



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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This month we are offering a shortened version of the newsletter due to the closing of the Bridge Center during the week of October 31st through November 6th. There were eleven cases of Covid reported by members and the Board of Directors elected to close the Bridge Center for a week. If there are any changes, you will be informed. We hope that all the people who are recovering are doing well and will be up and around soon. Activities for November include seven Upgraded Club Championships including the Swiss Team event on the 15th and special games on the 21st, 23rd and 28th. We wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. The Bridge Center will be closed that day.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## JOAN TOBLER

### SBBC President - 2017 - 2022



It won't seem the same without Joan at the helm. She has been given every test possible while holding her presidency. First, Covid, causing the Club to close for over a year which then led to fewer people coming back to face-2-face bridge. She

worked hard to encourage people to come back to the Center after sanitizing the club and making sure that all furniture, cards, etc. were cleaned or replaced. Besides doing her regular duties as president, she worked diligently to get partners for our members, spent many hours getting teams together for the Swiss events, organized all social events and engaged in behind-the-scene projects - all to keep the Club running.

We can't thank her enough for a tough job well done.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

### Need a Partner?

Just give Joan Tobler a call at 269-687-9766.



**The Bridge Club will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.**

### SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS



Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$30) will be collected during November and December for the year 2023.

## BOARD MEETING ELECTIONS



A Board of Directors Meeting was held and the following officers were elected:



President - Margaret Lewis

VicePresident - Linda Podlin



Secretary - Tom Rossow

Co-Treasurers - Virginia Stipp and Roger Skurski

Board Members: Miki Grant and Bill Searcy

**Congratulations to all! We look forward to your leadership in the coming year.**

### JACOBY 2NT - ALERTS!:

All aspects of Jacoby 2NT system should be alerted as follows:

#### Opener

1 H/1S

#### Opener then bids:

**3 of another suit**

*or*

**3 of opening suit**

*or*

**3 NT**



#### Responder

**2 NT (opener must alert)** shows opening hand or better and 4 trump

**(Responder must alert)** Shows a singleton or void of the bid suit

**(Responder must alert)** Shows a hand better than an opener (17+)

**(Responder must alert)** Shows a hand better than an opener with strength outside the opening suit.

**Any questions, please call the director!**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07 Mary Newbold  
 07 Jo Ann Steigmeyer  
 08 Karen Drain  
 14 Margaret Lewis  
 15 Julie Jarvis  
 16 Mary Wisniewski  
 18 Sharon Novotny  
 23 Elaine DeLaney  
 25 Kathy Klaer  
 26 John Hamilton  
 29 Spike Abernethy  
 30 Robert Binder



## TOP GAMES IN OCTOBER

SWISS TEAMS - October 18, 2021

### Open:

- 1st. Chris Barker, Tom Hebron, Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler  
 2nd: Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, Bruce Sokol, and Mike Young.

### OPEN PAIRS GAMES (70%+ Games)

- 1st: John and Patricia Killeen 75.30%  
 2nd: Marty Alig & Dick Hastings 73.19%  
 3rd: Lee Boser & Tom Rossow 73.01%

### COME & PLAY GROUP

- 1st: Bernie Gorski and Tom Widman 70.0%

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



## SOME "DIDJA' KNOWS?"

**Didja Know.....** In competition, your hesitation puts a burden on your partner who must now base his next bid on his hand and not on what you may have implied by your long hesitation.

**Didja Know.....** Touching and pulling out bid cards before making a bid can also impart information to a partner. Please refrain from this practice. *Select your bid in your head, not in your hands. Think* before bidding.

**Didja Know.....** If partner (unpassed hand) responds 1 diamond to your 1 club opener, it does NOT mean that he doesn't have a 4-card major. He may be bidding up the line. He could be holding KQxx Qxx KJxxx x.

## SOME UPDATES:

Rosemary Zonker showed up to play this past month thanks to Tom & Connie Hebron and Julie Jarvis & Randy Peterson who picked her up and brought her to the club. She's working at getting better.

Elaine Thompson fell and broke her hip and we wish her a speedy recovery. Her address is 1212 Shade Tree Lane, Allen, Texas 75013.

# Pro Am Swiss

The Pro-Am Swiss was a rousing success. All of us welcomed back, after three years, the barbecue lunch (with hot dogs cooked outdoors by Bill Searcy), the wonderful side dishes (beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, and dessert) and a chance to see some partnerships which had not been seen before. The teams consisted of a pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) partnered with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points.

## PRO-AM SWISS TEAM WINNERS!



Pictured above are the winners of the Pro-Am Swiss Team event which was held on Saturday, October 1st. They are Ren Singleton (front row) and left to right (back row) Randy Peterson, Julie Jarvis and Lee Boser. **CONGRATULATIONS - WELL DONE!!**

## Education Updates

The Monday morning (9:30 a.m.) J & J class schedule for November is as follows:



- 11/07 - **Playing No Trump Contracts**  
 11/14 - **Playing Suit Contracts**  
 11/21 - **Bidding Strong Hands (2-club openers, jump shifts, reverses, etc.)**



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

**The Forever Learning** class on Tuesday has 3 more sessions to go. We are working on how to open a minor suit and scoring. The Thursday Come and Play folks are invited to come on 11/15/22 for the scoring lesson. The Forever Learning group has decided to continue in November and December as they work their way through Audrey Grant's Competitive Bidding and Popular Conventions. They will join the Come and Play group on Thursdays after that.

