

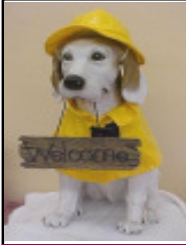


SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

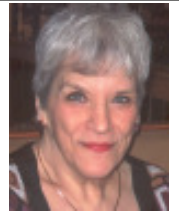
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Director Dawg has his rain slicker on in anticipation of the April showers. This month is filled with nine **Charity games** and an **ACBL Membership Game** on the 26th. Be sure to sign up for the **SBBC Fund Raiser** on Saturday the 8th. This is a chance for us to raise money for upcoming expenses needed for the club. If you cannot attend, donations are most welcome. The Tuesday Swiss is on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month (18th) **BUT ALERT!** The Sunday Swiss has been changed to the 23rd.



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

★ Did you know it costs the club \$15 per table just to open the door? I thought I'd give you a breakdown of our regular expenses. These figures (totaling \$3323) are based on February 2017 numbers. There are additional expenses I haven't included, such as insurance, maintaining the website, director and club manager salaries, refreshments, office supplies, repairs, etc.



Rent- \$1531.53

Utilities - \$615

Bridge Supplies & Table Fees - \$467.00

Cleaning & Maintenance - \$710

The best things our members can do to help meet expenses are to come as often as possible and to encourage others to play. That will reduce the need to raise membership dues and entry fees in the future.

★ **Discussion of politics and religion or other sensitive issues are not appropriate at the Bridge Center.**

★ We encourage members to come to the April 8th Fundraiser Game. The money collected that day will become a "Rainy Day" Fund to meet future expenses. Some talk was given to replacing the carpeting, but the Board thinks the present carpeting can be repaired and will last a while longer. The carpeting was installed in 2006 so we've already gotten much use from it. If you're not able to attend on the 8th, your donations are still appreciated. Checks can be made out to South Bend Bridge Club and given to Tricia Killeen or Vic Papai.

Tricia Killeen, Club Director

NEW ADDITIONS

Please welcome Joan Tobler, Ted Mullett, and Linda Podlin who have recently joined our Unit 154. Previous transfers from Unit 195 include Dee Stevenson, Marty Martin, Tom & Connie Hebron. Can there be others on the Michigan horizon?



A WORK IN PROGRESS



Did you know that there is brick behind our South Bend Bridge Achievement Wall (aka the Celebrity Wall)? The first recorded picture of the "wall" was featured in our premiere issue of the SBBC Newsletter on July 1, 2010. Paul Silberman was then our president, there were 175 members and we had just expanded our space to include the former Ballet Shop area to the north. Our talented Tom Hebron created the wall by installing a beautiful veneer over the brick, recreated the ACBL and SBBC signs, and built the frames in which we can list, each year, the honorees and the people who have contributed to the success of the club. Be sure to watch for the completion scheduled for April.

PATRICIA KILLEEN SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

We've been fortunate to celebrate so many of Tricia's achievements throughout the years and are happy to add another one. In March she became our sixth Sapphire Life Master earning more than 3500 points (along with the number of colored points required). Of course, we know she is not done and will be adding higher rankings in the years to come.

We all know Tricia as our Club Manager but she does so much more like keeping track of our members' activities, making sure they receive get well cards when ill, teaching classes, running games for new players, and, the big chore of scheduling all the games offered at the club. We thank her for her caring and congratulate her on her latest accomplishment.



