



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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This newsletter is a combination of the August and September issues due to some health issues that I experienced. Only one other time in the past 11 years did we have a dual edition, so I guess the percentage isn't too bad. I thank all you for your good wishes, especially our students, who were most anxious for the classes to start again. Joan and I are happy to be at the helm of the Monday classes and to see our friends.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

of the South Bend Bridge Club will be held on **Monday the 13th at 3:00 PM.** Club Manager, **Marty Martin**, will present the "State of the Club" report.

### Proposed Slate for the Board of Directors for membership approval SLATE OF OFFICERS

Proposed Nominees for 3-year terms:



*Margaret Lewis*



*Bill Searcy*



*Miki Grant*



*Linda Podlin*

Finishing their terms:



*Ted Mullett*



*Virginia Stipp*



*Joan Tabler*

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

John Killeen    Leroy Boser    Virginia Stipp

**Nominations from the floor are welcome.**

## John Gadd

September 3, 1945 - August 22, 2021

We missed not having John Gadd with us for over two years when he experienced health issues and had to stop playing bridge at our South Bend Club. John, 75, passed away on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

John was born on September 3, 1945 in Parkersburg, WV to William and Betty (Barnes) Gadd.

They preceded him in death along with two brothers, William Gadd Jr. and David B. Gadd. He retired from Sears-Roebuck after a long career there.

On September 24, 1988 he married Jeanne Ann Meszaros who survives along with a daughter, Jennifer (Chris) Grimm-Hove.



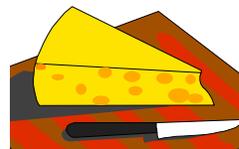
*Our Friend, John*

To say John was an avid bridge player would be an understatement. Almost everyday, he would show up with a smile and a kind word for his partners and his opponents alike. His presence was a joy to all of us.

**Our condolences to his family.**

## REVIVING THE SWISS TEAM EVENT

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**



Now we know we are really back in business! There is going to be a **Swiss Team** Event on the third Tuesday in September. Get your teams together and sign up (sign-up sheets are on the north wall) for either the Open Swiss or the 399er Swiss. This is a time to get those great extra points.

Also in September there will be "**Welcome Back Club Championship**" games on the 20th, 22nd, and 23rd. Premium points will be awarded for these games.

## Clarke Dippell

January 25, 1940 - July 9, 2021



It is with great sadness that we announce to our members that Clarke Dippell, 81, passed away on July 9th. Clarke was born in Huntington, Indiana to the late Randle and Cheri Dippell. He attended Moorehead State University and graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in 1963

with a Bachelor Degree in Education. After college, he became a Lieutenant in the USAF and while stationed in Omaha, Nebraska, he met his wife, Janet Skupa. They were married in 1966, and in 1967 they moved to South Bend to start a family and Clark's career in education.

Clark secured a teaching position with South Bend School Corporation, and after a few years, he received a Master's Degree from Indiana State University. He taught Social Studies at several high schools and was Head Football Coach of Riley High School from 1977-1988. He retired from South Bend Schools in 2006.

Along with his wife, Janet, Clarke is survived by his three children, Randy (Diane), Cathy, and Andy (Maggie) and five grandchildren.

Among his many qualities, Clarke described himself as an aspirational golfer, Master of Dad Jokes, subtle insults and wry humor, unfortunate St. Louis Cardinals fan, MAC football fan, voracious reader, car aficionado (although he would drive with both feet, even with an automatic), footwear fanatic, average bridge player, distruster of redheads and lefties (although a lefty himself), identified as a "Rogue" in his Senior High School Yearbook, history buff, all-around charmer and affable friend. Mentor. Educator. Husband. Father. Grandfather. Beloved by his students, peers, athletes, and most of all, his family.

**We will miss him!**



**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.**

## BILL SEARCY



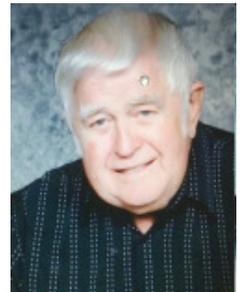
## GOLD LIFE MASTER

Bill came from a family who loved sports and bridge. Since bulking up didn't come early enough for Bill to try out for football, he chose golf and bridge, which he says are two of the most ethical games. He earned a B.S degree (appropriate designation) at Indiana University in Business Management and enjoyed a career in the sales field. He played bridge often with his mother and father, both of whom were exceptional players. His father was instrumental in the establishment of the Elkhart Bridge Club, which Bill continued to support as owner and director. When the Elkhart Club closed, he changed his allegiance to the South Bend Bridge Club. We are so glad he did. He has proven to be a leader, both for the directors and the club. Through his leadership we have a knowledgeable and efficient directors staff. Bill has been a mentor to newer players, helped several of them achieve life master status, and taught good, solid, no-nonsense bridge classes. We congratulate him for a well-deserved achievement. By the way, he still dabbles in golf.

## Teen Robertson

August 30, 1932 - July 10, 2021

Mishawaka, IN - Teen Donald Robertson, 88, passed away at home on July 10, 2021. Teen was born in Dallas, SD to the late Paul and Pearl (Feninga) Robertson. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Doyle Robertson and a sister, Belva (Robertson) Hoffman. On June 28, 1953, in Gregory, SD, he married the former Joan Patterson who also preceded him in death in 2019. Surviving are his son, Scott, daughters, Diane, Echo, and Susanna; 4 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.



Teen graduated from University of South Dakota in 1958 with a degree in engineering. He proudly served his country, in the Army and then as a fighter pilot in the USAF. Teen retired from Bendix/Honeywell after a long career as a test engineer.

Players at the Bridge Center noticed that Teen never sorted his cards into suits. His theory was that he had to search for the card to be played allowing him time to THINK before playing. It must have worked! He closed his bridge career as a Gold Life Master.

Our condolences to his family.

## 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



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Irene Cooperrider
- 03 Bob DuComb
- 09 Myra Anthony
- 12 Francie Rosen
- 14 Dorothy Cahill
- 20 Sherry Cummings
- 23 Fred Stump
- 25 Dave Bontrager
- 27 Lucinda Farwell
- 29 Christine Barker



## SBBC Top Games in July

### Club Games:

399er:	7/19 Roger Chrastil & Miki Grant	69.00%
	7/14 Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich	66.00%
Open:	7/01 Marian David & Lena Howard	69.05%
	7/19 Gini Stipp & Rosemary Zonker	66.00%

### Virtual Games:

[Tues.	7/27 Lee Boser & Gini Stipp	60.91%
Open]	7/27 Jim Feinstein & Sara Marcus	55.91%
[Friday	7/16 Leslie Garvey & Roger Skurski	66.25%
1249er]	7/30 Barb Fedder & Reggie Lowenhar	53.97%

## Top Games in August

### Club Games:

399er:	8/16 Ruth Hagerty & Margaret Lewis	64.58%
	8/02 Roger Chrastil & Candace Huwich	62.00%
Open:	8/09 Lee Boser & Lena Howard	66.88%
	8/04 Pat Borchert & Linda Podlin	66.25%

### Virtual Open Games:

Open	8/06 Roger Skurski & Jo Ann Steigmeyer	68.75%
	8/10 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	67.50%

# Thank You

... to our members who have donated so much in time and money to our club. Special thanks to Gerry Wardzinski for the gift of the coffee machine (the old one was on its last legs) and to Rich Mao for the additional funds so that we could have NAP games at our club's regular prices. There are many others who have donated money, time, and encouragement and we send them a big bearhug!



## Education Updates



The J & J (Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler) classes are in full swing. The first class was held on July 12th with a wonderful welcoming class of 26 and has continued to enjoy a strong attendance each week. The classes are held every **Monday** (except the last Monday of the month) from **9:30 to 11:30** for a nominal **cost of \$5.00**. In September there will be classes on defense (Did you know that you generally play defense on 50% of the boards?), leads and signals, suit contract play-of-the hand, and (due to requests) new minor forcing. **AND ALWAYS BASICS**. After the lesson, there are hands to play. Come and join us for a fun and informative morning. For more information, contact Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net or Joan @ 269-687-9766.



## Member Updates

Iye Benson                      712-898-4365 (new #)  
**PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR  
 PHONE AND E-MAIL LISTS!**

## MOVING ON UP

Tami McNally                      Sectional Master  
 Candace Hurwich                  Regional Master  
 Bill Searcy                          Gold Life Master



**ALERT!!** Beginner classes will be taught by Tricia Killeen at our club, through the auspices of Forever Learning starting Thursday morning, September 16th from 10 to 12 Noon. Registration for the 10-week course is available at Forever Learning Institute beginning Monday, August 16th.



Tricia