



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.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04 JoEllen DePaepe, Iris Goerner
- 12 Bud Hinckley, Gini Stipp
- 13 Mary Hintz
- 18 Annette Tyler
- 20 Linda Podlin
- 22 Gayle Gonser, Lynn Miller
- 22 Bill Searcy
- 24 Gloria Kopf
- 26 Tami McNally



Top Games in March

Pair Games:

Open:	3/29 Marian David & Sara Marcus	70.89%
	3/28 John & Patricia Killeen	66.93%
399ers:	3/27 Kaye Kale & Julie Nelson	65.00%
	3/15 Dave Barkmeier & Kathy Peterson	63.10%
149ers:	3/10 Dave Barkmeier & Rosemary Polizzatto	63.10%
	3/24 Margaret & Robert Lewis	61.67%
Newbies:	3/16 Gloria Bates & Julie Jarvis	65.26%
	3/16 Rebecca Link & Nancy Shaffer	62.56%

Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: Barbara Fedder, Martha Hosinski, Karen Nagy & Elaine Thompson
Tie John and Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp

Tuesday Open: Elaine DeLaney, Chris Habegger, Rich Mao, Lena Howard

MOVING ON UP

Pat Laing Regional Master
 Patricia Killeen Sapphire Life Master



MEMBER UPDATES

New ACBL members Aimee Bjornstad, Julie Jarvis, Rebecca Link, Carole Miracle, Nancy Shaffer, Kathy and Stephen Stegmaier.

Coming in May

Mark your calendar for the Pro-Am Swiss Team - Thursday evening, May 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. This has been a very successful event and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Oh! By the way, there will be a barbecue offered by our resident chef, Bill Searcy. Certainly worth the trip!



Nearby Upcoming Tournaments:

May 19 - 21	Fort Wayne Sectional
June 3 - 4	Kalamazoo Sectional
August 4 - 6	South Bend Sectional
August 8 - 14	Kalamazoo Regional
September 2 - 8	Fort Wayne Regional
October 20 - 22	Highland Sectional

Director Updates

the director's corner

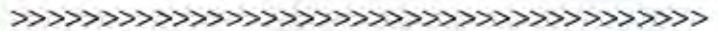
We say this frequently, but as a reminder, when any irregularity happens at your table, **CALL THE DIRECTOR**. The director will give the ruling that not only protects your rights, but also those of the opponents. In giving the ruling, the directors have been instructed to handle the situation and be pleasant in doing so. You should be equally as pleasant to the director.

The ACBL is currently reviewing the use and viability of the **STOP CARD**. The proper use of the STOP CARD is to display it on the table, make your jump bid, and leave the card on the table for 8-10 seconds, then remove it. This will prevent your left-hand opponent from bidding too quickly and possibly transferring unauthorized information about their hand to the partner. This was the main reason for using the "skip bid" warning originally. With bidding boxes, the stop card takes the place of "skip bid." This is a good bridge habit, so use it properly.

Remember, one member of a partnership is requested to be in his/her seat at least five (5) minutes before game time. This is to allow the director time to properly seed/seat the field for the game. Procedural penalties will apply if this is not adhered to. Please be on time for a prompt start of play.



Bill Searcy



Education Updates



John Killeen will continue his **Beginning Lessons** on Thursdays at 9 am. His schedule includes: Timing (4/6), Percentages (4/13 & 4/20) and Counting (4/27). 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.

Monday Intermediate Lessons will be given by Jo Ann Steigmeyer & Joan Tobler in April. The Series will cover:

A Logical Approach to:
 Play of the Hand in No Trump (4/3), Defense (4/10), Signals and their meanings (4/17) and An Integration of the April lessons (4/24) 9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$5.00



Elaine DeLaney's Scheduled Classes



Wednesday Lessons 11AM-12:30PM. Cost: \$5
 April Lessons will concentrate on Declarer Play using practice hands. Good bidding technique is part of the lesson.

Friday Mini-Lesson and Game. Lesson: 2-2:15 PM
 Game: 2:15PM-5:PM. Cost: \$7.00.
 April lessons will be a review of the essentials of competitive bidding -Take out doubles and overcalls.