



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg congratulates the graduates and sends them our best. Many of us are parents and grandparents of these young people who have studied very hard, especially during this past difficult year. We are extremely proud of them! Also, a hearty Happy Father's Day to all our dads and granddads. What a year this has been for all of you.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## THE SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB RE-OPENED ONE YEAR AGO!

Yes, it was one year ago on June 2nd that the Bridge Club re-opened for LIVE face-to-face bridge. It was so good for our members to "talk" (instead of typing messages online) and to "see" each other at the table. The opening was accomplished by having everyone being vaccinated and having the club thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. All the players helped by playing often, sometimes bringing a new player to the club. Their monetary contributions were most welcome as the pandemic made keeping the club open a tough job. Thanks to all of you. We're looking forward to seeing more of you "live and in person"! Most importantly,

**PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOURS.**

### ILSE GROVE

Sept. 30, 1949 - May 11, 2022



Sadly, one of our very special friends in the bridge world, Ilse Grove, passed away after battling for many years with Progressive Aphasia. Ilse was born in Copenhagen, Denmark and she immigrated to the US with her husband, Karsten, and three sons Jens, Seren and Niels, who all survive.

Her administrative talents were used in the Ministry of foreign affairs, Ministry of Education, Dept. of Mathematics at the University of Copenhagen. After their family moved to Baltimore, she worked part time at the University of Maryland in the Special Education Department. Her ingenuity, systematic and efficient approach, and her work ethic were highly appreciated wherever she worked, as were her good humor and congeniality.

She loved music and was a terrific cook. Ilse loved animals and bred and showed whippets.

Later she and Karsten acquired an interest in bridge to the point that they both became life masters. Some of her gold points came from a bridge cruise which she said was a fun way to earn them. She brought a smile to all of us when she walked into the room.

Ilse was a warm, compassionate and vibrant person whose presence seemed to make everything better. That presence will be sorely missed.

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY!**

### Mary Lou Houle

December 8, 1940 - May 6, 2022



We were sorry to learn of the passing of Mary Louise Houle. She was born on December 8, 1940 in Dearborn, MI. and she graduated from Aquinas College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in mathematics and minoring in chemistry. Mary Lou believed that a

life of service is a life well lived. She was a member and volunteer of the Christ Child Society for more than 40 years. She was also a volunteer tutor at St. Anthony's grade school.

She married Art Houle on October 3, 1964 and they shared 57 years of marriage, 3 children and their spouses, and 8 grandchildren. They also shared and enjoyed playing bridge and this pleasure brought them to the South Bend Bridge Club. They played in the 399er section making many friends and earning special masterpoints. We will miss her.

**WE SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY.**

### **99ER GAME STARTING JUNE 1ST**

All bridge players who have fewer than 100 points are invited to come the 99er game on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting June 1st. We're looking forward to seeing some of our players who played on the 399er side and to welcome the students who attended Tricia and John's - "Come and Play" sessions. You will need a partner (call Tricia at 574-271-1345 or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766 for help in getting a partner.)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 08 Dick Hastings
- 09 Kathleen Peterson
- 11 Don Groch
- 11 Julie Nelson
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 18 Connie McKay
- 18 George Cramer
- 21 Ann Ullman
- 28 Patricia Borchert
- 28 Marty Martin
- 30 Bruce BonDurant



### Top SBBC Games in May

Swiss:	5/07	Marty Alig, Dick Hastings & John & Tricia Killeen	
	5/07	Cappy Gagnon, Marci Meyer, Tom Rossow & William Wendt	
	5/17	Tom Hallum, Sharon Novotny, LaDora Sloan & Gini Stipp	
Open:	5/09	John & Tricia Killeen	69.33%
	5/25	Dick Hastings & Rich Mao	68.75%

### TWELVE YEARS OF THE SBBC NEWSLETTER

We congratulate and thank Jo Ann Steigmeyer for twelve years of publishing our monthly SBBC newsletter. The first issue was published on July 1, 2010 (a collectors' edition), copied in black & white and handed out to the members in the club. Along came e-mails and Jo Ann was able to send the issues in color to a bigger audience. We look forward to her thirteenth year of SBBC issues. *Joan Tobler, Pres.*



### Member Updates

**Each month we use this space to update the latest changes to the e-mail and phone list. Be sure to check this portion of the newsletter so that you can stay in touch with your partners and friends.**

#### WELCOME BACK, ROSEMARY



We gladly welcome back Rosemary Polizzotto after two years of recuperating from an "attack by a curb". She came to the Monday class - her only problem was that she wanted to call her bids rather than use the bidding cards. Too much party bridge? Like Joan Fahey, she had her share of plates and pins to bring her leg back to usability. So good to see her.

#### SPRAYING AND CLEANING THE BRIDGE CENTER

The Bridge Center was sprayed again on May 10th to make sure that all is done to keep our group safe. Any donations toward this operation will be greatly appreciated.

*You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.*  
*George Burns*

## Happy Birthday Celebration for Bud Parshall!



June 11 is the designated day to celebrate Bud Parshall Day. The Board voted to honor Bud for his generous donation to our club by holding a special yearly game in his honor on his birthday. A plaque with each year's winners is on display at the front of our club. However, since his birthday falls on a Saturday this year, the game has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 8th**. We have certainly appreciated his gift and didn't know it was going to be needed so much.

### Some Basic Leads and Signals

Confusion reigns for newer players about leads and signals.

Basically, a **low lead** is usually from an **honor**. For instance

**Q 3 2**, lead the 2; **K 10 7 3**, lead the 3.

To show a doubleton (2 in a suit), lead the top card of that holding::

**8, 2**, lead the 8; **7, 4** lead the 7 (which implies that it is a doubleton and that you have no honor).

**High leads** tend to show no interest in the suit whereas a **low lead** shows an honor. \*\* The important word here is **"THE LEAD"**. Do not get it mixed up with signals.

#### Your play after partner has led (your signal):

A high card played by you encourages partner to continue the suit. e.g.: When partner leads the Q, probably from Q J 10 and you are holding K 8 3, be sure to play the 8 to let her know that you like it and it is safe to continue. This is called attitude play. You can also play high to show the start of a doubleton which, in a suit contract, you may be able to trump. More, next month.

### Education Updates

J & J Monday morning (9:30) classes will begin on the 6th of June. Subjects covered will be conventions you should be playing. Cost \$5.00



- 6/6 - Takeout Doubles**
- 6/13 - More Takeout Doubles**
- 6/20 - Review of June classes**
- 6/27 - NO CLASS**



**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.

More information will be forthcoming about Tricia Killeen's Forever Learning Class scheduled for this fall.