



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" on St. Patrick's Day. The March club calendar has been posted on the website. We look forward to seeing you at the Bridge Center.

ALERT!! - the Swiss Team game will be held on the 4th (rather than the 3rd) Tuesday in March (3/22/22). This is a well attended game and special points (Education Foundation) will be awarded. In April, Swiss games will return to the normal third Tuesday.

Look in this issue for some hints about conversions that are often forgotten. New convention cards will be coming out around the middle of this year which will be explained.



Forgetting Drury?



Hint: If you are playing Drury, anytime your partner bids 2 clubs, check to see if he/she is a passed hand. If so, alert it as a Drury bid which shows support for your 3rd or 4th seat opening major with 10+ points. This bid is used to find out if you are interested in game knowing partner has this holding for you.

I Want to Raise My Partner! Does he have more than the 4-card suit that he promised?

Bidding:	You	LHO	Partner	RHO
	1 C	P	1 S	2H
	???			

You want to raise partner but have only 3 of his suit. Here's where you can use the Support Double which says I have 3 of your suit. If you have 4, you raise. A pass would say you have 2 or fewer. Only the opener can use this tool.

If interferer (RHO) has doubled rather than bid a suit, your redouble would say you have three, a raise would show 4, and a pass shows 2 or fewer. Look at all the information exchanged in the partnership.



Forgetting New Minor Forcing?

In a nutshell:

1C	P	1S	P
1N	P	2D*	P
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* **New minor forcing** - By bidding the other minor partner is telling you that she has 5 spades and possibly 4 hearts with 11+ HCPs. Opener can raise spades with three or bid hearts with four. The new minor is artificial and may be as short as one, so **DO NOT** raise the NMF suit!!

PEOPLE TO CALL

If you have a question about the results of the game you played in, please get in touch with that game's director or you can get in touch with the Manager of the Directors, Bill Searcy at 574-536-1632, e-mail at willyslots@aol.com.



For questions concerning the club, please direct them to the Club Manager, Marty Martin, 269-845-0330, e-mail marty@myg.info.

To get a partner, call Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.

PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO TRICIA KILLEEN. *She has been retired as Club Manager for over 2 years and is enjoying every minute of it.*

MARCH DUPLI-SWISS TEAM EVENT



Dupli-Swiss means each team plays the same hands at the same time. It's much more fair. No inequality; no slams for some teams and partials for other teams. AND hand records are available after the game. **The March date is Tuesday, the 22nd (4th Tuesday instead of 3rd).** Sign-up sheets are on the north wall in the 399er section. Get your team together for a fun afternoon and get rewarded with special points.

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 Steigmeyer, Editor*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/10 Cappy Gagnon
 3/11 Ruth Hagerty
 3/12 Kathy Stegmaier
 3/16 Gloria Bates
 3/20 Joan Fahey
 3/27 LaDora Sloan
 3/31 Candace Hurwich



Top Games in February

Swiss 1st John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Rich Mao
 Feb. 15: & Ren Singleton
 2nd Pat Borchert, LeeBoser, Sharon Novotny
 & Linda Podlin
 Open 2/09 Marty Alig & Dick Hastings 76.88%
 Pairs: 2/10 Marty Alig & Dick Hastings 73.21%

5-3 or 4-4 Trump Holding?

Below is an example of why a 4-4 fit is better than a 5-3 fit.

South is the Dealer
 4 SPADES IN THE SOUTH -
 opening lead is the K of diamonds

	♠ Q 5 2		
	♥ A Q 7 3		
	♦ 6 3		
	♣ A 8 6 3		
♠ 8 7 2	N W E S	♠ 10 6	
♥ 9 8		♥ 10 6 4	
♦ K Q J 9 4		♦ J 8 7 5	
♣ K 5 2		♣ Q J 10 9	
	♠ A K 9 4 3		
	♥ K J 5 2		
	♦ A 2		
	♣ 7 4		

Bidding:

	S	W	N	E
	1S	P	2C	P
	2H	P	4H	P
	P	P		

If playing the heart contract, you lose only one club because you can throw away a club loser and a diamond loser on the 2 extra spades. Third club can be ruffed in the hand. **MAKING 6! GREAT BOARD!**

If playing the spade contract, you have only 10 tricks. No place to put your diamond loser and one club loser. Try it! **MAKING 5! Average to average minus board.**

Education Updates

We're BAAACK! The Monday morning (9:30) J & J class schedule for March is as follows:



3/7 - Defensive Bids Against NT openers
 3/14 - Strip & Endplay (sounds racy!)
 3/21 - Defense - Never too much practice
 3/28 - Entries (Where do I need to be?)



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 & e-mail Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net. Cost \$5

Tricia and John Killeen Report!

On Tuesday, 3/1/22, we will have a practice game run by Bill Searcy. Our 16 regulars plus Phil Bertoni, Spike Abernethy, Connie and Tom Hebron, Joan Aldrich,

Rich Mao and I will be filling out the tables. This is our last session on Tuesdays.

On 3/8/22 we will start a new Tuesday FLI class (current enrollment is 8) from 10-12. This will continue until mid-May.

In the meantime we are starting Come and Play on Thursdays from 10-12. Rich Mao and Tom and Connie will be running it. Our plan is to merge the two groups together after FLI finishes. Because this is a non-sanctioned game, anyone can play so we want to ask the membership to let us know if they have any non-duplicate bridge player friends who might want to come. I will include them in my weekly emails that will promote the game. I plan to invite former FLI students, Thursday Newcomer Game students, and players with fewer than 100 master points.

We hope this group will morph into a permanent sanctioned game in the future. There will be a \$5 charge, and there will be mentors to answer questions after the table bids and plays of the hands.



Tricia

Revised Convention Cards

Yes, ACBL stayed up all night to come up with a new convention card. Beginning around the middle of this year, there will be a supply of new convention cards available at the Directors' Station. Some changes, but not all, include: 1 Ma or 1Mi - a jump to 3 of that Ma or Mi must be alerted unless it is an invitational bid; Support doubles no longer need to be alerted; Announcement of the transferred suit rather than the word "transfer"; AND MORE. These and other changes will be reviewed at future club games and classes.



Raja Sarma, a former member and father of Raji Sundarajan, passed away this past month. We send our condolences to his family.