

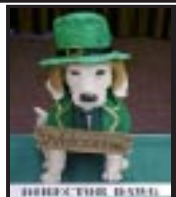


SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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Director O'Dawg wishes you a "top o' the morning" and a bit of the Irish Blessing "May the wind be always at your back!" for St. Patrick's Day! The March calendar is filled with special games including an ACBL-wide Senior Game on the 7th (both members must be 55+ to be eligible), an ACBL Membership Game on the 22nd (both members of the team must be members of ACBL to earn points), Swiss Team games on the 13th and 15th, and five (5) Club Championships. Also be sure to line up your partners for the South Bend Sectional on April 1, 2 & 3. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer*



South Bend Sectional

SOUTH BEND SECTIONAL

APRIL 1, 2, & 3, 2016

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Stratification: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

All open games are at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. with entry fees of \$10 per session. The Swiss on Sunday is a 10 a.m. playthrough (cost \$20 - lunch optional at \$10). All prices stated are for ACBL members. Non members pay \$2 more.

SILVERPOINT WINNERS



The South Bend Bridge Club is very proud to announce that the overall District 8 winner during Silverpoint Week in February was Chris Habegger, one of our very own, with a whopping 35.49 points. Below is a list of our other members who came home with well earned points.

TOP TEN OPEN

Chris Habegger	35.49
Elaine DeLaney	16.72
Dick Hastings	15.89
Bud Hinckley	12.19
Jim Feinstein	9.86
Jo Ann Steigmeyer	9.57
Lena Howard	9.53
Chris Grande	8.02
Ted Mullett	7.27
John Killeen	7.00
Tricia Killeen	7.00

TOP TEN 399ers

Karen Nagy	3.19
Mary Adams	2.81
Janet Crull	2.08
Merrill Crull	2.08
Ivy Benson	1.20
Iris Goerner	1.20
Tami McNally	1.01
Mary Wisniewski	1.01
Pat Laing	.98
Peggy Lyzun	.98
Martie Black	.75

Well done, SBBc Players!

Lynn Miller Life Master



Lynn grew up in Vincennes and started playing bridge at IU on the floor of the dorm, and admits that she probably played more than she should have. However, she graduated, moved to Elkhart and went to Notre Dame Law School. She practiced law in Elkhart for almost 30 years. She was a widow when she met John Hamilton in 1998 and he brought her to the bridge center where she played a few times. After playing against Bob and Opal, who she said could not have been nicer, she went down four and ended up in the parking lot in tears. Lynn didn't play again for almost 10 years.

John and Lynn got married in 2006, and he talked her into trying duplicate bridge again. She joined the ACBL and they started going to tournaments, attending 3 Nationals, and many Regionals, including Orlando, Kingston (3 times), Bermuda, Sarasota, Ft. Wayne, and Cincinnati where she earned enough gold points on a team with Chris Grande and Chris Habegger to satisfy the requirements for life master. She still needed about 100 anything points which she says she has had to whittle away at a fraction at a time. The last bit came in a Friday night couples game at their country club in Florida where they play regularly.

"I give all the credit to my husband who has been a wonderful teacher and supporter and without whom I never would have even aspired to become a Life Master, much less accomplish it. I enjoy the game and the people and look forward to playing for a lot of years."

Congratulations, Lynn!

PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

Now that the SBBc has obtained permission from our members to publish their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, you will find these lists in front of the Director's station in folders appropriately labeled. If you would like to receive a pdf copy by e-mail, let Jo Ann Steigmeyer know at joann1107@comcast.net.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Gloria Falcone
- 10 Cappy Gagnon
- 13 Janet Crull
- 20 Joan Fahey
- 21 Ted Mullett
- 24 Gilbert Fox
- 26 Bill Odell
- 27 LaDora Sloan



Top Games in February

399ers:	2/22 Bill Flanagan & Roger Skurski	68.75%
	2/22 Conrad Adams & Mary Adams	63.54%
Open:	2/04 Chris Habegger & Bud Hinckley	72.92%
	2/02 Elaine DeLaney & Chris Habegger	67.82%

Swiss Team Games

- Tues. Open: Pat Borchert, Leroy Boser, Reggie Lowenhar, & Linda Podlin
- Tues. 399er: Conrad Adams, Mary Adams, Martie Black, & Dennis David
- Sun. Open: John Killeen, Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus, & Virginia Stipp

MOVIN' ON UP

Junior Master: Roger Skurski



Member Updates

Please add/or change the following to your phone/e-mail lists!

- Kathy Peterson peterson@nd.edu (addition)
- Tom Hebron 574-370-9678 (correction)
- Connie Hebron 574-350-4619 (correction)
- Jill Culby (new member) 269-944-5223 alisonhart@att.net

Our Celebrity Wall!

The 2015 Achievement Awards have been posted on the South Bend Bridge Club Celebrity Wall. The lists include: all the life masters, the 2015 honorees, the leaders in the A, B, C & 99er categories, the winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards and the Mini-McKenney Awards, friends who have passed away whom we will miss, pairs who have achieved a 70%+ game, and acknowledgments of the wonderful volunteers who make this club work. **Stroll along the Celebrity Lane. You may find your name there.**

The Board of Directors would like to thank the persons responsible for creating our "Wall": Tom Hebron who built the structure, John & Tricia Killeen who provide the information, and Jo Ann Steigmeyer for her artwork. We appreciate the result of their creation!

★ Our Club is very proud of Elaine DeLaney who recently became a **Diamond Life Master** (5000 masterpoints). She will be featured in our April issue. **Watch for it!**

AVOIDING PROBLEMS

the director's corner

- Get in the habit of counting your cards **BEFORE** you look at your hand. Reason?
 - No result on a board is ever valid unless all players start with 13 cards
 - The Director may not be able to allow a result on a board if you look at your hand holding a wrong number of cards.

Note: If one of your cards has to be given to another play in order to have the right amount of cards, you may have an advantage knowing what that card is because you looked at the cards **before** the correction was made.
- After all players have played to a trick:
 - You can ask to see any card played to that trick **only if your card is still face up. You are not obligated to show your last played card if all the players have turned their cards facedown.**
 - The only one of your own facedown cards you can look at is the one you just played - and only until someone leads to the next trick.

Education Updates

Elaine DeLaney's March Lesson Schedule

Wednesday Lessons 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Topics to be announced. Cost: \$5.00

Friday lesson & play: Lesson 2-2:30 PM-
Competitive bidding Play: 2:30-4:30 Cost \$5



BEGINNING LESSONS

Tricia Killeen's Beginning Lessons will be on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30, and will start March 19 for 16 weeks. Each lesson is \$6, and the student text is \$6.

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in the class, please contact Tricia at 574-271-1345 or E-mail patriciakilleen@att.net.



INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer (J&J) will be presenting a session entitled "Let's Talk" on Monday, **March 14th from 9:30 to 11:30 at NO CHARGE!**

This will be an opportunity to ask questions about bids, plays, defense, ethics, procedures (when to alert, when to ask about an alert, etc.), how to fill out a bridge card and more. Regular classes will start March 21st and will address some of your questions and concerns. We want to know what you would like to discuss, work on, and learn.

For more info contact Jo Ann at joann1107@comcast.net, 574-243-1355, or Joan at 269-687-9766.



★ Congratulations to our SBBC member, John Bodish (Unit 195), who earned the rank of Ruby Life Master on the first of January. Another stellar accomplishment for John!