



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" on St. Patrick's Day. The March club calendar has been posted on the website. We look forward to seeing you at the Bridge Center.

DON'T FORGET - the Swiss Team games will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (March 7th and the 21st). This is a well attended game and special points (club championship rating) will be awarded. Look in this issue for some hints about conventions that are often forgotten.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

What is the Drury Convention?

The Drury Convention is used to show a game-invitational major suit raise by a passed hand while guarding against a light opening by partner in third or fourth seat. Most players play the reverse Drury system so that is what we will present. It works like this. Your partner opens 1 H or 1S in third or fourth seat. You have something like ten+ points with support for partner. The way to show this is by bidding 2C. Partner learns immediately about your hand and usually is well placed to continue bidding. If opener's hand is not interested in going to game,

knowing your support, then opener **rebids** his suit. Any other bid is forward going.

Hint: When playing Drury, if you forget to alert, just be aware that anytime your partner bids 2 clubs, check to see if he/she is a passed hand. If so, **alert** it as a Drury bid. Remember any other bids from a passed hand can be passed.



MARCH DUPLI-SWISS TEAM EVENTS

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 other teams. AND hand records are available after the game. **The March dates are Tuesday, the 7th and 21st.** Sign-up sheets are on the north wall. Get your team together for a fun after-noon and get rewarded with special points.



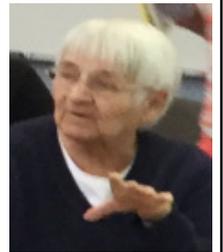
The ACBL has introduced the "N/18" project which will give higher points for players who are attending the face-2-face games with each game having at least 18 boards in play. This sounds like a great deal for us since we usually have at least 18 boards. Here is an excerpt from their announcement:

- * **Face-to-face games ONLY**
- * **For the time being, "regular club masterpoint®" rated games ONLY**
- * **All above games starting on or later than Monday morning, February 27, 2023, will be recalculated to add the multiplier up to 1.5. SOUNDS GREAT!**

JOAN TOBLER

May 2, 1938 - February 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Tobler. She was born in Derby, Connecticut to John and Julia Pristosh. Her surviving children are Stacy (Timothy) Dowling, Keith (Lori) Tobler, and Matthew (Sandy) Tobler along with 6 grandchildren.



Joan was the Club's President from 2017 to 2022. It won't seem the same without her 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 Bridge Center working diligently to get partners for our members, getting teams together for the Swiss events, organizing all social events, teaching and mentoring newer players - all to keep the Club running. Whenever anyone was not doing well, she was the first to give them a call and have a card sent from the club. It didn't end there. She continued to keep in touch while they recuperated and kept in touch with the immediate family. She was instrumental in helping others achieve their bridge goals.

Joan had many friends at the club, but those closest to her were: Linda Podlin, who shared with her many trips, cruises, golf games, dinners, and bridge games for over 40 years; Tricia Killeen, who still wants to call her every evening (a great habit both of them enjoyed) to share memories of tournament travels, to share the events of the day and to just "talk"; Jo Ann Steigmeyer, who worked with Joan teaching the J & J Monday classes, playing bridge, and dining out; and Marty Martin who was her neighbor, her chauffeur, a teacher in her classes and her friend.

Our condolences to her family.

JOAN, WE WILL MISS YOU!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/10 Cappy Gagnon
 3/27 LaDora Sloan
 3/31 Candace Hurwich



Top Games in February

Swiss Teams

Feb. 07 1st Marty Alig, John Killeen, Tricia Killeen,
 & Ren Singleton
 2nd Lee Boser, Linda Podlin, Tom Rossow,
 & Raji Sundararian
 Feb. 21 1st Marty Alig, Sharon Novotny, LaDora Sloan
 & Gini Stipp
 2nd Cappy Gagnon, Jeff Gallagher, Bruce Sokol,
 & Mike Young

Open Pairs:

2/13 Phill Kolski and Tom Rossow 72.25%
 2/15 John & Tricia Killeen 69.23%

Membership Update

A hearty welcome to the following New Members:

Chris Buczynski 574-272-5556
 Bernie Gorski 574-360-8828
 Wendy Summers 574-360-9930
 Lynn Lollis-Pinter 574-220-6606

HAPPY TO SEARCH

Looking for a partner? When you want to increase the number of times you play each month, you may be looking for a partner. We have just the person for you to contact. Just call Tricia Killeen at 574-383-8552 or e-mail her patriciakilleen@att.net. It would be fun to "see" you more often AND it would help the club. Also, feel free to bring a bridge friend with you.



HAPPY BELATED 90TH BIRTHDAY, BOB!



Though Bob Knoblock's birthday was February 12th, the club did not forget him. We were just a little late. This was a special birthday for him - his 90th!



To celebrate this memorable occasion, the club chose Monday, February 27 to celebrate his special day AND the players took care of his birthday cake in no time at all.



THE NEW AND UPDATED PHONE & E-MAIL ADDRESS LIST OF OUR MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH. Make sure you have paid your dues so your phone and e-mail address will be included.

Queen of Table Six

Table Six is the Gathering Place where Joan Tobler works at bridge and studies. It looks like Mekstroth's entourage is there, but it's really her bridge buddies. Each Monday through Friday she's asked to advise on bidding, defense and play. And how she plays a hand so fast that it takes your breath away. We all marvel at how often she leads a trump to make a cross-ruff flop. We've asked ourselves how does she know that this will be a TOP. She's been my best partner, co-teacher and friend for over almost 20 years, you see. And all along the way, we've found that we can disagree. But, when it comes to the love of this game, there is no disagreement seen. We think it's the best game ever!

As Joan would say "You Know What I Mean?"

A tribute to Joan when she became a Gold Life Master. She later earned a Sapphire Life Master title (3500 mps). Editor

MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

Starting March 1st, if you are not a member of the South Bend Bridge Club, you will be required to pay an extra dollar to play. More reason to get your membership dues to Marty Martin, the directors or any board member.

Education Updates

The Monday morning (9:30) class schedule for March is::

3/6 - Opening Leads - What to Lead and Why
 3/13 - Rules of 7, 11, 15, 17, 20, etc., etc.
 3/22 - No trump bidding

After each lesson, there will be hands to play. Join us for a fun & informative morning.

Jo Ann **Beginning March 1st you will need to make a reservation.** We need a **minimum** of 8 or more people so that each table can get personalized attention. This will also help us to know how many copies need to be made. **E** Please get your reservations in by Saturday Noon before the class. Call JoAnn at 574-243-1355 or e-mail **R** joann1107@comcast.net. If we do not have enough people coming, I will let you know by e-mail Saturday afternoon if the class is canceled. We hope to see you!! Cost \$5.

Come and Play (Thursdays): John's lessons from 9:15-10 will focus on defending against suit contracts, card combinations, and bidding. The Forever Learning Group is merging with Come and Play. Players can come with or without a partner.



Tricia