



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

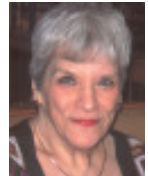
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“Count Dawgula” wishes you a Happy Halloween. The club is offering many special games this month at only 7\$ each - your chance to win BIG amounts of points. They include (8) Club Appreciation games, and (4) Club Championship games. Don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and the Perfect Ten game on the 4th Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

MICHIGAN CITY SECTIONAL

Michigan City Senior Center, 2 Lakeshore Drive
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Friday, October 6 thru Sunday October 8

Schedule of Events

- Friday, 10/6 and Saturday, 10/7 (Single sessions)
 - Open Pairs 9:30 am & 2:15 pm
 - (499er pairs) 9:30 am & 2:15 pm
- Sunday, 10/8 Open Stratified Swiss Teams 9:30 am (\$30 each person, includes lunch)

Special Offer:

- * 0-499ers: Play for FREE in any afternoon session on Friday or Saturday, provided that you played (and paid the full entry fee) in that day's limited or open morning session.
- * Does not apply to the Sunday Swiss Team Game.

Partnership Chairman - Marci Meyer 972-731-5196

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR NEEDED SILVER POINTS!

JUST SOME STUFF!

- * **Mandatory:** Do not fold your cards after the board has been played until everyone at the table agrees to the result.
 - * **Suggestion:** After the bidding, keep bid cards face up until opening lead has been made. This will solve the problem of who is on lead and having to review the bidding
 - * **Suggestion:** Sort cards after play of the hand, if there is time, before passing the boards to the next table, so that the game can move on quickly.
- Other suggestions you may have will be greatly appreciated.

THINKING BRIDGE!

South is the Dealer
9 of Spades lead.

♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ K J 4

Bidding -->

S	N
1H	3H
4H	P

♠ 9 or 9x ??
♥ K 6 2
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ 9 7 6 3

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♠ A 8 7 2 (Is the ♠ 9 lead a singleton?)
♥ 3
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 10 8 5 2

Answer: **It is not a singleton!** If it were, declarer would have opened one spade (having 5). Don't expect partner to ruff if you take the A and lead a spade back. Simple arithmetic!

SBBC Annual Meeting



The annual meeting of the SBBC was held on Monday, September 11th. The yearly report was given out to all the attendees and will be posted on the website at www.sbbc.info. A hearty thanks to all of our volunteers who have worked hard to keep the Club afloat and a very special thank you to the members who have attended our games this past year in order for our club to keep going during a very difficult time.

Bruce BonDurant, Lee Boser, Tom Hebron, and Sharon Novotny were elected to the new board along with Tom Rossow, Linda Podlin, and Miki Grant who are already members. Their terms begin October 1. Between the 1st and 10 of October the new board will meet briefly to elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary. Gini and Tom will remain co-treasurers. Next regular board meeting will be Nov 21.

President's Service Award



This year's selection for the President's Service Award was announced at the SBBC Annual meeting on Sept 11th. Margaret Lewis was a unanimous and well deserved recipient for her work with the newer players over the years and for her undaunting spirit to keep the club open. Whenever any problem occurred, she was there to step up and help. Our members were very delighted when she was elected our President last year. She has conducted her duties with decisiveness, confidence, style and grace.

Our Club thanks you for your service.

Congratulations, Margaret!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Kathy Werner
 03 Mary Dudash
 09 Judith Kearns
 15 Pat Short
 16 Barbara Emmons
 18 Peggy Lyzun
 18 Phill Kolski
 22 Sherri Kolski
 31 Tom Hebron



Top Games in September

Swiss Team Games

Swiss 9/05 Cappy Gagnon, Julie Jarvis, Randy Peterson and Doug Scripture
 Swiss 9/19 Cappy Gagnon, Marty Alig, Lena Howard and Ren Singleton
 Perf. 10 - 9/26 Joan Aldrich, Pam Johnson, Reggie Lowenhar, Ren Singleton

Open Pairs Games

Open 9/20 Lena Howard & Gini Stipp 70.83%
 John Hamilton & Phill Kolski 67.95%
 99ers Bernie Gorski & Tom Widman 70.00%
 Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold 66.25%

PRO-AM WINNERS

The Pro-Am Swiss was a rousing success. With hot dogs cooked outdoors by Bill Searcy, along with the wonderful side dishes (pork & beans and potato salad), and a myriad of desserts made by our cooking specialists (our members), we thank Peggy Lyzun and her crew for the terrific "party". A Pro-Am event gives us 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.



Pictured above are the winners of the Pro-Am Swiss Team event Saturday, September 9th. They are (front row) Pam Johnson and Christine Barker & (back row) Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Bob Werner.

CONGRATULATIONS - WELL DONE!!

MORE SUIT PREFERENCE

Continuing the discussion about this helpful defensive tool (Suit Preference) from last month, we offer the following scenario.

West is the dealer Bidding -->
 K of hearts lead

S	W	N	E
	1H	dbl	2H
3S	4H	4S	P
P	P	P	

♠ A 7 4 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 10 6 4
 ♣ K Q 3 2

♠ J 2
 ♥ A K 10 8 7 2
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ 8 5 4

	N	E
W		
S		

♠ Q 10
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ A 8 7 5 2
 ♣ 10 9 7

♠ K 9 8 6 5
 ♥ Q J 4
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ A J 6

West leads the K of hearts. Since East sees a singleton on the board and, if continued, a heart will be trumped, he can direct the defense. He has at least three hearts from which to choose (partner knows this also as East raised his opening heart bid). East would like West to switch to a diamond, so he plays his highest heart (9) to show his interest in the diamond suit (the higher ranking of the other 2 suits - not counting trump). If he wanted a club switch, he would play his lowest heart. Since West trusts his partner completely, he leads the K of diamonds (start of a doubleton), then plays his diamond to East, who takes the ace, leads another diamond which then gets ruffed, **SETTING THE CONTRACT!** What a great partnership!

Education Updates

The Monday morning (9:30) class schedule for October is as follows:



10/2 - New Minor Forcing

10/9 - Takeout Doubles & Overcalls

10/16 - Negative Doubles

10/23 - Losing Trick Count **(10/30 No class)**

After each lesson, there are hands to play. Come and join us for a fun and informative morning. (9:30-11:30 - \$5.00)

Plus always working on The Basics.

REPORT FROM TRICIA KILLEEN - We have

21 Forever Learning students Tuesday mornings at the club using Audrey Grant's Bridge Basics.

They've had 3 sessions so far and the lessons go through November 14th. We are so grateful to mentors Joan Aldrich, Jane & Gene Bruce, Tom Hebron, Renee Preniczny, Wendy Summers, Bob Werner, and Tom Widman. Their help has been invaluable. *Tricia*

Editor's Note: We saw Tricia's return (playing with John) on Thursday, the 28th, and we send her a hearty WELCOME. Tricia was absent a bit longer than anticipated after her challenges with knee surgery and other bothersome complications. We are looking forward to seeing her often.

