



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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The January & February issues are being consolidated with this publication. During these months, your editor was recuperating from knee surgery so was not able to get the newsletters out in a timely manner. Membership forms have been filled out and dues have been paid so we will be seeing a phone and e-mail list being issued sometime in March of 2017. The birthdays and top games for the two months are listed on the back side of this issue. You can look forward to March when you will find special games that don't cost extra. A great way to pick up those extra points.

*Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## A Message from Our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

Because the Board voted to add a \$1 surcharge for special games as of January 1, 2017, I want to explain table fees to the membership. We are an ACBL-sanctioned club which allows us to award masterpoints to our players. The ACBL charges \$1/table for a regular game and \$5/table for a special game (i.e., Junior Fund, Charity Championship, Education Foundation, Grass Roots Fund, International Fund, and North American Pairs). There are other even more expensive games run by the ACBL: The ACBL Matchpoint game is \$12/table, ACBL-wide Charity Game is \$7.35/table, World Wide Bridge is \$13/table, We only hold those games when they coincide with our schedule. In April, 2016, ACBL raised the table fees to their current level (it was an 11% increase over what was charged previously). The Board felt that our declining table count and increased expenses made it necessary to raise the entry fee. The membership was polled, and their decision (by a 2 to 1 margin) was to add the \$1 surcharge for special games. If you need additional clarification or information, please let me know.

*Tricia Killeen, Club Director*



## A Major Milestone for Doris Shafer



On January 5th, Doris Shafer celebrated her 90th Birthday. To honor her, the club presented Dorie with a lovely bouquet of red roses and a cake. Her picture will be included on the 90+ wall along with our heartiest congratulations. As you can tell from this picture, she looked especially beautiful on her celebratory day, not really an unusual occurrence!

## SARAH ARVESEN

January 3, 1923 - November 27, 2016



It brings us great sadness to report that Sarah Arvesen passed away this past November. We were so pleased that we were able to celebrate her 90th birthday in 2013 and to see her picture on the 90+ wall. She leaves behind two daughters, Christine and Jean, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Sarah was busy throughout her life working as a registered dietician and retired as Chief Clinical Dietician at Memorial Hospital in 1988. She traveled, spent winters in the Florida Keys, and did what she loved best - playing Bridge. General knowledge in the Bridge Club "Don't double Sarah! If she bids it, she's got it!" We'd like the opportunity to double her one more time, but then we'll have to see what the angels can do! We miss you, Sarah.

## A Message from the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful friends at the SBBC for their kind wishes, e-mails, and cards that I received as I was recuperating from a knee operation last December. My last knee replacement, eight years ago, was a piece of cake but this left knee didn't want to make it easy for me. Your wishes buoyed me up and made me want to get back to my favorite game. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer*

## JIM FARNER DAY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS



The fourth annual Jim Farnar Day, held on January 5, 2017, found us with hardy players who showed up in spite of nasty weather. The winners were Elaine DeLaney and Dick Hastings. Their names have been inscribed on the special wall plaque given to the club

by Dr. Jim's family to celebrate his birthday. Congratulations Elaine & Dick!!

Special Note: Dick wanted his name on the plaque to be engraved "Doc" Hastings. He not only trained under Jim but did rounds with him as a practicing physician.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



### Top Games in December

399ers:	12/17	Chris Clarke & John Gadd	65.97%
	11/17	Myra Anthony & Irene Cooperrider	64.58%
Open:	12/26	Bud Hinckley & Richard Mao	79.92%
	12/26	Dick Hastings & Jo Ellen Heiner	68.75%

#### Swiss Team Games

Sunday:	Lee Boser, Elaine DeLaney, Barbara Fedder & Ren Singleton
Tues. Open:	Jim Feinstein, John & Tricia Killeen, & Sara Marcus

### Top Games in January

399ers:	1/18	Maureen & Roger Skurski	68.06%
	1/25	Roger Chrastil & Marty Martin	66.00%
	1/09	Maureen & Roger Skurski	66.00%
Open:	1/10	Jim Feinstein & Sara Marcus	71.48%
	1/25	Lee Boser & Elaine DeLaney	67.86%

#### Swiss Team Games

Sunday:	Jim Feinstein, Chris Grande, Dick Hastings & Rosemary Zonker
Tues. Open:	Jim Feinstein, John & Tricia Killeen, & Richard Mao

## DEE STEVENSON, INTREPID EXPLORER



We are pleased to offer Dee Stevenson's description of his hike through the Appalachians. This was quite an achievement not only for him but for his pet shih tzus. Let Dee tell you!

"The southern terminus of the trail is atop Springer Mountain in Northern Georgia and continues for **2,190 miles**

to the northern terminus at the summit of Mount Kahtadin in Baxter State Park in the middle of Maine. The trail is administered by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in conjunction with the National Park Service and maintained by the NPS and volunteers with area hiking clubs throughout the length of the trail. Over 98% of the trail is on public lands. I started hiking the trail in **1985**, always hiking in a northeastern direction. I skipped around in my section hikes depending on the time of year. There are two areas where dogs are not allowed, Smokey Mtn. N.P. and Baxter State Park in Maine, so I did these parts when I did not have a dog. Four different dogs hiked the trail. The dogs in the picture hiked approximately 700 miles. Another dog of the same breed hiked over 1,000 miles. This dog saved my life on a mountain in New Hampshire by refusing to go any further up a mountain. I would have been the fourth person to die of hypothermia on that mountain without her. In fact, hypothermia was setting in by the time we reached safety. Good dogs are the very best companions you could have on the trail. Besides the company, they serve many useful purposes. You get (continued)

no backtalk, sass, or complaining. Just give them food, water, rest and a place to sleep. They keep you warm when it is cold, keep the mice away from food, and give you warning if animals or people are around.

"This picture was taken in October on the front porch of the AT Conservancy in Harpers, Ferry, WV, right after completion of hiking the entire trail. There are many other stories to tell and people I encountered on the trail. One more thing, our sons hiked a good portion of the trail with me, sometimes both of them and most of the time just our younger son."

### Member Updates

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

#### New Members (2/15)

Shirley Greiner	239-656-3844
Aimee Bjornstad	574-903-1646
Gayle Gonser	574-296-1133
Joy Evard	574-850-2304
Rebecca Link	574-222-2711
Bernadette Pohlmann	574-542-2056
Robert Ryan	610-442-7609
Annette Tyler	574-440-5582
Bob Adams	574-440-4597 (new number)

### MOVING ON UP

Roger Skurski	Regional Master
Susan Farrington	Sectional Master
Marty Martin	Club Master

