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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 playing on BBO (Bridge Base Online). Along with the members of the Michigan City and Valparaiso clubs, our members can play up to 5 times a week and receive points, with a part of their BBO entry fee being returned to the club. SBBC has been closed since mid March so we are looking forward to the day we can sit face to face, hold the cards in our hands and SEE each other.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

SBBC Board Meeting



As reported last month there will be a **Board Meeting on May 18th at 10:00 A.M.** at the bridge center to discuss the re-opening of the Club. Our members are invited to attend. **Joan Tobler**, our president, and the board will be looking at the state of the Coronavirus to see if enough can be done to keep our members safe. When a decision has been made, an e-mail will be sent out. So keep watching on your computers, tablets, and I-phones. We're all hoping for good news.

DORIS KLITZKE

October 11, 1928 - February 12, 2021

Doris hadn't graced our club for quite a few years but we still have fond memories of her and her dear husband and bridge partner, Dick. Dick passed away in 2018 and Doris spent her last years in Lincolnwood to be with her family. Doris was born in Nappanee and received her bachelor's degree in music from Ball State University and masters degree in Psychology from University of Wisconsin. She worked as an educator, music and business teacher, guidance counselor and private piano teacher. She loved family, friends, playing bridge and her church. Our condolences to her family.

SOME "DIDJA" KNOWS?"

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 KJxxx x.

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. (more next month)

DRURY BIDS

Fou nd But Then Forgotten

The Drury Bid, both **regular** and **reverse** treatments, is a convention (alertable) often missed by players. This convention was invented because players would get too high in the bidding, holding more than 10+ points, and not knowing if partner in 3rd or 4th seat had a full opener.

It works like this! Your partner opens 1 H or 1 S (only major suits) in 3rd or 4th seat. You have something like ten+ **support** points. The way to show this is bidding 2C (artificial and alertable). Partner learns immediately about your hand and usually is well placed to continue the bidding.

Before, in the "olden" days, bidding might have gone P - P - 1S - P - 3S (showing 10+ support points) - ending up playing in 3 spades, going down one because opener had a less than an opening hand. Using Drury, a passed partner can find out if the opening bidder has a legitimate opener or a hand interested in game with passed partner's perceived 10+ points. (*Editor's Note: At this point, we will offer Reverse Drury which seems to be the most popular of the two options.*) Passed partner bids 2C (alertable) asking about opener's hand. The answer to a 2C bid is a repeat of opening suit (alertable) showing a weak opener. Any other bid would be forward going. The Drury bid can be used over an interfering **double** or a **one level** overcall. It is so important to get your two cents in quickly. If you do bid 3 of partner's opening suit, it shows a limit raise of lesser value than a 2C Drury bid.

Many players seem to miss that the 2C bid is Reverse Drury. **Hint:** Any time partner bids 2 Clubs, **look to see if he is a passed hand.**

OUT & ABOUT WITH THE SCHEIBELHUTS!



Dick called his brother, John and said "Come get me and let's go out to lunch. After being sequestered during the pandemic, the two fellows enjoyed a great meal and reunion.



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 Chrastl
22 Kent Dennis



Top Games in April

Open	4/20	Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao	65.90%
	4/21	Chris Barker & Bill Searcy	65.08%
1249er	4/08	Peggy Lyzun & Roger Skurski	70.24%
	4/11	Peggy Lyzun & Roger Skurski	65.28%
449ers	4/05	Roger Skurski & Gerry Wardzinski	68.18%
	4/30	Candy Hurwich & Kathy Stegmaier	63.75%

MOVING ON UP

Club Master Carole Partlow
Club Master Pamela Johnson



THINK ABOUT IT!



When you are the declarer, you usually (should) take time to make a plan. This goes for defenders, too! Looking up at the ceiling is not Divine Guidance. Listen to the following bidding:

RHO 1NT (15-17 pts.)

Pass (you)

LHO 2 clubs (has at least one 4-card major in his hand)

Pass (partner)

RHO 2 diamonds (has no 4-card major in her hand)

Pass (you)

LHO 3 spades! (game going points with 5 spades AND 4 hearts) Why that particular holding? With 5 spades and fewer than 4 hearts, partner would have transferred to spades. But, along the way, he does not want to miss a 4-4 heart fit.

Pass (partner)

RHO 3 NT - RHO must have specifically 2 spades and 3 hearts (most NT openers do not open NT with two doubletons) and 8 cards in the minors. She already denied having 4 hearts and with 3 spades she would have raised partner's spade bid.

NOW, think of all the knowledge you have gleaned from just listening to the bidding. After looking at your own hand and seeing the board, you can put points and distribution in your partner's hand. - all from paying attention! Don't you wonder how the good players seem to know how to defend a hand? Now you know. **THEY LISTEN!!**

NEWS FROM OUR SBBC FRIENDS

*We have received so many responses from our members that it looks like this issue will be 3 pages long. Many of you have thanked me for making this newsletter available and I appreciate your kind words. Our members have said they are glad to hear that their friends, partners and opponents are well and keeping busy during the incarceration of the past year. **It's going to get better!***

Mike Young - Thank you for putting together the SBBC Newsletter. I truly enjoy reading it. The latest news from me is that I got a new 9 1/2 week old German Shepherd puppy that is keeping me very busy. Right now it is a full time job taking care of him. This is not my first GSD puppy, it has been eleven years since I had a puppy and even though you know what is in store you still forget the work that it entails. Thankfully each day there is gradual improvement. That is all for now.

Miki Grant - Bonnita Laub, Miki Grant and Anita Nunemaker had a paint-in Saturday, April 25 at Anita's house. Bonnita brought her famous apple pie, Anita furnished the main course and Miki brought a bottle of wine. Lots of fun, laughing and good food resulted in room being painted and looking really nice. We're all hoping to see other bridge club members in person when the club opens again. We miss all of you.

Nancy Alig - We've had a delightful April in Scottsdale! The first week our granddaughter joined us, and after a shaky start (she had to be wheeled out of the plane when she had a reaction to her Covid shot) we had a great time at the Grand Canyon, hanging out by the pool, and of course, playing many card games together! Our daughter is here for this week, we've so enjoyed having time with Marty's brother's family in Mesa, and his sister is now here from southern IN. Fun family reunion in the sunshine!

Even here, Marty has gotten to play some online bridge. Thanks Bud, Bill, Rich, and others for making that available! By the way, Bill had a birthday in April that finally caught him up with me! About time!

Hugh Metzger - I would like to return to playing at the club, but I will no longer play in games where players other than novices have a limited game on the other side of the room. All players other than beginners should be playing in the same game, properly stratified of course. In the mean time I will continue playing on BBO.

Judy Kearns - I do hope that our members are all taking their shots and I know we are all looking forward to being together again at the center. I do have a small group that plays online bridge and it has been a godsend both for keeping up some of my bridge "skills?" and it is a great time-filler.

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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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Spike Abernethy - Hi Jo Ann. I look forward to coming back to your Monday training sessions when the Club Opens again. I think everyone would be comfortable if all the members that are playing would have had both vaccines. Without that assurance, many of us may still be skeptical. Those are my thoughts on Re-Opening.

After we had our vaccines, we have taken trips beginning in mid February to Florida and Arizona. That's been our way to help get thru this winter. I have been playing BBO thru the late fall and winter with some of my golfing friends who are just learning the game. (It's been like the Blind leading the Blind but we have had fun).

I hope to see my fellow Vaccinated members soon.

Bill Blum - Dear Jo Ann, You thanked the members for their sharing their own and others' stories! That is very good. However, we all want to thank you.

From the first time I went to the Bridge Club for a lesson, you were the face of the Club for me. You are a gifted teacher with such a good disposition and sense of humor and Joan was a perfect side-kick. Ever since then when I went to the Club, it was always a delight to see you and sometimes it was pleasant to play against you and Joan even though it was seldom that I came away with anything in the way of a score, but always a new insight and help to know something new and/or forgotten.

I look forward to seeing you and Tina and all the rest whenever we resume.

Lena Howard - I have a new deck add on and Glass railing for the river side. I exercise and get some sun on the new deck. Very pleasant addition. Clean up some old boxes out of basement storage. Play Ok bridge online Friends, take good care of you and yours.

Rich Mao - More nature friends: MayApples, trout lilies, Dutchman's breeches, blue bells, squirrel corn, red trillium, red bud trees, and a pregnant momma coon! News next month! lol.

Two partnerships at a casual table with the Mentor From ... (me, of course). so mentoring can be with 1, 2, 3, or 4 players at once. *Thank you again, Rich! - Editor*

NEWS FROM OUR SBBC FRIENDS

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - Such wonderful responses from our members to include in this 3-page newsletter. It makes my job so much easier. Books I have read: The Huntress by Kate Quinn (yes, the same author who wrote the Rose Code). The book I am reading now is Eternal by Lisa Scottoline, covering WWII through the eyes of Italians during the reign of Mussolini., a period in history I had never explored.

Anita Nunemaker - I have a musical challenge for all SBBC members.

Google Willie Nelson and Julio Inglesius singing, "To All The Girls I've Loved Before".

Next—Sing along but change some of the following words:

Girls-to Games

Loved-to Played

Our-to Bridge Center

Wife-to Bridge Partner

Stayed- to Played

Even if you can't "carry a tune in a bucket", pretend you're singing along with them!

They are both hot! *This sounds like fun! Editor*

Ann Ulman - I am finally going to see my daughter's family next month - after 18 months. I am starting to socialize a little in people's homes and getting carryouts. I don't want to go to a restaurant yet unless I can sit outside, hopefully that will happen next week with a friend. The big news is that I am finally retired. Although I have not worked full time year round for many years, I have worked every tax season since 1978 except two - the exceptions being the years that my children were infants. That is around FORTY (40!) tax seasons! It will be an adjustment, and more so because of the pandemic. I know lots of us want to believe it's over but I believe continued caution is in order.

Congratulations on your retirement, Ann, from the Club!

Marian David - My daughter, Diane and I went on what she calls a "nostalgia" trip. We checked out the IU Bloomington campus on our way to visit my other daughter, Cindy in Bowling Green, Ky. Spent several days antiquing and shopping. Had a really fun time.

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.
- * **BOSTON** - Lead the **B**ottom **o**f **S**omething (an honor) and **T**op **o**f **N**othing (like 7 6 3)
- * Always pull trump unless you shouldn't (look for a short suit that can be trumped in dummy)
- * When you are in a hole, stop digging.

- * Bridge is like marriage. Once you've found a fit, stop looking around.
- * Aces are meant to capture faces.
- * When dummy is on your right, lead the weakest suit in sight.
- * The one who knows goes.
- * A finesse is a wish your heart (and mind) makes.