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Here is Director Dawg all dressed up in his New Year's finery wishing you and yours a Happy New Year. He is, like many of us, looking forward to a new year full of positive and normal activities resuming - particularly at the Bridge Club. While we're waiting, continue your vigilance so that we can see each other again.



May you have a happy & healthy New Year! *Jo Ann, Editor*

2020 - Historic Year

The SBBC newsletters have become a history of the club since July 2010. This past year has been a tough time for all of us but there were welcome bright spots.

Some of our life masters achieved a new level of accomplishment. For instance:

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 masterpoints) - John Killeen

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS (3500 masterpoints) - John Bodish and Cappy Cagnon

SILVER LIFE MASTERS (1000 masterpoints) - Martin Alig and John Scheibelhut

Also, among the non-Life Masters we saw upward awards earned by:

Kathy Stegmaier - Sectional Master

Patricia Short - Club Master

Miki Grant - Sectional Master

Unfortunately, there were dear friends who are no longer with us and will be greatly missed

January - Betty Jo Miller, Norm Muller

April - Edward Trubac

July - Mary Powell

September - Conrad Adams II

During this past year, our members were able to discover and re-discover books to read, hobbies to resurrect, board games to play, leisurely walks, exercise, an occasional golf game (which Mark Twain said "is a good walk spoiled"), the availability of playing bridge by way of BBO, and how to use ZOOM to keep in touch with our families and friends. The future will give us a new year which all of us hope will bring a reasonable return to normal. It will take some time but, with the advent of the vaccines, we may be able to see our friends' smiles instead of masks. All of you have been courageous, creative, and very patient.

Be sure to take care of you and yours!
A BLESSED NEW YEAR'S WISH
TO ALL OF YOU!





Bud Hinkley

We thank Bud for making it possible for us to feed our addiction. Through his efforts and working with ACBL, he has made it possible for us to continue playing our favorite game at the club level. The Michigan City Bridge Club and the Valparaiso Club have joined with us so we have a good nucleus of players to go on BBO (Bridge Base Online) and earn masterpoints. Members pay \$6 and part of the money goes to each club. Bud and his fellow directors, Rich Mao and Bill Searcy, have managed to schedule open games Monday thru Friday. In addition there are games interspersed for players with fewer masterpoints than 99, 149, 199, 399, 749 and 1000 (check the SBBC.info website to see the latest BBO bridge schedule). Another innovation on the horizon is a "teaching table" for about 20+ minutes which will be offered after a game and will cover hands played that day. Another way to improve your game.

Thanks again to our very capable directors, Bud, Rich and Bill.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

 If one of your resolutions is to stay in touch with your bridge friends, there is a phone and e-mail list of our members available. I can send it by e-mail (pdf) or by snail mail. If you would like it sent to you, contact me by e-mail at joann1107@comcast.net or by phone at 574-243-1355. 

Jo Ann

REMEMBER TO.....



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Miki Grant
- 05 Barbara Fedder, Lena Howard
- 09 Reggie Lowenhar
- 13 Gail Wells
- 14 Merrill Crull
- 15 Clarke Dippell
- 17 Connie Hebron
- 21 Joyce Foley
- 26 Jane Bailey
- 28 George Cramer
- 30 John Bodish
- 31 Bill Blum, Barbara Myers



Top Games in December

399ers:	12/24 Anita Nunemaker & Miki Grant	65.87%
	12/11 Dave Barkmaier & Kathy Peterson	65.00%
149ers:	12/09 Candace Hurwich & Raji Sundar..	58.18%
	12/16 Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	54.76%
Open:	12/08 Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao	70.45%
	12/09 Ted Mullet and Roger Skurski	68.06%

MOVING ON UP

Kathy Stegmaier Sectional Master



News of, from & about our SBBC Friends

Hugh Metzger - The only thing new in my life was my granddaughter Brittany Metzger Nierste giving birth to great grandson Augustus Leon Nierste in Warsaw 10/31. This elevated Amelia, who just turned two, to the important status of big sister. Leon was the name of my Father of Blessed Memory. This honor pleased both my brother and me very much. I have been staying home most of the time trying to avoid the virus. I have been told that I am classified as elderly. Hard to believe. I feel great!

Pat Borchert - The only thing new on my agenda is that I belong to a book club and we meet by Zoom. Because of the Queen's Gambit on Netflix, which by the way is the number one show in 60 countries, I started playing chess on line. I was familiar with the game, but wasn't that much into it years ago. However, things change and I want to do something new.

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. A new year is coming, I'm not sure it will be lots of fun; however, let's toast to the new year 2021!

Gail Wells - I have been writing a newsletter for our club. I call it Bridge Bits and information is slow to come. Aside from that we have been busy with church activities My husband is the treasurer so I help him out as he has been sick since before Thanksgiving and was in the hospital for 2 weeks. Been playing on BBO ... and "see" some of my South Bend friends virtually. We will be staying home on New Year's Eve. I really miss coming to South Bend to play with all my dear friends. **Happy New Year, stay well!**

Rosemary Zonker - Chris Barker talked to her on the phone and Rosemary, after a 10-day stay in bed with a virus (not THE virus), says she is doing very well. She misses our people and we miss her!

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

Rich Mao - Why stuck at home is so nice? We're always close to chargers for our Smart Phone and desk pad computers. This is also the time you can purge your e-mail lists, eliminate unused contacts, get rid of excessive e-mails, and dump unneeded information. Again make it easy, one folder at a time.

Xmas gifts I appreciate: On the Other Hand and Defense: On the Other Hand both by David Bird and Larry Cohen, highly respected authors. Easy to read and you can absorb one or a couple of pairs of hands at a time and set the books aside to be continued later. Great for advanced beginners and intermediate players.

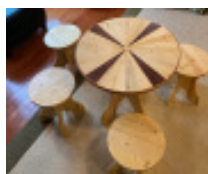
And finally, New Year's resolutions: Learn how not to get on your spouse's nerves while you are trapped in your togetherness. **Cheers!**

Donna Tieman - I am very optimistic about 2021! We have managed to avoid contracting covid, while many of our close friends have had it! My husband received his first covid vaccine 10 days ago. Under strict adherence to safety precautions, we traveled to Colorado in October for hiking and fishing, and are currently in the Dominican Republic with our entire family for the New Year holiday. My husband and I played golf more in 2020 than ever before. 2020 has taught our family how much we have to be thankful for. Life is wonderful as long as we are together. I wish you all a Happy New Year, and hope to eventually see you on the other side?

Cappy Gagnon - Not going to do any crochetingis that like being crotchety?.....but will be playing as much golf as the weather permits. One of the things I am enjoying in my geezerhood is watching old movies. I love movies from the 40's and 50's, particularly those in black and white.

Film noir is one of my favorite genres.

Tom Hebron - He's at again! Pictured are table & stools Tom made for Eli, his daughter's 8 month old nephew. Made of scrap wood collected at a house building site down the road. What a creative genius!



LEADS AGAINST NO TRUMP

Last month we discussed opening leads against a suit contract. Now let's. discuss leads against No Trump.

The most desirable lead is a sequence (actually against any contract): **K Q J; Q J 10; J 10 9;** etc,. With this lead you can promote your holding. For instance, leading the K from K Q J will knock out the Ace and Q, J become winners.

If your partner has bid, try to help her by leading her suit following the lead suggestions of BOSTON covered last month. High low for a doubleton and low from 3+ with an honor.

Another lead, if the aforementioned leads are not available, is 4th best from your longest suit. The 4th best is counted from the top down. For instance, holding K 9 8 2 you would lead the 2, and from K 9 8 7 2 you would lead the 7. For those of you who say never lead from a king, what do you do if you hold all 4 kings and it's your lead? Do not despair. All you need from your partner is the Q or the A to promote your K and she could hold either of those cards.



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Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day!

WOW! What a wonderful response to our request "Say Hi" from all of you. This issue is an unprecedented four pages. I want to thank all you who have kept in touch with us at the newsletter "office". I have heard from many members who say it so good to know their friends, partners & opponents are around and doing well. We hope you are all able to get your vaccinations.



Jo Ann, Editor

Paul Silberman

June 6, 1946 - December 21, 2020



We recently received news that our former club president, Paul Silberman, passed away in St. Louis, Missouri. Paul left our community after suffering a stroke to live near his family. He was the SBBC president for three years and introduced many great innovations that made the club more open to new ideas and to

increasing the membership. He had a great love of the game and brought that feeling to our members. We miss his tooling into the Bridge Center parking lot in his white Toyota convertible. He was very young at heart!

Below is the start of the responses we received from many of our members. I know it seems like a long newsletter but we've never had this kind of response before. It really is so good to know that our bridge friends are coping, scheduling their Covid shots, finding ways to keep busy and still playing bridge. Joan Tobler, our president, Marty Martin, our club manager, members of the Board and the Game Directors all wish you a safe and healthy year. "See" you at the games!

Saying "Hi" to all of us!

Ivye Benson - Greetings from sunny Florida. I've been playing a lot of online bridge- practically every day. Also, take walks on the beach which is right outside our door.

My special friend bought me a piano for Christmas so I've been enjoying that. I play classical, pop, & contemporary Christian music. Looking forward to the day when we will all be together again at the bridge table! Happy New Year!!

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Margaret Lewis - Hello my South Bend Bridge Club friends. I really miss seeing everyone at Miracle Lane. I appreciate BBO and Bud providing a way for me to keep playing bridge and help support the club during this unprecedented time. I spend a lot of time reading, thanks to Libby. I'm counting the days until spring and looking forward to a June trip to Savannah.

Ted Mullett - I have been going through some pain issues in my back and elsewhere. I am not sure yet what is causing them, but trying to get to the bottom of the problem. It's exasperating at best and the pain medicine I'm on causes drowsiness, so the more pain the more pills and the more pills the more drowsiness. Dulls the brain and other senses and also sets off dizziness and lack of balance. I am beginning to figure out how to use the pills but am still in the beginner group! I should be able to be more regular in my bridge now but we'll see. Thanks, Jo Ann, for reaching out and spread the word that I am OK, just my usual dizzy self.

Nancy Alig - Hi to everyone from the Aligs! We hope everyone is staying safe and well. We are super excited as we just got our first shots last week. There are advantages to being old, aren't there. Anyway, since Marty and I are both introverts, we haven't struggled as much as some, but we certainly do look forward to seeing our family and each of you before too long.

We've been busy right now doing tax prep for our business. Will Marty ever consider retiring - apparently not! I've also become an avid "Zoomer" as I host or lead several church groups and gatherings of friends. It's not the same as in-person, but we're very grateful for Zoom.

I enjoy watching Marty and Bill Searcy play BBO, although I often wonder, "What are they thinking?!!!" Actually, I'm the one who will probably remember nothing about the game when we finally head back to the Bridge Club. None of you will mind giving me zeroes, I'm sure!! Stay warm and safe and well.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Top Games in January

Open Games

399ers:	1/04	Pam Johnson & Vicki McIntire	72.50%
	1/20	Miki Grant & Gerry Wardzinski	67.50%
199ers	1/08	Candace Hurwich & Mary Martin	65.08%
	1/15	Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	64.81%
749ers	1/21	Kathy Peterson & Roger Wardzinski	64.77%
	1/29	Kathy Peterson & Roger Wardzinski	63.69%
Open	1/04	John & Tricia Killeen	67.46%
	1/01	Marty Alig & Bill Searcy	66.67%

MOVING ON UP

Linda Urschel Sectional Master
 Mary Newbold Club Master



Membership Update

Lucinda Farwell e-mail - farwell.lk@protonmail.com

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Cappy Gagnon - Got my first Covid shot. Been watching a lot of Film Noir. Also, I have binge watched a lot of home rehab shows on HGTV. The two I have watched the most are "Home Town" and "Love It or List It". In the former, a nice young couple fix up homes, with an eye towards their history, in the small town of Laurel, Mississippi and sell them, mostly to new home buyers. In the latter, a lady designer creates needed upgrades on a nice house while a male realtor looks for replacement houses. At the end of the show, the homeowners decide to remain in their upgraded home (Love It), or use the enhanced value of their home to sell (List it) and buy one of the other homes they've been shown.

Susan Farrington - Hi! I am taking lessons on 2/1 from Rich Mao who is so very patient! Playing BBO at night in the casual rooms. I have also been playing a lot of socially distanced tennis and Pickleball. Going to Florida for a few weeks soon.

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Gail Wells - Hi to all my friends at the South Bend Bridge Club. I miss playing with you but I'll give you a little hint...you might see me this coming Wednesday. (Oh that's right--we cannot see each other.) When not playing bridge or taking care of my sick husband I am in charge of a food pantry at my church so this takes up a lot of time. What do I do for fun? I haven't even had time to read a book and I am envious of all of you who have listed the books you have enjoyed since last March. I usually go to Florida for a week or two but not this year. I think it is best (and so does my son) that I stay at home more and keep away from people. I play on Bridge Base Online almost every day and sometimes OKBridge. You would think I would be sharp...not really. I need to be playing with my friends in South Bend to enjoy the game. Take care all of you and maybe this summer we can start playing together in reality. Have fun!

Miki Grant - Do want to say "hello" and miss seeing all SBBC members. Luckily, was able to get first vaccine and second due in 3 weeks. Need very little space to tell anyone what I've been doing - Nada. Luckily, playing bridge is a great diversion and enables all of us us to keep in touch. Hopefully, we'll all see each other soon. We're getting close to one year anniversary of shut down. Thank you to Bud, Richard, Bill, Trish, Marty M., Joan T. and Jo Ann for keeping our club together. We all commend you and any others I've forgotten. You're our heroes.

Bill Blum - Dear Fellow Members of the SBBC, I have missed seeing you and playing bridge. So many things have been interrupted. Also, on my side I have only baked one rum cake in the last year. I send all of you my best wishes. Let me speak about my ministry as a Holy Cross Catholic priest chaplain.

Holy Cross is a community of priests and brothers. Before joining the priests the brothers were known as the Brothers of St. Joseph. Last year was the 200th anniversary of the founding of the brothers. For many years now, (since I came back from Africa) I have been the chaplain to the Brothers living in Columba Hall on the campus.

This last week of January has been particularly difficult; we have buried three brothers (one cancer, another injured in a fall and one Covid victim). I look forward to the day when we can again meet face to face.

My room faces St. Mary's Lake looking south so I get sun when it's shining and get to see so many people out for walks--many of them taking their dogs for a walk.

I have had my first vaccination shot a couple of weeks ago. It went fine and I encourage anyone, who is hesitating, to go for the vaccinations. I hope not only to be immunized myself but also to avoid being a danger to others.

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Hugh Metzger - I will do even better. I will say both Hi & Lo. *(you just couldn't resist, could you, Hugh? I hear the moans in the hinterlands now! - editor)*

During the last few months, I have been busy playing Bridge Base On Line and luckily have been getting my share of points. Normally I leave home only to buy groceries or for medical or family reasons.

The big item in my life is the birth of my second great grandchild, Augustus Leon Nierste last Halloween. Gus does have a two-year-old sister, Amelia, who adores him.

The name Leon was my Father's name, Dad was a perfect gentleman if there is such a thing. He never swore, rarely if ever said something bad about somebody. and normally always wore a suit and tie. It will be a tough legacy for Gus to live up to but I am confident that my granddaughter and her husband are up to the task. They are the right kind of people.

I am sorry I rambled on but I am very thankful to our Heavenly Father for letting me live into my nineties in relatively good health and knowing six generations of my family, from my maternal Grandfather, Julius Israel, born in Germany in 1865 to Gus who was born in Warsaw, IN. 2020.

I hope this pandemic ends soon so we can lead normal lives again which of course means playing at the bridge club again.

Lucinda Farwell - Hi Jo Ann. And Hi to all of my fellow members at SBBC. I'm still playing Casual games on BBO. Trying to learn all of the bidding conventions. But it is hard without having an experienced bridge player help me learn! So I keep saying some day..... I am keeping the faith!

Jimmy Cordas - Sends a Hi to all his bridge friends and partners.

Fred Stump - Hope this email finds you healthy and filled with your usual vigor, Jo Ann. .I am doing well. I spent a lot of time on my bicycle from April until early November and hit biking trails far and wide. At my age, I no longer ride on highways or heavily traveled roads.

I am currently working full time as the interim principal at Queen of Peace School in Mishawaka and will continue through the end of the school year. I'm thoroughly enjoying the return to working with students, parents, and staff. Hope this email finds you healthy and filled with your usual vigor.

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Pat Laing - "HI", as requested. Have read with great interest the newsletters this past almost-year and think JoAnn deserves a medal for creating fun reading out of almost no activity! Miss bridge but mostly miss seeing, hearing, interacting with everyone in person. Soon, maybe?

Tami McNally - My sister Jessi only comes to visit me when she is sure there is a 399er game at the SBBC. She is from a small town in Iowa and loves to play bridge but no one there is interested in duplicate. Luckily she had played 3-4 times at the SBBC when the pandemic hit as that made her eligible to play with our club. The last time she visited before the pandemic was November of 2019 and she was so excited as she would get to play at the SBBC and all she needed was .15 MP to be at 1 whole point!! With the pandemic she can play bridge as much as she wants. She now has close to 40 points. We play as much as we can with the club but she also plays with robots. We are both looking forward to the Club reopening so we can play with our friends face to face. We want to thank Bud, Bill and Rich for being directors and all those who are keeping the club going. Be safe!

Barb Fedder - Hi everyone. Like many of us we miss the bridge center, but mostly the members. I am well, enjoying grandchildren, still baking (would love to share) and playing bridge on BBO. How are you??? good work Jo Ann ... Thanks Barb

LaDora Sloan - I'm spending the winter in Florida near my daughters. I'm keeping busy spending time with my family, playing in a golf league, walking the dog and playing some online bridge. Other than that, I'm keeping a low profile and trying to hide from the virus. I'm happy to report that I have received the first dose of the COVID vaccine and have an appointment for the second one in February. I am looking forward to returning to my home base and routine. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I'm optimistic that we will be able to see each other face to face soon. Miss you all!

Karen Nagy - Playing bridge 4 times a week. Going to movies and out to eat. Hope everyone is well. Getting my shot in Feb. Playing with grandkids as much as possible. Love to all.

Marian David - Can't tell you how much I miss seeing all my partners (as well as opponents). I'm looking forward to the club being opened! I've certainly read lots of books and have gotten tired of Gunsmoke reruns. Hope to see you all soon.

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Elaine Delaney - The year of 2020 ended on a happy note for me. I was able to spend the month of December traveling in FL with my son. As winter set in for us in the North it was a very interesting and liberating experience to travel and enjoy many cities and beaches. We visited the Tampa/Clearwater area, Naples, Key Largo, Key West, Miami and Fort Lauderdale. I now have a strong preference for the Atlantic coast and am planning another adventure for next winter.

Best Wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy 2021!

Mary Hintz - Hi All. I so miss all the fine people at the Bridge Center and hope we can get back someday soon. One of the enjoyments is that my husband has been learning to cook some wonderful dishes. I'm keeping busy with The Great Courses on TV. Currently, I have enjoyed 5 Lectures on Questions of Philosophy and the work of St. Augustine City of God. Right now I am reading the biography of Washington as well as Illuminations.

With the help of Trisha Killeen, Julie Nelson and I are learning how to play bridge online (my son bought me an I-pad). I hope to "see" many of you online.

Don Groch - I have a Feb 4th appointment for a shot. I thought with all the free time I have I would get things squared away so I could downsize my house. I've lived here 42 yrs and have too much stuff. But I didn't get much done. I didn't realize there is so much on TV.

I usually say "read my book" when opponents question my bids or play. However, I have some suggestions. One is "Hugh Hefner's Favorite Jokes and Puns at the Bridge Club that Everybody Likes. The book has blank pages. The other book would be about under ruffing. John Killeen has noticed that I did that several times. And several times he had to do that playing against me. So the under ruff is named after me. And the book is Strategic Defense - the Groch Underruff. Note: Don says the book is a joke and not to be taken seriously. (really?)

Tricia Killeen - Trish says hi to all! She and John have been enjoying back issues of "The New Yorker" complements of Gini Stipp. Her book reading includes Anne Patchett's The Dutch House and her TV watching includes "Bridgerton" and the Korean series of films on Netflix. Of course she's playing lots of bridge on BBO.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - "Bridgerton" - what a terrific presentation on Netflix. Loved the story, the costumes, the characters, etc., etc Might want to change our Club name?

Saying "Hi" to all of us! (cont'd)

Richard Mao - Starting in February, I am offering to play in the open game with anyone who wants to play with me and perhaps get some mentoring. (I am discontinuing playing with my regular partners in the SBBC game.) I am doing this to attract players to our SBBC open game and hopefully increase attendance. (Kind of a Pro-Am offer.) Just e-mail (richardmao@rocketmail.com) a couple of days in advance, we'll work out a straightforward convention card and play. Players who want to learn ins and outs of BBO. Players at any level who want to play with an experienced partner. And perhaps want to improve their game. (**Thank you, Rich - a very generous offer that we hope will be used by the bridge members - editor!**)

Excitement! My wife and I have our first vaccine shots scheduled.

For several months we have stopped having friends over so we can protect them and ourselves from COVID exposure. My living room couch has now been piled with all my books and magazines and only has room for me to sit and read and watch tv. My wife has taken over the other couch and has her quilting projects, Sudoku books, library books. We are doing well and I'm doing a lot more cooking than before, *Chinese dishes*.

Becky Delahanty - HI!! Really looking forward to seeing everyone again. I miss playing bridge with all of you very much.

Ann Ulman - Hi Jo Ann. I am in my last free week. Next week I go back to the office for my very last tax season. Sure will be different! On the other hand....each tax season is unique anyway. Hope you're all getting your vaccinations. I'm still too "young." Here's to returning to the desirable parts of our life as it was before in our "new normal." Maybe some of what we are learning in COVID will improve life afterwards. I'm growing fond of getting groceries and other stuff delivered. I do miss going out for dinner, though.

Joan Aldrich - Hi, of course, to one and all. I've started to breathe again (albeit shallowly) and am hoping that mass inoculations will get us back on top. Finally there's an advantage to getting old: you're 2nd in line for CoVID shots.

I've played in a few 799er games and like it. Forgot what it was like to not get beaten up regularly. Call me if you want to partner-up in one of those games.

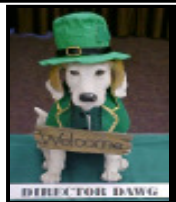


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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" on St. Patrick's Day. The March BBO calendar has been posted on the website and is filled with games that cater to all masterpoint levels. We look forward to "seeing" you there.

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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50 to 100 Masterpoints Category

Fred A Maione 3rd 59.06

100 to 200 Masterpoints Category

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

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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.

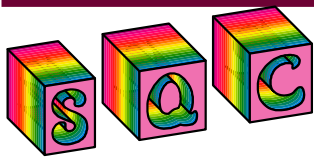
We will miss her enthusiastic smile she flashed when coming into the Bridge Club. Our condolences to her family.

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.

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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.

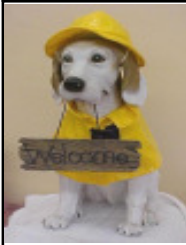


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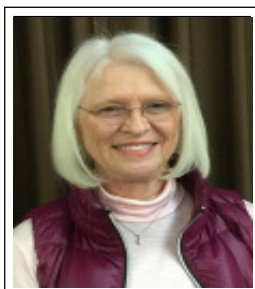
Director Dawg is practicing social distancing, washing his paws frequently and staying at the club by himself these days. He is so sorry the club is closed as he enjoys overseeing all the activity of our players. We will join him as soon as the coronavirus leaves and we are back to normal activities. Not only have we missed the game of bridge and all the social interaction with our friends but some of the players have said they miss the lessons on Mondays and Thursdays. Many 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



THE ANSWERER

We are so fortunate to have as our Club Manager, Marty Martin. She wants to let our members know that if you have questions about the club, the bridge center, and any future plans for our membership, just direct your questions to her by phone at 269-845-0330 or e-mail at marty@myg.info.



HOW LIFE GOES ON

We have received wonderful responses from our members telling us how they are, what they are doing, and how they are coping. There are many of you we haven't heard from. If you're shy about telling about yourself, then we'd love to hear about the other members you've seen or talked to. We want to know if they are safe so we can send that message to the membership. Thank you!

Christine Barker: I want to highly recommend a recent book by Chris Whitaker titled We Begin at the End. It will grab you and keep you wanting to turn the next page. A great read. Since Jo Ann and I are both vaccinated, we went out to eat for the first time in a year. Olive Garden took good care of us.

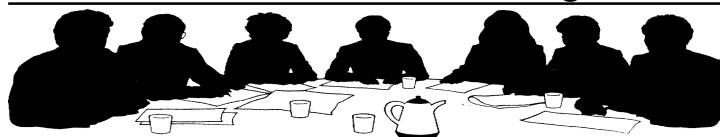


Rosemary Zonker - Chris Barker called Rosemary who reports that she is well, has received both of her vaccinations, and basically goes to the doctor and the store. She is really looking forward to when the club opens again..

Jo Ann Steigmeyer: I found some wonderful books to read this month. The American Duchess by Karen Harper, A Most English Princess by Clare McHugh. My absolute favorite is The Rose Code by Kate Quinn which is an historic novel about the people who worked at Bletchley Park in England during WW II breaking the Enigma code. I couldn't put the book down!

See "How Life Goes On" on page 2.

SBBC Board Meeting



Joan Tobler, our president, announced that there will be a Board Meeting on May 18th to discuss the re-opening of the Club. They 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.

SUPPORT DOUBLES An Often Forgotten Bid

There are rumors that the Support Double is the convention (no longer alertable) most-missed by players, followed closely by the Drury and new-minor-forcing conventions. Support doubles were invented to let your partner know that you have 3-card support for his response of a major after interference. For instance: Your first bid is 1C, P by LHO, 1H by partner, 1S by RHO, a dbl by you shows a raise with 3-card support. And 1C, P, 1S, double, redouble by you also shows support with 3 cards. Normally you would raise to 2 hearts with 4-card support and pass with fewer than 3 hearts. What a wonderful amount of knowledge to impart to partner with one bid or non-bid. It also helps in case you are on defense. You may say that it also gives opponents information, but talking to your partner is more important.

To help members remember support doubles and redoubles, here are a few hints:

1. Only the **opener** can make a support double or redouble.
2. It is your chance to let partner know how many of his suit you have by bidding or non-bidding.

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:

149ers	3/29	Candace Hurwich & Kathy Stegmaier	58.50%
	3/25	Pamela Johnson & Mary Newbold	55.00%
199ers	3/02	Candy Hurwich & Raji Sundararajan	68.75%
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	3/16	Ivy Benson & Peggy Lyzun	64.29%
Open:	3/8	Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	67.50%
	3/25	Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney	66.67%

HOW LIFE GOES ON!

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Richard Mao - Springtime crocus, daffodils, and Scilla, and cut leaf toothwort, rue anemone, bloodroot, spring beauty. Our moods are also picking up.

I am offering mentoring sessions to partnerships. You and your partner with me and a robot. You'll get improvement on your partnership bidding communications, your partnership defense and signals, and your declarer play. If it's a single player partnering with me we can play against the robots. You'll play declarer whenever our side is declaring. Two hour sessions on BBO. Call, email, or text to set up a session.



Pat Borchert - After getting my second vaccine almost six weeks ago, I feel a lot better about venturing out to restaurants. I had not visited a restaurant for over a year. I still have my daily routine of exercise, walking and lots of reading, plus I'm addicted to Netflix which I watch on my computer.



Here are the latest books I've read: The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly; The German Girl by Armando Lucas Correa; Daylight by David Baldacci; The Book of Strange New Things by Michael Faber; The Woman in The Window by A. J. Finn; Serpentine by Jonathan Kellerman; I just started a new book by the Swedish writer Anders Roslund: Knock Knock.

I'm looking forward to the opening of the Bridge Club, now that we are all vaccinated. Perhaps in June?

HOW LIFE GOES ON!

Ann Ullman - I'm still plugging away on the taxes, but as of next month I hope to be done. Also got the taxes mostly done on the personal side as well. Looking to break out of my habit of staying home all the time now that I am at vaccine #2 plus 2 weeks. Also may get to go see my granddaughter in a couple of months. I am cautiously optimistic about the end of the pandemic or at least about the beginning of the end.



Cappy Gagnon - Tomorrow I play my 11th round of golf; 12th on Tuesday. 105 rounds in 2020.

Still doing research on my book on early (1887-1917) Notre Dame Football.

Gerry Wardzinski - Completed Covid-19 vaccination and looking forward to playing at the Club. Playing on line is not as enjoyable as playing at the Club and seeing everybody's smiling faces. I also miss the Monday morning lessons and being kibitzed playing the practice boards.



As an aside, Roger Skurski and I placed 9/326 pairs and earned 4 MPs in an 18 Board pairs game on 3/15.



Nancy Alig - We've had both of our shots and are beginning to get back to life, little by little. Back to in-person church and Sunday school, went to a concert in Nappanee yesterday with 300 people attending, and heading to AZ next weekend for the month of April. Our granddaughter is joining us for the first week, and we're also looking forward to spending time with Marty's brother's family and taking in lots of sunshine and warmth. Hope to begin seeing everyone back at the bridge club when we get home!

Leslie Garvey - Well. I've had my shots with very little reaction. I will probably wear a mask for a year. I really think the governor needs to retract the April 6 mandate mask removal. There are too many variances out there for my liking. I'm learning mah-jongg and my brain is fried after two hours. I thought I would just do a little bit of finishing up on my crossword puzzles. I just finished a great book by Lars Kepler titled Lazarus. He's a really good mystery writer. I'm looking forward to seeing the board in May and coming to a decision and getting to see everybody again.



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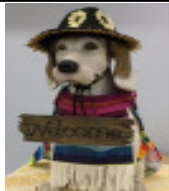


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Cinco de Mayo Dawg hopes that we may be getting closer to re-opening our club. Fortunately, many of you have been able to continue playing on BBO (Bridge Base Online). Along with the members of the Michigan City and Valparaiso clubs, our members can 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

Found 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
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21 Nancy Saunders
22 Roger Chrastl
22 Kent Dennis



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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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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.



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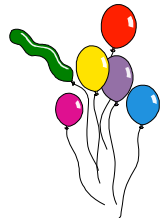
Director Dawg congratulates the graduates and sends them our best. Many of us are parents and grandparents of these young people who have studied very hard, especially during this past difficult year. We are extremely proud of them! Also, a hearty Happy Father's Day to all our dads and granddads. What a year this has been for all of you.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

THE SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB IS RE-OPENING!!

June 2, 2021, a date that will live in delight, marks the re-opening of our Bridge Club at the Town &



Country Shopping Mall. To celebrate the occasion, Bud Hinckley, our "Director Extraordinaire", will treat each of us to a FREE (as in "no charge to you") N.A.P. (North American Pairs) Game which awards its players extra "50/50 red/black" points. During the month of June, there will be other special games offered and subsidized by some of our members. We thank them for their generosity and will list them and their contributions in the next newsletter. In the meantime, let's celebrate renewing our friendships with partners and, yes, our



opponents, with joy. It will be so good to "see" them!. Game will start at 1:00 but you will want to get there early **to show proof of vaccination** and to catch up on what your friends have been up to.

Richard Scheibelhut

May 31, 1933 - May 7, 2021



Richard "Dick" Scheibelhut, passed away Friday, May 7, 2021, at the age of 87 with his children at his side. He was born on October 31, 1933 in South Bend, IN to the late Leo C. and Dorothy (DeBelius) Scheibelhut.

In May 1961, in Chicago, Illinois, Dick married Jean Louise Kreuzer, who preceded him in death on September 1, 2019 after 58 years of marriage.

Dick graduated from Notre Dame in 1955. A Navy ROTC graduate, he promptly began his Navy service becoming a Chief Engineer and Landing Officer on a Fast Attack Transport in the Mediterranean. Dick went on to test the waters at several different career paths until he discovered his love for accounting. He rose through the ranks at KPMG and ended his 29-year career there as Director of Accounting and Finance.

Throughout his life he was an avid fisherman. His other love was Bridge particularly with his wife, Jean. He was an accomplished player who became a Life Master at a tournament in Fargo, North Dakota playing with his brother, John. He continued to rise in the ranks to become a Bronze, Silver and finally a Ruby Life Master in 2016.

The members of the South Bend Bridge Club have beautiful memories of Dick who was truly a gentle man and a gentleman. Our condolences to his family.

June Glazer

June 29, 1933 - May 18, 2021



Another beloved member has left our midst. We are saddened to announce that June Glazer passed away in May at the age of 88. She was born and raised in Marion, Indiana, and attended Indiana University where she met her future husband, Eli Glazer. She and Eli

were married in 1953 and were blessed with two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

June and Eli both loved to be with each other and traveled often to Europe, their favorite destination. In the winters they spent time in Clearwater, Florida where June played duplicate at the local bridge club.

June started playing duplicate at the Elkhart Bridge Club over thirty-five years ago and received her Life Master award in 1991. She topped off her bridge career with a Silver Life Master ranking. The Club always looked forward to her birthday when she would bring in her wonderful array of homemade cookies and her famous salmon spread. Not only did she bring wonderful food, but she brought a lovely smile each time that she walked through the door of the club.

June often remarked that she enjoyed playing at the SBBC Club and looked forward to seeing her good friends and great partners. We felt the same about her and will miss her greatly. Our condolences to her family.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 08 Dick Hastings
- 09 Kathleen Peterson
- 11 Don Groch
- 11 Julie Nelson
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 18 Connie McKay
- 21 Ann Ullman
- 27 Nancy Shaffer
- 28 Patricia Borchert
- 28 Marty Martin
- 30 Bruce BonDurant



Elaine Thompson

Table three will not be the same. Elaine Thompson has moved to Texas to be near her family. When asked if she would enjoy hearing from



her friends, partners and opponents, she gave a resounding "Yes!" So feel free to give her a call at 574-302-6529. Our best wishes to you, Elaine.

Happy "Belated" Birthday Celebration for Bud Parshall!



June 11, 2020 was to have been our first Bud Parshall Day. The Board voted to honor Bud for his generous donation to our club by holding a special yearly game in his honor on his birthday. A plaque with the winners' names was to be on display at the front of our club. However, due to the Corona-19 pandemic, we were unable to celebrate last year since the club had been closed since March of 2020. We are happy to announce that **BUD PARSHALL DAY** will be held (a little late) on **June 21st** as a Club Appreciation Day which pays 81.8% of sectional ranking. We have certainly appreciated his gift and didn't know it was going to be needed so soon.

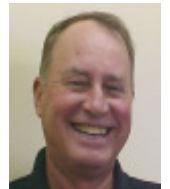
Our Guiding Lights!



Rich Mao



Bud Hinckley



Bill Searcy

These three fellas have been our "light in the tunnel" for over a year. They've worked tirelessly to give the South Bend Bridge Club, the Michigan City Bridge Club and the Valparaiso Bridge Club a place to satisfy their bridge addiction and to keep in touch with their friends and partners. We send them our heartfelt thanks, and we are confident the game of bridge will continue to thrive under their guidance.



Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, or maybe even years.

Top SBBC Virtual Games in May

499ers:	5/03 Candy Hurwich & Kathy Stegmaier	70.24%
	5/21 Miki Grant & Gerry Wardzinski	65.00%
1249ers:	5/13 Reggie Lowenhar & Raji Sundarar...	69.84%
	5/20 Ivey Benson & Peggy Lyzun	67.50%
Open:	5/26 Roger Skurski & Jo Ann Steigmeyer	66.25%
	5/04 Lee Boser & Gini Stipp	66.07%

ELEVEN YEARS OF THE SBBC NEWSLETTER

We congratulate and thank Jo Ann Steigmeyer for eleven 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 her twelfth year of SBBC publications. *Joan Tabler, Pres.*



Member Updates

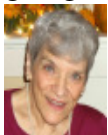
Dave Bontrager dbontrager116@gmail.com (new e-mail)

PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE LISTS!

Education Updates

J & J (Jo Ann & Joan) weekly classes will start again on **Monday, June 21st at 9:30 a.m.**

How much did you forget during this unwanted vacation? Let's start the first class by just going through the basics. Then, we will discuss what will



Jo Ann Steigmeyer

be covered in the weeks to come. So much to talk about. Any questions: joann1107@comcast.net or call 574-243-1355



Joan Tabler

ALERT! There will be no Thursday morning beginning class at the club at this time. **Options:** Join J & J classes (see above) or wait for beginner classes offered by Forever Learning, being taught by Tricia Killeen at our club in September. More info NEXT MONTH!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Games at South Bend Bridge Club Venue start at 1:00 EDT on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - \$7.00 <i>Virtual BBO Games</i> on Tuesdays and Fridays start at 12:15 EDT - \$6.00</p> <p>Director Designations: LB = Lee Boser DG = Don Groch BH = Bud Hinckley BK=Bob Knoblock RM = Rich Mao BS = Bill Searcy</p>						
		1 NAP <i>Virtual BBO Open</i> Dir. - BH	2 NAP FREE PLAY Open & 399er Dir. - BH	3 Open Dir. - BS	4 <i>Virtual BBO 1249ex</i> Dir. - RM	5
6	7 NAP Open & 399er Dir. - BH	8 <i>Virtual BBO Open</i> Dir. - BS	9 Open & 399er Dir. - BS	10 NAP Open Dir. - BK	11 <i>Virtual BBO 1249ex</i> Dir. - RM	12
13	14 Open & 399er Dir. - BS	15 <i>Virtual BBO Open</i> Dir. - BS	16 NAP Open & 399er Dir. - BH	17 Open Dir. - BS	18 <i>Virtual BBO 1249ex</i> Dir. - RM	19
20	21 Bud Parshall Day Open & 399er Dir. - LB	22 <i>Virtual BBO Open</i> Dir. - BS	23 Open & 399er Dir. - LB	24 NAP Open Dir. - LB	25 <i>Virtual BBO 1249ex</i> Dir. - RM	26
27	28 NAP Open & 399er Dir. - DG	29 <i>Virtual BBO Open</i> Dir. - BS	30 Open & 399er Dir. - DG	<p>Visit our website www.sbbc.info to find game results, calendars, newsletters and more.</p>		

QUESTIONS - CALL BUD HINCKLEY AT 269-281-1214
OR E-MAIL AT budh9534@gmail.com