



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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February 2020



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! During February there will be an ACBL Membership game on the 17th (both players must be members of ACBL to earn points), 3 Club Championship games, and 10 Education Foundation games - great way to get those extra points. Of course, don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 4th, 9th, 18th & 23rd. Also be sure to check out the educational classes offered (see page 2).

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



2019 Recognition Celebration



Be sure to put **April 18th** on your calendar for the 2019 Recognition Luncheon. Honorees are:

Joan Tobler, Sapphire Life Master

Jody Praklet Heiner, Ruby Life Master

Dave Bontrager, Silver Life Master

Mike Young, Bronze Life Master

The winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKenney Awards will also be honored.

Dave Bontrager

Our Newest Silver Life Master



Born, bred and schooled in Elkhart,

Dave set out to be a teacher. After achieving a BA degree at Hanover, an MA at Ball State, and post grad work at Iowa and Notre Dame Universities, he began his 50 year teaching career: 6 in high school, and over 42 in college. He has a wonderful family consisting of 3 adult children, a kiwi stepdaughter (Australian), 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. His mother and his grandmother taught him lots of card games so he was ready to take on the game of bridge, still the best of the lot. Like many of us, he started playing bridge in college. This allowed him to meet a lot of characters and their feeling for him was mutual.

GOOD GOING, DAVE!

Elizabeth Joan "Betty Jo" Miller
April 3, 1930 - January 7, 2020



Even though Betty Jo loved tennis, camping, walking and other forms of physical exercise, she found time to come to the Bridge Center and "just sit" and exercise her mind. She not only played the game but she often took lessons to improve. There was great fun and love shared with her husband of 67 years, Bob, who also haunted our bridge center. Betty Jo brought with her wonderful smiles and warm greetings for all her friends. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her family.

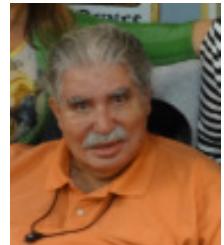
Jo Ellen Praklet Heiner RUBY LIFE MASTER



Jo Ellen (Jody) left for California a few years ago but came back this past year with her husband, Jim, for a welcome visit. We were delighted to see them. They were always formidable opponents. We congratulate her on achieving the Ruby Life Master award. It seems only yesterday that she became a Silver Life Master. We wish her well and congratulate her for her achievement. We hope to see her back at our club soon.

James Bernard Heiner

July 16, 1943 - Dec. 25, 2019



Born in Villejo, California, Jim, at an early age, was determined to experience life so he toured Europe on a motorcycle. Later, after attending UCLA, he earned his masters degree from San Jose State. Jim loved outdoor activities but his greatest love was music. In college he was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy but it never stopped his zest for living. He defied the odds by teaching for over 43 years and directed numerous choirs & musicals. He enjoyed watching old movies, playing competitive bridge & babysitting his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Jody, his children & grandchildren. We are blessed that he spent time with us.

WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

MERRILL CRULL - ANOTHER PICTURE AND NAME TO ADD TO OUR 90+ WALL



We welcomed Merrill Crull to our 90+ wall as he reached the impressive age of 90 on January 14th. He is a major force among the 399er players and has many stories to tell about his colorful life. Pictured here is our New Club Manager, Marty Martin, presenting Merrill with a gift from the Club along with celebratory cake and ice cream.

CONGRATULATIONS, MERRILL

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Leslie Garvey, Jill Mroczkiewicz |
| 7 | Bill Flanagan |
| 12 | Bob Knoblock |
| 13 | Donna Tieman |
| 14 | Maureen Skurski, Gerry Wardzinski |
| 15 | Carol Kraabel |
| 16 | Pam Johnson, Bruno Zovich |
| 18 | Marian David |
| 22 | Sara Marcus |
| 28 | Vicki McIntire, Bonnita Laub |



Norman Muller
Dec. 30, 1930 - Jan. 19. 2020

The 399ers will certainly feel the loss of Norm Muller. He and his wife, Mary, made bridge a fun experience. Norm served his country in the Air Force for 28 years as an engineer and was a Vietnam veteran. Armed with several degrees, his last assignment was as a professor of aerospace at Notre Dame where he retired as a Colonel in 1978. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, children, and great grandchildren.



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS TIME WITH US.

Top Games in January

Open Games

399ers:	1/08	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	69.44%
	1/15	Dorothy Cahill & Clarke Dippell	64.17%
Open:	1/16	Richard Hastings & Rich Mao	72.69%
	1/29	Elaine DeLaney & Don Wertheimer	70.00%

Swiss Team Games

Tues. 1/7 Open:	John & Tricia Killeen, Gini Stipp & LaDora Sloan
Sun. 1/12 Open:	Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
Tues. 1/21 Open:	Bud Hinckley, Richard Mao, Phil Slatt, & Don Wertheimer
Tues. 1/21 399ers:	Irene Cooperrider, Candace Hurwich, Margaret Lewis, & Peggy Lyzon
Sun. 1/28 Open:	Martin Alig, Lena Howard, Barb Myers, & Bill Searcy

NEWS FLASH!!!

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

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A GROUP HUG FOR OUR NEW 2020 MEMBERS!

Phil Bertoni	217-341-8967
Patricia Cavanaugh	574-259-0691
Sherry Cummings	574-276-4858
Francie Rosen	574-272-5574
Elizabeth Walton	574-292-2873
Bruno Zovich	574-246-1408

WELCOME!



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You can't please everybody all the time. Here are reactions to our thermometer that shows

75°

Our thanks to photographer, Margaret Lewis, for capturing Candy Hurwich & Miki Grant dressing for the fluctuations of temperatures.

CELEBRATING DR. JIM

The seventh annual Jim Farner Day, held on January 8, 2020, gave us this year's winners - Marty Alig and Dick Hastings with a whopping 65.74%.

Jim Farner was a member of SBBC for many years, and, when he died, his family generously donated to our club. We have a plaque to honor his birthday with the winners' names inscribed each year.

Education Updates

Tricia Killeen's topics for the 9:15 Thursday morning sessions are:

February 6: Doubles and advances

February 13: Competitive Bidding

February 20: Doubles and advances

February 27: Competitive Bidding

Contact Tricia Killeen at 574-271-1345 or patriciakilleen@att.net Cost \$6.00



J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer the Monday classes on February 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Lessons and explanations will be presented on New Minor Forcing, Fourth Suit Forcing, How to Get Out of a Slam, and Play of the Hand. Random hands will be discussed at the tables showing what various bids, leads, plays and defensive cards are saying. Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00

BRING PROBLEM HANDS TO CLASS!

Elaine DeLaney's Friday afternoon 149er game - Future scheduling TBA.





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March 2020



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

Inauguration 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.



Wan der 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 it 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..

Good bridge habits are always in order at the SBBC

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

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Education Updates

THURSDAY, NEWCOMER GAME - 9:30

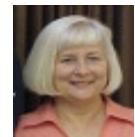
The schedule for March: 3/5 - Doubles

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 patriciakilleen@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





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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 ourfingers 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** 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 bridge mates. 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%

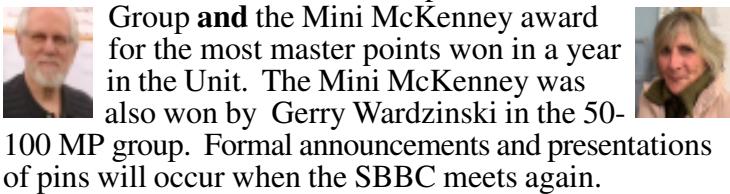
Swiss Team Games:

Tuesday 3/3 Open:	Chris Barker, Ren Singleton, Tie: 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.



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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



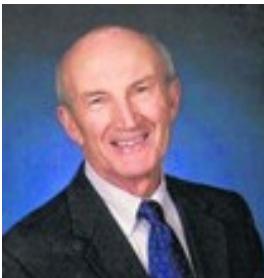
Bud Hinckley

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 Elaine DeLaney & Richard Mao	70.83% 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?

MikiGrant: She says the BBO has been a godsend. 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 activites 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.



Ivye 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

Thanks again, Bud!!

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



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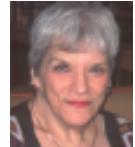
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Director Dawg congratulates the graduates and sends them our best. Many of us are parents and grandparents of these young people who have studied very hard, especially during the past three months. We are very proud of them! Our club is delighted to 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!

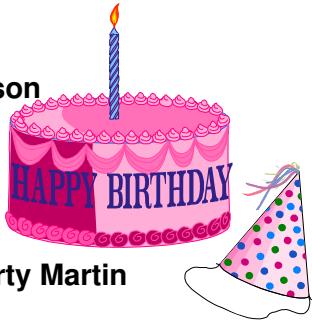


Bridge Base Online (BBO) is HERE! You can turn on your computer, I-Pad or Kindle, search for **bridgebase.com** and join South Bend (S BBC), St. Joseph (TCBC), & Michigan City (MCBC) Clubs in our virtual game - a way to keep playing bridge and earn master points. During the past month we have had a silver 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 Ivye 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 Hurwicz & Marty Martin	62.50%
Open:	5/07 Elaine DeLaney & Rich Mao	73.69%
	5/11 John & Tricia Killelen	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 Toller, President*



Member Updates

Chris Clarke New e-mail christopherclark@comcast.net

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 (11.15a.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



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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 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 Nunnemaker	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

Dick Scheibelhut 574-273-5870

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 Sachar (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 game 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!





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 togethers 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.



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"Count Dawgula" wishes you a Happy Halloween. Members of the Board have been calling some of our members to see how they're doing and to encourage them to play online. Everytime you play the SBBC virtual game, you are contributing a portion of your entry fee for our club expenses. Last week there were even gold points given out in both the open AND 399er games. Remember, if you need help getting on BBO, you can enlist the help of Tricia Killeen (574-271-1345), Bill Searcy (574-536-1632) or Rich Mao (574-256-5236).



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

CONRAD ADAMS II

Sept. 21, 1942 - Sept. 25, 2020



It is with much sadness that we have to inform our members that Conrad R. Adams II, 78 years old, peacefully passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020 at his residence. He and his wife, Mary (Johnson) Adams, a lovely lady and member of our club, were married for 56 years. Conrad was the president and owner of Manufacturing Technology, Inc, a local company founded by his grandfather. As an entrepreneur, he transitioned the family business to special machine design and build of friction welding equipment, ensuring a future family business legacy.

Conrad became an avid duplicate bridge player so that he could spend more time with his wife who was a member of SBBC. Besides giving of his time to the club he was a generous contributor. He also played in another local duplicate group called the MOB (Men Only Bridge). He was passionate about his children's athletic endeavors, and this carried over to his grandkids. His most treasured time was with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Conrad is survived by the love of his life, Mary; his daughter, Jennifer (Jerry) Borsodi of Granger; son, Daniel (Jenny) Adams of South Bend; daughter-in-law, Allison Adams of Granger; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Adams II.

Memorial services for Conrad will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Manufacturing Technology, Inc., 1702 W. Washington St, South Bend, IN with a celebration of life to follow. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9th at Palmer Funeral Home-- Welsheimer North Chapel, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend.

Editor's Note: I remember seeing Conrad enter the Bridge Center with a big grin on his face. His first words to me were "I'm so glad you got to see me today." And I was!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



You should have received a copy of the 2020 SBBC Annual Report, either by e-mail or snail mail. There are no plans to open right now, but we hope the "times will be a-changin". Remember that when you play in our virtual game on Bridge Base Online, we receive a portion of your entry feewhich will help with some of our expenses. Also you can keep in touch with your friends and partners. Take care of you and yours.

News of, from & about our SBBC Friends

Elaine Thompson fell and broke her wrist in two places. She had surgery, is doing well and says she is able to drive but very carfully. Her phone number is 574-302-6529. Keep well, Elaine.

Barb Myers suffered a stroke in June but is making progress with OT and PT. She is staying with her daughter in Ann Arbor. You can get in touch with her at sugarbarb2@yahoo.com. We send her our wishes for a speedy recovery. She says she may try BBO soon. Many of us would welcome her as a partner. Don Groch has been staying in touch with her and he says she is doing well.

Christine Barker has been reading several books which she is anxious to share with our members. A new book by Ken Follett which is a prequel to The Pillars of the Earth called The Evening and The Morning and a new book by Robert Galbraith, aka J.K Rowling of Harry Potter fame, called Troubled Blood. She has really enjoyed spending her time with these authors.

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Need a Partner for the SBBC Virtual Game?

For the BBO open game call Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766 & for the 399er game call Elaine DeLaney at 574-291-3521 or e-mail elaine.delaney@comcast.net.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12 David Barkmeier
- 15 Pat Short
- 16 Barbara Emmons
- 18 Peggy Lyzun
- 18 Rebecca Delahanty
- 21 Margaret Cunningham
- 22 Sherri Kolski
- 24 John Scheibelhut
- 26 Hugh Metzger
- 27 Dick Scheibelhut
- 28 Mike Young
- 30 Linda Urschel
- 31 Tom Hebron



Top Games in September

0-1000 Game	9/23 Roger Skurski & Gerry Wardzinski	74.77%
399ers	9/23 Leslie Garvey & Ted Mullett	64.43%
	9/10 Raji Sundara. & Gerry Wardzinski	62.90%
	9/14 Chris Clarke & Carol Partlow	60.50%
Open:	9/22 Rich Mao and Ren Singleton	70.63%
	9/10 Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp	70.04%

BITS & PIECES

With the advent of the pandemic many of the children are being home schooled. For most of us we were **HOME SCHOOLED** too in many ways:

1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.** "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me **RELIGION** "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about **TIME TRAVEL.** "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me **LOGIC.** "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC.** "If you fall out of that swing & break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT.** "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My father taught me **IRONY.** "Keep crying & I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS.** "Shut your mouth & eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM.** "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA.** "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

Thanks to Bill Searcy for these words of wisdom. More next month.

News of, from & about our SBBC Friends (cont'd)

Cappy Gagnon - I'm still playing golf three days a week. I gave up golf 15 years ago to concentrate on bridge. Now that I've come back for good I'm playing better than I did 15 years ago. I play OKBridge, on line, a few days a week with Lena, Tom Rossow, and Gail Wells. I just began playing the Club Game on BBO. When golf ends, I will play that game every day I can get a partner.

Miki Grant - This is my last notice before your newsletter readers ban me forever from identifying bridge players from unique countries. Linda Urschel and I vied against residents of Luxembourg, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Liechtenstein and Cyprus. Don't you wonder if there is another card game as popular all over the world? Bridge is the best although often very frustrating.

Barb Fedder - I really miss everyone and I miss playing at the bridge club. Hope it's not too much longer when we can get back there. My days and weeks are the same as usual, the big excitement in my life being my Floridian children are back up north. The six-year-old and 10-year-old are the love of my life. It's so good to see them again. They bought a home on Lake Wawasee and are settling in quite nicely. They've had me out on the lake already which was quite exciting. There's so much to do down there and I know they'll be busy all the time. Stay safe everyone.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - In 1989, waiting in an airport, I picked up a BIG book and almost missed my vacation because of being so absorbed in it. That book was Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett which Oprah didn't discover until 2007. After reading it, I encouraged all my friends to read it - a marvelous story about building a cathedral in the 11th century and all the history surrounding it with a wonderful cast of characters. Then there were two sequels - just as good. Well, The Morning and the Evening is the prequel and Ken hasn't disappointed us yet.

Joan Aldrich is looking for a partner to go on a bridge cruise next June. Phone **574-271-4867** or e-mail at j.e.aldrich@sbcglobal.net

Some Sightings and Conversations - Gail Wells has lost 35 lbs. (Note: didn't think she had 35 lbs to lose). Susan Farrington is looking for a partner to play on BBO. So is Bill Flanagan. They really should get together.

**Be sure to
VOTE
on November 3rd**

EDUCATION UPDATE

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



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Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope all of you have received the November and December BBO calendars. If not, they are posted on our website at www.sbbc.info. We heard a rumor that some of you miss the classes that the club offered. So in the December issue we will try to have several articles supplied by our teachers, Joan, Tricia, Elaine and moi! If you want something in particular addressed, just let me know at joann1107@comcast.net. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



A BAD DAY AT BRIDGE? by Barbara Seagram

"For those of you who have bad days at bridge, take heart!

We just learned of two expert teams competing internationally who had a run of misadventures ...here are some of the accidents that occurred:



Bid a slam missing A & K of trumps

Bid slam missing A & K of a side suit (non trump suit)

Converted from 6S which makes to 6NT going down

Bid a grand slam (redoubled!) missing the A & K of trumps

Jumped to 5C going down one ignoring the 6-3 spade fit which makes 10 or 11 tricks

Misdefended 4C doubled allowing it to make.

Not to be out-done, Alex (my husband) and I had a couple of bad accidents in a recent club game:

Alex had S AKQ5

H J1065

D J3

C K96

He opened 1C, I bid 1S, he rebid 2NT. I passed. He forgot that he opened and thought that I opened so he was using Jacoby 2NT. He was only down 3, not vulnerable but it was a 0% Board. And then on a hand shortly after, the auction went:

1H - 1S - 2D - 2H by me which was a cuebid showing 10 or more points and Spade support. Oops, Alex misclicked and passed. So I played it in 2H with 3 Hearts opposite 3 Hearts. Another 0%.

It was a keep-me-humble day! But we made a lot of friends!"

Thanks to Kathy Stegmaier who sent us this item which appeared in Barbara Seagram's weekly newsletter. Barbara granted us permission to publish this article and we send our thanks to her also.

NOTE: Change to November calendar.

On **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th** we will be offering on BBO a 149er game at 12:10 and a 999er game at 12:15. This is a great opportunity to play in some special games geared for newer players.

CAPPY GAGNON

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER



What fun to move up another level during this pandemic. There's just no stopping Cappy! He is our newest Sapphire Life Master reaching the 3500 masterpoint plateau. He has been playing on the other online bridge site for some years and just recently joined us on BBO. He's glad he can contribute to the health and welfare of our club when he plays in our virtual game. He wants to play more often so be sure to get in touch with him at cappygagnon@comcast.net for a game. We expect more forward moves from him. Next stop Diamond Life Master.

As happened to so many of us, Cappy learned to play bridge in college (University of Notre Dame). Of course, the lessons began with "13 points to open, Aces are four, Kings are...., 16 points to open 1 NT" and **Voila!** he was a bridge player. He never envisioned there would be so much more to learn. Now his favorite aspect of the game is when he can pass along some knowledge to emerging players. His favorite authors are Marty Bergen and Mel Colchamiro. He learned to play 2/1 (thanks to Bud Hinckley's tutoring) and has come a long way from "It takes 13 points to open...." Congratulations to the Capster!!

TRICIA KILLEEN ONLINE GURU EXTRAORDINAIRE



A very special thank you to Tricia who has been responsible for helping 21 of our members get online and play in the BBO games. She has really been a treasure! And we can't forget Elaine DeLaney and Joan Tobler who have helped us get partners. We are blessed!

Joan Aldrich
Christine Barker
Phil Bertoni
Carol Bieneman
John Blum
Bruce Bon Durant
Chris Clarke
Barb Emmons
Lucinda Farwell
Cappy Gagnon
Ruth Hagerty

Tom Hallum
Mary Hintz
Judy Kearns
Kathy Klaer
Margaret Lewis
Sara Marcus
Julie Nelson
Nancy Shaffer
Jo Ann Steigmeyer
Judy Weaver

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Mary Newbold
 07 Jo Ann Steigmeyer
 08 Karen Drain
 14 Margaret Lewis
 15 Julie Jarvis
 16 Mary Wisniewski
 18 Sharon Novotny
 23 Elaine DeLaney
 25 Kathy Klaer
 26 John Hamilton
 29 Spike Abernethy
 30 Robert Binder



Top Games in October

399ers	10/02 Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	62.27%
	10/27 Raji Sundarar.. & Gerry Wardzinski	61.56%
Open:	10/12 Bill Searcy & Gini Stipp	71.43%
	10/29 John & Tricia Killeen	66.00%
	10/01 Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp	66.00%

News of, from & about our SBBC Friends

Becky Delahanty - Celebrated her 79th birthday on October 18th. Becky, we hope your family and friends were able to celebrate (in the best way possible) with you. We send you our belated best.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer - Just finished John Grisham's newest book, A Time for Mercy. I plan to re-visit some Edward Rutherford books, Sarum and London, which are the British equivalent of James Michener's style of books, Hawaii, Alaska and Poland. So great to learn about these cities, and countries.

Joan Aldrich - Looking for someone who speaks Norwegian so she can use it when she visits there on her cruise next June.

Nancy Alig - The score sheets are a great idea...for those who want to REMEMBER what they did. Not so good for those of us who are trying to forget. Huge thanks to those who are directing so faithfully.

Julie Nelson - Miss playing brdge. I am wondering what to do with my leftover Halloween candy. Could always count on the Bridge Center to deliver. Stay well and sane.

Maureen Skurski - ...So what am I doing instead of playing bridge? I listen to Roger's daily lamenting about his games, interspersed occasionally by "We scratched!" Who would ever have thought those two words could bring someone so much pleasure! I love fiber arts and have been enjoying doing Japanese Sashiko stitching, wool appliqué, and quilting. I am about to begin my fifth quilt for a grandchild. Hope everyone stays healthy!

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MEMBER UPDATES

Judith Weaver (formerly McCullough)
 new e-mail address - judithweaver0711@gmail.com

BITS & PIECES (cont'd from Oct. Issue)

- My mother taught me about WEATHER.
 "Your room looks like a tornado went through it!"
- My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
 "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
- My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
 "I brought you into this world & I can take you out."
- My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.
 "Stop acting like your father!"
- My mother taught me about ENVY.
 "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"
- My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
 "Just wait until we get home!"
- My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
 "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
- My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
 "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- My mother taught me ESP.
 "Put on a sweater! You're going to catch a cold!"
- My father taught me HUMOR.
 "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- My mother taught me GENETICS.
 "You're just like your father."
- My father taught me about JUSTICE.
 "One day you'll have kids & I hope they turn out just like you!"

Thanks again to Bill Searcy for sharing these words of wisdom.

News of, from & about our SBBC Friends cont'd

Mary Wisniewski - I've been busy around the house and also playing BBQ.

I wanted to tell our bridge friends about the book sale store downtown. I'm sure some of them go to it but if not they should check out this site. <https://sjcpl.org/book-sales>

I bought 7 books last Friday and it cost me a whole \$3.50. They are all hard cover and most came out last year. When the library is over-stocked with books that they purchased when they first came out, they then send them to this store and sell them real cheap. You can also give back the books after you've finished and they will resell them. Otherwise nothing much happening here. I am thankful that we are retired and that my husband and I are used to being together a lot. Otherwise it could get ugly. I hope everyone continues to wear their masks and be careful.

Marian David - celebrated the arrival of her 10th great-grandchild, Madelynn. She also reports that she just finished pulling another bucketful of weeds. Life goes on!



EDUCATION UPDATE

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



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Santa Dawg wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah season. The December BBO calendar has been updated and put on our website (sbbc.info) New 149er games have been added so be sure to check it out. During this holiday season we want to thank our directors for their dedication to the club and to all the members who have contributed to the newsletter so we can see how our friends are doing. Many of you have found new books to read, new hobbies, TV shows to watch, & ways of coping with this pandemic. We thank you for your input. Take care of you and yours *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



MARTIN ALIG SILVER LIFE MASTER



Marty was born and raised in Indianapolis and grew up playing cards, lots of poker and a little bridge - mostly his own creative system! He went to Wabash College for a couple years where he was the little State wrestling champ at 130 pounds. He then transferred to IU where he met Nancy, who had actually had some bridge lessons in high school. Marty knew how to play and Nancy knew a few things about bidding - a match made in heaven! He and Nancy were married, and played lots of bridge with friends at school - cheapest and best form of entertainment ever! Marty graduated with his MBA in international finance, and with Nancy's Dad's encouragement, he moved to Elkhart where he began Alig Realty.

Marty's bridge career continued when Evelyn and Jim Schaefer started a group for beginning duplicate players, and Marty and Nancy were hooked. Most of their closest friends were bridge players - yep, they've played bridge with Dave Bontrager, Bill Searcy, and Dave Gadd for years. Marty played in some bridge tourneys and became a life-master along the way. He and Nancy both are very grateful for the friendships made and all the delightful experiences they've had playing at the Elkhart, Goshen, and SB bridge clubs!

Marty & Nancy have 2 lovely daughters - both of whom inherited their parents' competitive, card-playing genes. They also have 6 grandchildren, all of whom love games.

Our Heartiest Congratulations, Marty!

SEARCHING FOR A PARTNER?

Do you need a partner in December? Give Joan Tobler a call. She will be handling requests for all the Open games and the 149, 199, & 399er games. Her phone number is 269-687-4766. Elaine DeLaney will be not available next month, so give Joan a call.



JOHN SCHEIBELHUT SILVER LIFE MASTER

We are so pleased to announce that John recently achieved the title of Silver Life Master. A South Bend native, a graduate of John Adams H.S. and Notre Dame he's led an adventurous life teaching and establishing business programs in such places as Nova Scotia, North Dakota, China, Montreal, Oregon and New Zealand.



We asked him to tell us about his Bridge history. Here, in his own words, are his memories.

"My bridge career started during WWII when I often played Auction bridge at home with my mother. After I married, my wife and I would play couple's bridge with friends, but she wasn't as interested in bridge as I was. For several years I lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia and would play at the Halifax Club. Because I played well, some of the members would invite me to accompany them to their salmon fishing resort because they needed a fourth for bridge. After moving to Fargo, I played at their small duplicate club and would go to tournaments in Winnipeg or Minneapolis. I would also meet my brother Dick once a year to play in tournaments. I would winter in New Zealand and play at the Taupo bridge club where they played ACOL system. Twelve years ago I retired in South Bend and have enjoyed playing at the duplicate club here. I appreciate the many friends that I have made here and thank my partners for putting up with me." Note: John just turned 91 in October.

Congratulations! What an achievement!

ADVICE FROM A WISE GURU!

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember...Don't sing.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Chris Clarke
- 02 Marty Alig
- 05 Joan Aldrich
- 08 Mary Lou Houle
- 09 Anita Nunemaker
- 09 Penny Krug
- 10 Patricia Killeen
- 13 Maureen Trubac
- 15 Sue Pattillo
- 20 Linda Odell
- 31 Pat Laing



Top Games in November

Pair Games:

149ers:	11/04 Raji Sararaj...	& Roger Malzie	72.22%
	11/04 Miki Grant & Linda Urschel		61.11%
199ers	11/18 Candace Hurwicz & Margaret Lewis	65.08%	
	11/13 Candace Hurwicz & Kathy Stegmaier	60.12%	
399ers	11/16 Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	65.00%	
	11/19 Candace Hurwicz & Marty Martin	66.67%	
Open:	11/25 Jim Feinstein & Sara Marcus	73.81%	
	11/13 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	69.05%	

MOVING ON UP

Kathy Stegmaier	Junior Master
Martin Alig	Silver Life Master
John Scheibelhut	Silver Life Master



BITS & PIECES

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

You're not fat... you're just easier to see.

Always go to other people's funeral...otherwise they won't come to yours. (Yogi Berra)

"You came from dust and you will return to dust." That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OPENING LEADS

AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS

You've decided on a suit to lead but which card?

Top of an honor sequence: Q J 10 9, K Q 7, A K 3*

Low from an honor (3+ holding): Q 4 3, K 7 5 2

Top of a doubleton: 9 6, 7 2, J 3, (K 5 - only if partner has bid that suit.)

Top of Nothing 9 7 6 **

* Some partnerships play K from AK.

** Some partners may elect to play MUD (Middle Up Down) so the above holding would play 7-9-6 with the second card showing 3 so partner won't confuse the lead as a doubleton.

If partner leads a low card, it should announce that he is leading from an honor. If he leads a higher card like the 9 or the 8, it probably means he doesn't have much to offer. This is known as Boston (Bottom Of Something, Top Of Nothing). (Signaling in next month's issue)

News of, from & about our SBBC Friends

Christine Barker - Don't know much about chess but was absolutely fascinated with the TV series "The Queen's Gambit". My favorite read this month is The Law of Innocence by Michael Connely who never disappoints me.

Pat Borchert - I cannot believe it is almost the end of the year and we are doing the same things more or less that we did the last few months. While the weather was nice I walked along the river in Mishawaka which goes for miles. I spend a lot of time reading and these are the last books I read: Daylight by David Baldacci; Normal People by Sally Rooney; The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn; Fair Warning by Michael Connelly; A Time for Mercy by John Grisham; A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles; and The Order by Daniel Silva.

I also just finished watching the fourth season of "The Crown". I watched all ten episodes in three days.

I think we are all lost a little these days, including the saw-whet owl that was found in the Rockefeller Center tree. WHAT A HOOT!

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - The Queen's Gambit series on TV is about a young female chess prodigy daring to win in the "GOOD OLD BOYS' CLUB" chess tournaments. The intensity reminded of the bridge tournaments I used to attend. I understand there has been an overwhelming interest in the game because of this series. Chess sets are flying out the door. Also, the Christmas tops are coming out of my cedar chest (that shows my age) to wear each day in December.

Richard Mao - *Now let's concentrate on the little things.*

We're driving so much less? Saving tons of money on gas. And qualifying for and saving money with the low mileage discount from the insurance company.

Only walking around the house? Less exercise and energy requirements? Eating a lot less. Fewer meals save some money.

But being only a few feet away from the refrigerator and the pantry? Makes for EASY snacking.

Saving a few steps. We old folks are only a few feet away from the bathrooms in our house! In case of sudden urges ... 'nuff said.

Shaving every day is not such a necessity when friends and strangers aren't going to see you.

It's getting to be winter time? And I don't have to drive in sucky weather to play bridge. (just saving the to and from time to the bridge club is a blessing). Now I'm playing bridge every day (wanting to support SBBC) with more of the club members. And the game is only as far away as my computer. (Before I was lucky to get in one, maybe two games a week).

Oh, most interesting I've read Mayor Pete's new book: Trust. And Chastain Buttigieg's book I Have Something to Tell You. Both very nice easy reading.

Elaine DeLaney - Elaine sent an e-mail yesterday from Florida to let us know she was on her way to the beach! So thoughtful of her!

EDUCATION UPDATE

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