



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

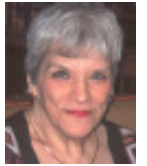
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Director Dawg wishes you a safe and joyous 4th of July holiday. This issue marks the beginning of the newsletter's 12th year. It's been fun to discover so much about our members and to celebrate their achievements, particularly during this most trying year. This issue is an "abridged" (no pun intended) newsletter as I have been battling some heart issues and have missed playing face-to-face bridge since our opening. I hope to be back soon - not only playing the game but joining Joan Tobler to teach our J & J classes. We will announce the schedule sometime this month.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



Dear SBBC Members,

In order for our club to survive, we need **MORE PARTICIPATION**. We thank all the members who have been playing at the club and virtually this past month. We ask that you try to play one more day or bring one more bridge friend to the club. If you don't like 3-table games, then come with a partner and bring another pair. Then we can have a 4 or 5 table game (more points awarded to more pairs).

We have to pitch in to save the club. Thank you for your help!

SBBC Board



Here he is again, Folks!

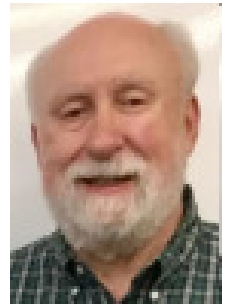


WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! Rich Mao is again offering BBO mentoring session(s) to anyone or any pair (at any experience level) with him and BBO robots. He will offer mentoring on declarer play, on defending logic and signals, and improving of the player's bidding **WITHOUT CHANGING ANYTHING** on their convention card! Up to two-hour sessions on BBO. One-on-one with him or any partnership pair against him and a robot. Contact Rich at 574-256-5236 or e-mail at richardmao@rocketmail.com.

David Barkmeier

October 12, 1948 - June 16, 2021

It was with deep sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden passing of Dave Barkmeier, age 72, this past month. He was the only child of Ray and Helen Harris Barkmeier of Plymouth, Indiana. He was an avid reader of history and all things Shakespeare. His interests were varied and eclectic and included golf, politics, duplicate bridge, jazz and classical music. Dave was also a lifelong Yankee fan and enjoyed the preparation and eating of fine food and wine. He considered his dogs, Pub and Yogi a part of his family.



After graduating with the Plymouth High School class of 1967, he received a B.A. in psychology from Indiana University South Bend, an M.A. in psychology at Western Michigan University, and completed his PhD at the University of Florida in 1978. He began his teaching career in 1979 at Northeastern University in Boston and remained there for over 25 years. Dr. Barkmeier's academic achievements were numerous.

Dave retired to Plymouth where he sought out the nearest bridge club offering duplicate bridge lessons. He found the South Bend Bridge Club, 33 miles away, but thought learning a new mental stimulation was worth the trip. He spent every Monday morning in the J & J classes with Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler where he asked questions that sometimes even stumped the teachers. Both Joan and Jo Ann said his inquiries made them better players and better teachers.

The bridge community will greatly miss Dave. He was a gentleman and a very special guy!

Convention Card Holders for Sale

Check with Marty Martin if you need a new convention card holder. She has a variety of styles from which to choose including the Play and Pray spiral bound book.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Fred Maione
- 06 Jimmy Cordas
- 07 Phil Bertoni
- 10 John Killeen
- 16 Douglas Scripture
- 19 Rich Mao
- 22 Ren Singleton
- 23 Susan Farrington



Top Games in June

399ers: 6/28	Candace Hurwich & Kathy Stegmaier	70.00%
6/02	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	64.00%
1249ers: 6/04	Kathy Peterson & Roger Skurski	65.08%
6/25	Miki Grant & Gerry Wardzinski	63.75%
Open: 6/10	Rich Mao & Bill Searcy	71.88%
6/15	Rich Mao & Bill Searcy	67.50%

MOVING ON UP

Tami McNally Sectional Master
Candace Hurwich Regional Master



Requests From Our Members

Below are issues mentioned by our members (from both sides of the room) that we would like to address.

Pleeze put the card that you are playing ON THE TABLE for all to see. Do not cup the card or hold it in such a way that only some of the players can see it. See Law 45A.

Pleeze do not turn over your played card quickly. Everyone has the right to see it including the dummy.

North has a lot to do with the BridgeMate and entering the results in his/her private scorecard. It would be nice if South would take on the responsibility of moving the boards, both on the table and to the next table.

Do not mix the played cards (keep them in order of play) until everyone agrees with the final contract and result. Law 79 A 1

REMINDER: If an irregularity occurs at your table, **CALL THE DIRECTOR!**

If you loudly discuss a hand right after it has been played, you hold up the game AND you give information to your opponents at the other tables.

CALENDAR SCHEDULE

You should have received your calendar for July, but if you haven't, here it is in a nutshell.

Mondays - Open & 399er at the club

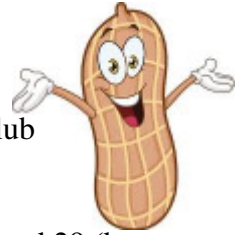
Tuesdays - Open Virtual BBO

Wednesdays - Open & 399er at the club

Thursdays - Open at the club

Fridays - 1249er Virtual BBO

NAP games on July 5, 7, 15, 19, 21, and 29 (be sure to take advantage of the additional points awarded).



2 Diamond Non-Alertable Response

Since a response of 2D over a 2C opener is never to be alerted, (adopted by ACBL January 1, 2012), it would be wise to either ask the opponent or look at his card to see what his 2D bid means. It could be waiting, game force, steps, showing an ace or king, or a variety of other bids. This could have an impact on your subsequent bids and defense.

Upcoming Classes

Players who used to participate in the Thursday Newcomer Game are encouraged to join Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler's Monday lessons which hopefully will start later this month. Jo Ann will be in touch with you in the near future. Players who wish to start all over are encouraged to register in August with Forever Learning. Tricia Killeen will offer a series of 10 lessons that will run from mid-September until Thanksgiving. Jo Ann and Joan's classes run from 9:30-11:30. Tricia's Forever Learning group will meet on Thursdays from 10-12. You can register online at foreverlearninginstitute.org or by calling 282-1901. If you need more information, please email Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net or patriciakilleen@att.net

Tricia Killeen

Education Updates

Announcements will be made this month by e-mail and at the club regarding the upcoming scheduling of classes.

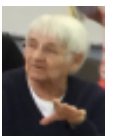
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J & J MONDAY CLASSES



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