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Director Dawg got through the sweltering heat last month and is looking forward to cooler temperatures in September. Next month's calendar offers the Pro-Am game on **Saturday, the 9th** (hope your team is signed up) and the Annual SBBC meeting on the 11th at 3 pm (see description below). The many special games this month include: six (6) International Fund Games, four (4) Club Championships and an ACBL Membership game. Don't forget the Swiss Team Games on the 5th, 19th and 26th (Perfect Ten). All these events give higher points than the regular games.



SHARON NOVOTNY BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Our heartiest congratulations to Sharon Novotny who just recently became a Bronze Life Master. She celebrated a double achievement by becoming a Life Master and a Bronze Life Master on the same day. Sharon had all her master-points except for the elusive gold points which she earned at the

Gatlinburg and Holland Regionals.

She learned to play bridge at age 16 when her mother taught her, her best friend & her friend's mother how to play. In 1991 she decided to show up at the South Bend Bridge Center and began playing duplicate off and on, with intensive playing the past two years.

She did her undergraduate and graduate work in History at Ball State University where she met her future husband, Paul. They have been married for 49 years and have two daughters, Katie & Allison, and four grandchildren. She taught History at IUSB for nearly 30 years.

She thanks her marvelous partners (Susan Farrington, LaDora Sloan, Lena Howard, and Gini Stipp, and many more) for their contributions on her journey to Life Mastership. She gives special thanks to Cappy Gagnon "for teaching me advanced techniques this past year. (If I could only remember to use them.)"

CONGRATULATIONS, SHARON!

UPDATING THE WEBSITE



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Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Annual Membership Meeting of the South Bend Bridge Club Monday, September 11 at 3:00 PM.

Club Manager, Marty Martin, will present the "State of the Club" report. At that time a proposed slate of nominees will be offered for approval. Of course, nominations from the floor are welcome. We thank our nominating committee, consisting of Lee Boser, Gini Stipp and John Killeen who are offering the following proposed slate: Bruce BonDurant, Lee Boser, Tom Hebron and Sharon Novotny.

Be sure to save this date!!!

Pro Am Swiss



NEWS ALERT! The Pro-Am is back again scheduled for **Saturday, September 9th**. This is a chance for newer players to be partnered with some of the veterans in the club.

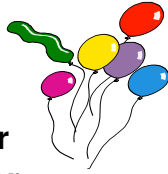
Each pro(life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master who has fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. Of course, there will be a barbecue lunch, which includes hot dog, potato salad, side dishes, dessert and beverage. Peggy Lyzun is in charge of getting the goodies prepared, and our resident chef, Bill Searcy, will be doing the grilling of the hot dogs. Cost: \$8 meal (12 N) - \$8 play (1 pm) - certainly worth the trip. Sign up sheets are on the north wall.



Margaret Update - Our President, Margaret Lewis, is doing better and has been transferred to Bell Tower on Fir Road where she is getting speech and physical therapy. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and we are anxiously waiting for her return.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09 Myra Anthony
 11 Shari McCarthy
 25 Dave Bontrager
 29 Christine Barker



Top Games in August

Swiss	8/01	Lena Howard, John Killeen	
Teams		Tricia Killeen & Ren Singleton	
	8/15	Lena Howard, John Killeen	
		Tricia Killeen & Ren Singleton	
Perfect	8/22	John & Tricia Killeen,	
Ten		Bernie Gorski & Tom Widman	
Open	8/10	John Killeen & Tricia Killeen	67.74%
Pairs:	8/21	Bill Searcy & Gini Stipp	66.87%
99er	8/09	Bernie Gorski & Tom Widman	68.52%
Pairs:	8/09	Pam Johnson & Stan Slevinski	65.75%

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL

ONE CARD TELLS THE WHOLE STORY

Contract is 4 Spades by South - West leads the 2 of hearts
 (The board)

	Q J 8 7
	K Q J
	K Q 3
	7 4 2

(My hand)

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	A 10 9 7 6 3				
	A 9 5				
		Q 8 6			

Aah, my partner (west) has led the 2 of hearts. What does that mean? Usually a low card indicates a lead from an honor (Q 4 2, or K 7 2, or J 8 2) BUT all the honors are accounted for between my hand and the board. Maybe partner is leading a doubleton showing 2 cards in that suit - oops! The 2 can't be the top of a doubleton! It must be a singleton. What else do I know now? I know that the declarer has three hearts. I will confidently take the A of hearts and lead a heart back for my partner to trump. But, which heart should I lead? I would really like her to lead a diamond back to me so that I can take the Ace and give her another ruff. If I lead a small heart she will think I want a club back (lower ranking of the side suits - suit preference) but, if I lead a high heart, it asks for a diamond return (higher ranking of the side suits - suit preference). My partner honors my request, leads a diamond, I take the Ace, give her a ruff, and **VOILA! WE SET THE CONTRACT!** All this because my partner led the two of hearts! What a player!

Hooray for the 99ers

How wonderful to have six (6) tables for the 99er game on Wednesday, 8/23. This turnout looks promising for the club to consider special Swiss Team events for 99ers. If four teams from the 99er players can be formed, we can have a separate team game for them on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. If you're interested contact Tricia.

In response to a number of requests for a Monday 99er game, we will start one on 9/11/23. We hope to make this event as successful as Wednesday's 99er game. I will be happy to assist you with finding a partner, and I would like a heads-up if you're coming and to know who your partner is. You can contact me at 574-383-8552 or patriciakilleen@att.net. Tricia



A smile is a facelift that's in everyone's price range. Tom Wilson

Education Updates

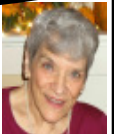
The Monday classes for September are as follows:

4th - **NO CLASS** (Labor Day)

11th - **What we forgot during August**

18th - **Dangerous Opponent**

26th - **NO CLASS** (last Monday of the month)



Jo Ann

Of course, we will always work on the basics (bidding, play of the hand, and defense) while you are playing the hands. Cost \$5 9:30 to 11:30. No partner necessary.

Beginning Classes in September

Because of the large number of Forever Learning Beginning Bridge students (we're up to 18 already), we have decided to put the Thursday "Come and Play" sessions on hold. I expect we'll return to "Come and Play" in December when the FLI session ends and the students, who wish to continue beyond the basics, need a place to work on their game.



Tricia

Through the auspices of Forever Learning (but being held at our club) we will be holding **Beginning Bridge classes** on Tuesday mornings, starting September 28th from 10 to 12 Noon. You can register online starting August 16th for the 10-week course at

fli.coursestorm.com

or by calling 574-282-1901

Be sure to let your bridge friends know about this course.