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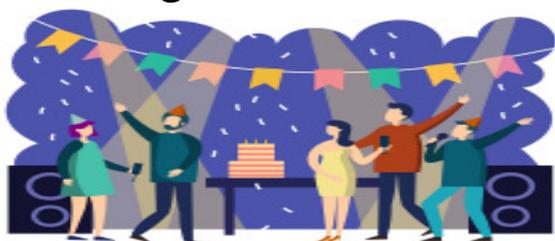


Cinco de Mayo Dawg is looking forward to some spring weather. He's also excitedly awaiting the Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, May 7th - our first in over 2 years. This event will have a new format of Swiss teams and delicious box lunches. Director Dawg is also proud of the club's showing in Royal Stac week (See below). He wishes all of our Moms a Happy Mothers Day and urges all of us to enjoy the hopeful flower filled month of May.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



recognition luncheon



On Saturday, May 7th, the South Bend Bridge Club will be honoring members who have made stellar achievements during the past 2 years. It will be a Swiss Team Game so get your team together and plan on attending this special event. Sign-up sheets are located on the north wall in the 399er section. There will be a box lunch as described below. Be sure to make your chicken preference known.

Chicken (choice of dark or white meat), side salad, potato chips, cookie, beverage and ice cream for dessert. \$8 for the game and \$7 for the lunch.

A WARM WELCOME BACK FOR JOAN FAHEY



We welcome back Joan Fahey who was out for over 2 years while her leg was healing.. It was good to see her on April 18th and we hope to see her more often in the future.

Also, we welcome her to the 90+ wall where her picture is on display.

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

George Carlin

NEW GAMES STARTING IN JUNE

99er games offered on
Mondays & Wednesdays



The South Bend Bridge Club is happy to announce that there will be two 99er games starting in June on Mondays and Wednesdays. The first of these sessions will be Wednesday, June 1 at 1 pm. We hope that this new series of games will be popular and well-attended. You will need a partner for this game, and, if you need help, please contact Tricia Killeen (574-271-1345) or Joan Tobler (269-687-9766). This game will be made up of players with fewer than 99 master points plus the "graduates" of the Come and Play sessions that have been playing on Thursday mornings since March. Thursday morning sessions will also continue through August. We hope to start a new Forever Learning class in September.



Tricia

TOP WINNERS DURING ROYAL STAC WEEK.. Masterpoints awarded 25% gold, 25% red, 25% silver & 25% black

Winners in the overall standings of District 12 are:
John Killeen 12th based on 119 tables 9.33 mps
 & **Tricia Killeen** (Wednesday)
Julie Jarvis 9th based on 93 tables 2.60 mps
 & **Randy Peterson** (Tuesday)
Bill Searcy 10th based on 122 tables 2.16 mps
 & **Gini Stipp** (Monday)
Linda Podlin 18th based on 122 tables 1.52 mps
 & **Jo Ann Steigmeyer** (Monday)
Tom Hallum 12th based on 119 tables 1.38 mps
 & **Dick Hastings** (Wednesday)

Others who won significant points in the 4 games are: Lena Howard (4.04), and Miki Grant (2.51)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AND
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN
THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
02 Joan Tobler
13 Randy Peterson
16 Jessica Koob
17 Fred Binder
22 Roger Chrastil
22 Kent Dennis



Top Games in April

Swiss: 4/19 Tom Hallum, Sharon Novotny,
LaDora Sloan & Gini Stipp
Open 4/21 Cappy Gagnon & Dick Hastings 68.33%
4/13 John & Tricia Killeen 67.56%



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

Please add or change the following to your phone & e-mail list:

Add - George Cramer gtcramer@sbcglobal.net
574-261-8648,

Corrections: Kent Dennis phone: 574-277-1638
Joan Fahey e-mail address: cjfahey30@yahoo.com

THINK ABOUT IT!



When you are the declarer, you usually (should) take time to make a plan. This goes for defenders, too! Looking up at the ceiling is not Divine Guidance. Listen to the following bidding:

RHO 1NT (15-17 pts.)

Pass (you)

LHO 2 clubs (has at least one 4-card major in his hand)

Pass (partner)

RHO 2 diamonds (has no 4-card major in her hand)

Pass (you)

LHO Jump of 3 spades! (game going points with 5 spades AND 4 hearts) Why that particular holding? With 5 spades and fewer than 4 hearts, partner would have transferred to spades. But, along the way, he does not want to miss a 4-4 heart fit.

Pass (partner)

RHO 3 NT - RHO must have specifically 2 spades and 3 hearts (most NT openers do not open NT with two doubletons) and 8 cards in the minors. The opener already denied having 4 hearts and with 3 spades she would have raised partner's spade bid.

NOW, think of all the knowledge you have gleaned from just listening to the bidding. After looking at your own hand and seeing the board, you can put points and distribution in your partner's hand. - all from paying attention! Don't you wonder how the good players seem to know how to defend a hand? Now you know.

THEY LISTEN!!

If we were meant to talk more than listen, we would have two mouths and one ear. Mark Twain

Good Bridge Habits

1. Get in the habit of counting your cards BEFORE you look at your hand. Reason:
 - a. No result on a board is ever valid unless all players start with 13 cards
 - b. The Director may not be able to allow a result on a board if you look at your hand holding a wrong number of cards.
2. When leading, please choose a card, place it face down on the table and ask if it is your lead and if your partner has any questions. This will alleviate having to call the director because of a lead being made from the wrong hand.
3. Do not fold **bidding cards** until all the bidding is done and all are in agreement. E.g.: 1 NT - P - 3NT. Do not assume this series of bidding ends the auction. There are three players who have bids available.
4. Do not fold **playing cards** after a hand has been played until all have agreed on the result.
5. When it is your turn to bid, do not tap the table to designate a "pass". Many players have a habit of tapping the table when they are "thinking". Is it a pass or just idle tapping? To make sure there is no misunderstanding, please use your green (pass) card.
6. After all players have played to a trick:
 - a. You can ask to see any card played to that trick **only if your card is still face up**. You are not obligated to show your last played card if all the players have turned their cards facedown.
 - b. The only one of your own facedown cards you can look at is the one you just played - and only until someone leads to the next trick.
7. Not only should players have legible convention cards, they also should match their partner's and be on the table so the opponents can read them.

Education Updates

May J & J Monday morning (9:30) classes will begin on the 2nd of May. Subjects covered will be conventions you should be playing. Price \$5.00



5/2 - Stayman and Transfers

5/9 - Negative Doubles

5/16 - Blackwood & Gerber



IN ADDITION, we will spend time (15 -20 minutes each week) to talk about some portions of the convention card that you and your partner need to have filled out and why they must be matching.