life master. There were a number of good players at the time who didn't have many master points, and, when Tricia retired, we formed a team that could play in the "B"s at tournaments. We had a fair amount of success and were able to help a number of people become life masters. The best example was Mary Powell becoming a life master at the age of 90 at the Lake Geneva tournament.

The experience has been doubly enjoyable because I was able to share it with Tricia. Having had these good experiences, I am hopeful that we don't lose our club because not enough people are enjoying bridge and playing enough."

**CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Dan McCarthy
- 06 Leroy Boser, Joy Evard,  
Elaine Thompson
- 07 Ron McKay, Phil Bertoni
- 08 Rosemary Polizzotto
- 12 Karsten Grove
- 13 Don Wertheimer
- 16 Bill Blauvelt, Roger Skurski
- 17 Martie Black
- 18 Rosemary Zonker
- 19 Tom Rossow
- 22 Judy Ayer



Note: We omitted Doug Scripture's birthday, the 16th, in the July edition. We wish him a belated Happy Birthday.

## SBBC Top Games in July

### Pair Game

399ers:	7/03 Anita Nunnemaker & Miki Grant	65.62%
	7/28 Gerry Wardzinski & Raji Sundarajan	65.00%
Open:	7/02 Ted Mullett & Jo Ann Steigmeyer	69.44%
	7/07 John & Tricia Killeen	67.73%

## VIRTUALLY SEEN ON BBO

We have many of our members playing online. Below is a partial list of players "virtually" seen on BBO

The Alig's	Candace Hurwich	Randy Peterson
Chris Barker	The Killeen's	Linda Urschel
Dave Barkmeier	Margaret Lewis	Doug Scripture
Lee Boser	Reggie Lowenhar	Bill Searcy
Jimmy Cordas	Peggy Lyzun	The Skurski's
Elaine DeLaney	Sara Marcus	Ren Singleton
Bb DuComb	Ted Mullett	LaDora Sloan
Barbara Emmons	Anita Nunemaker	Jo Ann Steigmeyer
Miki Grant	Carol Partlow	Gini Stipp
Tom Hallum	Marty Martin	Ann Ullman
Tom Hebron	Rich Mao	Gerry Wardzinski
Bud Hinkley	Kathy Peterson	and more

**Don't be shy. Give one of the players listed above a call and schedule a game.**

## Member Updates

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**PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE AND E-MAIL LISTS!**

## MOVING ON UP

Patricia Short  
Miki Grant  
John Killeen

Club Master  
Sectional Master  
Diamond Life Master



## Stories from our Members

Thank you so much to the members who took the time to send us news about what's going on in their lives. It's just good to hear from so many of you.

**Kathy Stegmaier** - Until several months ago, I had never heard of BBO bridge or Zoom! Now, I play BBO bridge frequently, thanks to Bud Hinkley's and Rich Mao's encouragement. And with Zoom, I virtually join my church, book club, literature class, meditation group, Ladies group, and other occasional Zoom gatherings where we all see and talk to each other. It's been very fun! If you want to start your own Zoom group or connect with an existing group, contact me and I'll be happy to help.

**Cappy Gagnon** - Playing golf three times a week. Three of us play a "scramble" format. Our lowest score is four below par. Playing OKBridge on line. Watching old movies and old TV shows. Especially Perry Mason, Have Gun Will Travel, Untouchables, 12 O'Clock High, and The Rifleman. Doing research on a book on early (1887-1917) Notre Dame Football. *Physical change*--deep tan.

**Bob Knoblock** - Besides playing Bridge "on line" an hour or so every day, I have never done so many puzzles (jig-saw, cross-word, Sudoku, etc) in my life! Also get to take lots of naps !!!

**Dave Barkmeier** - The Grand Design by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow is one of the best books I have ever read on theoretical physics. The book presents a history of ideas starting with Aristotle and ending with their favorite theory of the universe M-Theory. The majority of the book consists of excellent explanations of relativity, quantum mechanics and the Standard Model among many other topics. Two fun things in our life right now.

**Jo Ann Steigmeyer** - Books to recommend: Napoleon's Hemorrhoids by Phil Mason . Sounds awful but it's filled with stories of "what ifs". I found it absolutely fascinating. What happened in history because of accidents, illnesses, strokes of luck, etc, etc. For instance, if U.S. Grant's wife hadn't insisted they visit relatives instead of going to the theater with President Lincoln, we would have lost two of our presidents. Also, if you haven't read The Cardturner by Louis Sacher (who wrote Holes), I highly recommend your checking it out. It is about a young fellow, who has never played bridge before, who is asked to help a top rated blind bridge player by telling him what cards are on the board and what cards are being played. The young man finds that this games is fascinating. Full of bridge stuff - explanations and conventions in a great story telling book. (continued on page 3)

## 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





**NOTE: If you don't receive your monthly SBBC newsletter by the second day of each month, check the spam or junk location on your computer (which has a mind of its own). If it still is nowhere to be found, get in touch with Jo Ann at 574-243-1355 or e-mail at joann1107@comcast.net so she can get a copy to you by e-mail or snail mail.**

## Stories from our Members (continued)

**Becky Delahanty** - In addition to reading, I enjoy jigsaw puzzles and do a few of those every week. I also play bridge on a program I downloaded called Hoyle Card Games. Plus I also play games on my iPad like Just 2 Words, 4 Pics 1 Word, Wordscapes, WordCookies, and Klondike.

**Iris Goerner** - Boredom is not a word in my vocabulary - this list will prove it;

- I increased my daily run to 75 min./10,500 - 11,700 steps (it's still dark when I start)
- have watched several MET.org operas (they are shown daily and are up for 24 hours)
- also watched ballets, Bolshoi, Mariinsky, or other European Ballet Companies
- have been out to lunch and dinner - seated outdoors
- twice a trip to Chicago - met friends for a long walk through the Arboratum which is next to Graceland Cemetery (the latter with a tour - it's famous)
- to Kalamazoo (Volvo Recall) - all trips in conjunction with visits to family and friends, get together in their backyard
- no, I do not play bridge online nor take the offered classes - I don't want to turn into a hermit - classes I will take in person, whenever allowed
- and, not to forget, there are many things, in and around my place, that need attention and being in touch with my family and friends here and abroad
- as to my reading list, daily the NYT, online newspapers from here and abroad, and literature taught here in schools but I was not brought up with.

Think about the Flu Pandemic of 1918. There was no internet or rarely phone service. Nowadays, our contacts around the globe are a swift.

**Joan Aldrich** - I re-took-up crocheting after a many year hiatus. That resulted in a wool cap which, of course, is of little use for some time to come. Furthermore, the activity made the arthritis in my hand act up; drat!

Secondly, have you ever been taken in by a book title, only to have the following experience: 1) why would someone write this drivel?, 2) why would a reputable company publish it? 3) Why in the world did I read it all the way to the end??? In response to the last question I hoped something would get better and/or understandable.

Bottom line: I do not recommend Why Fish Don't Exist by Lulu Miller.

Thirdly: My golf game's only good attribute is that it gets me out in the fresh air and among people (albeit with a mask).

Alas - the things we will do to keep occupied. I long (make that loooong) for SBBC to reopen.

**Ann Ullman** - I have a strong interest in foreign languages. I studied two in high school and majored in two different ones in college (before I became an accountant).

Currently I am studying four more languages on Duolingo (free foreign language app.) I do at least four lessons a day. It is fun and is kind of like playing a video game. I also have my own books.

Current languages are Italian, Swedish, Brazilian Portuguese, and my favorite, modern Greek! I'm having a blast with this. Of course you have to start by learning the Greek alphabet!

No restaurant meals. I cook exclusively vegetarian at home although I don't adopt that label.

**Nancy Alig** - We will be seeing our grandson Alex and his wife Allie in Grand Rapids. He's in the Marines and has been stationed in WA state, but now they're moving to NC. In GR we are also planning to see family and friends for 2 days. We haven't seen them for well over a year so we're very excited! And second, on August 9 we're hosting a wedding reception for our friends Sal and Tom. We're praying for nice weather so we can be outside, with masks on and practicing safe distancing. We hope we will have our new patio finished in time. Right now it's all torn up and a total mess!

Marty and Bill Searcy continue to play online. Marty and I have played four times - first two times we did quite well, the third time we were in the middle, and last time we were last!! I decided to quit while we're behind! Seriously, Marty will probably risk playing again with me since Bill is directing lots in August. Hope "to see" many of you there.

**Joan Tobler** has been keeping in touch with members by phone. Some news to pass along is that Marty Martin is scheduled for knee surgery August 24th. We wish her well. Joan has been in touch with Linda Podlin who is doing well and behaving herself. She is awaiting some eye surgery and knowing Linda, she'll work at getting all fixed up. June Glazer is so happy to be back home after months in Florida, and we are glad to have her back. By the way, Joan is doing okay, particularly since the libraries have opened up. She misses spending time with her children and grandchildren. We want her to know that we hope to see her soon at TABLE 6.

### BBO SHORTCUTS

Below are some shortcuts to use when chatting on BBO:

ty or tu = thank you            glp = good luck partner  
 wdp or wdo = well done partner or opponent  
 brb = be right back            bfn - bye for now  
 gtg - got to go            plz = please            xfer - transfer  
 ntp or nto = nice try partner or opponent  
 wpp or wpo = well played partner or opponent  
 nmf = new minor forcing    wjs = weak jump shift

**For more choices, look up Online Chat Abbreviations.**