



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. Swiss Team events every **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month, Perfect 10 Swiss on the 4th Tuesday 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.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

2023 - Remembrances

This past year the club welcomed more than 22 new members, which was due in part to the introduction of new programs and ideas. Tricia and John Killeen partnered with Forever Learning Institute to conduct classes at our site for beginning players followed with a "Come and Play" date each week. The club added a 99er game on Wednesdays as well as a Perfect Ten Swiss on the fourth Tuesday, managed by Cappy Gagnon. We thank the teachers and mentors who put in a lot of time to help our new players understand this tough game. They are: Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Marty Martin, Richard Mao, Tom Hebron, & Cappy Gagnon.

Thanks so much!

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

Sharon Novotny - BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Congratulations, Sharon!

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

Marian David

Tom Hallum

Lyla Lockhart

Barbara Myers

Joan Tobler

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, & St. Joseph. You have kept us alive!

"SPECIAL DAY" WINNERS

Bud Parshall Day - Chris Barker & Pat Borchert

Pro-Am Swiss - Chris Barker, Pam Johnson,

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Bob Werner

Holiday Party - 1st place - 99ers - Tom & Susan Widman

1st place - Open pairs - Lena Howard & Bill Searcy

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

CHANGES FOR FEBRUARY

Wonderful News: We have received the new lease agreement from Town & Country and it will be signed the first part of the new year. **We will be residing at our present location for at least another 3 years.**



ALERT! Starting February 1st, as happens everywhere else, we will be raising our rates to **\$8.00 for regular games and \$9.00 for special games. Non-members pay an additional \$1.00.**

ONE MORE ITEM! - **The games will start at 12:30.** This will give us a chance to get home before it gets dark.

We will be sending out reminders of the time and cost changes as we get closer to February. We don't want you to be late for any game!

DON'T MISS OUT!

Make sure you sign up for membership in the Club by the end of the month. Beginning on February 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.**

LONG AWAITED PHONE & E-MAIL LIST!!



During February the most recent phone and e-mail list will be sent by e-mail to all of our current members. If you are not a member, your name and info will not appear in the list. 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Miki Grant
- 05 Lena Howard
- 09 Reggie Lowenhar
- 15 Gene Bruce
- 17 Connie Hebron
- 28 George Cramer
- 31 Bill Blum



TOP GAMES IN DECEMBER OPEN SWISS TEAMS

- 12/05 Marty Alig, Cappy Gagnon, Julie Jarvis, and Randy Peterson
- 12/14 John & Tricia Killeen, Bernie Gorski, and Tom Widman
(Perf 10)
- 12/19 John & Tricia Killeen, Bernie Gorski, and Tom Widman

OPEN PAIRS

- 12/11 John Hamilton and Phill Kolski 67.42%
- 12/28 Marty Alig and Dick Hastings 63.55%

99er PAIRS

- 12/20 Gloria Kopf and Sally Reed 67.46%
- 12/13 Gene Bruce and Bob Werner 66.64%

MOVING ON UP

November	Gene Bruce	Junior Master
	Jane Bruce	Junior Master
December	Bob Werner	Club Master
	Tom Widmore	Sectional Master
	Kathy Peterson	Regional Master



New Members:

Gloria Kopf 574-361-3892 kopf21782@comcast.net
Sally Reed 574-320-1907 sjbrine@me.com

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 scheduled club activities, 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!

WONDERFUL AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY PARTY

The new and the old, oops, we mean "veteran" SBBC players came together to enjoy a special Holiday party. Our thanks to Peggy Lyzun, the Special Events Chairperson, and her committee, Marty Martin, Leslie Garvey, Miki Grant, and Susan Farrington, for providing what was a memorable event. The open pairs filled 10-1/2 tables and the 99ers contributed 4 more. All our members and guests enjoyed a hearty meal from the Skillet and a myriad of the greatest desserts in the world (made by our members).



Holly Swanson & Mary Mathews

Laura Dawald & Phil Bertoni



The hungry troops!

It's worth the wait!



Wendy Summers & Pat Laing

Renee Preniczny & Barb Emmons

A special thank you to Bill Searcy for running the game so smoothly, as usual.

Education Updates

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

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

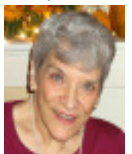
1/8 - Michaels + basics & questions

1/15 - Jacoby 2NT + basics & questions

1/22 - Unusual NT + basics & questions

1/29 - No Class

After each lesson, there will be hands to play. 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. Let Jo Ann know if you are coming to the class by the Saturday morning before each class. We, and our informational handouts, want to be prepared for you! Cost \$5. No partner necessary.



Jo Ann

Cappy Gagnon and Tom Hebron are conducting the new **Forever Learning Classes** at 10 AM on Tuesdays. The class begins with a combination of lesson and discussion. This month's lessons will cover overcalls, pre-empts and competitive bidding. Cost \$5.