



SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Membership forms have been filled out and dues have been paid so you will be seeing a phone and e-mail list issued sometime in February or March of 2018. Club events you can anticipate are 2 Sunday Swiss Team games (1/14 & 1/28), 2 Tuesday Swiss Team games (1/2 & 1/16), our annual Jim Farner Day on 1/5, and many Junior Fund games.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

We are happy to present an update of the Newcomer Game which started in July 2016. There were 46 sessions in 2017 with a total of 182 tables. Fifty-nine (59) beginning lessons were given in 14 sessions and contributions to the Club totaled \$1,650. Special thanks go to our mentors: Tom Hallum, Tom & Connie Hebron, and Joan Tobler. Honorable mention goes to Tim Carl, Bob Knoblock, Bill Searcy, and Bud Hinckley for their help and support. Twice a month we had practice sessions where the mentors could immediately explain bridge issues that came up in the bidding or the play of the hand; the other two times we held real games with master points awarded. We are beginning to see some of our Newcomers enter the 399er and 149er games which is terrific. The Newcomer Game is on winter break during January and will resume in February 2018.



STaC games are coming February 5-11 and a summary of Special Games in 2018 will be e-mailed to our members as well as copies being available at the club.

Tricia Killeen, Club Director

2 Diamond Non-Alertable Response

Since a response of 2D over a 2C opener is **never** to be alerted, (adopted by ACBL January 1, 2012), it would be wise to either ask the opponent or look at his card to see what his 2D bid means. It could be waiting, game force, steps, or a variety of other bids. This could have an impact on your subsequent bids and defense.

Overheard at a table from a player to her partner: "After you make your first bid, you don't have to think anymore." Aah, if only it were that simple!

Chris Habegger Ruby Life Master



Reaching Ruby LM in 2017 was a goal Chris set after making the Silver level in 2015. Since he continues to work full time, his club play is limited to once a week with partner Elaine Delaney. Now he has begun a partnership with Chayem Ben Moshe with an emphasis on a couple of weeks a year of regional tournament play. During this time he's played five regionals with five wins and numerous overall finishes to help reach this next lifetime achievement. Chris sends a big thank you to his partners "for their skills and patience".

On the home front, he's added two new granddaughters and a lake cottage so he considers himself to be a very lucky guy. For more information about Chris, see the August 2015 SBBC Newsletter at the Director's Station.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS!

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESULTS

What a great turnout! There were ten tables in the open section and five in the 399er section. Chris Clarke won the 50/50 raffle and the club received \$89 as its share. A Skillet-prepared lunch of chicken, sausage, gravy, noodles and stuffing was enjoyed by our members. Bill Searcy donated the wine, and many members donated delicious desserts. A special thanks to the contributors and helpers: Marty Martin,



Bill Blum, Linda Podlin, June Glazer, Julie Jarvis, Kurt & Joey Stiver, Maureen & Ed Trubac, Connie Hebron, and Peggy Lyzun. Of course kudos to the Host committee,



Marty Martin, Ruth Minish and Tricia Killeen.

Overall winners were John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon - 63.43%.

Open Section winners were: N/S - Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Chris Barker; E/W - John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon

399er Section winners were: N/S - Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich; E/W - Julie Jarvis & Randy Peterson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Barbara Fedder, Lena Howard,
Doris Shafer
- 9 Reggie Lowenhar
- 13 Gail Wells, Jody Heiner
- 14 Merrill Crull, Ron Peterson, Ed Trubac
- 15 Clarke Dippell
- 17 Connie Hebron
- 28 George Cramer
- 30 John Bodish
- 31 Bill Blum, Barbara Myers



Top Games in December

399ers:	12/11	Conrad Adams & Susan Farrington	65.21%
	12/06	Maureen & Roger Skurski	61.90%
Fri. PM	12/08	Bob Lewis & Gerry Wardzinski	68.75%
	12/15	Candace Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	63.33%
Open:	12/01	Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	76.50%
	12/27	Dick Hastings & Gini Stipp	68.52%

Swiss Team Games

- Sunday: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
- 1st Tuesday: Marian David, John Killeen, Tricia Killeen & Sara Marcus
- 2nd Tuesday: Chris Barker, Marian David, Elaine DeLaney, & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

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to find the latest Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, the latest calendars (club, hostess and director schedules), newsletters (past and present), Hands of the Month, game results, a list of our library books and more.

MOVIN' ON UP

Chris Habegger Ruby Life Master



Member Updates

Please add/or change these numbers in your phone list!

Dick & Jean Scheibelhut 574-245-7812

PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

When you filled out the Membership Application Form in December, you were asked to give permission to print your phone and/or e-mail address on a list for **distribution to our members only**. This information will **not** appear on the website. The list will be available at the Director's Station in February.



Bids out of turn and insufficient bids are two very common irregularities at SBBC. The new laws allow for the director to try to get a true bridge result, if he can, at the table. The laws vary slightly, depending on the irregularity. The directors discuss this issue every meeting as the laws allow for the offender to make a "comparable" call or one similar to the call made. This requires a degree of bridge judgment by the directing staff. Hence, we have had some intense discussions on this and will continue to do so.

the director's corner



Bill Searcy

If an irregularity occurs at your table, call the director.

NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 5

(Insufficient Bid continued) The Director may take you away from the table to determine what replacement call you intend to use. You need to know if Director will force partner to pass forever. If so, you may need to place the contract immediately.

The Director may award an adjusted score if he feels the board result could have been different and the non-offending side was damaged due the insufficient bid and replacement call.

If you make a call out of rotation, these are the possibilities:

1. You pass at RHO's turn. RHO makes his call. You must then pass (once). Auction proceeds.
2. You bid at RHO's turn. RHO passes. You must repeat your bid. Auction proceeds.
3. All of the other possibilities:
 - (a) You bid at RHO's turn and then RHO also bids.
 - (b) You make any call when it's partner's turn
 - (c) You make any call when LHO is dealer

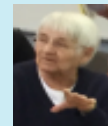
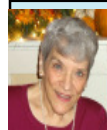
(to be continued)

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this fifth installment.

Education Updates

J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present their classes from 9:30 to 11:30 on 1/8, 1/15, & 1/22. Discussion: **WHEN DO I STOP BIDDING? DO I HAVE TO BID?** Of course, there will be **BASICS. BASICS, BASICS!** Cost \$5



Tricia Killeen's Newcomers at 9:15 Thursday a.m. The Newcomer Group **will not meet** in January. Classes will resume on February 1 and will feature No Trump bidding & play. Cost \$6.



Elaine DeLaney will be offering lessons with her game on Fridays beginning January 8th. Mini Lessons: 2-2:15 Game: 2:15- 5:00 Cost \$7





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February 2018



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! This is the month for you to earn your silver points during STaC week (February 5-11). In addition, there will be a Big Heart ACBL -Wide Charity Game on the 21st with a chance to win red points and an ACBL Membership game on the 19th (both players must be members of ACBL to earn points). Of course, don't forget the Swiss Team games on the 6th, 11th, 20th and 25th. We're looking forward to seeing you. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



2018 Recognition Banquet



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 21 at 12 Noon**. The club will be honoring the members who have achieved another level in their bridge careers. The honorees are:

- Sapphire Life Masters** - Leroy Boser, Marian David & Tricia Killeen
 - Ruby Life Masters** - Chris Habegger & Ruth Minish
 - Silver Life Master** - E. Tim Carl
 - Bronze Life Masters** - Jill Culby & Bob Knoblock
- Plus the winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs & the Mini-McKenney Awards will be revealed.

CELEBRATING DR. JIM



The fifth annual Jim Farner Day, held on January 5, 2018, gave us this year's winners - Elaine DeLaney & Chris Habegger with a whopping 66.67%. Jim Farner was a member of SBBC for many years,

and, when he died, his family generously donated to our club. We have a plaque to honor his birthday with the winners' names inscribed each year on display near the front door. Chris & Elaine's names have been added to the wall plaque

Congratulations Elaine & Chris!

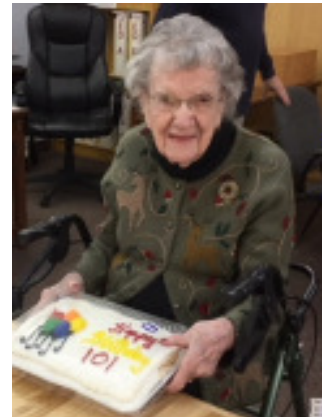
SPECIAL GAMES AT THE BRIDGE CENTER IN 2018

February	StaC Week	2/5-11
	ACBL-wide Charity Game	2/21
March	Senior Pairs	3/19
April	Recognition Program	4/21
	Charity Fund Month	

Copies of the special games schedule for the entire year are available at the Microwave Station or a copy can be sent to you by contacting Jo Ann Steigmeyer by phone 574-243-1355 or e-mail at joann1107@comcast.net.

Celebrating Another Special Birthday

On October 16th, Mary Powell celebrated her **101st Birthday!** Belatedly, on January 9th, the club honored her with a cake and many best wishes from our members. Not only did she attend the game that day, but she and her partner, Tim Carl, came in first overall in their strat. There's no stopping this formidable lady. We look forward to writing another celebratory article about her in 2019!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Board of Directors of the South Bend Bridge Club will hold a Special Membership meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 3 pm at 2436 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka IN 46545. At that time the members will vote on changes to the By-Laws. A copy of this announcement has been sent out by e-mail to our members and copies of the proposed changes are available at the Microwave Station.

KATHRYN (KAYE) TYLER November 30, 1933 - January 9, 2018



It is never easy to include in the newsletter an announcement that we have lost another of our very special members. Kaye Tyler was a lovely lady who played on the "399er" side. Kaye was the perfect hostess for the foreign guests that visited her and her husband because of his work. She became an entrepreneur, owning and operating Letter Perfect Embroidery for ten years. We send our condolences to her family which includes her husband, Tom, her two children, Terence & Jennifer, her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. We will miss her.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leslie Garvey, Jill Mroczkiewicz
- 7 Bill Flanagan
- 12 Bob Knoblock
- 13 Donna Tieman
- 14 Maureen Skurski
- 15 Sally Frame, Carol Kraabel
- 16 Victor Papai
- 18 Marian David
- 22 Bob Lewis
- 22 Sara Marcus
- 28 Vicki McIntire, Bonnita Laub



the director's corner

DEFENDER OPTIONS WHEN DECLARER LEADS FROM THE WRONG HAND

Whenever declarer, dummy (via declarer's called card), or either defender leads out of turn, LHO always has the option to accept the lead. If so, play continues normally from that point.

Additionally, when declarer leads from the wrong hand, if LHO has no preference, the other defender can accept the lead out of turn. (If both defenders disagree on accepting the lead, LHO's choice prevails.)

When an irregularity occurs due to a lead out of turn, a bid out of turn, or an insufficient bid, any opponent stating "You're in your hand", "You're in dummy", "It's your partner's bid", or "That bid is insufficient" changes none of the opponents' options. The next thing said at the table should be "Director, please!" For leads out of turn, dummy can try to prevent declarer from leading from the wrong hand. But once it happens, dummy must stay silent. However, once another player identifies an irregularity such as the ones above, even dummy can call for the Director.



Bill Searcy

Top Games in January

Open Games

149ers	1/19	Raji Sundararajan & Donna Tieman	64.20%
	1/26	Raji Sundararajan & Raja Sarma	60.19%
399ers:	01/10	Dorothy Cahill & Clarke Dippell	65.00%
	01/31	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	63.93%
Open:	01/17	Lee Boser & Ren Singleton	69.94%
	01/20	John & Tricia Killeen	69.17%

Swiss Team Games

- 1st Tues. Open: Jill Culby, Cappy Gagnon, Ted Mullett & Mike Young
- 1st Sun. Open: Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings, LaDora Sloan, & Rosemary Zonker
- 2nd Tues. Open: Lee Boser, Pat Borchert, Karen Drain & Linda Podlin
- 2nd Tues. 399ers: Margaret Lewis, Peggy Lyzun, Marty Martin & John Scheibelhut
- 2nd Sun. Open: Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings & Lena Howard

Correction of December 2017 Swiss Game: Winners were:

John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen, & Gini Stipp

NEWS FLASH!!!

E-mail and phone lists will be published and distributed in the month of February. These lists are being made available with the permission of the persons on the lists and is for the use of our members only. It will not be published on the website.

Member Updates

Please add/or change these numbers in your phone list!

Dick Scheibelhut 574-245-7823 (Updated phone)

MOVING ON UP

Bernadette Pohlmann Junior Master

Visit our website

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to find game results, calendars, newsletters and more.



On Wednesday, February 21, our club will participate in the **Big Heart Charity Game**.

It's the same ACBL-wide Charity Game usually scheduled but with the chance of winning red points. Up to 25% of the participants will receive some red master-points, with as many as 30 red points awarded overall. The cost for this great opportunity is still only \$8.00.

Education Updates

Tricia Killeen's topics for the 9:15 Thursday sessions will include No Trump bidding and play. Class Schedule is:

February 1: Practice Session on notrump

February 8: Game

February 15: Practice Session on notrump

February 22: Game Cost: \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney's schedule for February is:

Friday Mini-lesson topic: Good defense - Opening leads and continuations.

Lesson: 2-2:15 Game Time 2:30 Cost \$7.00



J & J MONDAY CLASSES

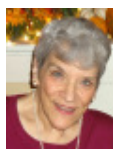
Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer the Monday classes on February 5, 12 & 19.

Special Treat - Guest Speaker on the 12th will be Bill Searcy who will discuss "What Are Standard Auctions Really Saying?"

Other classes will cover **BALANCING and 3RD & 4TH SEAT OPENERS & RESPONSES (Drury)**.

Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00

Plus BASICS, BASICS & MORE BASICS



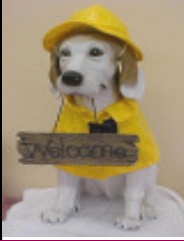


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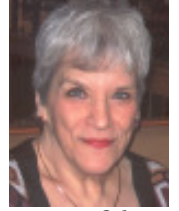
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April 2018



Director Dawg has his rain slicker on in anticipation of the April showers. This month is filled with eleven **Charity games**. The first Tuesday Swiss is on the 3rd, the first Sunday Swiss is on the 8th, the second Tuesday Swiss is on the 17th, and the second Sunday Swiss in on the 22nd. Be sure to pick up an April calendar at the Director's Station. Also sign up for the **Recognition Banquet** being held on the 21st. when we honor Special Life Masters.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

John Hamilton Silver Life Master



John reports that, since becoming a Bronze Life Master in 2014, he has been earning matchpoints at local clubs in the Florida area. He continues his work in the law profession and will be joining us at the club to earn some South Bend points. We will be happy to see him so that he can offer his experience in running sectionals. He and his wife, Lynn, did a wonderful job in our past sectionals and we will welcome their expertise.

CONRATULATIONS, JOHN!

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two of our bridge members. We send our condolences to their families.

Richard Klitzke - 7/1/29 - 3/11/18

Dick Klitzke, 88, was a formidable partner and opponent who seemed to come up with just the right bid and play. He and his wife, Doris, were regulars at our club for many years. He was a Silver Life Master but played like a Diamond LM. We will miss his gentleness and smile.



Nora Allen - 6/28/26 - 3/2/18



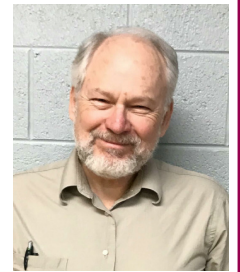
Nora Mae Allen, 91, of Elkhart, played at our club some years ago on the 399er side of the room. She was always gracious, and we are sorry to see that she will no longer be with us.

Bridge Club Tidbits

1. Did you know that if you sit East or North, your name will appear first on the final score sheet?
2. On March 5th, Phillip Alder, whose Bridge Column appears in the South Bend Tribune, acknowledged our very own Jimmy Cordas as a runner up in his Christmas Competition contest. Be sure to ask him about it. Well done, Jimmy.

Mike Young - Life Master

Mike comes from a family who loved to play cards - pinochle and euchre So when he worked at Indiana Bell, he watched noontime Bridge games and was soon hooked. He played in the Indianapolis Bridge Club which was started by Easley Blackwood (of Blackwood convention fame) taking lessons from a very good bridge teacher, Thelma Wright.



After 7 weeks of lessons, he was thrown into the bridge world playing on Wednesday nights in the novice game. After several months, he & his partner decided to play with the "biggies" and he was on his way.

Bridge was put on hold as his children were growing and, umpiring baseball took its place.. When he retired and moved to St. Joseph he found the itch to play bridge again and took lessons from Carol Purdy & Alina Grier. He is thankful for the wonderful mentors who helped him - John Bodish, Cappy Gagnon, Peter Elliot, Jill Culby and Bruce Sokol. He says he learns something new with every game.

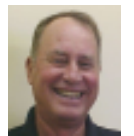
GREAT JOB, MIKE!

SOUTH BEND SECTIONAL

We are now only four months from the start of the South Bend Sectional tournament. Again, it will be held at the Kroc Center on August 3, 4 & 5. Start times will be 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on Fri. and Sat. and 10:00 am play-through on Sun. Friday and Saturday will have pair/team games, so players have two chances to win points. There will be 399er sections. Sunday will be a Swiss team game with open and 399er sections. A box lunch will be provided with entry fees of \$10 per session, and \$10 for the box lunch

For the newer players, a Sectional tournament is the first level of ACBL tournament bridge. Silver points are awarded. It will be somewhat larger than our club games, and is as much of a fun, social event as it is a bridge tournament. The 399er section will be a little larger, but our players will see mostly familiar faces.

It is not too early to put the dates on your calendar and line up your partners. The bridge club is closed on Fri. and Sun. during the tournament. More to come.....



Bill Searcy

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Joey Stiver
- 04 JoEllen DePaepe, Iris Goerner
- 11 Kurt Stiver
- 12 Bud Hinckley, Gini Stipp
- 13 Mary Hintz
- 18 Annette Tyler
- 20 Linda Podlin
- 22 Gayle Gonser, Lynn Miller
- 22 Bill Searcy
- 26 Tami McNally



the director's corner



The proper way to alert your partner's bid is to take the blue "alert" card from the bidding box, tap it on the table for the opponents to see, and say "Alert." We have a number of players at SBBC with hearing issues and many with soft voices. It is the alerter's responsibility to make sure both opponents see and know of the alert. It's a good bridge habit!



Bill Searcy

Top Games in March

Pair Games:

Open:	3/09 Elaine DeLaney & Chris Habegger	72.50%
	3/27 John Killeen & Tricia Killeen	71.43%
399ers:	3/05 Conrad Adams & Susan Farrington	71.53%
	3/14 Conrad Adams & Bill Flanagan	70.50%
149ers:	3/23 Linda Jacobs & Margaret Lewis	67.50%
	3/02 Raja Sarma & Raji Sundararajan	62.70%
Newbies:	3/22 Mel Meyer & Linda Urschel	60.42%
	3/22 Spike Abernathy & Kent Dennis	56.25%

Swiss Team Games:

- Tuesday 3/6 Open: John Bodish, Gini Stipp, John Killeen, & Tricia Killeen
- Sun.3/11 Open: Lynne Bruehlman, Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow, & Vance Senecal
- Tues. 3/20 Open: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus, & Ren Singleton
- Tues.3/20 399ers: Bill Flanagan, Susan Farrington, Iris Goerner & Kathy Peterson
- Sun. 3/25 Open: Leroy Boser, Ren Singleton, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer

MOVING ON UP

Fred Maione	Junior Master
Marty Martin	Sectional Master
Margaret Lewis	Sectional Master
Mike Young	Life Master
John Hamilton	Silver Life Master



MEMBER UPDATES

New Members:

- Linda Urschel 574-229-2268 lurschel@hotmail.com
- Mary Newbold 574-291-5300 newbold125@yahoo.com



Coming in May On a Saturday!

Mark your calendar for the Pro-Am SwissTeam Event - **Saturday Afternoon, May 5th at 12 Noon for lunch & 1 pm game time.** Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with fewer than 500 points. The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! By the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy. Certainly worth the trip!



ACBL-Wide Charity Game Red Point Winners



On February 21, the ACBL held a charity game and awarded red points. There were 2,161 players in attendance.

Our red point recipients were:

Julie Jarvis & Randy Peterson, Bill Flanagan & Susan Farrington, Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin, Marty Alig & Dick Hastings, Elaine DeLaney & Sara Marcus, Iris Goerner & Linda Podlin and Lee Boser & Ren Singleton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLAYERS!

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Be sure to make reservations for you and your special partner to attend the Recognition Celebration, April 21st at noon for lunch & bridge. Those honored will be: Sapphire Life Masters **Lee Boser, Marian David, Tricia Killeen,** Ruby Life Masters **Chris Habegger and Ruth Minish,** Silver Life Master **E.Time Carl** and Bronze Life Masters **Jill Cullby and Bob Knoblock.**

Education Updates



Elaine DeLaney's April Lesson Schedule

The mini-lessons in April will cover preemptive and competitive bidding.

Lesson Time Fridays : 2 -2:15 PM

Game time: 2:15 - 5 PM Cost: \$7.00 or \$8.00

THURSDAY, NEWCOMER GAME - 9:30

The schedule for April:

5th & 19th - Games

12th & 26th - Practice Session on doubles

If you need a partner, contact Tricia Killeen by e-mail at patricia_killeen@att.net or phone 574-271-1345



J & J MONDAY MORNING CLASSES

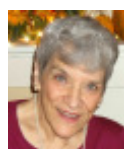
Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will offer classes in April as listed below

2 - Unusual No Trump

9 - Splinter Bids

16 - Play of the Hand

23 - New Minor Forcing



Mondays Plus

9:30 to 11:30

Cost \$5.00

BASICS, BASICS & MORE BASICS



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May 2018



Cinco de Mayo Dawg advises that there is **no Sunday Swiss Team game on the 13th of May**. Other activities for the month include: a Pro-Am Swiss Team on the afternoon of Saturday, May 5th; three Club Championships; six Grass Roots Fund games; and Swiss Team Games on Tuesdays, 5/1 & 5/15 and on Sunday, the 27th. Ladies play free on Mother's Day, the 13th. Take advantage of the extra points that can be earned at these special games. **The Bridge Club will be open on 5/28 (Memorial Day).** *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER VIRGINIA STIPP

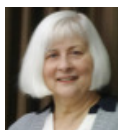
The South Bend Bridge Club is proud to announce the latest achievement by one of our members, Gini Stipp. She just recently became a Sapphire Life Master, which means she has amassed 3500 masterpoints and will be honored next spring. Congratulations, Gini!



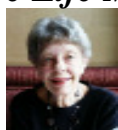
Celebration of the 2017 Life Masters!

On April 21st the Club honored the special members who have achieved a new Life Master status during the past year. The celebratory day included a lunch provided by Joan Tobler and her committee, Tricia Killeen and Marty Martin, and the game was directed by Tom Hebron. Winners of the Open Pairs were Elaine DeLaney & Tom Hallum, The 399er winners were Julie Jarvis and Julie Nelson. Those honored were:

Sapphire Life Masters



Tricia Killeen



Marian David



Leroy Boser

Ruby Life Masters



Chris Habegger



Ruth Minish

Bronze Life Masters



Jill Culby



Bob Knoblock

Silver Life Master



E. Tim Carl



Vic Papai, Treasurer

Appreciation Award

PRO-AM SWISS

On a Saturday!



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The Pros will be sitting either North or East so the seeding will be fair. This has been a very successful event, and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! by the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, **Bill Searcy @ 12 Noon**. Certainly worth the trip! \$7 play - \$5 meal.



Welcome to District 12

When you joined ACBL, if you lived in Northern Indiana, you were automatically assigned to Unit 154, District 8. That meant that if you wanted to participate in Grand National Teams or North American Pairs, you had to travel to Springfield IL or Champaign IL to compete. Last fall members of Unit 154 petitioned ACBL for us to leave District 8 (which includes Northern Indiana, all of Illinois except Chicago, St. Louis, and a part of Kentucky around Paducah) and to join District 12 (most of Michigan and Northwest Ohio around Toledo). Almost 85% of Unit 154's members signed a petition requesting this move. When the ACBL Board of Directors met at the Philadelphia NABC in March, permission was granted to make the move. One of the major reasons for the move is geography - there are more ties between Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan because players travel more frequently between these areas. Some changes: The STaC games will be in June and October and Grand Nationals May 11-12 in Southfield MI. If you have questions about tournaments or other issues, you can get information from the District 12 web page - **District12Bridge.org**. We hope your experiences with District 12 will be good ones. *Tricia Killeen*

REMINDER: The Fort Wayne Sectional is May 18-20.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Adams
 02 Joan Tobler
 03 Shirley Soucek
 11 Raji Sundararajan
 14 Karen Nagy
 15 Joyce Sopko
 17 Fred Binder
 21 Nancy Saunders
 22 Roger Chrastil
 22 Kent Dennis



Top Games in April

Pair Games:

149ers:	4/13 Kurt & Joey Stiver	66.25%
	4/13 Barb Emmons & Candace Hurwich	62.50%
Newcomers:	4/05 Judy Kearns & Judith McCullough	62.50%
	4/05 Mary Newbold & Donna Tieman	62.50%
399ers:	4/09 Conrad Adams & Bill Flanagan	67.36%
	4/16 Conrad Adams & Susan Farrington	67.00%
Open:	4/09 Sara Marcus & Joan Tobler	69.94%
	4/09 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	69.74%

Swiss Team Games:

Tuesday 4/3 Open: John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen & Gini Stipp
 Sunday 4/8 Open: Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday 4/17 Open: John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Ren Singleton
 Tuesday 4/17 399ers: Irene Cooperrider, Margaret Lewis, Peggy Lyzun & Marty Martin
 Sunday, 4/22 Open: Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings, Lena Howard & Sara Marcus

MOVING ON UP

Sapphire Life Master: **Gini Stipp**



MEMBER UPDATES

Julie Nelson Phone Correction: 574-272-2502
Dave Barkmeier Phone change: 574-341-2999

more from our

creative genius

He's baaack! Our resident woodworking genius is at it again! Pictured on the left is the latest creation by Tom Hebron. This "gadget" holds extra bidding cards for those times when you can't find the 2 of hearts bid card, the 6 of diamonds card or a decent looking pass card. Tom had the help of his son, Andy, who created the letters using a 3-D printer. The bid card holder is a wonderful idea & another in a long list of Tom's beautiful creations. Thanks, again, Tom!



Transfers and Relays -

Alert or announcement?

The following came up recently at SBBC.
 Please note:

When partner opens 1 or 2 NT and responder bids diamonds or hearts (Jacoby Transfers), opener announces "**transfer**" and bids accordingly.

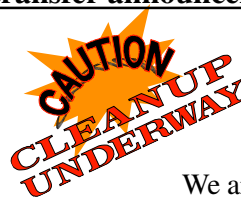
If, over 1 NT, 2 spades shows both minors, responder announces "**both minors**".

If 2 spades shows one of the minors, responder "**alerts**" properly and announces "**RELAY**" to clubs and responder will normally pass or correct to diamonds.

If the partnership uses this method, it is not a transfer announcement, but an alert.



Bill Searcy



A **BIG** THANK YOU
 TO OUR HOST & HOSTESSES

We are proud of our bridge center which is well maintained due to the diligence of our Host and Hostesses. They are the people who make the coffee, put out the food, make sure messes are cleaned up, and the carpet is swept. Thanks to **Joan Tobler**, who schedules the troops, which include: **Tim Carl, Karen Drain, Elaine DeLaney, JoEllen DePaepe, Leslie Garvey, Marty Martin, Ruth Minish, & Karen Nagy.**

Education Updates

THURSDAY MORNING CLASSES

Tricia Killeen, along with the dedicated mentors, will continue her **Beginning Lessons**. The Newcomer group will work on Doubles in May. The schedule is:

May 3, 17, & 31: Game

May 10: Takeout Doubles, Double & Bid Hands

May 24: Negative Doubles

Contact Tricia at patriciakilleen@att.net.

or call 574-271-1345.

Times: 9:15 to 11:30

Cost: \$6



J & J MONDAY MORNING CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler's Class Schedule is:



May 7 - Basic Bidding & filling a Convention Card

May 14 - 3rd, 4th and Beyond Bids

May 21 - Weak Twos & Their Responses

May 28 - Memorial Day - **no class**

Mondays @ 9:30 to 11:30

Cost: \$5



Elaine's Classes

Friday game and mini-lesson for May:

Takeout doubles and overcalls after the opponents preempt. Lesson: 2-2:15 PM

Game 2:15 PM - 5:15 PM Cost: \$7 or \$8





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June 2018



The month of June offers six (6) NAP (North American Pairs) Games, a week of STac Games (June 25 to July 1), the Sunday Team games on the 10th & 24th, a Men's free play on Father's Day the 17th, and the Tuesday Swiss Team games on the 5th & 19th, Be sure to sign up for all these activities.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Len a Howard Diamond Life Master

The South Bend Bridge club is proud to announce the latest achievement by one of our members, Lena Howard. She has earned 5000 points to become a Diamond Life Master. Lena works very hard to constantly improve her bridge by playing at the club and online. There are very few days that we don't find her smiling face, a flower in her hair, with an eagerness to figure out this tough game. Sounds like she has conquered most of it! Well done, Lena. She will be honored next spring at our annual Recognition Lunch.



Congratulations, Lena!

PRO-AM WINNERS



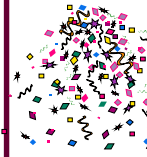
Our semi-annual Pro-Am Swiss Team Event, held on Saturday afternoon May 5th, was a great success! There were 12 teams of life masters or players with more than 500 points partnering with non-life master players with fewer than 500 points. The winners were (pictured l to r): **Lee Boser, Ren Singleton, Kathy Peterson and Dave Barkmeier.** We send our congratulations! In addition, a hearty thank you to Director Bill Searcy (our hot dog chef) for running the event so smoothly & to Joan Tobler's committee, Marty Martin & Tricia Killeen for the festivities and the tasty spread. Look for the next Pro-Am in August!

NEW TREASURER, Gini Stipp

Thank you, Gini, for stepping in as our new Treasurer. We appreciate the work you are doing and will be doing.



IT'S PARTY TIME!!!



Each month we will be celebrating the accomplishments of our 399er players who have recently risen in the rankings.



This month we are having our first party on the 25th of June to honor the members listed below. Our heartiest congratulations to them for having achieved the following rankings as they make the journey from Rookie to Life Master. This month we are honoring the following:

ADVANCED ACBL MASTERS

Linda Odell
William Odell

NABC MASTERS (200-299)

JoEllen DePaepe
Jean Scheibelhut

REGIONAL MASTERS(100-199)

Conrad Adams	Pat Laing
Myra Anthony	Margaret Lewis
Ivy Benson	Reggie Lowenhar
Bill Blauvelt	Guy Morrival
Bruce BonDurant	Jill Mroczkiewicz
Christopher Clarke	Ted Mullett
Irene Cooperrider	Karen Nagy
Clarke Dippell	Sue Pattillo
William Flanagan	Florence Retek
Iris Goerner	Roger Skurski
Carol Kraabel	Edward Trubac

A great accomplishment!

Look for the next party in July!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- 08 Dick Hastings
- 09 Kathleen Peterson
- 11 Don Groch, Julie Nelson
- 14 Ivey Benson
- 21 Ann Ullman
- 27 Nancy Shaffer
- 28 Patricia Borchert, Marty Martin
- 29 June Glazer
- 30 Bruce BonDurant

Top Games in May

Pair Games:

New-comers	5/10 Judy Kearns & Judith McCullough	60.43%
	5/10 Kent Dennis & Julie Jarvis	58.33%
	5/10 Mel Meyer & Linda Urschel	58.33%
149ers:	5/04 Candace Hurwich & Margaret Lewis	69.44%
	5/18 Bob DuComb & Fred Maione	63.75%
399ers:	5/02 Chris Clarke & John Gadd	66.00%
	5/30 Conrad Adams & Susan Farrington	65.28%
Open:	5/14 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	72.32%
	5/31 Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	70.83%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open:	5/27 Elaine DeLaney, June Glazer, Dick Hastings, & Sara Marcus
Tuesday Open:	5/01 Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard, Sara Marcus, & William Searcy
Tuesday Open:	5/15 John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Bruce Sokol, & Gini Stipp
Tuesday 399er:	5/15 Bill Blum, Chris Clarke, Bob Lewis & Gerry Wardzinski

MOVIN' ON UP



Raji Sundararajan	Junior Master
Gerry Wardzinski	Club Master
Lena Howard	Diamond Life Master

Member Updates

Sara Marcus	Phone Correction	574-272-8299
Gerry Wardzinski	Phone Correction	757-676-2273
Dick Scheibelhut	Phone Correction	574-245-7823

PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE LISTS!

VOUCHER SUPPLY

There is a new system for buying and receiving blue vouchers. Present your money to the director, and you will be given vouchers immediately. Check out the beautiful new cabinet that stores our supply of vouchers at the Director's Station made by Tom Hebron and his son Andy



The SBBC Summer Sectional August 3, 4 & 5

will be held at the Kroc Community Center. The schedule will be published on the ACBL website as well as in our July newsletter and August Calendar.

Thank You

THANK YOU to Christine Barker for picking up the extra table fees for the STaC games from June 24 through July 1. Her gift will allow our members to play for the regular special fee of \$8 instead of \$9.

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to JoEllen DePaepe for organizing and distributing the vouchers each month which our members find so handy. She has been taking care of this chore for the past four years.

One more **THANK YOU** to Andy Hebron for helping Tom Hebron (better known as Dad) with the construction of the Bidding Card Holder and the Voucher Holder (by the Director's Table).

S U G G E S T I O N !

If you're playing with a new partner and need to fill out a convention card, come early and go to an unoccupied table to have your discussion so that you do not disturb other players.

The *Longest* Day

On Wednesday, June 20th, our club will be accepting donations for the ACBL-Alzheimer Association's fundraiser, *The Longest Day*. Every one of us has experienced seeing either a friend, relative or loved one touched by this disease. Your help is needed to stamp out this hurtful and hurting disease. Your donations will be much appreciated.

Education Updates

J & J Monday Classes in June:

4th - Weak twos, preempts, and their responses.



11th - More third, fourth bids and beyond.

18th - Play of the Hand, and Scoring Strategy - guest speaker Bill Searcy.

Contact Jo Ann at

joann1107@comcast.net,

phone 574-243-1355 or Joan at 269-687-9766.

Time: 9:30 -11:30 Cost: \$5



Tricia's Newcomer Group will have a real game on June 7th. On June 14, 21, & 28 the classes will be featuring negative doubles and practice sessions. Contact Tricia at 574-271-1345 or e-mail Triciakilleen @att.net.

Times: 9:15 to 11:30

Cost \$6.00

Elaine DeLaney's scheduled topic is Jacoby 2NT:



Friday Lesson & Game - Cost \$7 or \$8

Lesson: 2-2:15 PM Game: 2:15 - 5 PM

There will **NOT** be a lesson on 6/15 & 6/22 so the game will start @ 2 PM.



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July 2018



This issue marks the beginning of the newsletter's 9th year. It's been fun to discover so much about our members and to celebrate their achievements. This month brings a holiday on the 4th (**we will be open**), the Sunday Swiss games on the 8th & the 22nd, and the Tuesday Swiss games on the 3rd and the 17th. On July 9th we will have the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game (thank you to Rich Mao) and on the 25th a Recognition Party for the Sectional Masters in our club. Also, there will be nine NAP (North American Pairs) games offering extra points.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Robert Adams, Gold Life Master

The South Bend Bridge Club is proud to announce the latest achievement by one of our members, Bob Adams. He recently became a Gold Life Master, which means he earned a career total of 2500 masterpoints and will be honored next spring.



Congratulations, Bob!

Tournament News

Join us for our Summer Sectional located at the **Kroc Community Center, 900 W. Western, South Bend**. Bill Searcy, our Tournament Chairman, and his team are planning our annual sectional this year sponsored by Unit 154. The tournament flyer can be viewed at the ACBL site and hard copies will be at the Club. We look forward to seeing you there!



Friday, August 4 - All Single Sessions at 10 & 3
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Games Single Sessions
**** Limited 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

Saturday, August 5 - All Single Sessions at 10 & 3
Stratified Open Pairs/Team Games Single Sessions
**** Limited 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

Sunday, Aug. 6 - Open Stratified Swiss Teams - 10 AM
Box lunch included with short lunch break - \$10 added to playing fee for great box lunch..

THE LONGEST DAY ACBL WIDE CHARITY GAME to conquer Alzheimer's Disease

Our club members gave generously to the Alzheimer's Association at the Longest Day event on Wednesday, June 20th. The grand total was \$400. We thank everyone who contributed.



More Parties



On July 25 we are having another party to celebrate the bridge accomplishments of our players listed below who have achieved the status of Sectional Master (50-99). We want to honor them for having achieved the following ranking as they make their journey from Rookie to Life Master. The Honorees are:



SECTIONAL MASTERS (50-99)

Dottie Cahill	Lyla Lockhart
George Cramer	Peggy Lyzun
Merrill Crull	Marty Martin
Joan Fahey	Mary Muller
Gloria Falcone	Norm Muller
Susan Farrington	Julie Nelson
Sally Frame	Anita Nunemaker
John Gadd	Ben Paulson
Sharon Kolski	Maureen Skurski
Robert Lewis	Mary Wisniewski

SOME FUN TRIVIA

Did you know that the Traditional Deck of the Playing Cards is a strikingly coherent form of a Calendar???

There are 52 weeks in a year and so are 52 Playing Cards in a Deck.

There are 13 weeks in each Season and thus there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 Seasons in a Year and 4 Suits in the Deck.

There are 12 Months in a Year as there are 12 Court Cards (Those with faces, namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit).

The Red Cards represent the Day, while the Black Cards represent the Night.

If you consider Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3 + ... to 13 = 91. Multiply this by 4, for the 4 Suits, therefore 91 x 4 = 364, Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the Days in a Year? ?? Fascinating!

Thank you, Tom Hallum!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Fred Maione
 03 Suzanne Watson
 06 Jimmy Cordas
 10 John Killeen
 11 Maureen Conboy
 19 Rich Mao
 22 Ren Singleton
 23 Susan Farrington
 31 Rebecca Link



Top Games in June

Pair Games:

149ers:	6/29	Bob Lewis & Nancy Saunders	60.42%
	6/15	Rosemary Polizzotto & Annette Tyler	60.00%
399ers:	6/11	Bill Blauvelt & Gerry Wardzinski	73.61%
	6/25	Conrad Adams & Peggy Lyzun	68.00%
Open:	6/15	John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon	68.57%
	6/25	Bill Searcy & Joan Tobler	68.46%

SWISS TEAM GAMES

Tuesday 6/5	Jimmy Cordas, Elaine DeLaney, Open	Bud Hiinckley & Richard Mao
Sunday 6/10	Lynne Breuhlman, Cappy Gagnon Open	Tom Rossow & Vance Senecal
Tuesday 6/19	John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Open	Sara Marcus & Ren Singleton
Tuesday 6/19	Becky Delahanty, Bonnita Laub, 399ers	Julie Nelson & Kathy Stegmaier
Sunday 6/24	Martin Alig, Richard Hastings, Open	Lena Howard & Rosemary Zonker

Member Updates

Ron McKay (new member) 574-232-4480
PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE LISTS!

MOVING ON UP

Kathy Stegmaier	Junior Master
Bob Adams	Gold Life Master



PRO-AM SWISS

Mark your calendar for **ANOTHER Pro-Am Swiss Team Game - Saturday afternoon, August 25th.** Then get your team together. Each pro (life master or player with more than 500 points) will be playing with a non-life master with 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 at noon offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy. Certainly worth the trip! \$7 play - \$5 meal.



LOVE THAT NEGATIVE DOUBLE

Recently there was the use of a negative double that kept the defenders from getting a less-than-average board. The bidding went South 1C - West 1D - North double (which promises 4-4 in the majors - etched in stone). East-West landed in a 5 diamond contract holding:

♠	Q 7 6 3		♠	J 10 9 8 6
♥	Q 10 6 4		♥	A J 8 2
♦	5		♦	Q J 7 6
♣	Q 7 6 5		♣	-----
		W		
♠	K	N	E	
♥	K 9 3			
♦	A K 10 9 4 2	S		
♣	J 3 2			
♠	A 4 2			
♥	7 5			
♦	8 3			
♣	A K 10 9 8 4			

During the play of the hand, a spade was led from the board but South went up with the A of spades because she counted and knew that West could only have ONE spade. (South is not going to be fooled.) This is a time when you **DO NOT** play second hand low. Sometimes you have to **THINK!** Throw the second hand low "rule" out the window and use an actual bidding/hand analysis. A difference of a result of -400 or -420, a below average board!!! Thank you Negative Double!

Time for Laughter

Overheard at the Table....

East: We'd like you to know that we play 'Lavinthal' discards".

North: Thanks. We play Tylenol discards. My partner's discards give me a headache!

A special thanks to Rich Mao for again sponsoring the Instant Matchpoint Game to be held on 7/9! His generosity helps the club AND our members.

Education Updates

Tricia's Newcomer Group (Thursday mornings)



will be working on the following:

July 5: Game

July 12, 19, 26: No trump bids & Responses

9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$6.00

"J & J" July Classes - 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00

In the following weeks, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer will present:

July 2 - 3rd, 4th and Beyond Bids (continued)

July 9 - Forcing & Non-Forcing Bids

July 16 - Passed Hand Bidding

July 23 - Jacoby 2NT (Splinter system in August)

July 30 - Guest Speaker Bill Searcy - Negative Doubles



Elaine DeLaney's Friday Classes for July:

Friday mini-lessons & game topic:

Competing effectively using overcalls.

2-2:15PM Game time: 2:15-5 Cost: \$7 or \$8



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August 2018



The August schedule features the **SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL**, the 4th through the 6th, **SPECIAL CLUB MASTERS PARTY** on the 15th, ten NAP (North American Pairs) games and our Swiss Team games on Sundays, the 12th & 26th and on Tuesdays, the 7th & 21st. Also, be sure to get your teams signed up for the Pro-Am cookout game on **Saturday afternoon**, August 25th. These activities are waiting just for YOU!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

SOUTH BEND SUMMER SECTIONAL

Join us for our Summer Sectional located at the **Kroc Community Center, 900 W. Western, South Bend from August 3 through the 5th**. Bill Searcy, tournament chairman, and his team are looking forward to welcoming you. **Single sessions on August 3 and 4 are at 10:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M. and the Sunday Swiss, starting at 10 AM will include a short lunch break with an added playing fee for a box lunch.**

Tournament Chairman... Bill Searcy, 574-536-1632
Willyslots@aol.com
Partnerships..... Karen Nagy, 574-514-7677
kanagy14@gmail.com

RUTH MINISH

September 22, 1940 - July 18, 2018



It is with great sadness that we announce that Ruth passed away in July. Ruth was one of the loveliest, smartest, and most gracious ladies in the Club. She played almost every day, was a hostess every Friday, and was on the welcoming committee for special club events. With tongue in cheek, the club awarded her the

“Neatness Award” - no one could lay down her dummy cards as perfectly as she did.

Ruth was born and raised in Canada. She met Bill Minish, and they were married in 1973. They traveled to many exotic places. Bill’s job took them to Brazil where she learned to speak fluent Portuguese. When they moved to the South Bend area, she began taking bridge lessons from Elaine DeLaney. After that she was on her way to earning her Life Master and Silver Life Master. Her latest achievement was reaching the Ruby Life Master plateau of 1500 points in 2017 for which she was honored this past spring.

She did tell us that her most memorable day was when she became a Life Master with her special partners, Joan Tobler, John & Tricia Killeen and Don Groch in the Gatlinburg tournament.

Ruth, we will miss you!

Let’s Keep Partyin g! A Celebration of the New Club Masters - August 15th

CLUB MASTERS (20-49)

Dave Barkmeier	Kathy Klaer
William Blum	Bonita Laub
Roger Chrastil	Vicki McIntire
Robert Currey	Tami McNally
Barbara Emmons	Kathleen Peterson
Candace Hurwich	Ann Ullman
	Gerry Wardzinski

**399ers are
Special!**

The Board wants to let all the members who play in the 399er, 149er, and Newcomer games know how much it appreciates their support of the South Bend Bridge Club. One way the Board has tried to communicate this is by having four special recognition days in June, July, August, and September to honor our Advanced NABC Masters, NABC Masters, Regional Masters, Club Masters, Junior Masters, and Rookies. Another way the Board tries to include these members is by having Margaret Lewis and Marty Martin (both members of the Board) seek out feedback about things happening at the club.

The Board wants all of you to feel that you are a vital component of our organization and your opinions are valued. The Board will strive to make the club reflect your desires as much as possible.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Dan McCarthy
- 06 Leroy Boser, Joy Evard,
Elaine Thompson
- 08 Rosemary Polizzotto
- 15 Dee Stevenson
- 16 Bill Blauvelt, Roger Skurski
- 17 Martie Black
- 18 Virginia Peterson, Rosemary Zonker
- 19 Tom Rossow
- 28 David Woods
- 30 Carole Miracle, Teen Robertson



Top Games in July Pair Game

399ers:	7/30	Conrad Adams & Bill Flanagan	61.67%
	7/09	Robert Chrastil & Candace Hurwich	61.24%
Open:	7/10	Lee Boser & Ren Singleton	68.75%
	7/25	John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon	66.14%
Fri. PM	7/13	Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	65.08%
	7/20	Ann Saal & Tom Saal	58.75%

Swiss Team Games

Sunday Open:	John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus, 7/8 & Virginia Stipp
Tuesday Open:	Cappy Gagnon, Vern Robinson, Doug Scripture 7/3 & Vance Senecal
Sunday Open:	John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Tom Rossow 7/22 & Virginia Stipp
Tuesday Open:	Bob Knoblock, Hugh Metzger, Ted Mullett, 7/17 & Rosemary Zonker
Tuesday 399ers:	Bill Blum, Chris Clark, Stanley Shook 7/17 & Gerry Wardzinski

MOVING ON UP

Rosemary Polizzotto	Junior Master
Rajagopal Sarma	Junior Master
Donna Tieman	Junior Master
Roger Chrastil	Sectional Master
Mary Hintz	Sectional Master
Peggy Lyzun	Regional Master



Member Updates

Joan Aldridge 574-210-7724
PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE
AND E-MAIL LISTS!

ANNUAL SBBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 - 3:00 PM



Don't Forget! The South Bend Bridge Club Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at 3 PM. President Joan Tobler will present her "State of the Club" report. Also, the Nominating Committee will submit a proposed slate of nominees for approval by the membership.

Our members may be wondering why there is only one candidate running for election. In February 2018, at a special membership meeting, the members agreed to amend the by-laws. The number of board members was reduced from 9 to 7. The Nominating Committee (John Killeen, Gini Stipp and Lee Boser) contacted the three members whose terms are ending: Bob Knoblock, Barb Fedder, and Joan Tobler. Barb has served for 4.5 years, and the by-laws limit service on the board to 6 years; thus she is not eligible to run for a three year term. Bob has decided not to seek a second term. Joan Tobler has agreed to run for a second term. As always, nominations from the floor will be taken at the Annual Meeting.

INSTANT MATCHPOINT REPORT

On July 9, our club participated in the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. The game was sponsored in part by Rich Mao who has our thanks. The winners were:

Open Pairs:	N/S - Sara Marcus and Joan Tobler
	E/W - Cappy Gagnon & Manoj Deb Roy
399ers:	N/S - Irene Cooperrider & Patricia Laing
	E/W - Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich

Each winner received a **GOLD POINT!**

Education Updates

"J & J" August Classes

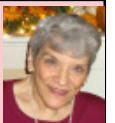
Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00

By popular demand, each class will begin with
BASIC BIDDING

with PLAY OF THE HAND EMPHASIZED

8/6 Play of the Hand	8/13 Splinter Bids
8/20 Play the Hand	8/27 TBA

Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net,
574-243-1355 or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.



The Newcomer games on Thursday

mornings will continue in August with a 9:15 starting time. "On August 2, there will be a team game, and the rest of the month will cover "How to Keep Score"

For more information contact Tricia Killeen at 574-271-1345, or e-mail patrickilleen@att.net.. Cost \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney's scheduled topics are:

Friday mini-lesson and game: Lesson topic will be Overcalls & Competitive Bidding. Lesson time 2-2-15 PM Game: 2:15- 5 PM Cost: \$7.00 or \$8.00.





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September 2018



This month's "specials" are lots of **International Fund** games with extra masterpoints awarded. Be sure to schedule a game on Wednesday, the 12th, for the **SBBC Annual Meeting** at 3 P.M.. We also have a very special Recognition celebration for Junior Masters with cake on the 10th! Don't forget the Swiss Team games - the Sunday Swiss on the 9th & 23rd and the Tuesday Swiss on the 4th & 18th. Be sure to get your teams lined up. Lots of great opportunities for you to pick up those coveted masterpoints!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

of the South Bend Bridge Club will be held on **Wednesday the 12th at 3:00 PM.** President **Joan Tobler** will present her "State of the Club" report.

Proposed Slate of a Board Member for membership approval:

(1) candidate for a 3-year term - Joan Tobler

Submitted by the Nominating Committee

John Killeen Leroy Boser Gini Stipp

WHAT? ANOTHER PARTY?

Absolutely!!! This month we have quite an impressive list of Junior Masters (16-19 master points) to honor. Join us for an afternoon to honor their major achievement.

Maureen Conboy	Nancy Saunders
Gayle Gonser	Kathy Stegmaier
Julie Jarvis	Joey Stiver
Penny Krug	Kurt Stiver
Fred Maione	Raji Sundararajan
Bernadette Pohlman	Donna Tieman
Rosemary Polizzotto	Janet Turnock
Rajagopal Sarma	David Woods

PATRICIA BORCHERT

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Pat earned another bridge honor when she recently became a Ruby Life Master (1500 masterpoints). Besides playing bridge, Pat's passion is travel. She goes often to Europe and has visited Russia, Hawaii, Alaska and many places in the States. In June this year she wandered Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Warsaw among others. Her other interests are music, art, movies, theatre & reading! Right now she is busy downsizing and planning to move to a place requiring less upkeep so she can pursue all her interests. Fortunately for us, she still finds time to join us at the club. **CONGRATS, PAT!**



THE PASSING OF A GENTLE MAN Paul Scherer

October 12, 1933 - August 26, 2018



Paul Scherer, a beloved member of the SBBC, passed away in August. He is survived by his wife, Darlene and their children, Maria, Mark & John. He was a Silver Life Master and was only a few points away from becoming a Gold Life Master. History buffs sought him out about past events as he was a master of all things historical. He taught at several colleges and, after retirement, taught locally at Forever Learning Institute.

Paul was not only a gentleman but a gentle man. He was thoughtful and kind with a gracious smile for everyone and a marvelous sense of humor. But, with all his kindness, he could still be a tough competitor at the bridge table. We shall miss him greatly.

2018 SBBC SUMMER SECTIONAL TOP TEN SILVER POINT WINNERS

TOP TEN OPEN

Bud Hinckley	39.28
John Bodish	35.00
Rich Mao	28.62
Lena Howard	19.46
Bill Searcy	19.41
David Bontrager	15.10
Tom Hallum	14.62
Barb Myers	12.92
Donald Groch	11.97
Jo Ann Steigmeyer	11.24

TOP TEN 299ers

Gayle Gonser	6.60
Julie Jarvis	5.20
Randy Peterson	5.20
Ivye Benson	3.89
Reggie Lowenhar	3.70
Irene Cooperrider	3.43
Julie Nelson	2.29
Jill Mroczkiewicz	2.29
Anita Nunemaker	2.29
Donna Tieman	1.94
Raji Sundararajan	1.94

THANKS

We have new carpeting! It was installed while our sectional tournament was going on and we couldn't have gotten the room ready without the help of the following people.

Andy Hebron, Connie Hebron, Lee Boser, Cappy Gagnon, Chris Habegger, Ken @ Town & Country, Karen Nagy, Tom Hallum, Bud Hinckley & Chris Papai.

ST. JOSEPH SECTIONAL Oct. 5 - 7
HIGHLAND SECTIONAL Oct. 19 - 21

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Stanley Shook
 03 Irene Cooperrider, John Gadd, Bob DuComb
 09 Myra Anthony
 14 Dorothy Cahill
 21 Conrad Adams
 24 Chris Habegger
 25 Dave Bontrager
 29 Christine Barker, Aimee Bjornstad



Top Games in August

Pair Games:

399ers:	8/01 Christopher Clarke & John Gadd	69.13%
	8/29 Julie Nelson & Sue Pattillo	68.06%
Th. am	8/02 Judith Kearns & Judith McCullough	61.11%
	8/02 Joy Evard & Mel Meyer	56.94%
Fri. pm	8/17 Candace Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	62.50%
	8/24 Rosemary Polizzotto & Annette Tyler	62.50%
Open:	8/29 Marty Alig & Dave Bontrager	66.62%
	8/08 Marty Alig & Dick Hastings	66.07%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday 8/12	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
Sunday 8/26	Marty Alig, Elaine DeLaney, Dick Hastings, & Lena Howard
Tie	John & Tricia Killeen, Tom Rossow & Gini Stipp
Tuesday 8/07	John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen & Gini Stipp
Tuesday 8/21	Conrad & Mary Adams, Karen Nagy & Martie Black
Tuesday 399ers 8/21	Patricia Laing, Lyla Lockhart, Julie Nelson & Kathy Stegmaier

MOVIN' ON UP

Judith McCullough	Junior Master
Julie Jarvis	Club Master
Raji Sundararajan	Club Master
Julie Nelson	Regional Master
Pat Borchert	Ruby Life Master



Member Updates

New Members

Ann & Tom Saal	Phone 574-264-3965
Carol Beineman	Phone 269-445-8434

MEA CULPA, MEA CULPA, MEA MAXIMA CULPA

In last month's edition three errors occurred. The following are corrections:

Joan Aldrich (spelling error) Phone # 574-272-9977
 7/3 Tuesday Swiss Team game, the winners were:
 John & Tricia Killeen, Gini Stipp & Rosemary Zonker
 7/8 Sunday Swiss Team game, the winners were:
 Elaine Delaney, Richard Hastings, LaDora Sloan &
 Rosemary Zonker *apologies from the Editor*

PRO-AM SWISS WINNERS



Congratulations to the winners of another successful Pro-Am Swiss Team Event. Pictured are Gayle Gonser, Dave Bontrager, Raji Sundararajan and Raji's Dad, Raja Sarma (seated). There were 12 teams in attendance enjoying a Saturday afternoon with hot dogs & extras provided by the Chef, Bill Searcy, & the Hostess Committee, Joan Tobler, Marty Martin & Tricia Killeen.. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

The South Bend Sectional Tournament

was held the first week-end of August at the Kroc Community Center. We had outstanding participation, particularly from the 299ers.

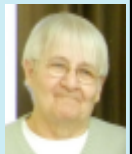
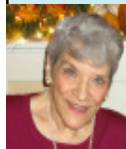


The total number of tables was 138 with 163 players. The Tournament committee who worked diligently to make the event a success was led by the Tournament Chairman, Bill Searcy. There were many volunteers, particularly the hostesses, the greeters, partnership chairpersons, caddies and our fellows doing the heavy duty lifting. We particularly want to thank Joan Aldrich, Lee Boser, Tom Hebron, Cameron Hooley (Searcy's grandson), John & Tricia Killeen, Karen Nagy, and Joan Tobler for all their hard work.

Education Updates

"J & J" September Classes - Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30

Beginning September 10th (no class on Labor Day), Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Joan Tobler are scheduling classes on defense (covering leads, signals, & defensive thinking) and play of the hand. Of course, **ALWAYS** basics and bidding. Contact Jo Ann by phone 574-243-1355, by e-mail at joann1107@comcast.net, or contact Joan at 269-687-9766. **Cost \$5**



Tricia Killeen's schedule for the September



Thursday classes beginning 9/6 will cover: "What should I lead? Contact Tricia Killeen by phone (574-271-1345) or by e-mail at patriciakilleen@att.net. 9:15 - 11:30 **Cost \$6**

Elaine DeLaney's scheduled subjects presented on Fridays in September will cover Competitive Bidding. Mini-lessons at 2:00 pm and game from 2:15 to 5 PM. **Cost \$7 or \$8**



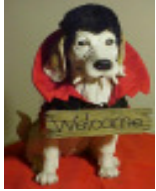


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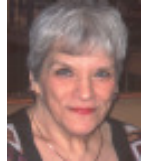
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October 2018



“Count Dawgula” wishes you a Happy Halloween. We have three new masters to acknowledge this month, and we will be honoring them at a special luncheon in the spring. The events planned for the month of October include: 8 Club Appreciation games, 1 Club Championship, 4 Junior Fund games, and an ACBL-wide Senior Pairs Game, all of which are a wonderful source of extra master points. Of special interest are the St. Joseph Sectional, October 5-7 and the Highland Sectional, October 19-21. Be sure to attend these tournaments - they are in our District!



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Tom Hallum - Diamond Life Master

The title of Diamond Life Master has been bestowed on Tom Hallum for his lifetime achievement in the bridge world. Tom's earned many accolades in the past 40 years since he started playing duplicate in Chicago where he grew up. Tom plays a smart, competitive game & deserves the title of Diamond Life Master (5,000+ points). He makes SBBC a tough place for the rest of us to play and win!



Tom came to South Bend to be with his brother and cousins who live in the northern Indiana area, but every month he returns to Chicago to play with special partners that he's enjoyed playing with over the years. He claims he can't remember when or why he first started playing duplicate but, when he did, he certainly found his niche. Tom says, because bridge is a partnership game, having good partners is necessary to accumulate masterpoints and living here in Mishawaka has provided him with not only good partners but special friends.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT, TOM!

Hugh Metzger - Ruby Life Master



Back in June of 2011, we wrote about Hugh's role as a director. At that time he said "It took me 64 years to amass the 1000 points needed to become a silver life master At that rate I will be 176 years old before we can celebrate my gold life master." Well, here it is, only 7 years later and Hugh has become a Ruby Life Master (1500+ masterpoints), well on his

way. Hugh is very enthusiastic about the game and enjoys the social life and friendships he's found at the center. He has been instrumental in encouraging and playing with newer players. Considering he was born only three days before the October 29th Crash, his life has certainly not been in any way depressing. He brings a smile to each table and also some groans when he tells his "punny" jokes. He's a man we really appreciate and are happy to honor.

WELL DONE, HUGH!

Bud Hinckley - Sapphire Life Master

In recent years, Bud Hinckley has been directing bridge games more than he has played. But more than six years after becoming a Gold Life Master, he has reached the 3,500 masterpoint plateau.

Although Bud has recently moved to Stevensville, Michigan, he plans to continue his full time job at the Cook Nuclear Plant for at least another four years. He will be our resident "IT" computer expert while directing at least a few Mondays or Wednesdays each month.

He also expects to serve as a panelist on the District 8 Advocate Solvers Forum and will continue in his role as a Unit 154 South Bend area representative.



Bud would like to thank his regular partners over the last several years, in particular Richard Mao and Chayem Ben Moshe, for their assistance in helping him become a Sapphire Life Master.

CONGRATULATIONS, BUD!

2018 Service Award



The South Bend Bridge Club proudly presented Margaret Lewis the 2018 Service Award at the Annual Meeting on September 12th. Serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years, she has been a strong liaison for the 399ers. She

works tirelessly on their behalf and encourages them to play in the Swiss Team Games, sometimes bringing as many teams as on the open side. Margaret's name has been inscribed on the plaque located on the wall by the entrance.

FrankYoder III, June 4, 1944 - August 2018

We regret to report that Frank Yoder passed away in August. Frank was a member of the South Bend Bridge Club for many years playing often with his favorite partner, Elaine DeLaney. He was a formidable opponent with many of us being on the receiving end of his excellent play. We send our condolences to his family!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Muller, Carol Kilbourne
 12 David Barkmeier
 12 Guy Morriscal
 15 Pat Short
 16 Mary Powell, Barbara Emmons
 18 Phill Kolski, Peggy Lyzun
 22 Sherri Kolski
 24 John Scheibelhut
 26 Hugh Metzger
 26 Jean Scheibelhut
 28 Mike Young
 30 Linda Urshel
 31 Tom Hebron, Dick Scheibelhut



Top Games in September

Pair Games:

399ers.	9/10	Bill Blauvelt & Gerry Wardzinski	68.33%
	9/12	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	62.50%
Thurs am	9/06	Nancy Shaffer & Rebecca Link	61.46%
	9/06	Annette Tyler & Peggy Cunningham	59.38%
Fri. pm	9/14	Bonnita Laub & Kathy Stegmaier	65.76%
	9/21	Candy Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	63.54%
Open:	9/12	John Bodish & Cappy Gagnon	69.91%
	9/19	Lena Howard & Gini Stipp	69.24%

Swiss Team Games:

Tues. 9/04 Marian David, Lena Howard, Sara Marcus & Bill Searcy
 Sun. 9/09 Lee Boser, Lena Howard, Bill Searcy & Ren Singleton
 Tues. 9/18 John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Ren Singleton
 Tues. 9/18 Ivye Benson, Irene Cooperrider, Margaret 399ers Lewis & Peggy Lyzun
 Sun. 9/23 Lee Boser, Marian David, Ren Singleton & Joan Tobler
Tie Elaine DeLaney, Tom Hallum Dick Hastings & Lena Howard

MOVING ON UP

Anne Saal	Junior Master
Tom Saal	Junior Master
George Cramer	Regional Master
Mary Muller	Regional Master
Norm Muller	Regional Master
Hugh Metzger	Ruby Life Master
Bud Hinckley	Sapphire Life Master
Tom Hallum	Diamond Life Master



Member Updates

Carol Bieneman 269-445-8734 correction

Just a Reminder of Do's and Dont's

DO have your convention card filled out and open on the table so that the opponents can see both pages.

DO have your partner's and your convention cards filled out alike! (ACBL rule)

DON'T have your convention card open to the inside pages with your scores apparent for all the opponents to see and perhaps use to their advantage.

DON'T play a card from the board (if you are the dummy) until partner (declarer) has called for it - even if it is a singleton!

Some Bidding & Playing Hints.....

Didja' know? If partner (unpassed hand) responds 1 diamond to your 1 club opener, it does **NOT** mean that he doesn't have a 4-card major. He may be bidding up the line. He could be holding KQxx Qxx Qxxxx x.

Didja' know? You bid 1 or 2 NT, your partner bids Stayman (Standard bidding) & you hold BOTH majors! After you have responded with one of your 4-card majors and she then bids no trump indicating no fit, you can confidently bid the other major knowing she would not have used Stayman without having at least one 4-card major.

Didja' know? Leading A from an AK+ holding applies **only** to the **opening lead**. During the play, lead the K from an AK+ holding. Playing the Ace during the play of the hand will deny the king.

Education Updates

"J & J" October Classes

Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00
No classes on 10/1 & 10/29

10/08 Play of the Hand - No Trump Contracts
 10/15 Forcing & Non Forcing Bids
 10/22 Your requests!!!

Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net, 574-243-1355, or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.



Tricia Killeen will offer the following topics on Thursday mornings in October..

October 4: Game

October 11: Opening Leads

October 18 & 25: Filling out the convention card:

Contact Tricia at patrickilleen@att.net.

or call 574-271-1345.

Time: Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:30 Cost: \$6.00



Elaine DeLaney's Friday Lessons & Game:

Discussion: How to Compete Over Preempts

Lesson 2-2:15 Game 2:15-5:00 Cost \$7 or \$8

Contact Elaine if you would like to play but need a partner. elaine.delaney@comcast.net





SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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November 2018



Director Dawg wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. Be sure to pick up the November calendar to see the events scheduled. There will be 7 special games: 2 junior funds, 1 club championship for Multiple Sclerosis, a Grass Roots Fund, Education Foundation, ACBL Membership AND an International Fund. Don't forget the Swiss Team Games on the first & third Tuesdays and second & fourth Sundays. Take advantage of these special games that award extra points.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

She's doing it again and we thank her so much! PRESIDENT JOAN TOBLER

We are pleased to announce the re-election, by the Board of Directors, of Joan Tobler as President of the SBBC for this next year.

Other officers are:

Vice-President	Marty Martin
Secretary	Margaret Lewis
Treasurer	Virginia Stipp



The Board of Directors, in addition to the above listed officers, consists of:

Leslie Garvey, Ted Mullett, and Bill Searcy,
Our best wishes to all of them and congratulations!

RONALD PETERSON

Jan. 14, 1932 - Oct. 1, 2018



Dr. Ronald Peterson passed away in the company of his wife of 64 years, Virginia, and his seven children. Although his first love was his medical family practice, he was interested in so many activities such as raising Arabian horses, enjoying his time on his farm, running, and, of course, Duplicate Bridge. He and his wife played exclusively with each other, and both of them achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master. They were one of the few partners who played the Big Club in our club which challenged their defenders. His son, Randy, and daughter, Julie, are playing and carrying on his legacy. Our condolences to his family. We shall miss him.

Message from the Editor

Our members know that I love playing the game of bridge as well as teaching it, and I look forward to getting the newsletter out even if I am a little stressed at the end of the month. It's always a joy to acknowledge the achievements of our rising stars, but often it is very difficult and sad to have to write tributes about our bridge friends who have passed away. We want their families and friends to know that they have enriched our lives and that we miss them. Jo Ann S.

BYRON PARSHALL

June 11, 1926 - Oct. 5, 2018

Byron (Bud) Parshall passed away on Friday October 5th. Bud was raised in South Bend and graduated from the University of Michigan with an Engineering Degree. He was employed by N.A. Rockwell to serve as quality control manager involved in the NASA Space Program. However, he was not all work and no play. He was an avid fly fisherman, was an Arthur Murray ballroom dance instructor and achieved the lofty rank of life master. He was an extremely tough bridge competitor, particularly when he partnered with his favorite partner, Fred Binder. They really kept the other players on their toes. We will continue to have him in our thoughts.



LOIS GANSER

March 21, 1927 - Oct. 10, 2018



Lois hadn't played much bridge at the club in recent years but there are many of our members who remember her bridge ability and her warm smile. She was born and raised in South Bend where she met and married Fred Ganser. They were blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She enjoyed dancing with her number one partner, her husband, Fred. Of course, her love of bridge was legend and she earned the ranking of Life Master. Although we haven't seen much of her lately, we have good memories of time spent with her.

SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS



Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$20) will be collected during November and December for the year 2019.

Note: The club will be closed on Thanksgiving, the 22nd.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 James Kilbourne
 07 Jo Ann Steigmeyer
 07 Mary Newbold
 08 Karen Drain
 13 Bob Currey
 14 Margaret Lewis
 14 Lyla Lockhart
 16 Ben Paulson
 16 Mary Wisniewski
 17 Julie Jarvis
 18 Sharon Novotny
 23 Elaine DeLaney
 25 Kathy Klaer
 26 John Hamilton



Top Games in October

Pair Games:

399ers	10/22	John Gadd & Peggy Lysun	64.58%
	10/01	Roger Chrastil & Candace Hurwich	63.33%
Th.PM	10/12	Ruth Hagerty & Candace Hurwich	66.67%
	10/12	Joan Ferris & Rebecca Link	58.33%
Fri PM	10/19	Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	66.25%
	10/19	Bob Ducomb & Fred Maione	65.00%
Open:	10/30	Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao	69.01%
	10/25	Elaine DeLaney & Rich Mao	67.22%

Swiss Team Games:

Sun.	10/14	Martie Black, Elaine Thompson, Karen Nagy, Open & Reggie Lowenhar
Tues.	10/16	Tom Hallum, Connie Hebron, Tom Hebron, Open & Gerry Wardzinski
Tues.	10/16	Bill Blum, Chris Clarke, Richard Conyers, 399ers & Ron McKay
Sun.	10/28	John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Tom Rossow Open & Gini Stipp

Thanks to **Rich Mao** for lending us his dealing machine while ours is being updated, cleaned, and rejuvenated. His machine was just as tough, unforgiving, and unpredictable as our "Hannibal" dealing machine.



Please consider playing one more time per month. Our expenses and our revenues are not happy with each other! Thanks!

MOVIN' ON UP

Fred Maione

Club Master

MEMBER UPDATES

Pat Borchert New Phone Number 574-220-3716

Thank You

A Big Thanks to our new ACBL members! Because ten of you joined ACBL, our club has earned an Upgraded Club Championship game which awards extra master points. We also thank our club recruiters who worked so hard to achieve this special reward.

Names of the new members:

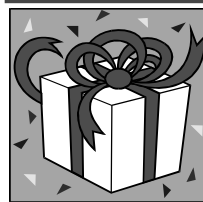
Rosemary Polizzotto, Joey and Kurt Stiver, Gerry Wardzinski, Linda Jacobs, Linda Urschel, Donna Tieman, Raji Sundararajan, Mary Newbold, & Carol Bieneman

ST. JOSEPH TOURNAMENT

OUR PARTNERS IN DISTRICT 12

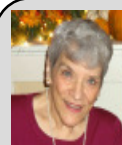
Our club has been fortunate, because of geography, to be able to attend the St. Joe Tournament each fall. The Twin Cities Club in St. Joe always has a welcoming tourney with lots of homemade desserts and luscious fruits & vegetables. This year, now that we are in District 12, we are hoping to share more tournaments and competition. **Below are the top SBBC winners at this October's event:**

1. Lena Howard	12.63	6. Dick Hastings	5.29
2. John Bodish	11.29	7. Cappy Gagnon	4.47
3. Bill Searcy	8.38	8. Lee Boser	3.48
4. Bud Hinckley	7.60	9. Ren Singleton	3.48
5. Gail Wells	5.34	10. JoAnn Steigmeyer	3.48
		11. Joan Tobler	3.48



**Be sure to save
 Saturday, December 15, 2018
 for our annual
 SBBC Christmas Party
 Lunch at 12 Noon (\$7)
 Game at 1:00 PM (\$7)**

Education Updates



**"J & J" November 5, 12, 19, 26 Classes
 Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00
 J & J will be covering doubles, new
 minor forcing, fourth suit forcing, cue
 bidding and Swiss tactics**

Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net, 574-243-1355, or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.

**On Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in
 November, Tricia Killeen & her fellow mentors
 will focus on How to Fill Out a Convention
 Card. Of course, there are always bidding
 & play-of-the hand discussions. No class on
 Thanksgiving, 11/22 Cost \$6.00**



**Elaine DeLaney: November Schedule
 Mini Lessons 2-2:15 - Bidding over high-level
 preempts Game: 2:15PM-5PM Cost \$7 or \$8
 Please e-mail Elaine if you need a partner
 @ elaine.delaney@comcast.net**





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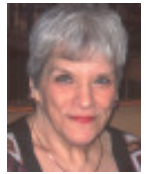
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December 2018



Santa Dawg wishes you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah** season. Be sure to get your membership forms filled out and dues (\$20) paid so that you can be included in the phone number and e-mail lists which will be available in February at the Director's Station. Also pick up the December calendar to see the events and the other special games scheduled. The highlight of the month is our Holiday Party on December 15th.

Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor



Thanks for "Giving"

a message from our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

Even though it's not Thanksgiving we are giving a BIG THANKS to our members who have given so much. For instance:

Name Tags

Have you noticed our members wearing their magnetic silver name tags? We ordered 105, and it's nice to see our members wearing them. We were able to provide them at no cost to our membership due to the generosity of Becky Delahanty who contributed \$500. Additional contributions of \$50 came from Kathy Stegmaier and Donna Tieman, with many other members contributing as well. Altogether we collected \$702, and we have spent \$669. If you would still like to order a name tag, I will be placing one more order before the end of the year. Let me know if you want one.



Sponsors

During 2018 we held the following ACBL-wide games: Junior Fund in January, Charity Game in February, Instant Matchpoint Game in July, International Fund Game in September, and in December we'll hold an ACBL-wide International Fund Game. We also held two weeks of Sectional Tournaments at Clubs in February and June. The sponsors we would like to honor for picking up the extra table fees are Barb Fedder, Sara Marcus, Chris Barker, Rich Mao, Leslie Garvey, Donna Tieman and Marty Martin

Friends for Multiple Sclerosis

On November 12th a Charity Club game was held to contribute to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Our Club members were very generous and gave \$401.00. Thanks to all who contributed.

Tricia Killeen

Teachers "R" Us



Pictured above are some of the attendees of Elaine DeLaney's Friday afternoon class/game. They come to hear a mini lesson given by Elaine each week before playing a sanctioned duplicate game. These are players who have fewer than 149 masterpoints who want to learn more about this challenging game while having a fun experience. We are so grateful for the time and effort given by Elaine to the South Bend Bridge Club. She is a rare treasure who has helped many players through the years.

The players pictured above are from left to right: Miki Grant, Mary Wisniewski, Pat Short, Anita Nunemaker, Candy Hurwich, Elaine DeLaney, Gerry Wardzinski, Nancy Saunders, Gloria Bates, Tom Saal, Penny Krug, Ann Saal, and Bonnita Laub.

Holiday Party at the Bridge Center

Mark your calendar for December 15th, get your best friend, spouse or companion, and bring them to our Holiday Luncheon at 12 noon with bridge (ACBL Membership game) after. Lunch is \$7 and play is \$7 for members (\$8 for non-members). See you there!



SOME FORGET-ME-NOTS

Don't forget your checkbook! The SBBC dues (\$20) will be collected during December for the year 2019. *(Wow, where did 2018 go?)*

Note: The club will be closed in December on the 24th, 25th & 31st but will be open on January 1.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 E. Tim Carl, Chris Clarke
- 05 Joan Aldrich
- 06 Florence Retek
- 09 Anita Nunemaker, Jill Culby
- 10 Patricia Killeen
- 11 Chayem Ben Moshe
- 13 Maureen Trubac
- 15 Sue Pattillo
- 16 Tom Wisniewski
- 20 Linda Odell
- 24 Bob Adams
- 28 Martha Hosinski
- 31 Pat Laing, Norm Muller



Top Games in November

Pair Games:

399ers:	11/14	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	64.58%
	11/07	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	63.19%
Th. AM	11/01	Laura Ferris & Miki Grant	69.44%
	11/01	Rebecca Link & Nancy Shaffer	65.28%
Fri. PM	11/09	Candy Hurwich & Anita Nunemaker	65.87%
		Laura Ferris & Ann Ullman	62.50%
Open:	11/15	Elaine DeLaney & Dick Hastings	75.45%
	11/07	Dick Hastings & Rich Mao	69.05%

Swiss Team Games:

1st Sunday Open:	Lynne Bruehlman, Cappy Gagnon, Tom Rossow & Vance Senecal
1st Tuesday Open:	Christine Barker, June Glazer, Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler
2nd Sunday Open:	Jimmy Cordas, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard & Sara Marcus
2nd Tuesday Open:	John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Lena Howard & Gini Stipp
2nd Tuesday 399ers:	Conrad Adams, Connie McKay, Ron McKay & Julie Nelson

October correction: The highest open pairs score was earned by John & Tricia Killeen with a 73.84% on the eighteenth. Apologies from the editor.

MEMBER UPDATES

Martha Hosinski Change of Phone Number 472-1908

MOVING ON UP

Mary Newbold	Junior Master
Candy Hurwich	Sectional Master
Margaret Cunningham	Junior Master



Don't have a computer? You can find back issues of the SBBC newsletters in a Master Book located in front of the Director's station.

WORTH CROWING ABOUT!



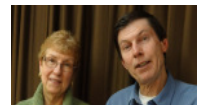
Did you know Unit 154 (Northern Indiana) ranks #1 in new members in District 12? The average age of members in Unit 154 is 73.97. The average years of ACBL membership in District 12 is 19.52.

Northern Indiana ranks #2 in District 12 (out of 6 units) in Active Membership and #52 in ACBL (out of 295 units) Northern Indiana ranks #2 in District 12 and #117 in ACBL in new member gains.

Northern Indiana ranks #3 in District 12 (out of 6 units) and #61 in ACBL (out of 295 units) in member losses.

AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT 75% Game

We are happy to report that Elaine DeLaney and Dick Hastings had a 75.45% game on November 15. Games over 75% are reported to the ACBL, and Elaine and Dick will be recognized in the February issue of The Bridge Bulletin. Congratulations to Elaine and Dick. A score of 75% is truly outstanding. When players score 70% or more, their excellent finish is reported to Unit 154 and published in the Northern Indiana Column of District 12's newsletter (which comes out bi-monthly). Tricia Killeen posts these issues on the bulletin board.



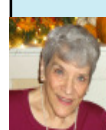
DOUBLE BOOKING

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!

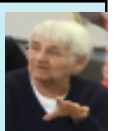
Education Updates

J & J MONDAY CLASSES

Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler will present their classes from 9:30 to 11:30 on 12/3,



12/10 & 12/17. Topics covered will be a continuation of Negative Doubles, when and how to use New Minor Forcing, and, of course, basics, basics, basics! Cost \$5.00



Tricia Killeen's topics for the 9:15 Thursday A.M. classes are:



December 6: Game

December 13, 20 & 27 - jump shifts by opener and responder

Contact **Tricia Killeen** at 574-271-1345 or e-mail patriciakilleen@att.net Cost: \$6.00

Elaine DeLaney's lessons for December are:

Continuing Defense - Fridays in December beginning Dec. 7. Mini Lessons: 2-2:15 PM

Game: 2:15- 5:00 PM Cost: \$7.00

