

Northern Indiana Unit 154

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OCTOBER!!! I love October. The heat of the summer is in the rearview mirror and the leaves are beginning to display their wonderful colors.

Speaking of colors, *GOLD and RED* at **Farmington Hills Oct. 8-14**, more *SILVER* at **Highland Oct 19-21**, still more *SILVER* at **Toledo Oct. 26-28**, and even more *SILVER* during **STaC week Oct. 29-Nov. 4**. Did I mention that I love October?

Thank you to Alan, Mike, Larry, Mary, Lee, Matt, Darrell, Roy, Steve, Grant, and Kim for traveling to Lansing on Sep 16 to compete in the North American Open Pairs qualifying. Unfortunately, none of us played our best, but we made new friends and represented Unit 154 well.

As some of our members head south for a few months, I request that those who do retain their membership in Unit 154 and merely change to their temporary winter mailing address. This takes a little more effort because you need to contact Cindy Wages (cindy.wages@acbl.org). You request keeping your membership with Unit 154 year-round. That way Unit 154 gets full benefit of your annual dues. Please consider doing this.

Well, it is time to go out and immerse my hands in potting soil as I bring the geraniums in for the colder months. Hopefully, I will water them as needed, so they can return to the native soil next May.

Enjoy Autumn 2018 and all its magnificent colors. I love October!

2018 South Bend Service Award



The South Bend Bridge Club proudly presented **MARGARET LEWIS** the 2018 Service Award at the Annual Meeting on September 12th. Serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years, she has been a strong liaison for the 399ers. She works tirelessly on their behalf and encourages them to play in the Swiss Team Games, sometimes bringing as many teams as on the open side. Margaret's name has been inscribed on the Service plaque.

South Bend Pro-Am Swiss Team Winners

Congratulations to the winners of another successful Pro-Am Swiss Team Event in South Bend. Pictured are Gayle Gonser, Dave Bontrager, Raji Sundararajan and Raji's Dad, Raja Sarma (seated). There were 12 teams in attendance enjoying a Saturday afternoon with hot dogs & extras provided by the Chef, Bill Searcy, & the Hostess Committee, Joan Tobler, Marty Martin & Tricia Killeen.. Thanks to all who made this event a success.



Swiss Teams at Fort Wayne Pro-Am Game

The Fort Wayne Club has introduced a Swiss team game the third Thursday of the month at its Pro-Am(mentoring) game. Players receiving mentoring were thought to be the best audience to try something new and, if they like the event, they may be willing to play it in sectional tournaments. Pictured: Lee Baatz giving a mini-lesson to players on strategy tips and introducing scoring for team games.



New Website for Fort Wayne Club

Check out Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club's new website at: www.forwaynebridge.org Besides game schedules, upcoming events and club news, the site features lots of player photos and a new page welcoming social bridge players to try duplicate.

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE BOARD!

If you want to support the Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club and help it

Friends That Will Be Missed



Alice Giedemann from Merrillville passed away on September 14, 2018.



She was an elementary teacher in the Lake Ridge School System for 30 years. Playing bridge was an important part of Alice's life. She had been playing bridge since college. Alice and Don played their first sanctioned duplicate game at the Calumet Township Club 8 years ago. They were a vital part of the 99er game. She and Don were regular players at the Valparaiso Club until recently. Alice was also a member of the Assembly Bridge group.

We extend our condolences to Don on the loss of his beloved wife, and we are saddened by her departure.

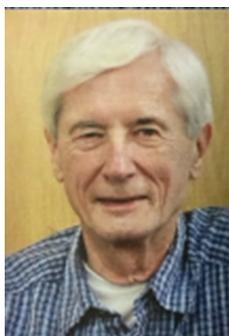


Frank Yoder III, South Bend
June 4, 1944 - August 2018

The South Bend Club regrets to report that Frank Yoder passed away in August. Frank was a member of the South Bend Bridge Club for many years playing often with his favorite partner, Elaine DeLaney. He was a formidable opponent with many of us being on the receiving end of his excellent play. We send our condolences to his family.

Paul Scherer, South Bend

October 12, 1933 - August 26, 2018



Paul Scherer, a beloved member of the SBBC, passed away in August. He is survived by his wife, Darlene and their children, Maria, Mark & John. He was a Silver Life Master and was only a few points away from becoming a Gold Life Master. History buffs sought him out about past events as he was a master of all things historical. He taught at several colleges and universities and, after retirement, taught locally at Forever Learning Institute.



70% +

John Teshima, Trail Creek & Bill Wendt, Valparaiso: **72.35%** 8/6
Robert & Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne: **70.83%** 8/11
Steve Watson, Schererville & Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point: **70.83%** 8/14
Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton & Laverne Niksch, Portage: **75.38%** 8/27
Chuck Tomes & Dolores Van Bebber, Valparaiso: **75.66%** 8/29
Ken Bisson & Chet Pinkham, Angola: **71.53%** 9/4
Matt Fultz & Jim Voelz, Fort Wayne: **72.07%** 9/5
Jack Meyers & Tom Carpenter, Fort Wayne: **71.35%** 9/11
Michael Clegg & Jim Kart, Fort Wayne: **70.24%** 9/27

RISING IN THE RANKS

JUNIOR MASTER

Judith McCullough, Mishawaka
Anne Saal, Elkhart
Thomas Saal, Elkhart

CLUB MASTER

David Dinius, Fort Wayne
Frederick Green, Valparaiso
Donald Grote, Chesterton
David Himmelhaver, Fort Wayne
Julie Jarvis, Mishawaka
Sunaina Kumar, Dyer
Rajalakshmy Sundara, Granger

SECTIONAL MASTER

Betty Brewes, Michiana Shores
Richard Brewes, Michiana Shores
Dr. Stan Davis, Fort Wayne
J. Philip McGraw, Morocco

REGIONAL MASTER

M. Julie Nelson, Granger
George Cramer, South Bend
Mary Muller, Granger
Norm Muller, Granger

NABC MASTER

Alta Allen, Gary

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Charlotte Abernethy, Griffith

RUBY LIFE MASTER

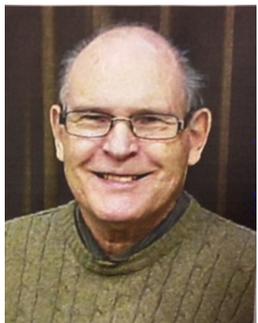
Patricia Borchert, Elkhart



Pat earned another bridge honor when she recently became a Ruby Life Master (1500 master-points). Besides playing bridge, Pat's passion is travel. She goes often to Europe and has visited Russia, Hawaii, Alaska and many places in the States. In June this year she wandered Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Warsaw among others. Her other interests are music, art, movies, theatre & reading! Right now she is busy downsizing and planning to move to a place requiring less upkeep so she can pursue all her interests. Fortunately for us, she still finds time to join us at the club.

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Hugh Metzger, South Bend



Back in June of 2011, we wrote about Hugh's role as a director. At that time he said "It took me 64 years to amass the 1000 points needed to become a silver life master. At that rate I will be 176 years old before we can celebrate my gold life master." Well, here it is, only 7 years later and Hugh has become a Ruby Life Master (1500+ masterpoints), well on his way. Hugh is very enthusiastic about the game and enjoys the social life and friendships he's found at the center. He has been instrumental in encouraging and playing with newer players. Considering he was born only three days before the October 29th Crash, his life has certainly not been in any way depressing. He brings a smile to each table and also some groans when he tells his "punny" jokes. He's a man we really appreciate and are happy to honor.

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne



Five Weeks to Winning Bridge by Alfred Sheinwold was my introduction to bridge. I wanted to learn and that was the book that was recommended to me. Then I learned about the Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Center and played in the Wednesday night Novice game. I was hooked. The director Lorene Leiter was helpful with finding partners for me. That was in 1973.

Since I retired, I've been able to give more time to bridge. I have many good partners who have helped me accumulate masterpoints and especially my husband Michael. I hope to be able to play duplicate bridge for many more years.

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Bud Hinckley, South Bend Club



In recent years, Bud Hinckley has been directing bridge games more than he has played. But more than six years after becoming a Gold Life Master, he has reached the 3,500 masterpoint plateau.

Although Bud has recently moved to Stevensville, Michigan, he plans to continue his full time job at the Cook Nuclear Plant for at least another four years. He will be our resident "IT" computer expert while directing at least a few Mondays or Wednesdays each month.

He also expects to serve as a panelist on the District 8 Advocate Solvers Forum and will continue in his role as a Unit 154 South Bend area representative.

Bud would like to thank his regular partners over the last several years, in particular Richard Mao and Chayem Ben Moshe, for their assistance in helping him become a Sapphire Life Master.

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Tom Hallum, Mishawaka



The title of Diamond Life Master has been bestowed on Tom Hallum for his lifetime achievement in the bridge world. Tom's earned many accolades in the past 40 years since he started playing duplicate in Chicago where he grew up. Tom plays a smart, competitive game & deserves the title of Diamond Life Master (5,000+ points). He makes SBBC a tough place for the rest of us to play and win!

Tom came to South Bend to be with his brother and cousins who live in the northern Indiana area, but every month he returns to Chicago to play with special partners that he's enjoyed playing with over the years. He claims he can't remember when or why he first started playing duplicate but, when he did, he certainly found his niche. Tom says, because bridge is a partnership game, having good partners is necessary to accumulate masterpoints and living here in Mishawaka has provided him with not only good partners but special friends.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT, TOM!