



# 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 Pairs Game on the 27th (both members must be 55+ to be eligible), an ACBL Membership Game on the 7th (both members of the team must be members of ACBL to earn points), Swiss Team games on the 12th and 21st, five (5) Club Championships, one (1) Junior Fund, and one (1) Grass Roots Game. Busy Month! *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## CLUB UPDATES

There is a Thursday morning **Newcomer Game** (0-20 points, 9 to 11:30) at the club that has been running since July and has been drawing 3-4 tables each week. One feature of the game is that at each table there is a mentor to help answer questions. Tricia Killeen has been teaching most of these beginners, and the volunteer mentors Dennis David, Tom Hallum, Tom Hebron, and Joan Tobler have been instrumental in the success of this program.

Also added to our schedule is a Friday afternoon ACBL-sanctioned 149er game that meets from 2-5 pm under Elaine DeLaney's supervision. The attendance is growing each week.

We encourage our members to get the word out that these new games are available for beginners and/or players who have been away from the game for awhile.

## WEBMASTER CHANGES!

It was with great regret that our club received news that John Nichols, who has been our SBBC webmaster for the past six-plus years, is leaving us to pursue tournament directing. He has been invaluable to our club and we absolutely could not have done it without him. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

One of our newest members, Ben Paulson, has consented to take over John's duties. Ben is a PhD candidate at Notre Dame in biology, and, while he hasn't had a lot of experience with website design, he is willing to jump in and learn what's necessary to keep our website going. We thank him and offer him whatever help we can give to keep him happy in his new job!

If you have any news or announcements you would like published, either in the SBBC newsletter or on the website, please send the info to Jo Ann Steigmeyer who is the SBBC Editor and liaison for the Website. Jo Ann's e-mail is [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net) and phone is 243-1355.

## SILVERPOINT WINNERS



The South Bend Bridge Club is very proud to announce the SBBC top ten winners during Silverpoint Week in February. Our very own Lena Howard was third in the district out of 1,056 players with a total of 23.41 points. Below is a list of our other members

who came home with well earned points.

1. Lena Howard	23.41
2. Elaine DeLaney	13.28
3. Jo Ann Steigmeyer	11.54
4. Chris Habegger	10.23
5. Marian David	8.61
6. Irene Singleton	8.47
7. Leroy Boser	8.08
8. Jim Feinstein	6.76
9. Suzanne Watson	5.90
10. Cappy Gagnon	4.70

*Well done, SBBC Players!*

## SBBC Fund Raiser

When: April 8th, 12 Noon  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Includes: Lunch and Bridge  
 Type Game: Upgraded Club Championship (lots of points)  
 Purpose: Money raised will be used to meet upcoming financial expenses of the club (i.e.: new carpet)



*Note: The April 9th team game is postponed until April 23rd. Be sure to update your April club calendar.*

## PHONE & E-MAIL LISTS

Copies of the phone and e-mail list will soon become available at the Directors' Station. If you would like to receive a pdf copy by e-mail rather than a hard copy, let Jo Ann know at [joann1107@comcast.net](mailto:joann1107@comcast.net).



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 Gloria Falcone  
 10 Cappy Gagnon  
 20 Joan Fahey  
 21 Ted Mullett  
 26 Bill Odell  
 27 LaDora Sloan



## Top Games in February

399ers: 2/06 Maureen & Roger Skurski 66.67%  
 2/20 John Gadd & Pat Laing 66.00%  
 Open: 2/10 Jimmy Cordas & Elaine DeLaney 68.29%  
 2/13 Barbara Myers & Jo Ann Steigmeyer 67.30%

### Swiss Team Games

Tues. Open: Jim Feinstein, John and Tricia Killeen  
 & Sara Marcus  
 Sun. Open: Jim Feinstein, Chris Grande, Dick Hastings,  
 & Rosemary Zonker

## Member Updates

### New Members

Kathy Stegmaier 810-599-1852  
 Stephen Stegmaier 248-763-0218

## Our Celebrity Wall!



The Celebrity Wall, which reflects our members' achievements in 2016, is being updated with completion due later this month. The Annual Recognition luncheon will be held on **Saturday, June 24th** to honor our members who have achieved another level of Life Master:

Diamond	Elaine DeLaney
Sapphire	Sara Marcus
Gold	John Bodish
Ruby	Victor Papai, Richard Scheibelhut
Silver	Shirley Soucek
Bronze	Leslie Garvey, Gail Wells
Life Master	Bob Knoblock, Lynn Miller

In addition to the Life Master awards, the Mini-McKenney awards and the Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs awards will be presented. **Be sure to attend!**

## A BUNDLE OF THANKS



John Scheibelhut would like to thank all of our members who donated gently used clothing and supplies for the homeless. The giving has been more than generous. John will still take any donations that you may have for his worthy cause.



## REALLY NEAT SUGGESTION



having to call the director because of an opening lead out of turn. Make it a habit to:

**Place the opening-lead card face down and then ask your partner if there are any questions.**

**Then, if the lead is in the wrong hand, no card has been exposed and there is no harm done.**

## CHANGES TO THE SBBC POLICY BOOK

The following are changes to the SBBC Policy Book:

**Page 8:** A penalty for slow play can be imposed with or without a warning at the Director's Discretion. South Bend Bridge Club follows the Slow Play Regulations (Item 103-49, Orlando NABC, 2010). (Adopted 2/21/17)

**Page 8:** One member of the partnership must be in the appropriate seat 5 minutes before game time. If neither member of the partnership is seated, a procedural penalty of 1/4 board will be assessed by the Director. Adopted 2/21/17

## Education Updates

### Elaine DeLaney's March Lesson Schedule

Wednesday Morning Lessons 11:30 to 12:30  
 Declarer Play Cost: \$5.00

Friday Mini lesson followed by a 149er duplicate game 2:00 to 5:00 PM Cost: \$5.00



### THURSDAY, NEWCOMER GAME

On Thursday, March 9th John Killeen will continue his lessons on the "Hold-Up Play" at 9 am, and the Newcomer Game will start at 9:30. If you need a partner, contact Tricia Killeen at 271-1345 or e-mail patriciakilleen@att.net.



### INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

**MYTH OR MATH  
 FACT OR FICTION**

### FAIRY TALES OR TRUE STORIES

Join J & J (Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler) as they begin their 2017 "STORY TELLING" classes.



Every bid by a partnership tells a story as does each played card in the defense of a hand. There are also asking, forcing, and non-forcing bids, and here's your chance to discover the difference. The new series of classes will cover bidding, play of the hand and defense.

**Monday, March 13, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Price: \$5**