



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! On the third Tuesday, February 15, we will be holding our monthly Swiss Team game. This game has proven to be so popular that it has become a welcome monthly event. But, in March, the game will be held on the fourth Tuesday (3/22) due to a director not being available. Always check your calendar (sent by e-mail and hard copies available at the club). Keep you and yours safe. *Jo Ann, Editor*



## George Kovarik

Sept. 21, 1945 - January 23, 2022



George and his wife Pat walked into our club after having moved from Wisconsin to be near their daughter and grandchildren. We found that they were lovely people who were avid duplicate bridge players, and George was only a few points away from becoming an Emerald Life Master (7500 points).

Well, being the accommodating club that we are, we welcomed them, proceeded to be awed by his bridge play, and contributed to his final points. How wonderful it was that he was able to achieve this plateau before he passed away.

George was born in New Prague, MN and is survived by his wife of 54 years Patricia, 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

George had a love for cars, cards (Pfeffer and bridge), music and baseball, including playing semi-pro baseball in Minnesota. George joined the Army in 1967 and served 6 years teaching combat training and served with the medical unit. George later found a career as a sales manager and worked in insurance and office equipment sales for several years earning numerous awards for his successes. George and Pat then moved to Henderson, NV in 1998 where he continued his career in sales and then later retired.

George was a supporting member of various organizations including Future Farmers of America, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and the American Contract Bridge League

Memorial donations can be sent to Lewy Body Dementia Association ([lbda.org](http://lbda.org)) to help raise awareness and find a cure for this disease; or to the Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN.

We're glad that we got to know George!

## Barbara Fedder

January 5, 1941 - January 23, 2022



We were so sorry to hear of the passing of our dear friend and bridge enthusiast, Barbara Jean Fedder. Barbara began her life in Michigan City, Indiana and it was later, during one of her father's regular poker games in late 1960, that she was introduced to the love of her life, Kenneth P. Fedder, who survives. They were

married in 1962 and were going to celebrate their 60th anniversary in Granger in May. Their love brought forth 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Barbara spent many hours driving her children to various sports and school events and served on the Board of Directors of the Montessori School. She was an accomplished artist, painting portraits and creating custom greeting cards using her Calligraphy skills. Golf was a fun part of her life and she competed annually in the City Metro tournament, taking home the top spot in her flight on occasion.

Cooking and baking were so important and she passed her appreciation for food to her family and friends, many of whom received a copy of her cookbook "The Aromas of Lebanon - Recipes From My Mom's Kitchen".

The South Bend Bridge Club blessed everyday that Barbara played. She was Vice-President and a Board Member for several years. She brought a beautiful smile when she arrived and then she proved to be a very accomplished player, earning over 660 masterpoints and the title of Regional Master.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Christ Child Society, 2366 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka, IN.

We will miss this very special lady. Our condolences to her family.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



## Top Games in January 2022

Swiss:	1st	Chris Barker, Tom Hebron, Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler	
	2nd	Joan Aldrich, Bill Flanagan, Connie Hebron & Bob Knoblock	
Open:	1/24	Cappy Gagnon & Tom Rossow	68.34%
	1/03	John Killeen & Tricia Killeen	68.33%

### Membership Update

Elaine Delaney - cell 574-229-3369 (no land line #)

## Books at the Bridge Center

To make room for more bridge books being donated by our members, we are taking out all the fiction and non-fiction books from the library. You will find them on the 399er side and you are welcome, in fact encouraged, to take any of them. Any leftovers will be donated to the local libraries.

## COME TO THE BRIDGE CENTER

We have been very careful to be sure that everyone who plays at our club is vaccinated and boosted. We have had the Bridge Center disinfected several times with another session coming up in the next week or so. **We have the health and welfare of our members as a top priority.** So, please try to come to the Bridge Center more often and bring a partner. If you don't have a partner, you can call Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766 and she will be more than happy to get one for you.



## A Hearty Thank You

We send a large thank you to the members who have given donations to the club and paid the extra dollar to cover the cost of having Junior Fund games in January. A special thanks to Chris Barker and Linda Podlin who are covering the cost of having the club disinfected. Your support is much appreciated.

## Recently, slow play has returned to SBBC

the director's corner

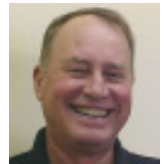
The directing staff has refrained from issuing slow play procedural penalties as required by a decision of the Board due to our smaller attendance. We don't want to upset players into not playing because they are an important part of our club.

We have stopped the clock to allow tables to catch up or finish the round. This week we have had 2 tables start their last board with less than 2 minutes left on the clock. This is unfair to all of the other players who have finished the round on time.

There are many ways to speed up your play: Do not post-mortem any hand until the round is completed at your table. Recently, this has been a major factor in slow play.

Pull out and sort your cards for the next board quickly. Claim when convenient to do so. This is a standard director comment on BBO games. Enter the contract and opening lead on the bridgemate immediately as they occur.

We recognize some hands are difficult and require extra time and we allow for that. But, ALL hands are not difficult and can be straight-forward in play. Bridge is a social game, so do your socializing at the end of the round.



Bill Searcy

**Practicing good bridge habits will improve the bridge experience for everyone at SBBC.**

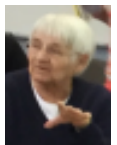
### DIRECTOR DAWG ISN'T NAKED ANYMORE.

We were able to find some of his missing outfits, so we will try to keep him decently clothed. We can't have an X-rated mascot on display at the Bridge Center.



## Education Updates

Due to the cold temperatures (brrr) and possible massive snowfall being predicted for February, Jo Ann & Joan have opted to discontinue the J & J classes until March. They will announce the resumption date by e-mail and in the upcoming newsletters. They regret having to do this, but they hope things will be warmer in March!



## BEGINNERS' CLASSES

The Forever Learning group is almost finished with Audrey Grant's second book - Competitive Bidding. The group will meet on Tuesdays in February. We hope to introduce a game for our FLI graduates so they can put into practice all they've learned. A **new Forever Learning class** will start in March.



Tricia