

Northern Indiana Unit 154

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President's Corner



Terry Bauer

Coronavirus continues to keep most of our clubs shuttered. All tournaments in the country have been canceled for this year. The internet is where many of our members are playing bridge these days and there have been several virtual tournaments where players can earn silver and gold points. More on-line sectional, regional, or national events are scheduled for this year. Bridge Base Online (BBO) has been a nice way for players to keep their minds occupied and their bridge skills honed until they can get back to a real bridge table.

Virtual Clubs on BBO is a good alternative for our members to support their club and win masterpoints. To play in a virtual club game, you must have played at least one game during 2019 and 2020 in the pooled virtual club grouping, have a BBO account and be an ACBL

member. You can play on BBO even if you are not an ACBL member in a casual game or practice with robots; both are free. So, there is something for everyone! Clubs in our unit: Calument/Highland, Hinsdale and South Suburban pooled together to form a "virtual club" and offers games 5 days a week. South Bend, Michigan City and Valparaiso have pooled and offers games three to four times a week. Fort Wayne pooled with Indianapolis and plays seven days a week.

If you have not tried BBO because it looks or sounds a little daunting, ask someone you know for help. There are tutorials available that can help you get through it. Most people have found it is easy to set up an account and play. It is also a great way to help support your club until it can open back up.

Continue to stay healthy and safe!

Terry



70% + Games on BBO!

John & Tricia Killeen, Mishawaka: **70%** 8/4

Rich & Sally Wills, Valparaiso: **70%** 8/10

Richard Mao, Mishawaka, & Elaine DeLaney, South Bend: **70.83%** 8/13



Fort Wayne Club Raises \$13,695 for 2020 Longest Day



Longest Day Committee 2020 committee members: Dena Davis, Teresa Nelson, Judy Nelsen (Chair) and Matt Farber. Members not pictured: Bob Enyeart, Mary Hoevel, and Kris Purcell.

Although its Longest Day event couldn't be held in person this year, the Fort Wayne Club raised more than \$13,000 for the Alzheimer's Association's research and service programs through direct donations from its players, foundations and businesses. This amount placed the club 8th in the ACBL's ranking of funds raised by U.S. clubs in 2020.

RISING IN THE RANKS

JUNIOR MASTER (5)

Jackie Kohrman, Huntertown
Deb Raftree, Fort Wayne

CLUB MASTER (20)

Patricia Short, South Bend

SECTIONAL MASTER (50)

Frederick Green, Valparaiso
Rajalakshmy Sundara, Granger

REGIONAL MASTER (100)

Maureen Skurski, South Bend

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000)

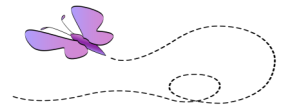
John Killeen, Mishawaka



The South Bend Club, (John's home club) asked him to look back and let us all know how he started on this journey to becoming a Diamond Life Master. What an accomplishment! We offer our congratulations!

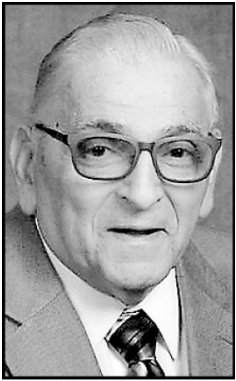
John writes: Like a lot of us, I learned to play in college with my roommate. Living off campus my senior year, I began to play with my landlady, Theo Reid, who was a prominent duplicate player in South Bend. Tricia and I started playing together junior year in college. We played several years, but we quit while raising our family and pursuing careers in teaching. I retired in 2000, and tennis got to be too much of an effort, I came to the Bridge Center in 2001 and started playing duplicate again. I found it was a lot of fun, quickly made friends, and found a lot of partners. I never dreamed that some day I would be a diamond life master. There were a number of good players at the time who didn't have many master points, and, when Tricia retired, we formed a team that could play in the "B"s at tournaments. We had a fair amount of success and were able to help a number of people become life masters. The best example was Mary Powell becoming a life master at the age of 90 at the Lake Geneva tournament. The experience has been doubly enjoyable because I was able to share it with Tricia. Having had these good experiences, I am hopeful that we don't lose our club because not enough people are enjoying bridge and playing enough.

Friends That Will Be Missed



Mike Bonahoom, Fort Wayne

September 14, 1931 – August 13, 2020



Michael “Mike” Bonahoom JR., 88, passed away on August 13. Mike and his wife, Annamarie, were part and parcel of the Fort Wayne bridge scene spanning five decades. They started the Wednesday and Saturday games, known as the Summit City Club, in the 1980’s. Mike would direct and Annamarie would act as hostess and fill-in partner. Mike also directed the Monday and Thursday Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club night games for nearly 30 years. He was President of the FWDBC Governing Board for that same time span. After his retirement from active directing, the FWDBC renamed its annual award for outstanding service to bridge in the Fort Wayne area as the Mike and Annamarie Bonahoom Award. The world of bridge has lost a true gentleman and a firm friend of duplicate bridge. All the members, past and present, thank you, Mike, for your service and dedication to bridge in northeastern Indiana. Rest easy, Sir.

Dolores “Dee” J Marshall

August 20, 1930 – August 9, 2020



Dolores “Dee” Juanita Myers (Smith) Marshall passed away Sunday, August 9th, just 11 days short of her 90th birthday. Dee is survived by her loving husband, Arthur “Art” Marshall, after nearly 42 years of marriage. They were residing in Merrillville, IN after many years in Portage, and Chesterton while originating in Gary, IN.

She was born on August 20, 1930 in Baltimore, MD but grew up in Gary, IN, graduating from Horace Mann High School, class of 1948. Married initially in 1952, she became a single mother in the 1960’s, stepped up as a working mom, using her mathematical skills as an accounting clerk until retirement. She helped all four children to get a college degree and achieve the American dream.

Dee was active, golfing, bowling and dancing whenever there was music. In retirement, she enjoyed playing duplicate bridge at her local bridge club in Gary or at any tournament within driving distance. She also enjoyed any kind of card game or social activity, as long as there were people around. She was known for her smile and her sociability.

Manny Silverman, Fort Wayne

1925—2020



Fort Wayne players were saddened to learn of the July 16th death of Manny Silverman, a regular at the club from its early days until his health failed about five years ago. A skilled bridge player and Ruby Life Master who played well into his 80’s, Manny was known for his warmth, charm, and great sense of humor. Manny was a true mensch. We will all sorely miss him.

Born in Baltimore, MD, in 1925, Manny served in the Navy during WW II and later graduated from the University of Virginia with a Masters Degree. His career included working as the manager of publications at Magnavox for 18 years and as an insurance agent for 10 years retiring in 1990. Manny was an active member of Congregation Achduth Vesholom. He was also recognized for his work as an actor in many local productions, being a member of Fort Wayne’s Civic Theatre for 20 years, serving as Past President of the Civic Theatre Board and winning four Anthony Awards. Manny was married to Margaret Silverman and the father of three grown children. After being widowed for many years, he formed a relationship with companion Jane Martin, who was with him until his final days.

Mary B. Powell

October 16, 1916 - July 17, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce to our members that Mary Powell has passed away at the age of 103. She was a major civic force in the Niles area but spent time in South Bend playing in our club. Many of our members were fortunate to have her as a partner, her favorite being Tim Carl who unfortunately died in December 2018. Others she enjoyed playing with her were Joan Tobler, Linda Podlin, and Louise Tickfer. With Martha Hosinski at 93 and Mary at 96, the 2 oldest members in our club had of a winning game of 59.72%. Their combined ages of 189 more than tripled their percent.

She graduated from Niles High School and continued her education with University of Michigan extension courses, and Finance and Banking classes at the University of Notre Dame. She was married to Ralph Powell. They celebrated their remarkable Sixtieth Anniversary of their wedding just four weeks prior to his death on May 7, 2001. Her son Terrill passed away in 2016. She is survived by her daughter Jan, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed both the social fellowship and the mental challenge of bridge, and was a Charter Member of the Niles-Buchanan YMCA Duplicate Bridge Club, a member of the South Bend Bridge Club, and a member of the American Contract Bridge League, qualifying as a Club Director in 1998, and attaining the ranking of Bronze Life Master in 2004.

We send our condolences to the family. Mary hasn't been with us in the past few years due to health issues. We missed her then and we will miss her even more now. So glad we could have the time with her.