



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director Dawg is enjoying the warmer than usual temperatures during the day but welcoming the cool evenings when he can open all the windows (and turn off the A/C). There are many special games being offered in September: seven (7) International Fund Games and four (4) Club Championships. All these events give higher points than the regular games. Don't forget the Sectional at Michigan City being offered from October 7-9. Flyers are available at our "Announcements Station" (by the microwave).



Hugh Metzger

October 26, 1929 - August 10, 2022



Born October 26, 1929 in Rochester, NY, he was the son of the late Leon H. and Beatrice I. Metzger. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Birgit B. Metzger, whom he met at Sinai Synagogue. They married on September 26, 1981.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted brother, Robert Metzger (wife, Marsha), Hugh's three children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hugh was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and patriot. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy from 1953-1956. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951 and then a Master's in Business Administration in 1953. He was a trust officer in banking until his retirement in 1985.

Hugh was very active with the South Bend Bridge Club achieving a Ruby Life Master. He often insisted that his birth date was not the cause of the Market crash in '29. He had many special partners including Vic Papai, Gerry Wardzinski and Marty Martin. He was famous for his puns which always produced moans and groans from his table., The directors looked forward to his \$2 bills, which he got at the bank before heading to the bridge center, so he would have the correct amount for the game. Hugh was also a member of the MOB (Men Only Bridge) group for many years. A smile would appear on his face whenever he came through the door at any function. He had an impeccable memory and genuinely cared about others. He will be greatly missed.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

Annual Membership Meeting of the South Bend Bridge Club Monday, September 12 at 3:00 PM.

Club Manager, Marty Martin, will present the "State of the Club" report. At that time a proposed slate of nominees will be offered for approval. Fortunately the present members of the Board have opted to stay so there is only one position available for a three-year term Our nominating Committee, consisting of John Killeen, Lee Boser and Gini Stipp presents its nominee, Tom Rossow. Of course nominations from the floor are welcome.



Be sure to save this date!!!

REVIVING A FAVORITE

Pro Am Swiss

It has been almost three years since we have had a Pro-Am Swiss Event. **NEWS ALERT!** It is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st. This is a chance for newer players to be partnered with some of the veterans in the club. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master who has fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. Of course, there will be a barbecue lunch, which includes hot dog, potato salad, cole slaw, veggie, dessert and beverage, offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy. Certainly worth the trip. \$7 play - \$7 meal. Sign up sheets are on the north wall. All foods served will be purchased.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Bob DuComb
09 Myra Anthony
29 Christine Barker



Top Games in August

Swiss 8/16 First Place - Pat Borchert, Lee Boser
Teams Reggie Lowenhar & Linda Podlin
8/16 Second Place - Lena Howard, John Killeen
Tricia Killeen & Ren Singleton
Open 8/29 *John Killeen & Tricia Killeen 75.93%
Pairs: 8/31 Lee Boser & Ren Singleton 69.58%
* Watch for their names in the ACBL Bulletin



A *smile* is a facelift that's in everyone's price range.

Tom Wilson

WHERE DO THESE SCORES COME FROM? (PT III)



Great! Your superior defense defeated your opponents' contract. Not vulnerable, down 2 is 100 (50 for each trick) But wait! If you or your partner had said "double", the score would be 300. There are big rewards for doubling and defending well.

Before you double, consider the following:

1. You may be telling the declarer exactly how to play the hand to make it.
 2. The rewards are so great that it will be worth it to double especially if the opponents are vulnerable.
- Non vulnerable, not doubled is 50 points for each trick you set. E.g. down (1) 50, (2) 100, (3) 150, etc.
BUT doubled becomes down (1) 100, (2) 300, (3) 500 etc.
Vulnerable, not doubled is 100 points for each trick you set
BUT doubled becomes down (1) 200, (2) 500, (3) 800, etc.

WHAT A DEVASTATING TOOL !

Member Updates

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PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE AND E-MAIL LISTS!

Corrections to August 2022 newsletter:

Winners of the Top game in August were Rich Mao and Bud Hinckley.

Board Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m not 10:30 as reported in the August issue. mea culpa - Jo Ann

Movin' on Up Celebration



Pictured above (l to r) Randy Peterson, Miki Grant, Judy Weaver, Ivye Benson and Julie Jarvis

On August 8th the club honored *Non-Life Masters* who achieved a new plateau during the 2020- 2021 period.

The honorees who attended are:

NABC Master (200+ Mps group) - Ivye Benson
Regional Masters (100+ mps group) - Julie Jarvis and Randy Peterson

Sectional Master (50+ mps group) - Miki Grant
Junior Master (5+ mps group) - Judy Weaver

Our heartiest congratulations to the winners who have supported our club during those two difficult years.



Education Updates

The J & J (Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler) Monday classes for September are as follows:



5th - **NO CLASS** (Labor Day)

12th - **Let's look at DOUBLES** (take-out, penalty and negative)

19th - **Defensive Signals and Leads**

Jo Ann 26th - **NO CLASS** (last Monday of the month)



Joan

Of course, we will always work on the basics (bidding, play of the hand, and defense) while playing the hands.
Cost \$5 9:30 to 11:30. No partner necessary.

Step-Up Program

We had about 30 partnerships in August so we're off to a great start. I received a lot of positive comments from both the experienced players and the Come and Play group. Several of the partnerships won master points, and some made future games with each other. Thanks to all who participated, and we hope to be as successful in September as we were in August. Come & Play games will continue on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for a lesson and play from 10:00 to 12:00.



Tricia

Beginning Bridge Classes

ALERT!! Beginner classes will be taught by Tricia Killeen at our club, through the auspices of Forever Learning starting Tuesday morning, September 29th from 10 to 12 Noon. You can register online starting August 16th for the 10-week course at

foreverlearninginstitute.org
or by calling 574-282-1901