



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Santa Dawg wishes you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah** season. The December SBBC calendar has been updated and put on our website (sbbc.info) It includes special games on every day but three. During this holiday season we want to thank all the members who have worked so hard to keep the club going during this past year. That group includes the Board of Directors, the Club Manager, the Game Directors, special assignments managers and all our members who showed up at the games Your participation was much appreciated. Thanks! See you next year!.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

MARCI MEYER RUBY LIFE MASTER



Our heartiest congratulations to Marci Meyer who just recently became a Ruby Life Master. Marci is the Secretary/Treasurer of Northern Indiana Unit 154 and, even though she lives in Long Beach and plays in the Michigan City Club, she has joined our group and often makes the trip to play here

Marci grew up in Nebraska where she attended Wayne State College. Like many of us, Marci started playing contract bridge in college when she met her future husband, Keith. He was quite an expert and said he could teach her in no time at all. He forgot to tell her that 1NT means different things in different places. So, in their first game, Marci bid 1NT, Keith bid 6NT and of course she went down. But she had her 6-9 points! (Never happened to any of us, right?)

Unfortunately, Marci lost her husband and favorite partner last year. She misses him greatly and we are glad to have her with us. **CONGRATS, MARCI!**

A NEW YEAR FOR THE CLUB!

Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$30) will be collected during December for the year 2023 (**GOODBYE 2022!!**) If you need a copy of the Renewal form or the New Member form, there are copies at the Bridge Center or send a request for a copy by e-mail to Marty Martin, Club Manger, at Marty@myg.info.



Thank You

Mary Hintz, who has been one of our members forever, now lives in East Lansing to be near her family. We miss her very much. She has recently sent the club a substantial contribution and we thank her very much. If you would like her address to send her a card, let me know at joann1107@comcast.net.

Member Updates

During the month of October and start of November our members experienced a bout with Covid. The Board of Directors decided to close the club for two weeks. The club was disinfected again and re-opened on November 14th. The people who were affected are feeling better and most of them have shown up at the club. So good to see the familiar faces of our friends.

BIG SWISS DOINGS THIS MONTH



One of our members, who wants to remain anonymous, is giving us a **Christmas party** at the club on our regular **3rd Tuesday Dupli-Swiss Team Game, December 20th**. The menu will include Polish sausage, cabbage, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and noodles and rolls. You have the options of just playing (bridge game charge), just eating (no charge) or both (just pay for the game). The sign up sheet is on the North wall. What a wonderful Christmas gift for all of us.

THANK YOU ANONYMOUS!

Dupli-Swiss means each team plays the same hands at the same time. It's much more fair. No inequality; no slams for some teams and partials for others.



BIG SWISS DOINGS NEXT YEAR

Another Swiss Team Event added in 2023



Beginning in January there will be another Swiss Team Event added. This will give the club TWO Swiss Team Games each month on the **first and third Tuesday**. Our first venture dates with this lineup will be January 3rd and 17th. Get your team together and sign up!

SEARCHING FOR A PARTNER?

Do you need a partner? Give Joan Tobler a call. She will be glad to find one for you. Her phone number is

269-687-9766.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Chris Clarke
- 02 Marty Alig
- 05 Joan Aldrich
- 09 Anita Nunemaker
- 10 Patricia Killeen
- 31 Pat Laing



TOP GAMES IN NOVEMBER

SWISS TEAMS - November 15, 2022

- 1st. Marty Alig, John Killen, Tricia Killeen and Ren Singleton
- 2nd: Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, Bruce Sokol, and Mike Young.

OPEN PAIRS GAMES

- 1st: Pat Kovarik & Jo Ann Steigmeyer 64.2%
- 2nd Cappy Gagnon & Tom Rossow 63.7%

MOVING ON UP

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| Phil Bertoni | Junior Master |
| Ruth Hagerty | Junior Master |
| Marci Meyer | Ruby Life Master |



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

SHOW THOSE CARDS!

When playing a card, please display it so that everyone at the table can see it. Do not partially cover it with your hand, do not cup it, or turn it sideways. It is best to lay it on the table to show that it has technically been played.



LEAD DIRECTING OPPORTUNITIES

- Overcalling:** You should have a decent suit, one that you would like partner to lead.
- Opening light in third seat:** with 10+ points and a decent suit to help your partner find a lead.
- Lead-Directing Doubles:** When the opponents use artificial bids such as Stayman, Jacoby transfers or even responses to Blackwood, you'll have a chance to double these bids to tell partner to lead THAT suit. For instance:

West	North	East	South
1NT	pass	2♣*	Double**

* Stayman (artificial bid)

** South wants partner to lead a club!

WHICH SHOULD BE TRUMP?

Why is a 4-4 fit better than a 5-3 or a 6-2 fit?

N-S Vul
South is the dealer
Lead: Ace of diamonds

S	W	N	E
1S	2D	Dbl*	P
3H	P	4H	

* Negative Dbl

♠ 10 4
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ A 10 5

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ K 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7
♥ 10 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ Q J 8 6 4 2

♠ A K Q 8 5 3
♥ A 6 5 4
♦ Q
♣ 9 3

The play in a spade contract: Declarer ruffs the second diamond and pulls three rounds of trump (spades). Then cashes four heart tricks and the A of clubs. Declarer then has to lose a club trick **making only five (11 tricks).**

The play in a heart contract: There is no problem drawing trump (hearts) and then playing the spade suit. The spade A K Q will pull in all the opponents' spades making the 8-5-3 good on which declarer can pitch dummy's two losing clubs - **Making six (taking 12 tricks)!!!**

This same thinking can be applied to NT contracts versus major suit contracts. If you are holding AKxx on board and QJxx in your hand of a suit, you will get only 4 tricks in NT but in a major 4-4 fit you could possibly score as many as 5 or 6 in that suit because of the trumping possibilities.

Education Updates

The Monday morning (9:30) J & J class schedule for December is as follows:

12/5 - Bidding & Control Bidding

12/12 - Entries & Timing

12/19 - Bidding Strong Hands



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

Forever Learning Classes - The FLI class will have its 10th session on 12/6/22. The group will continue through December and January as they work on Audrey Grant's Competitive Bidding and Popular Conventions. They will merge with Come and Play on Thursdays after that. Some Come and Play players are joining in order to review those books.



Tricia Killeen