



# SOUTH BEND BRIDGE CLUB

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This edition marks the beginning of the eighth year of our Club newsletter. It's been fun to discover so much about our members, to celebrate their achievements, and to watch the Club grow. We are now at 171 members. The month of July brings a special holiday on the 4th (**we will be open**), the Sunday Swiss on the 9th and the Tuesday Swiss on the 18th. Be sure to take advantage of earning extra points in 8 of the NAP (North American Pairs) games. *Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor*



## The Celebration of 2016 LIFE MASTER HONOREES

Another wonderful Recognition Luncheon was presented Saturday, June 24th. Great food, great tributes presented to the recipients, and great accomplishments by our honorees. And, of course, we thank Joan Tobler & her Hospitality Committee and our director, Bill Searcy, for a party well planned. The winners of the Special Game that afternoon were:  
N/S: Leroy Boser & Ren Singleton E/W: John & Tricia Killeen



*l to r - Elaine DeLaney (Diamond), Gail Wells (Bronze), John Bodish (Gold), Vic Papai (Ruby), Shirley Soucek (Silver), Bob Knoblock (Life Master), Dick Scheibelhut (Ruby), Lynn Miller (Life Master), Sara Marcus (Sapphire) & Leslie Garvey (Bronze).*

## The Sputnik Double

*by Chayem Ben Moshe*

In 1958, Al Roth of the Roth-Stone system, was on his way to the World Championships. His team was representing the United States, and he knew that to win the championship he would have to beat the many-time world champion Italian Blue Team.



He faced a dilemma; every time he or his partner opened one of a minor, the Italians would overcall one spade with four, five, or six spades, and Roth and his partner could never show a hand with four or five hearts and fewer than ten points. Then he realized that penalty doubles at the one level were infrequent. He felt that, like the Russians, he could launch a satellite (the Sputnik) over the spade bid, in the form of a double that would show the hand with four or five hearts and limited to ten or fewer points. Today, you know this bid as the negative double. This is the foundation of many low-level doubles today. Thanks, Al!

*Our thanks to Chayem Ben Moshe for this interesting and historic article. There may be a few of our members who don't remember the Sputnik's entry into space on October 4, 1957 but most of us do. It launched a new age of space exploration, and Al Roth launched a new age of defensive bidding in the bridge world. What a difference this tool has made.*

*Editor*

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**John Chmielowiec**

**September 1, 1942 to June 11, 2017**

Although John, who was a resident of Michigan City and a former SBBC member, hadn't been coming to the Club for many years because of health issues, most of us still remember his superior play and gentle demeanor. We were sorry to hear of his passing and send our condolences to his family..



## Happenings



### SENIOR GAME DAY

Be sure to look in the June ACBL Bulletin on page 59 to see that our own Vic Papai and Guy Morrical were the winners of the Senior Game Day bridge event in District 8 which includes northern Indiana, central & southern Illinois, Paducah and St. Louis. Great accomplishment, guys!



### 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 21st. The grand total was \$432. We thank everyone who contributed.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

03 Suzanne Watson  
 06 Jimmy Cordas  
 10 John Killeen  
 11 Maureen Conboy  
 16 Jim Heiner  
 19 Rich Mao  
 22 Ren Singleton  
 23 Susan Farrington  
 25 Jim Feinstein  
 31 Rebecca Link



## Top Games in June

### Pair Games:

Newbies:	6/15	Robert DuComb & Fred Maione	72.22%
	6/15	Julie Jarvis & Rebecca Link	61.11%
149ers:	6/23	Carole Partlow & Patricia Short	73.15%
	6/09	Carol Miracle & Patricia Short	65.29%
399ers:	6/05	Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	66.07%
	6/19	Margaret Lewis & Marty Martin	64.17%
Open:	6/19	Bud Hinckley & Rich Mao	72.45%
	6/01	Chayem Ben Moshe & Ren Singleton	70.24%

### Swiss Team Games:

Sunday Open: John Bodish, Elaine DeLaney, Peter Elliott, & Dick Hastings  
 Tuesday Open: Sara Marcus, Bill Searcy and John & Tricia Killeen

## Member Updates

Kurt Stiver (new member) 269-340-5060  
 kurtstiver@comcast.net

**PLEASE ADD THIS INFO TO YOUR PHONE LISTS!**

## MOVIN' ON UP

Gayle Gonser Junior Master  
 Bonnita Laub Club Master



# PRO-AM SWISS

Mark your calendar for **ANOTHER Pro-Am Swiss Team Game - Saturday afternoon, August 19th (note the change of the day & time).** 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 at Noon. Certainly worth the trip! **\$8 play - \$5 meal.**



## When is a card considered played?

the director's corner

1. Defender – card deliberately detached from hand and other defender could have seen it if looking in that direction, no matter where the card is located.
2. Declarer – held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.
3. Dummy – when the declarer verbally names the card, or when declarer physically picks the card up from dummy.
4. A card must be played if a player verbally names it as the card he proposes to play.
5. A card accidentally dropped or stuck to another card is not a played card.
6. If an unintended card is deliberately removed from hand and faced, it is a played card under the guidelines of #1 & #2 above.
7. However, a card declarer verbally calls from dummy can often be corrected if it is clear it was not the intended card [see Law 45C4(b), possibly the subject of a future “Directors Corner” article]. You are allowed a “slip of the tongue”, but not a “slip of the hand”.



Bud Hinckley

**In any case, please endeavor to place the played card on the table so that it can be seen by everyone. Do not cup the card, cover it with your hand, or turn it sideways.** (re-printed from the July 2016 SBBC newsletter.)

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR SHIRLEY SOUCEK



During the Recognition Celebration, Tim Carl, our President, presented a red rose to our newest 90 year old member, Shirley Soucek from Arizona. Her birthday was actually May 3rd but she wasn't able to join us until June. We congratulate Shirley and wish her many more happy & healthy years.

## Education Updates

Tricia's Newcomer Group (Thursday mornings) will be working on the following:



July 6: Opening and Responding to a Major Suit  
 July 13: Game  
 July 20: Opening & Responding to a Minor Suit  
 July 27: Game **9:30 to 11:30 Cost \$6.00**

### “J & J” July Classes

There will be **no Monday class** on July 3rd. In the following weeks, Joan Tobler & Jo Ann Steigmeyer will present:



July 10 - 3rd, 4th and Beyond Bids  
 July 17 - Strong 2-Club Bidding & Play  
 July 24 - Blackwood, Gerber & Control Bidding  
 July 31 - New Minor Forcing Bids  
**9:30 to 11:30. Cost \$5.**

Elaine DeLaney's classes for July:



**There will be no Wednesday lessons for the month of July.**

Friday mini-lesson & game: Lesson topic: The Describer and the Decider. Who is in charge?  
 2 -2:15PM Game time: 2:15PM-5PM Cost: \$7.00