



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope all of you have received the November calendar. If not, it is posted on our website at www.sbbc.info and hard copies are available at the Director's Station. Last month we played our second Dupli-Swiss Team Game on the 19th. There were 8 teams on the open side and 3 on the 399er side. Because the game seems to be popular, there will be another Swss on Tuesday, November 16th. Get your teams together and sign up!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

SUZANNE WATSON

July 3, 1938 - October 22, 2021



Suzanne was born and raised in New York City. When she was 8 and her brother was 12, her parents announced that she was old enough to make a foursome for party bridge. Suzanne stated that growing up in New York was awesome. Every weekend, there were museums, shows, ballets, concerts, ice-skating; and a plethora of interesting and fun activities.

Suzanne met her former husband at the University of Wisconsin. They had two daughters - Diana, who became a mathematician, and Monica, who is a stay-at-home, home-schooling mom living with her husband and five children in Israel. Suzanne taught school in the inner city in Chicago for thirteen years while raising her daughters. Then she went back to school to become a psychologist and accepted a position at the Madison Center which is what brought her to South Bend.

In addition to bridge, Suzanne enjoyed reading, HD operas, the South Bend Symphony and other concerts, knitting and cross-stitch. She was introduced to duplicate bridge and met Jimmy Cordas while playing. She and Jimmy have been together for 32 years. Theirs was a superb bridge AND personal partnership.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Suzanne L. Watson may be made to: The South Bend Bridge Club, 2436 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545;

Condolences are being sent from her bridge friends.

Need a Partner?

Just give Joan Tobler a call at 269-687-9766.



CHANGE TO NOVEMBER CALENDAR
The Bridge Club will be CLOSED on
Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.



SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS

Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$25) will be collected during December for the year 2021.

BOARD MEETING ELECTIONS



A Board of Directors Meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

President - Joan Tobler



VicePresident - Margaret Lewis



Secretary - Miki Grant



Head of Playing Directors - Bill Searcy



Co-Treasurers - Gini Stipp & Roger Skurski



and Board Member - Linda Podlin



Congratulations to all! We look forward to your leadership in the coming year.

VIRGINIA PETERSON

August 18, 1930 - September 28, 2021



Many of us have fond memories of Ginny Peterson and her husband, Ron, playing the Big Club system at our club - not always easy to counteract. Both achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master.

Ginny was born in Lafayette, IN and graduated from Indiana University with a BS degree in education and then taught in the South Bend area. When she met Ron, it was love at first sight. They were married for 54 years, until his passing in 2018. They settled in the community of Plymouth and were blessed with six children, who then blessed them with 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Their bridge legacy is being carried on by their son, Randy, and daughter, Julie. And a formidable legacy it is.

Our Condolences to their family.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07 Mary Newbold
 07 Jo Ann Steigmeyer
 08 Karen Drain
 14 Margaret Lewis
 15 Julie Jarvis
 16 Mary Wisniewski
 18 Sharon Novotny
 23 Elaine DeLaney
 25 Kathy Klaer
 26 John Hamilton
 29 Spike Abernethy
 30 Robert Binder



TOP GAMES IN OCTOBER

SWISS TEAMS - October 18, 2021

Open Bud Hinckley, George & Pat Kovarik and Rich Mao

399ers Barbara Fedder, Anita Nunemaker and Jolene & Kurt Stiver

OPEN PAIRS GAMES

10/25 Marian David & Sara Marcus 70.83%
 10/13 Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao 67.56%

399ER PAIRS GAMES

10/27 Jolene and Kurt Stiver 77.50%
 10/27 Miki Grant and Gerry Wardzinski 70.00%

Tuesday October 19th Dupli-Swiss

We were delighted to have 8 teams in the open section and 3 teams in the 399er section which enabled us to run a dupli-swiss in both sections. That is, both sections played the same boards at the same time. The advantage for the players in a dupli-swiss is that the results tend to be close throughout. Multiple teams have a chance to win in the last round of play.

The players seemed to like this game, and hand records were available at the club and online for the players' review.

Tuesday November 16th Dupli-Swiss

We have another Team event scheduled for Tuesday, November 16. Be sure to get your team together and sign up (Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the 399er section.)



Flash! In December or January there may be a second Swiss Team event offered. Stay tuned for updates!!!!



Please consider playing one more time per month. Our expenses and our revenues are not happy with each other! Thanks!

MESSAGE FROM MARGARET LEWIS

Dear 399ers,

You are missing and you are missed!

Covid-19 has changed more things than I could possibly ever name. Restaurants have closed, store shelves are still empty of regular stock, and handshakes and hugs are taboo. And many friends are lost. To me the saddest loss of all is the



wonderful 399er side at the Bridge Center. Friends who enjoyed a relaxing Monday or Wednesday afternoon game of bridge have not returned. Remember when our only question was not would we have a 399er side but how many tables would we have. Regardless of how many tables, we would play, laugh and enjoy the game together. Currently we are fortunate to have 5 pairs so that we can play against comparable competition as opposed to the life masters with thousand of points.

You are missing and you are missed! We are the future of the club. We provide a place for beginners to assimilate and feel comfortable as they develop their skills. Just two more pairs would make all the difference in the vitality of the 399er section. So grab your favorite partner or call our Partnership Chairperson, Joan Tobler, at 269-687-9766, and join us Monday and/or Wednesday at the Bridge Center.

You are missing and you are missed!

Didja Know.... In competition, your hesitation puts a burden on your partner who must now base his next bid on his hand and not on what you may have implied by your long hesitation.



Didja Know.... Touching and pulling out bid cards before making a bid can also impart information to a partner. Please refrain from this practice. *Select your bid in your head, not in your hands. Think* before bidding.

Education Updates

The Monday morning (9:30) **J & J class** schedule for November is as follows:.



11/1 - **Negative Doubles**

11/8 - **Strong Bidding** (2-club openers, jump shifts and the dreaded reverse bid.)

11/15 - **Drury**

11/22 - **The Rules of 11, 15, 20, 17, etc.**



After each lesson, there will be hands to play. Join us for a fun & informative morning. To find out more, call Joan @ 269-687-9766 or Jo Ann at 574-243-1355. or e-mail Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net. Cost \$5

The Forever Learning classes on Thursday morning are going strong with attendance with as many as 20 students per class. We thank John and Tricia Killeen and the mentors in the class for all their hard work.