

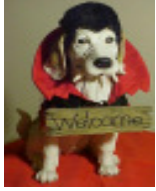


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WOW! We have two new masters to acknowledge this month. We will be honoring them at a special luncheon in the Spring. "Count Dawgula" wishes you a Happy Halloween. The events planned for the month of October include: eight Club Appreciation games, three Club Championships, two Junior Fund games, and, thanks to Rich Mao, an ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. Of special interest are the Fort Wayne Regional from October 2 - 8 (our club will be closed October 6-8) and the Highland Sectional (October 22-27). **BUSY MONTH!**



Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Editor

Marian David - Sapphire Life Master

What a terrific list of Sapphire Life Masters in our club and a well deserved addition is Marian David. She helps to make SBBC a tough place to play and win! She plays a smart, competitive game & deserves the title of Sapphire Life Master (3500+ points).

Marian learned to play bridge from her sorority House Mother. Her father informed her that he was not paying for a B.S. in bridge so she hit the books and graduated from Indiana University. After teaching and then raising four children, she took up the game again!

One of her first partners was Dean Duncan whom she played with for over thirty five years. Another of her partners was her husband, Dennis, who was her partner in bridge for over eight years.. We were all saddened when he passed away in May of this year. Her children, grandchildren, bridge and gardening fill her life. **CONGRATULATIONS, MARIAN!**



Leroy Boser - Sapphire Life Master

When Lee became a gold Life Master in 2013, it brought a smile to his face but, we all know that Lee wears lots of smiles everyday. His grin was larger when he achieved the Sapphire Life Master status earning more than 3500 points. Among his duties at our club include being our Purchasing Agent and a Director for over ten years (a challenge these days since ACBL has changed so many rules, but he's a fellow who can handle it!) He brings enthusiasm to the game, a great sense of humor, as well as a helping hand. This year's **Service Award** was presented to him at the SBBC Annual September meeting and, since Lee has quite a sweet tooth, he was presented with a pecan pie from Rise & Roll. He received the Service Award for all the assistance and help he gives during the year. His name has been etched forever on the Service Award plaque. He's a valued member of our club and a valued person.

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, LEE!



Tom's Tables

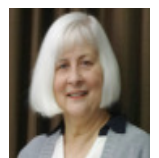


In last month's SBBC newsletter, we introduced Tom Hebron, our resident woodworker, artist and handyman extraordinaire, and promised to show some of his creations. The first in this series is a table made of Curly Cherry heartwood (Table 6) which varies from rich red to reddish-brown and is considered by most woodworkers to be one of the finest North American hardwoods available. Since the first American settlers, cherry wood lumber has been traditionally used in fine furniture. It is prized for its beauty and its workability and is described as an exotic wood. Beautiful choice, Tom!



A Message from our Club Manager, Tricia Killeen

We are eligible twice a year to hold STaC weeks (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) at the club that let us award silver points to our members. Unit 154 used to subsidize the extra table fees so that we could charge our normal entry fee. Budgetary problems caused Unit 154 to have to drop this feature two years ago. Since then we have had to charge a \$9 entry fee, and the result was a 20% drop in our attendance between the November, 2016 and February 2017 STaC weeks. As a result, the Board voted to hold only one STaC week/year. We are eligible to hold another StaC series the first week of November, but I have not put it on the calendar because we already had one in February. If enough members sign the petition I am placing on the bulletin board that they wish SBBC would reconsider this decision (approximately 75 signatures), I will register us for it. Please see me if you have additional questions.



FORT WAYNE REGIONAL

October 2nd through the 8th

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Mary Muller, Carol Kilbourne
 12 David Barkmeier
 12 Guy Morrical, Paul Scherer
 15 Pat Short
 16 Mary Powell, Barbara Emmons
 18 Phill Kolski, Peggy Lyzun
 22 Sherri Kolski
 24 John Scheibelhut
 26 Hugh Metzger
 26 Jean Scheibelhut
 28 Mike Young
 31 Tom Hebron, Dick Scheibelhut



Top Games in September

Pair Games:

399ers.	9/18 Gloria Bates & Lyla Lockhart	65.83%
	9/25 Ted Mullett & Roger Skurski	64.58%
Thurs AM	9/21 Pam Johnson & Mary Newbold	72.22%
	9/21 Kent Dennis & Mel Meyers	56.94%
Fri. PM	9/22 Becky DeLahanty & Kathy Stegmaier	64.29%
	9/08 Bob Lewis & Gerry Wardzinski	57.14%
Open:	9/21 Jimmy Cordas & Suzanne Watson	71.48%
	9/14 John & Tricia Killeen	71.43%

Swiss Team Games:

Tues. 9/5	John Bodish, John & Tricia Killeen & Gini Stipp
Sun. 9/10	John & Tricia Killeen, Sara Marcus & Gini Stipp
Tues. 9/19	John Bodish, Lena Howard, Gini Stipp, & Rosemary Zonker
Sun. 9/24	Leroy Boser, Chayem Ben Moshe, Al Fenton, & Ren Singleton

MOVIN' ON UP

Leroy Boser Sapphire Life Master
 Marian David Sapphire Life Master



THANK YOU, RICH!

Many thanks go to Rich Mao who has generously volunteered to pick up the extra table fees for the Instant Matchpoint Game on Wednesday afternoon, October 25. ACBL charges \$12/table (our players will pay the usual \$8 special game fee). This special game awards 1 gold point to the section top winners, and then pays half red and half black points at 81.8% of sectionally-rated points (great points!). It comes with a special scoring feature that rates how you did on a board in comparison with a group that played the hands previously. Similar to a standardized test, your results will be given in percentages (i.e., you will get a score from 1-100, and your opponents will get the inverse of that. If you get 80%, then they will score 20%). All the results go into the ACBL for a national comparison, and you are also compared across the field and at the club. A hand analysis booklet comes with the game.



NEW RULES FROM ACBL - PART 2

Pretend your pair is a roving (bumping) pair about to start the next round – but the pair you are supposed to bump just started the auction. The Director **MUST** now allow the board to be completed and your pair scores Average Plus because you were not able to play the board. Directors now have even more incentive to warn the pair about to be bumped, because, if this happens, it creates a **HUGE** headache in scoring the game!

If YOU realize that YOU made an error (failure to alert, incorrect explanation) during the auction, you are not required to immediately call the Director – but you must call the Director before the opening lead.

Don't confuse this with realizing PARTNER made a similar type of error. You must stay silent until the auction ends (if your side declares) or after play ends (if you become a defender)

A call can be changed only if a mechanical bidding box error (call made and call intended are close together in the bidding box) occurs and only if identified before partner's next call.

Partners must play the same conventions (including transfers), but style and judgement of each partner need not be similar. (If partners have extreme difference in style, e.g., one very conservative and one very aggressive, the opponents should be informed.)

You may consult your opponent's convention card and/or ask about an opponent's call:

- (1) prior to the auction,
- (2) when it is your turn to call or play,
- (3) between the end of auction and opening lead, or
- (4) if necessary to answer an opponent's question (this one was added as part of the law changes)

When you are dummy, you may not look at either defender's hand. When you are a defender, you may not show dummy your hand.

Thanks to Bud Hinckley for this addition to Part One.

Education Updates

"J & J" October Classes
Monday, 9:30 to 11:30 \$5.00
There will be no classes on
October 2nd and the 30th.

10/9 Play of the Hand - No Trump Contracts
 10/16 & 23rd - Defense - Leads & Signals
 Contact Jo Ann Steigmeyer at joann1107@comcast.net, 574-243-1355, or Joan Tobler at 269-687-9766.



Tricia Killeen will offer the following topics on Thursday mornings in October..



October 5: No session
 October 12 & 26: Game
 October 19: Practice Session on "Overcalls"
 Contact Tricia at patrickilleen@att.net.
 or call 574-271-1345.

Time: Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:30 Cost: \$6.00

Elaine DeLaney's Friday Lessons & Game:
 Lesson 2-2:15 Game 2:15-5:00 Discussion of hands including bidding & declarer play. Cost \$7.00

