



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

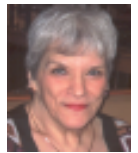
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This issue marks the beginning of the newsletter's 9th year. It's been fun to discover so much about our members and to celebrate their achievements. This month brings a holiday on the 4th (**we will be open**), the Sunday Swiss games on the 8th & 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	
		♥ Q 10 6 4	
		♦ 5	
		♣ Q 7 6 5	
♠ K			♠ J 10 9 8 6
♥ K 9 3			♥ A J 8 2
♦ A K 10 9 4 2			♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 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