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“Count Dawgula” wishes you a Happy Halloween. This is the time of year that we have traditionally collected the dues (\$25) from our members. During the past shutdown period, no fees were collected and no one was taken off the membership rolls. But, now that we are open, you can become a card-carrying (metaphorically speaking) member of the SBBC just by digging into your piggy bank or writing out a check to support the club by joining. Being a paid up member entitles you to play bridge at a reasonable rate (non-members pay \$1 more) and to receive the SBBC newsletter giving information about upcoming events.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

THEODORE MULLET

March 21, 1942 - September 8, 2021



It is with much sadness that we have to inform our members that Ted Mullett passed on to the next round of golf Tuesday afternoon surrounded by his family. He was born in Niles, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1965 where his analytical mind found

sense and purpose in accounting. After graduating, he rose through the ranks of KPMG for 33 years before eventually retiring in 1998, at which time he started consulting with many local businesses and philanthropic organizations.

That same mind searched for challenging opponents at his favorite games, bridge and cribbage. He came to bridge classes but, because of his grasp of the game, was often called upon to explain a convention or a bid to newer players. He was active at the South Bend Bridge Club and with the MOB (Men Only Bridge) group.

He met the yin to his yang, Sue O’Neill in 1966 and the two were soon inseparable. Married in 1967, Sue and Ted were blessed with three cherished children, Anna, Jennifer, and Neill. Also left to cherish his memory are his 7 grandchildren Katelyn, Emily, Molly, Lucy, Owen, Mason, Landon and Ted’s sister Linda. Ted loved spending time with his grandchildren and he was known for his generosity, wisdom, dry wit, and zest for life.

WE WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH!



At publication time we received word that Virginia Peterson had passed away. There will be a dedication to her in next month’s issue.

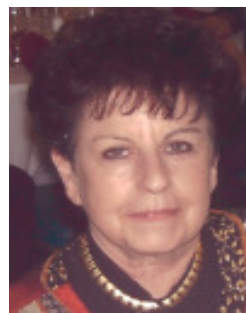
SBBC Yearly Meeting



The yearly meeting of the SBBC was held on Monday, September 13th. The yearly report was given out to all the attendees and is now posted on the website at www.sbbc.info. A hearty thanks to all the members who kept the club going during a very difficult year, particularly the President, Joan Tobler, the Club Manager, Marty Martin, and her board as well as the Game Directors. Two new members were elected to the board at this meeting: Linda Podlin and Miki Grant. The Board appointed Roger Skurski to take Ted Mullett’s place. Note: Board meetings will be held the **3rd Tuesday of every “other” month starting in November.** Feel free to come to the meetings.

SARAH ANN MUELLER

August 2, 1938 - September 7, 2021



Sarah hadn’t played at the club for some years, so we were sorry to hear of her passing. She had many partners she played with over the years, and they all remember with fondness that she loved to pre-empt! There was always joy and laughter at her table. Sarah was a Life Master who also enjoyed singing in various choirs and making an occasional visit to a casino.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Dr. Thomas J. Mueller, two daughters, Monica and Ann Marie, three sons Mark, Matthew and James, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was always so proud to say that all five of her children held at least one degree from the University of Notre Dame.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Tom Hallum
 15 Pat Short
 16 Barbara Emmons
 18 Peggy Lyzun
 18 Rebecca Delahanty
 21 Margaret Cunningham
 22 Sherri Kolski
 24 John Scheibelhut
 26 Hugh Metzger
 28 Mike Young
 30 Linda Urschel
 31 Tom Hebron



Top Games in September

Swiss	1st	Lena Howard, John Killleen, Tricia Killeen and Ren Singleton	
9/21	2nd	Christine Barker, Marian David, Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler	
399ers	9/08	Roger Chrastil & Candy Hurwich	85.00%
	9/29	Judith Kearns & Judith Weaver	62.50%
Open:	9/27	Bud Hinckley and Rich Mao	73.26%
	9/13	Bill Searcy & Gini Stipp	71.73%

Member Updates

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PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE AND E-MAIL LISTS!

Two items have come to the directors' attention that involve the Zero Tolerance policy that SBBC adheres to.

1. Loud and constant talking during play is not allowed under Zero Tolerance. It is rude and disrupts other players' enjoyment of the game. Please keep your talking during the game to a minimum.

2. Gloating over a good result is specifically noted as a violation of Zero Tolerance. This includes loud cheering, a "high five" or a back flip over your chair. You may congratulate partner quietly, but you are not allowed to do something that makes opponents feel bad.

Procedural penalties can apply, but are not used often. The directing staff can and will apply a penalty when informed of a violation of Zero Tolerance. We are all here for an enjoyable afternoon among our friends. *Bill Searcy*

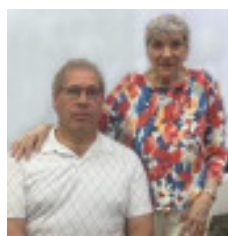
the
director's
corner

Swiss Team Event Revived in September!



The teams who attended the Swiss Team Event on Tuesday, the 21st. seemed to really enjoy playing Swiss again. It was a Dupli-Swiss game which means that all the teams played the same boards. Much fairer, much quieter. There's a rumor that there may be another one in October. Cross your fingers!

President's Service Award



This year's selection for the President's Service Award presented a problem which was solved by giving the award to two very deserving members for their services this past historic and difficult year.

The recipients are:

Bud Hinckley - We thank Bud for making it possible for us to continue playing our favorite game.. Through his efforts and working with ACBL, he made it possible for us to play "online" and earn masterpoints, by way of BBO. Part of the money generated from these games came back to the club to help defray our expenses. His fellow directors, Rich Mao and Bill Searcy, are also included in this award. Bud was presented with a gasoline card with our heartfelt thanks.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer - During the period when we were not able to "see" our bridge friends, Jo Ann continued to issue the SBBC newsletter with columns dedicated to finding out how our members were. We learned that our friends were reading, walking, exercising, clearing out unwanted "stuff", and taking online courses. Each edition also contained a source of great book recommendations. We thank Jo Ann for helping us find out that our bridge friends were doing okay. The Club presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers (shown above). *Joan Tobler, President*



Education Updates

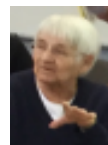


The Monday morning (9:30) J & J class schedule for October is as follows: 10/4 - Jacoby 2NT; 10/11 - Play of the Hand for Suit Contracts; and 10/18 - New Minor

Forcing. **10/25 - No Class**

AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS THE BASICS.

After each lesson, there are hands to play. Come and join us for a fun and informative morning. To find out more, call Joan @ 269-687-9766 or e-mail Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net or call at 574-243-1355.



The Killeen's Beginner classes, offered through Forever Learning, held their first session on the 16th of September at our club with an attendance of 26 for the first class. If you would like to help Tricia with mentoring the new students, just e-mail her at patriciakilleen@att.net or call her at 574-271-1345. Her classes are on Thursdays at 10:00.

