



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

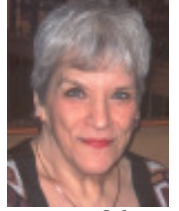
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Director Dawg is so glad to see our playing venue filled with our bridge players who are all vaccinated and boosted. It warms his heart to hear again conversations, laughter, partners getting convention cards in sync and, yes, even some disagreements. He wants you to take advantage of the Royal Stac series of games and the Swiss Game (explained below under April Activities). AND, don't forget to check out the Education Updates Section in this issue on page 2. Happy Easter and enjoy the April rain which will bring stunning May flowers next month!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

APRIL ACTIVITIES

The April calendar has been sent by e-mail to all our members and has been posted on the website, sbbc.info.



1. From April 11-17 the ACBL has designated a **ROYAL STAC** week which will award to the winners 1/4 gold, STAC 1/4 red, 1/4 silver and 1/4 black points.

We are adding a Tuesday game on April 12th to give our players another chance to win colored points. Entry fees will be \$8.00 for all of the games that week. Don't miss this new offer from ACBL. Hope to see you at the club!



2. **Dupli-Swiss Team game** on Tuesday, April 19th. Sign-up sheets are on the north wall in the 399er section. Get your teams together for a fun afternoon and get rewarded with special points.

3. **Six charity games along with the regular games.**



Tidbits

Did you know that if you sit East or North, your name will appear first on the final score. Sometimes that's great and other times, you'd really like to hide.

LONG AWAITED PHONE & E-MAIL LIST!!



By now all of our members should have received by e-mail the most recent phone and e-mail list. If not, copies are available at the Bridge Center. Those without e-mail will be sent copies by snail mail. Now you can keep in touch with your friends and schedule



upcoming games with them.

Note: Corrections & additions are on the next page.

"I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on, I go into the other room and read a book."
Groucho Marx

2020 - 2021

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

May 7, 2022

Be sure to make reservations for you and your special partner to attend the Recognition Luncheon Celebration, May 7th. Life Master Honorees are:

2020

Diamond Life Master (5000+ master points)

John Killeen

Sapphire Life Master (3500+ masterpoints)

John Bodish

Cappy Gagnon

Ruby Life Master (1500+ masterpoints)

Tom Rossow

Jo Ellen Praklet

Silver Life Master (1000+ masterpoints)

Marty Alig

John Scheibelhut

Dave Bontrager

2021

Emerald Life Master (7500+ masterpoints)

George Kovarik

Gold Life Master (2000+ masterpoints)

Bill Searcy

Non-Life Masters will also be recognized for their accomplishments. More info coming in next month's issue.

BILL FLANAGAN - GOOD LUCK!

WE WISH YOU THE BEST!



Bill and his wife have moved to Tennessee to be near their children and grandchildren. We wish them a wonderful life in the Volunteer State. We know the Tennessee bridge players will find him just as tough a competitor as we have.

SEARCHING FOR A PARTNER?

Do you need a partner in April? Give Joan Tobler a call. Her phone number is 269-687-9766.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Joey Stiver
- 04 JoEllen DePaepe, Iris Goerner
- 11 Kurt Stiver
- 12 Bud Hinckley, Gini Stipp
- 13 Mary Hintz
- 18 Marci Meyer
- 20 Linda Podlin
- 22 Lynn Miller, Bill Searcy
- 24 Judith Weaver
- 26 Tami McNally, Connie McKay



Top Games in March

Pair Games:

- Swiss 3/22 Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, Bruce Sokol
Team and Mike Young
- 3/22 Pat Borchert, Lee Boser, Sharon Novotny
and Linda Podlin
- Open: 3/23 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao 73.41%
- 3/17 John Killeen and Tricia Killeen 71.88%

MEMBER UPDATES

MEMBER Additions and corrections to recent phone/e-mail list

Please add the following to your phone/e-mail list for Sharon Novotny: **snovo@comcast.net**

Correction for Kent Dennis:
kentdennis2@gmail.com (no hyphen as shown in the list.)

2021

MINI-McKENNEY MASTERPOINT AWARDS

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 first and second places of our SBBC members this past year among all of the 551 members of Unit 154.

50 to 100 Masterpoints Category

1st Kathy Stegmaier

100 to 200 Masterpoints Category

1st Candace Hurwich
2nd Miki Grant

3500 to 5000 Masterpoints

1st Tricia Killeen

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints

1st John Killeen
2nd Lena Howard

*Well done,
SBBC Players!*

MEMBER UPDATES

Below is an update of how our members are doing.

Tom Hallum - after his stint in the hospital, Tom has returned to our game on a limited playing basis. So good to see him.

Roger Skurski - Because of some heart and respiratory problems, Roger is going through a rigorous batch of physical therapy sessions. He says they are really helping him. He did get back to the club just recently and we hope to see him on a regular basis soon.

Rosemary Zonker - She seems to be doing better after her bout in the hospital. She says she lost a lot of weight and is working on building herself back up. Perhaps we will see her in May? We miss her!

Marian David - She has made her way out of the hospital, canceled her games until further notice, and wants very badly to get back to the club. She is working on getting back to fighting size. We wish her a swift recovery.

Rosemary Polizzotto - Now we know why we haven't seen Rosemary lately. She says she "was attacked by a killer curb" and ended up with her ankle broken in 3 places, resulting in surgery where 3 plates and 18 screws were implanted. She is just beginning to walk with a restraining boot and hopes to be coming to the Club in a few months.

Education Updates

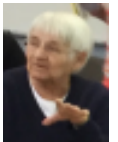
April J & J Monday morning (9:30) classes will begin on the 4th. Subjects to be covered will be:

4/4 - Entries (Don't leave good cards on the board or in your hand because you can't get to them.)

4/11 - Review of Basics

4/18 - Forcing & Non-Forcing Bids

(Why you need to know this concept:)



BEGINNERS' CLASSES

As reported last month, there is a new "Come and Play" on Thursdays from 10-12. . 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 playing friends who might want to come.

Latest Update: "Come and Play" has had 6 tables each week since we started in March. We are looking forward to the return of our snowbirds who are planning to come to our sessions. Rich Mao will offer a barometer pairs game on 4/7/22. We are pleased with the turnout so far, and we're even making money for the club.



Tricia