

Northern Indiana Unit 154

December 2019 Newsletter

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President's Corner



Terry Bauer

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season. To those of us staying in the cold north, come out and play in the clubs whenever you can. During the winter months there will be five sectionals in Michigan and one regional in Indianapolis.

At our last unit board meeting we spent almost an hour discussing the feasibility of holding a regional tournament again in our unit. We reached the conclusion that our unit is unable to take the financial risk that a new regional requires at this time. Our finances are in good shape now and the surplus income from our three sectionals is sufficient to meet our expenses.

Thank you to all who participated in the Highland Sectional in October. We had 151 tables and we increased the number of 299/499 tables from 12 last year to 38 this year. 744 silver points were awarded to 165 players.

South Bend Spring Sectional May 1, 2, & 3

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*Mention the South Bend Tournament
for the \$102 Bridge Rate
Available through April 15*

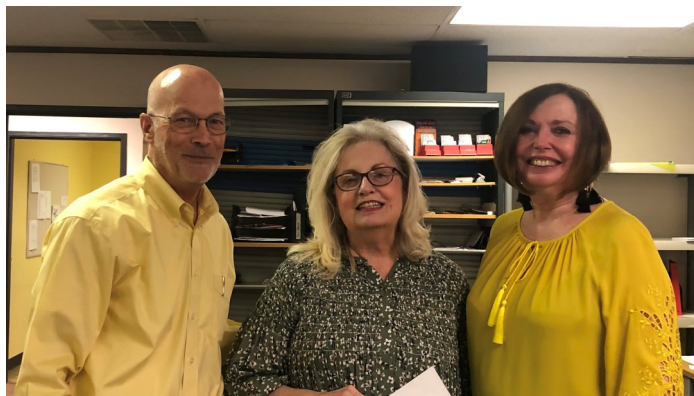
70% + Games!

John Teshima, Trail Creek & Bill Wendt, LaPorte: **71.40%** 9/30

Barbara Graegin, Schererville & Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point: **70.90%** 11/16



Dena Davis & Teresa Nelson Chosen for ACBL Charity Pin Award



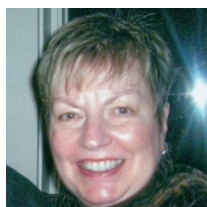
Gary Chaney , Dena Davis & Teresa Nelson

Each year the American Contract Bridge League recognizes 2 individuals from each District for their efforts and successes in support of the ACBL's charity campaigns. The largest and most comprehensive of these charity campaigns is the Longest Day in support of Alzheimer's research. Each of chosen individuals receives a gold ACBL lapel pin and a letter of appreciation.

This year the Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club is honored to have two of its members selected by District 12 Director Dennis Carman for the prestigious **ACBL Charity Pin Award: Dena Davis and Teresa Nelson**. These two bridge-playing volunteers invested over 100 hours in planning and implementing the highly successful Longest Day events and activities at the Bridge Center. These events and activities resulted in over \$18,000 being raised for the benefit of Alzheimer's research.

At the club's October 16 game, Gary Chaney had the pleasure of presenting Dena and Teresa with their pins and letters of appreciation, to thunderous applause from 100 of their bridge-playing friends. Thank you, Dena and Teresa, for your hard work and your unqualified success.

Marci Meyer Awarded the ACBL Goodwill Pin



Marci Meyer was appointed by Dennis Carman, District 12 Director and ACBL board member, to a lifetime membership in the prestigious Aileen Osofsky ACBL National Goodwill Committee. This award was made to honor her for her service to the district, specifically in displaying goodwill among fellow bridge players.

The Goodwill creed — *"Always disclose, never abuse, don't intimidate, and practice active ethics"* — is the most important goodwill message we can strive to share with our fellow bridge players. Everyone, especially in competitive bridge enjoys the company of others who are friendly, caring and forgiving, as we enjoy the game we love.

Marci writes: "I am so very humbled and honored to receive this lifetime membership to the ACBL National Goodwill Committee. My appointment was made by Dennis Carman, District 12 Director to the ACBL Board. We love visitors at our Michigan City game, and when Terry Bauer came, I was delighted to see him and his partner and just assumed that they had a free Monday afternoon and wanted to play bridge. Terry told me that he had an announcement he wanted to make before we started, and I thought he was going to thank everyone for their participation in the Highland Sectional. Talk about a shock — never in a million years did I dream he was there to make this presentation. I love promoting bridge and love the friendships that I make at the bridge table. I shall forever treasure my Goodwill pin and will wear it with pride. Thank you District 12 and ACBL.

South Bend's Club Manager Retiring



South Bend Club

South Bend regrets to announce that **Patricia Killen** has tendered her resignation as Club Manager effective January 2020. She has earned a well-deserved retirement as she has held that position for 12 years and been involved with the club since its inception in 2005. Tricia is not just another “pretty” face” who makes announcements at the beginning of each game. She has seen to the scheduling of games (an ACBL complicated nightmare), obtaining the sanctions for their games, preparing the masterpoint reports each month, getting the latest info about our members (knee, hip, shoulder

replacements and other maladies), making sure get well & sympathy cards are sent out, teaching beginning bridge classes, which has contributed greatly to the stability of their membership, and helping many players become life masters. She’s been known to take a dish to someone who’s feeling under the weather and always has had time for each person in the club! South Bend players appreciate her dedication and will miss her leadership greatly. Thanks Trish!

Newest Members to the SBBC's 90+ Wall



Hugh Metzger
October 26, 1929

The South Bend Bridge Club is proud to add two new inductees into the "90+ Hall of Fame". Each of the recipients reached 90 years within two days of each other in October. Their pictures and our other honorees are on the 90+ Wall located near the Directors’ Station. A contribution to Our Lady of the Road has been given in John’s name and a contribution to the Jewish Federation in Hugh’s name. Our heartiest congratulations to both of them.



John Scheibelhut
October 24, 1929

RIISING IN THE RANKS

JUNIOR MASTER (5)

Pamela Johnson, Granger
Judy Knight, Lagrange
Lee Malizia, Long Beach
Kim Tubergen, Angola

CLUB MASTER (20)

Edward Bower, Roanoke
Terry Brendel, Valparaiso
Gayle Gonser, Elkhart
Miki Grant, Elkhart
Ophelia Maloney, Fort Wayne
Helen Ryan, Fort Wayne
Linda Urschel, Mishawaka

SECTIONAL MASTER (50)

Kathie Fritz, Michigan City
Jo Holm, Fort Wayne
Daryl Penfold, La Porte
Ram Prasad, Munster
Tom Rea, Valparaiso

REGIONAL MASTER (100)

Betty Brewe, Michiana Shores
Richard Brewe, Michiana Shores
Steve Brock, Auburn
Stan Davis, Fort Wayne
Don Giedemann, Valpo
Donna Penn, Portage
Helen Thiros, Schererville
Gerry Wardzinski, South Bend

NABC MASTER (200)

Sally Will, Valparaiso

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500)

Bill deFuniak, Long Beach

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500)

Mike Young, St. Joseph



Well, he just keeps climbing up the Bridge Ladder. Mike is the second player who will be honored at the South Bend Awards Luncheon in the spring. Although Mike is from the St. Joseph Michigan area, he is a member of the SB club and they are delighted that he is on their roster. Next step is Silver! Congratulations Mike!

SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000)

Dr. Kenneth Bisson, Angola



GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500)

Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne



A Bridge Player's Visit from Santa

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The cards were shuffled, but I'd gone to bed,
Visions of grand slams dancing in my head.

When all of a sudden there arose such a scream,
I sprang from my bed to see what did it mean.
Away down the stairs I flew like a flasher,
Peered round the corner, and lo there was Dasher
And Dancer and Prancer and Rudolph and Vixen
And Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But Santa and Rudolph and all the reindeer,
Playing bridge by the gleam of Rudolf's red nose
As cheery and bright as a new Christmas rose.

Four no-trump, five spades, the bidding went higher,
Five no-trump, six hearts, oh my, we're on fire!
Seven spades, seven no-trump, the contract was set.
On Santa and Rudolph I wagered my bet.

I waited quite breathless, my heart it was beating,
Predicting the outcome of this sudden meeting.
But Santa just winked and twisted his head,
Soon letting me know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
Taking all the tricks then turned with a jerk.
And when it was over, he'd made it look easy,
Leaving me feeling a little bit queasy.

Then laying a finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,
And I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,
"Grand Slams in the New Year to all and to all a Good Night!"