



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

May you have a happy & healthy New Year!

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Here is Director Dawg all dressed up in his New Year's finery wishing you and yours a Happy New Year. He is, like many of us, looking forward to a new year full of exciting activities - particularly at the Bridge Club. **New!** - Swiss Team events every **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month and special Junior Fund games with big bonus points. Just check your calendar which is sent to you each month and appears on our website (in living color and Cinemascope) at [www.sbbc.info](http://www.sbbc.info).



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## 2022 - A Historic Year

This past year has been a tough time for all of us but there were welcome bright spots.

One of our life masters achieved a new and prestigious level of accomplishment.

**RUBY LIFE MASTER** (1500+ mps) - **Marci Meyer**

Also, upward awards for Non-Life Masters:

**Junior Masters**                      **Phil Bertoni**  
**Ruth Hagerty**

Unfortunately, there were dear friends who are no longer with us and will be greatly missed:

**Barb Fedder**  
**Ilse Grove**  
**Mary Lou Houle**  
**George Kovarik**  
**Hugh Metzger**

A BIG thank you to our members who showed up to play each week. They came from all over the Michiana area - South Bend, Elkhart, Edwardsburg, Plymouth, Cassopolis, Benton Harbor, Mishawaka, Bristol, New Carlisle, Niles, Stevensville. You have kept us alive!

### *2022 Top 5 "Frequent Players"*

**Lee Boser**  
**Ren Singleton**  
**John Killeen**  
**Tricia Killeen**  
**Linda Podlin.**

### *2022 Top 3 Matchpoint Earners*

**John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Cappy Gagnon**

**A BLESSED NEW YEAR'S WISH TO ALL OF YOU!**

## Marian David

**February 18, 1936 - December 17, 2023**



Marian E. Rockstroh Eggebrecht David passed away December 17, 2022, at Raclin Hospice House. She was born February 18, 1936, in Boonville, IN to Fred M. Myers and Opal I. (Watson) Myers.

She learned to play social bridge from a housemother in her sorority house. Then her father informed her that he was not paying for a B.S. in bridge so she hit the books! She received her degree from Indiana University in 1957. Later she taught at Mishawaka High School, worked as a medical receptionist, and then worked at H & R Block.

She married J. Richard Rockstroh on August 11, 1957, and was blessed with four children; Cynthia, John, Diane and Bob. After her first marriage ended, she married Wayne Eggebrecht on October 11, 1992. They shared many interests and enjoyed a great retirement of reading, historical travel (mostly Civil War) and a shared passion of sports, especially IU basketball! After Wayne's passing on November 16, 2003, Marian was widowed for a few years, then met and married Dennis D. David on February 18, 2009. They also shared many interests including bridge. Denny passed away on May 26, 2017.

Marian was an excellent classical pianist, and most importantly, an excellent duplicate bridge player.

She started playing duplicate in 1976. One of her first partners was Dean Duncan with whom she played for thirty-four years, and her other longtime partner was Ren Singleton who helped her become a silver and gold life master. Marian's children, grandchildren, a great grandchild, bridge and gardening filled her life.

She helped make SBBC a tough place to play and win! She played a smart, competitive game & deserved the title of Sapphire Life Master (3500+ points), which she earned in 2017.



**OUR MARIAN!**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Miki Grant  
 05 Lena Howard  
 09 Reggie Lowenhar  
 13 Gail Wells  
 17 Connie Hebron  
 31 Bill Blum



## TOP GAMES IN DECEMBER

### OPEN SWISS TEAMS DECEMBER 20

- 1st. Marty Alig, John Killen, Tricia Killeen and Ren Singleton  
 2nd: Tom Hallum, Sharon Novotny, LaDora Sloan and Gini Stipp

### COME & PLAY SWISS TEAMS DECEMBER 20

- 1st: Connie & Ron McKay, Kimberly Pendzinski and Bob Werner  
 2nd: Kent Dennis, Jeff Gallagher, Bernie Gorski and Tom Widman

### OPEN PAIRS

- 12/26 John & Tricia Killeen 70.24%  
 12/15: Cappy Gagnon & Sharon Novotny 69.00%

## JANUARY DUPLI-SWISS TEAM EVENT



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. **Beginning in January and then monthly, there will be TWO Swiss Team events!** (1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month) **The two January dates are the 3rd and 17th.** Sign-up sheets are on the north wall. Get your team together for a fun afternoon & get rewarded with special points.

## WONDERFUL AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

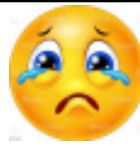


We heartily thank "ANONYMOUS" for treating our members to a tasty and hearty meal of Polish sausage, chicken, cabbage, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles and rolls on December 20th. Our members came out in full force (8 tables) along with The Come-And-Play Group (5 tables) to enjoy an afternoon of Swiss Team Bridge and to wish each other warm wishes for the .holidays. Happy New Year!



## HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

**Don Groch** earned the title of **SILVER LIFE MASTER** (see January ACBL Bridge Bulletin). Congratulations Don!



## We Need You!

To paraphrase Elvis Presley "*We need you, we want you, we miss you*". If you haven't turned in your registration form and dues yet, you can pick up a form at the Bridge Center near the Director's Station. You can also call Marty Martin, Club Manager, at 269-845-0330 or e-mail at [marty@myg.info](mailto:marty@myg.info) and she will be happy to get a form to you.

## REASONS TO JOIN SBBC

1. You will save \$1 every time you play. If you are not a member of the South Bend Bridge Club, you will be required to pay an extra dollar.
2. You will receive a newsletter each month by e-mail or snail mail. In the newsletter are the club activities scheduled, news of fellow members and their accomplishments, a list of top games for the past month, monthly birthdays, announcements of upcoming classes, the latest ACBL changes and their meanings, and explanations of various conventions and plays.
3. You will receive a calendar each month showing games and directors scheduled.
4. You will receive the phone numbers and e-mail addresses of your bridge friends.

If that's not enough, just come and play with people whose company you enjoy - both partners and opponents.

**Yearly cost to get all these benefits is \$30.00 - a bargain!**

## Education Updates

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

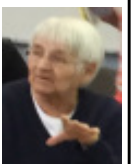


**1/2 - No class**

**1/9 - Takeout Doubles**

**1/16 - Forcing & Non-forcing Bids**

**1/23 - Basic Negative Doubles**



Joan

After each lesson, there will be hands to play.  
**Jo Ann** Join us for a fun & informative morning. To find out more, call Jo Ann at 574-243-1355. or e-mail Jo Ann at [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net). Cost \$5

## John and Tricia Killeen's Schedule for January

Five members of the FLI group (Tuesday) are continuing along with four previous players. They will be working their way through Audrey Grant's Competitive Bidding and Popular Conventions during January & February. Then they will be merged into the Come-and-Play Group on Thursday mornings. John will present lesson at 9:15 and a game from 10-12 directed by Tom Hebron.



Tricia



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February 2023



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! On the first and third Tuesdays, February 7 and 21, we will be holding our monthly Swiss Team games both of which are Education Fund games. This is a wonderful way to earn special points. There are also six additional Education Fund games offered. Check your calendar which is mailed to you each month or the online schedule at [www.sbbc.info](http://www.sbbc.info). Keep you and yours safe. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## Zero Tolerance

Since we have welcomed so many new faces at our open and Swiss games recently, we are printing the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy. If you encounter any of these 11 behaviors at the club, please call the Director or ask to fill out a Zero Tolerance form.

1. Badgering, rudeness, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence
2. Negative comments, criticism or verbal abuse directed at partner's or opponents' bidding or play
3. Disputing or arguing with a Director's ruling
4. Throwing cards, showing anger or displeasure at a bid or a play of the cards
5. Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table
6. Excessive gloating over good results
7. Objecting to a call for the Director
8. "Acting" as a Director by stating Bridge law to the opponents
9. Conduct/behavior which consistently delays the progress of the game
10. Poor personal hygiene, grooming, or dress
11. Any behavior or conduct which may interfere with another player's enjoyment of the game.

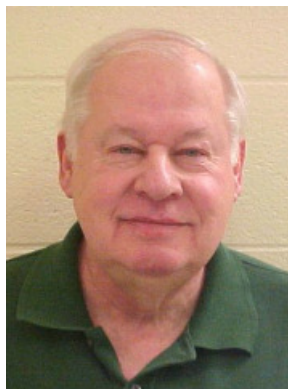
We hope you never experience any of these, but, if you do, call the Director immediately to handle the situation.

### Correction to an error in SBBC January issue:

The most masterpoints earned in 2022 were by:

- John Killeen
- Tricia Killeen
- Virginia Stipp

## Don Groch Silver Life Master



If you're looking for words of wisdom along with a bit of wit, look no further than Don Groch. Our softspoken SBBC member is not only an excellent bridge player, but he is also a director. We really appreciate his taking on that responsibility.

Don was born in Michigan City to Gabby and Celia (Schultz) Groch. Gabby was a tavern owner and Don considers that part of his education. He also went to Notre Dame, New Mexico and graduated from IU Bloomington. In 1962 he married Joanne Taylor and did military service in Heidelberg Germany. They really enjoyed it. After Military Service Don went to work as a computer software analyst for Honeywell and Clark Equipment. After that he formed a company with several partners called Intracomp. Don started playing lunch hour Bridge 40 years ago and changed to Duplicate 20 years ago. Don has two daughters (Amanda and Melissa) and about sixty aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

**CONGRATULATIONS DON!**

## DOUBLE BOOKING

1. It happens! You book two partners for the same date by mistake and then they both show up. The thing to do is volunteer to return home and let the two play together if they would like.
2. It also happens that your partner does not show up to your designated game. So it is always wise to call, text or e-mail at least a day or so before to make sure that you have a game together on that date!

## DON'T MISS OUT!

Make sure you sign up for membership in the Club by the end of the month. Beginning on March 1, non-members will be charged an extra dollar to play. Paid up members will continue to enjoy the benefits of the club which include the newsletter, phone and e-mail lists, and calendars. Bring your checkbook and get the latest bargain. Only \$30 for the whole year.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leslie Garvey,
- 12 Bob Knoblock
- 14 Maureen Skurski
- 14 Gerry Wardzinski
- 15 Carol Kraabel
- 16 Pam Johnson
- 22 Sara Marcus



## Top Games in January 2023

- Swiss: 1st Lee Boser, Reggie Lowenhar, Linda Podlin and Raji Sundararian  
1/3/23
- 2nd Cappy Gagnon, Pat Kovarik, Bruce Sokol and Mike Young
- Swiss: 1st Lena Howard, John & Tricia Killeen and Ren Singleton  
1/17/23
- 2nd Cappy Gagnon, Jeff & Trudy Gallagher and Pat Kovarik
- Open: 1/30 John & Tricia Killeen 70.49%  
1/30 Sharon Novotny & LaDora Sloan 69.05%

## Membership Update

A hearty welcome to the following New Members:

- Gene Bruce 574-220-8851
- Jane Bruce 574-220-8861
- Evelyn Gaba 574-360-1090
- Jeff Gallagher 712-470-4484
- Trudy Gallagher 712-470-5594
- Mary Matthews 574-274-6877
- Shari McCarthy 561-512-1939
- Renee Preniczny 612-741-5262
- Stanislaus Slevinski 716-361-7998
- Bob Werner 574-532-2257
- Kathy Werner 574-855-4746
- Tom Widman 574-855-4746
- Heather Yang 574-360-2111



**What a plus it is to have you with us!!**

*And a Big Thank You  
to all our returning members*

### Positive tolerance



Here are some examples of positive behavior that is encouraged and will contribute to the improved atmosphere at the club:

- \* Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table
- \* Greeting others in a friendly manner
- \* Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents
- \* Having two identical completed convention cards on the table
- \* Doing everything possible to make bridge enjoyable for you, your partner and your opponents.

## The Sputnik Double (aka the Negative Double)

In 1958, Al Roth of the Roth-Stone system, faced a dilemma; every time he or his partner opened one of a minor, the opponents would overcall one spade with four, five, or six spades, and Roth and his partner could never show a hand with four or five hearts and fewer than ten points. Then he realized that penalty doubles at the one level were infrequent. He felt that, like the Russians, he could launch a satellite (the Sputnik) over the spade bid, in the form of a double that would show the hand with four or five hearts and limited to ten or fewer points. You know this bid as the negative double. This is the foundation of many low-level doubles today.



Basics of the Negative Double: Your partner Opens, RHO overcalls, Double is made by responder (you) showing as a general rule the unbid suits. 6+ HCP are needed at the one level, more at higher levels, emphasis is on the unbid major(s).

### Example:

Partner opens 1♦. You are ready to respond 1♥, but your RHO overcalls 1♠

6 4	A Q J 6
♦ 7 5 3	♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 10 4 3	♣ J 10 4 3

**NOW WHAT?**

1. Can you pass? Not very enterprising or competitive.
2. Can you bid 1NT? No, that would show a stopper in spades.
3. Can you bid 2♣? No, you need at least 10 HCP to bid a new suit at the two level
4. Can you bid 2♦? No, you should not support opener's minor with only three cards..
5. Can you bid 2♥? No, responder must satisfy the requirements of five and ten (Kresge bid) to introduce a major at the 2 level ( five card or longer suit and at least 10 HCP).

**WHAT TO DO!!** The negative double can solve this problem and many more. To learn more, watch for the Education Updates (see below) featured in the monthly newsletters to see where and when this concept is being taught.

## Education Updates

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



**2/6 - Bidding Sequences**

**2/13 - Leads and Reading Cards**

**2/20 - Negative Doubles**

After each lesson, there will be hands to play. For more information, e-mail Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net or call Jo Ann at 574-243-1355. No partner necessary. Cost \$5



The Tuesday lessons will be over at the end of February and that group will merge with Come and Play on Thursday.

### Schedule of lessons for Tuesday:

2/07 & 2/14: Opening a strong hands. Parts 1 & 2  
2/21 & 2/28: Slam Bidding, Parts 1 & 2

**Come and Play Lessons will be on defense, bidding quizzes, and card combinations**





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March 2023



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.



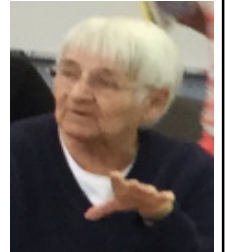
The ACBL has introduced the "N/18" project which will give higher points for players who are attending the face-2-face games with each game having at least 18 boards in play. This sounds like a great deal for us since we usually have at least 18 boards. Here is an excerpt from their announcement:

- \* **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.

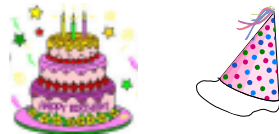
Joan had many friends at the club, but those closest to her were: Linda Podlin, who shared with her many trips, cruises, golf games, dinners, and bridge games for over 40 years; Tricia Killeen, who still wants to call her every evening (a great habit both of them enjoyed) to share memories of tournament 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](mailto: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](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net). If we do not have enough people coming, I will let you know by e-mail Saturday afternoon if **T** 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**

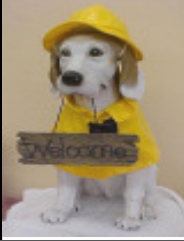


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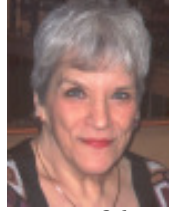
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April 2023



Director Dawg woke up this morning to the sound of birds talking to each other. They've come back. Spring is on its way. Daffodil greenery is popping up. We may have to put up with some April showers but it will be worth it when the trees and flowers bloom in May. Director Dawg also wants you to check the April activities listed below including Swiss Team Games and NEW 99er game starting on the 5th. Page 2 lists the classes and lessons being offered this month. Also, is your name in this issue? Check out top games, birthdays and award announcements!!



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

The April calendar has been sent by e-mail to all our members and has been posted on the website, [sbbc.info](http://sbbc.info).

- 1. NEW!! 99er games** will be held every Wednesday at 1:00 starting April 5th. Only players with fewer than 99 points will be allowed in this game.
- 2. Dupli-Swiss Team games. - On first and third Tuesdays - we will be holding Swiss Team games at 1:00 pm.** This month the dates are 4/4 and 4/18. Sign-up sheets are on the north wall. Get your teams together for a fun afternoon and get rewarded with special points.
- 3. Special Games** - There are six Charity Games and four Club Championship games scheduled for April. A great way to earn extra points.



### *For a Fun Bridge Read*

## THE CARDTURNER by LOUIS SACHAR

The story of a young man, Alton, who is enlisted to drive his great uncle, who is old, blind, very sick and very rich, to his duplicate bridge club four times a week. Alton becomes his cardturner and soon learns the logic and fascination of the bridge game. You will find many descriptions of bridge plays, bidding and conventions that you are familiar with.

### LONG AWAITED PHONE & E-MAIL LIST!!

During April the most recent phone and e-mail list will be sent by e-mail to all of our members. There will also be hard copies available at the Director's Station. Those without e-mail will be sent copies by snail mail.

Now you can keep in touch with your friends and schedule upcoming games with them.



### SEARCHING FOR A PARTNER?

Do you need a partner in April? Give Tricia Killeen a call. Her phone number is 574-383-8552.



## 2021

### RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

#### *Date in May to be Determined*

The annual Recognition Luncheon Celebration will be honoring the following Life Masters for their achievements this past year.

#### 2021

**Ruby Life Master** (1500+ masterpoints) - Marci Meyer

**Silver Life Master** (1000+ masterpoints) - Don Groch

Check your e-mails to find out when this date will be.

## Money Makers

**\$** Our Bridge Club is seeking **\$** fundraising ideas to keep the club out of the red while we seek to rebuild our membership. If you have suggestions please submit them in the red folder in front of the director's desk. No idea is too big or too small. The raffle has been successful as well as the addition of Swiss team games. Currently a club bake sale is being planned. I'm looking forward to seeing your ideas. Also please consider playing one more game a month so we can reach or exceed our break even point of 100 tables a month.



Thanks for playing and supporting SBBC.

Margaret Lewis, President

## Coming in May

### SAVE the DATE! Tuesday, May 9th.

The Board has approved a special Swiss Team Game for **Tuesday, May 9th**. This will be a pilot project, likely for the second Tuesdays of May, June, and July. If it succeeds, we hope to make this a regular monthly offering. Bill Searcy has called it "The Perfect 10". All players will be given a point rating. The bigger master point holders will be given a rating of "4". The newbies will be "1". Others will be "2" or "3". Any combination of 10 will be eligible to be a team. E.G.: two 4's and two 1's; or three 3's and a 1; or two 2's and two 3's. Additional info will be e-mailed to our membership in the coming days.

Cappy Gagnon, Chairman

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Joey Stiver
- 04 JoEllen DePaepe, Iris Goerner
- 11 Kurt Stiver
- 12 Bud Hinckley, Gini Stipp
- 13 Mary Hintz
- 18 Marci Meyer
- 20 Linda Podlin
- 21 Bernie Gorski
- 22 Lynn Miller, Bill Searcy
- 24 Judith Weaver
- 26 Tami McNally, Connie McKay
- 30 Chris Buczynski



## Top Games in March

### Swiss Teams

- Mar. 07 1st Lee Boser, Candace Hurwich, Linda Podlin & Tom Rossow
- 2nd Bruce BonDurant, Miki Grant, Tom Hebron & Gerry Wardzinski
- Mar. 21 1st Patricia Borchert, Lee Boser, Karen Drain & Linda Podlin
- 2nd Tom Hebron, Bud Hinckley, Richard Mao & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

### Open Pairs:

- 3/30 Marty Alig & Richard Hastings 73.81%
- 3/09 Marty Alig & Richard Hastings 68.98%

## MEMBER UPDATES

20 New Members this year!

2022

## MINI-McKENNEY MASTERPOINT AWARDS

*The Mini-McKenney race includes all masterpoints earned by members at clubs and tournaments. Eligibility for each level of achievement is determined by a player's masterpoint holding at the beginning of the year. The following are the first and second places of our SBBC members this past year among all of the members of Unit 154.*

- 200 to 300 Masterpoints Category - Gerry Wardzinski
- 5000 to 7500 Masterpoints - John Killeen

## HELEN SHANBROM ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS

*The Ace of Clubs race includes all masterpoints earned by members at clubs. Eligibility for each level of achievement is determined by a player's masterpoint holding at the beginning of the year. The following are the first places of our SBBC members this past year among all of the members of Unit 154.*

- 200 to 300 Masterpoints Category - Gerry Wardzinski
- 500 to 1000 Masterpoints Category - Roger Skurski
- 5000 to 7500 Masterpoints - John Killeen

*Well done, SBBC Players!*

## NEGATIVE DOUBLES

### *Not just for the majors*

A quick review of the negative double, but by all means not the complete story. (Note: example D's double is showing the minors.)

Partner                      RHO                      You  
**A. 1 minor (C or D) 1 Heart double\***  
 \* 4+ spades, tolerance for the other minor and 6+ pts.  
 If you bid 1 spade instead of doubling, you promise 5+ spades.

**B. 1 minor (C or D) 1 Spade double\*\***  
 \*\* 4+ hearts, tolerance for the other minor and 6+ pts.  
 If you bid 2 hearts you are promising 5+ hearts and 10+ pts (Kresge 5 & 10 bid).

**C. 1 Club 1 Diamond double\*\*\***  
 \*\*\* 4 spades and 4 hearts (etched in stone)

**D. 1 Heart 1 Spade double\*\*\*\***  
 \*\*\*\* for the minors - at least 4 - 4 and 6+ pts.

### JUST FOUND OUT!!!

*Per ACBL, any jump raise (1S - 3 S, 1H - 3 H, etc.) other than an invitational bid must be alerted. For instance: if you play strong OR weak jump raises the bid must be alerted.*

**Success is a poor teacher.**

## Education Updates



Jo Ann

April Monday morning (9:30) classes will begin on the 3rd. Subjects to be covered will be:

- 4/3 - Invitational & Forcing Bids (the difference)
- 4/10 - Review of Basics (bidding & play of hands)
- 4/17 - 3rd & 4th bids (The Monster Quiz)

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

**We would appreciate if you would let us know if you are coming to class so that we can be prepared with copies of handouts and quizzes and insure that you get the best possible personal attention.** Please let us know by Saturday noon so we can advise if there is a cancellation. Call JoAnn at 574-243-1355 or e-mail joann1107@comcast.net. We hope to see you!! Cost \$5.

## BEGINNERS' CLASSES

"Come and Play" game on Thursday mornings from 10-12. John's lessons (at 9:15) in April will be on scoring and bidding quizzes. Be sure to attend the 99er game on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Let Tricia know if you'd like a Step-Up partner.



Tricia

**For additional information**, call Tricia at 574-383-8552 or e-mail at patricia.killeen@att.net.



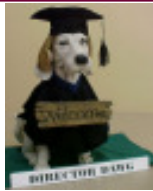


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Director Dawg congratulates the graduates and sends them our best. Many of us are parents and grandparents of these young people who have studied so hard. We are extremely proud of them! Also, a hearty Happy Father's Day to all our dads and granddads. Scheduled games for June are four (4) club championships and six (6) NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games - all with special amounts of points. And, don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday (6/6 & 6/20) and the 99er games on Wednesdays.



*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*

## Barbara Louise Myers January 31, 1939 - May 23, 2023



Barbara Louise Myers, age 84, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 6, 2023, in Harrison, Michigan. Barbara was born January 31, 1939 in Chicago, IL, along with two sisters and a brother, to George and Opal Koblick. In her teenage years her family moved to South Bend. Barbara graduated from Clay High School in South Bend,

IN in 1957 (Some of you may remember her as a cheerleader at the basketball and football games). Soon after her completion of school, Barbara was united in marriage to James Edward Myers on August 23, 1958 in South Bend. The couple enjoyed forty-five years of marriage, until James preceded Barbara in death on March 23, 2003. Surviving Barb are her three loving daughters: Patricia, Michele and Stephanie and five grandchildren along with her beloved fur baby, Peaches. She also leaves behind Don Groch, her friend, bridge partner and lighthouse companion.

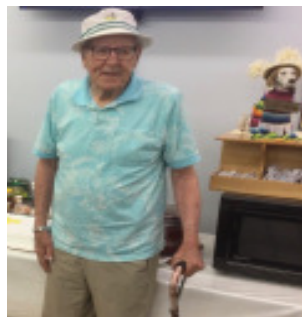
Before she moved to Harrison, Barb spent over 40 years in the South Bend/Michiana area. In 2021 she moved from Edwardsburg, Mi. to Harrison which she called her "happy place" where she could garden, paint, dance and sew. She traveled with friends and family to Africa, Ireland, Italy, Japan and London and elsewhere.

Barb was an avid Bridge player earning a Silver Life Master status while playing at the South Bend Bridge Club. Our club members will miss her and her warm smile.

### OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY!

## HELPING OTHERS???

If you loudly discuss a hand right after it has been played, you hold up the game AND you give information to your opponents at the other tables.



## Happy 99th Birthday Fred

The club was delighted to celebrate the 99th birthday of Fred Binder on May 15th in anticipation of his actual birthday on May 17th. He may be 99 but he plays a mean game of bridge. He and his partner, Dave Bontrager, played in a Swiss Team Event recently and came in first! From the time of his winning bridge prowess in the 50's, he hasn't slowed down at all.



He first learned about bridge while in the Navy but he started playing duplicate while at Ball State. He stopped playing in the mid 60's and lost all his points. A little while later he started playing again and, at the South Bend Regional Tournament held at Notre Dame Convocation Center in the late 60's, earned 52 gold points to become a life master in an impressive manner. He and his knockout Swiss teammates, Ed Singleton, Phil Slatt & Don Jordan, defeated legendary Barry Crane's team.

Fred says "All I have to say about bridge is that it is just a game, but-----"

**WOW, WHAT A GAME!"**



### 99ER GAME GREAT SUCCESS

All bridge players who have fewer than 100 points have been coming to the 99er game on Wednesdays, (inaugurated in April) and it has been a great success. We're looking forward to seeing the students who attended Tricia and John's "Come and Play" sessions and Jo Ann's Monday classes. If you will need a partner, just call Tricia at 574-383-8552.) The games are averaging 12 to 16 players each week..

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



## Top SBBC Games in May

Swiss: 5/02	Cappy Gagnon, Bud Hinckley, Julie Jarvis & Randy Peterson	
Swiss: 5/16	Tom Rossow, Ladora Sloan, Sharon Novotny, & Gini Stipp	
Open: 5/29	John & Tricia Killeen	70.14%
	Cappy Gagnon and Sharon Novotny	67.73
99ers: 5/10	Connie & Ron McKay	71.95%
	Bernie Gorski & Tom Widman	68.25%



**GREAT BIG THANKS** to Miki Grant, Candace Hurwich, and Peggy Lyzun who bring such wonderful desserts to the club. Also a special thanks to the members who donate such items as Cheetos, potato chips, cookies, etc.

## THIRTEEN YEARS OF THE SBBC NEWSLETTER

We congratulate and thank Jo Ann Steigmeyer for thirteen 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 living color to a bigger audience. We look forward to her fourteenth year of SBBC issues.



*Margaret Lewis, President*

## 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.

**Please change or add the following to your phone/e-mail list:**  
 Mary Dudash: 705-207-4616, mdudash3@sbcglobal.net  
 Dave Bontrager: 574-293-1375, dbontrager@gmail.com,  
 Reggie Lowenhar: 574-272-1758, rlowenhar@aol.com  
 Kathy Stegmaier: 810-599-1852, kathleensteg@gmail.com  
 Dave Gardner: 239-415-8436, dgardner39@gmail.com

**Dear Members: Unless you give us permission to publish your phone number and email address, they will not appear in our club phone/e-mail list.**

## 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 Sunday this year, the game has been re-scheduled for **Wednesday, June 12th**. We have certainly appreciated his gift and didn't know it was going to be needed so much.



1. In the "olden days", we would often cover our mouths with our hands when we coughed or sneezed. Nowadays, it is prudent and healthy to cough or sneeze into the inner crook of your elbow (also known as the antecubital fossa in medical circles). If you happen to forget and cough or sneeze into your hands, please use the hand sanitizers located on the table next to each bridge table.
2. Please do not take cards out of the board before the next round until at least one member of the opposing pair is at the table.

## One or Two Bids?

You are holding :

♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ K ♦ A Q 10 7 6 ♣ Q 4 3

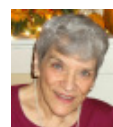
Partner bids one heart. What do you say? Answer: Bid two diamonds. If partner rebids 2 hearts, you can continue with a bid of 2 spades, a forward going and descriptive response. If you were to bid spades first and then diamonds, it would sound as if you had 5 spades (1st bid suit) and 4 diamonds. BUT, if you should hold:

♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ K ♦ A 10 7 6 2 ♣ 4 3 2

a hand with only one forward going bid, then by all means bid the major suit.

## Education Updates

Monday morning (9:30) classes will begin on the 5th of June. A general topic will be "Where Am I?" which will



*Jo Ann*

help you to be aware if you are the opener, responder, or overcaller. Cost \$5.00

6/5 - New Minor Forcing (NMF)

6/12 - Reverse Drury

6/19 - Balancing

6/26 - NO CLASS

Thursdays "Come and Play Sessions" with the Killeens at 10:00 and John Killeen's classes (9:15) - Declarer Play and Bidding Quizzes



*Tricia*