

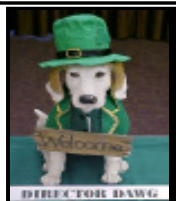


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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" on St. Patrick's Day. The March BBO calendar has been posted on the website and is filled with games that cater to all masterpoint levels. We look forward to "seeing" you there.

We received sad news that Maureen Trubac passed away on the 26th. A tribute to her is on the second page of this issue. A lovely lady with a great smile. We will miss her.

We hope many of you are getting your Covid-19 vaccine shots. The immunization of our members will go a long way toward opening up our Club. Take care of you and yours.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

2020 MINI-McKENNEY MASTERPOINT RACE

The Mini-McKenney race includes all masterpoints earned by members at clubs and tournaments. Eligibility for each level of achievement is determined by a player's masterpoint holding at the beginning of the year. The following are the standings of our SBBC members this past year among all of the 551 members of Unit 154.

20 to 50 Masterpoints Category

Miki Grant 1st 59.15
Linda L Urschel 3rd 27.41

50 to 100 Masterpoints Category

Fred A Maione 3rd 62.63

100 to 200 Masterpoints Category

Candace Hurwich 3rd 48.81

200 to 300 Masterpoints Category

Roger Skurski 3rd 61.81

300 to 500 Masterpoints Category

Ivye J Benson 2nd 37.18

500 to 1000 Masterpoints Category

Martin P Alig 2nd 98.11

1000 to 1500 Masterpoints Category

John C Hamilton 2nd 65.62

2500 to 3500 Masterpoints Category

Richard C Mao 1st 130.79

3500 to 5000 Masterpoints Category

John T Killeen 1/2 218.03
Patricia H Killeen 1/2 218.03

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints Category

Elaine M Delaney 2nd 117.76
Tom Hallum 3rd 75.51

*Well done,
SBBC Players!*

2020 ACE OF CLUBS MASTER POINT RACE

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs race is an annual contest that recognizes achievement at the club level. Only masterpoints won at Clubs are counted in these races. The following are the standings of our SBBC members this past year among all of the 551 members of Unit 154.

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Candy Hurwich 3rd 47.37

200 to 300 Masterpoints Category

Roger Skurski 3rd 59.23

300 to 500 Masterpoints Category

Ivye J Benson 2nd 26.26

500 to 1000 Masterpoints Category

Martin P Alig 1st 98.11

1000 to 1500 Masterpoints Category

Doug Scripture 3rd 56.50

2500 to 3500 Masterpoints Category

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/10 Carol Bieneman
- 3/10 Cappy Gagnon
- 3/12 Kathy Stegmaier
- 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



MAUREEN TRUBAC

Dec. 13, 1937 - Feb. 26, 2021



After losing Ed Trubac last April, it is with sadness that we have to announce to our members that his wife, Maureen, has joined him. They were a loving and beloved couple.

She and Ed were married in 1958 and eventually settled in South Bend to become part of the Notre Dame community. They have two children, Corinne & Michael and seven grandchildren.

Because her degrees from IUSB (BA) and Notre Dame (MFA) and Ivy Tech were centered around art and graphic design, she worked with watercolors, etching, woodcuts, weaving, acrylics, drawing and calligraphy. She also taught drawing and design at IVY Tech and adult education classes in drawing at the South Bend Art Center.

Besides her art interests, she enjoyed playing golf, traveling, reading - and, of course, Bridge. She became a Bronze Life Master (jumping over the rank of Life Master) in June of 2014 while playing with Bill Searcy at the Toledo tournament. It was a joyous day for her.

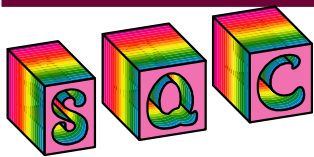
We will miss her enthusiastic smile she flashed when coming into the Bridge Club. Our condolences to her family.

Top Games in February

399ers:	2/08 Pamela Johnon & Vicki McIntire	66.82%
	2/15 Chris Clarke and Carole Partlow	62.92%
199ers:	2/05 Pamela Johnson & Mary Newbold	67.26%
	2/25 Miki Grant & Gerry Wardzinski	61.90%
749ers	2/02 Ted Mullett & Roger Skurskui	67.19%
	2/02 Dave Barkmeier & Kathy Peterson	64.06%
1249ers	2/11 Candy Hurwich & Peggy Lyzun	64.02%
	2/11 Anita Nunemaker & Gerry Wardzinski	58.06%
Open:	2/09 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	68.10%
	2/12 Christine Barker & Tom Hebron	67.46%

MOVING ON UP

Mary Newbold	Club Master
Julie Jarvis	Regional Master
Randy Peterson	Regional Master



SQC stands for Suggestions, Questions and Complaints! If you have suggestions, questions or complaints, please take them to

our **President, Joan Tobler, 269-687-9766**. If the **SQC** concerns the games, then direct them to the **Head Director, Bill Searcy at willyslots@aol.com. or at 574-536-1632**, OF COURSE, all compliments can be given to any of our officers, board members, hostesses, and hardworking volunteers. Thanks!

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.



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Overheard (oops! we mean overseen) at another table: Partner, we have so many zeroes in our game that I feel like we're in the Japanese Air Force. (Memories of Al Rossow!)

WHERE'S THE TWO?

Some of us remember the commercial "Where's the Beef" when Clara Peller questioned the amount of beef in a hamburger. A similar question should come up when we hear our partner say "I didn't continue the suit because you played a low card - the three." But, where is the two? If the declarer doesn't play it, then you should ask yourself where is the two? It could be your partner's start of an **encouraging** play like a doubleton or showing that she wants you to continue the suit. Your partner has sent her highest card she could to tell you to continue! Same goes if you see the two on the board. If partner plays the 4, now where's the 3. For example: you lead the A from AK and your partner plays the 4. Declarer plays the 3. You haven't seen the two. If declarer had the two he probably would have played it. You just have to keep watching and thinking. Of course, there are sneaky declarers at the bridge table who would false card. If you were hoodwinked, you'll have to compliment the declarer.



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I want to grow my own food but I can't find bacon seeds.

EDUCATION UPDATE

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

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Roger Skurski - The Trubacs were friends since my first year at ND, 1968. They and two other couples invited us to our first bridge group here, and we played once a month for at least 40 years. It was Goren party bridge with no appreciation of modern duplicate bridge, but we had dessert, snacks and fun. Later, at the Club, which Maureen told us about, she and I partnered at least twice a month. She and Ed were very good people and will be missed. We got both our shots! Love Michiana! enough vaccinations and Elkhart General ran smooth as a whistle, in and out, no hassles.

Richard Mao - Hi Bridge Friends - Helen's shifted to 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles ... of quilts!

I'm writing up System Guidance sheets for the folks asking me to mentor them. Wearing typing digits down to nubbins!

Offer: I answer bridge hand questions from players I'm mentoring and am now willing to answer questions from any member. Give me the date of the BBO SBBC virtual club game, the hand number and your question and I'll offer my opinion (based on BASIC principles). This is the poor man's version of Bud's on line, aftergame reviews! LOL Anyone who wants to see the questions and answers? Send me your e-mail address). My e-mail address:

richardmao@rocketmail.com

Tricia Killeen - Both John and I have received the two vaccines. No major repercussions other than some arm soreness. I have been enjoying the Korean dramas on Netflix, my favorite being Crash Landing on You. I'm re-reading The Luminaries in anticipation of watching the production on TV.



Tom Hebron - He's at it again! He knows how to keep busy! *"I remember eating at this table as a kid. I bought it when grandma Keely died at 98 and refinished it when I was about 20. My daughter has it now. This is the cupboard that Grandma Keely used with the table, which I refinished 50 years ago."*



This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

Thanks to Cappy Gagnon, Bill Searcy and Hugh Metzger for the humor in this issue. It just seemed like a good idea to inject some fun!

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah was quite a read. I never exactly realized the heartbreak of living in the southwest during the dust storms, the depression, and the migration to California to find the land of plenty. I know Steinbeck described the hardships of the Okies but didn't really get into what happened when they reached the "promised land". Also, if you love dogs, try Robert Crais' book Suspect. The story is about a policeman who becomes a dog handler with a dog who served in Afghanistan and suffers from PTSD. You'll love the dog. Also, a great movie to see is "I Care a Lot" on Netflix. It will really hit home.

I checked myself into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and I turned myself around.

Christine Barker - Getting my second covid shot next week. I join my sister in recommending The Four Winds - a powerful novel. Some other good reads are: The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin and Our Darkest Night by Jennifer Robson.

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

Ann Ulman - I have been working from home on my last tax season before retirement. Yesterday I had my COVID shot #2 and I am feeling it so I'm resting this afternoon. I'm glad it's done. A small price to pay for protection. (Ann, enjoy your retirement. Every-day is a holiday! - Editor)

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN FINESSING

West deals - Contract is 6 Spades - J of diamonds lead

♠ 5	♠ Q J 7 6	♠ 10
♥ A J 4 3	♥ K 9 6 5	♥ Q 10 8 2
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Arriving at a contract of 6 spades, south's first glance shows that there is a definite heart loser and a possible club loser. Options: take the club finesse or lead toward the heart K. If the club finesse loses, the opponents will take the heart Ace. But if declarer leads toward the K of hearts and the Ace is on his left, the King can be used as a pitch for the losing club. But what if the Ace is on the right? You will still have the club finesse to fall back on.