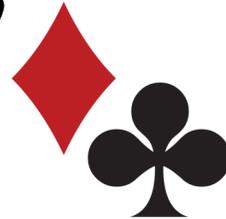




Northern Indiana Unit 154



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Oh, my, the holiday season is upon us. It seems just a short time ago that it left us too full and too tired. I could ask where the time went, but I know the answer: WHOOOOSH!

For those of you who acknowledge it, You are a year older. The question to be answered, however, is 'are you a year wiser'. From a bridge point of view, I can answer in the affirmative. I am wiser because the past year has taught me that I am

not as smart as I thought (or hoped) I would be. That queen of trump still evades me with regularity and I still have trouble counting to 13 occasionally. Well, maybe 2019 will be the year.

Seriously, we bridge players have it pretty good. We regularly participate in a game that we love. We get to do it for, in many cases, less than \$2/hour. We entertain our opponents with our mistakes, and, in turn, are entertained by their mistakes. We sit across the table from people we like and are liked (most of the time) by them. What more could we ask for? Forget it, most of us wouldn't know what to do with a 28 hcp-hand, so stop dreaming.

Before closing, I ask each of you to take a moment to thank the people who make it possible for you to enjoy your game(s) each week: the club owner/manager, the director, the snack person, your opponents, and (most of all) your partner. Please be thankful for all you have and be generous in your sharing of it.

I hope that 2018 has been the best year of your life so far and the worst year of all the years to come.

Gary

70% + GAMES



- Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton & Laverne Niksch, Portage: **71.53%** 9/25
- John & Tricia Killeen, Mishawaka: **73.84%** 10/8
- Kim Grant, Fort Wayne & Gary Chaney, Woodburn: **73.92%** 10/16
- Penny Henshaw & Millie Legg, Fort Wayne: **71.13%** 10/17
- Marci & Keith Meyer, Long Beach: **77.22%** 10/23
- Mary Ann Filipiak, Michigan City & Pat Hoodwin, Long Beach: **73.89%** 10/23
- Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point & Dan Spain, Portage: **75.60%** 10/27
- Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton & Laverne Niksch, Portage: **72.76%** 10/29
- Tom O'Connell, Long Beach & Don Grote, Chesterton: **70.67%** 10/29
- Laverne Niksch, Portage & Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton: **72.76%** 10/29
- Trudi McKamey, Ogden Dunes & Yuan Hsu, Hammond: **70.49%** 11/3
- Marcia and Jim Carson, Valparaiso: **76.39%** 11/6
- Elaine DeLaney, South Bend & Dick Hastings, Bristol: **75.45%** 11/15
- Chuck Tomes & Tom Rea, Valparaiso: **72.69%** 11/28



Northwest Indiana Fall Sectional

687.78 silver masterpoints! That's how many masterpoints were earned at our fall sectional. What a fun time! There were 139 players who received silver. We were up 8 tables, 21 more players and 35 masterpoints from last year.

Thanks are due to many people — starting with the past sectional teams led by Barbara Walczak and Alan Yngve. These past teams got us on the right track. We must mention Kim Grant, Marci Meyer and Gary Chaney for all the support and help throughout the process. Special people on our

team include Anne Murphy, Barbara Walczak, and two super ladies — Anna Urick and Charlie Abernethy — and, of course, our hard-working co-chairmen, Wayne Carpenter and Terry Bauer.

Thanks to everyone who brought great food in great quantity. To all those who helped with the clean-up — a big high five. They were our silent heroes. There were so many people who extended a wonderful, willing spirit of cooperation and wholehearted participation in this event, and we thank them all.



Terry Bauer and Wayne Carpenter — co-chairmen
Northwest Indiana Fall Sectional



Teachers "R" Us!

Pictured to the left are some of the attendees of Elaine DeLaney's Friday afternoon class/game in the South Bend Club. They come to hear a mini lesson given by Elaine each week before playing a sanctioned duplicate game. These are players who have fewer than 149 masterpoints who want to learn more about this challenging game while having a fun experience. We are so grateful for the time and effort given by Elaine to the South Bend Bridge Club. She is a rare treasure who has helped many players through the years.

The players pictured above are from left to right: Miki Grant, Mary Wisniewski, Pat Short, Anita Nunemaker, Candy Hurwich, Elaine DeLaney, Gerry Wardzinski, Nancy Saunders, Gloria Bates, Tom Saal, Penny Krug, Ann Saal, and Bonnita Laub.

Jim Kart Selected for Fort Wayne Club Award



At the Fort Wayne Club's Holiday Party on December 1, FWDBC Director **Jim Kart** received the ***Mike and Annamarie Bonahoom Award*** for exceptional service to the club in 2018. He is shown in the photo (middle) with Mike Bonahoom (left), beloved Club Manager for many years, and current board president Lee Baatz (right). Jim is known for

making the games he directs special by cooking up delicious treats for the players to enjoy while they play. He is always willing to take a turn at teaching the Thursday mini-lessons before the Pro-Am game and pitch in and help whenever something needs to be done. Jim is also always a gentleman at the bridge table. Congratulations Jim. Well Deserved!

Friends That Will Be Missed



John Clark Dresser 1938—2018



John died Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Naples, Florida of acute leukemia. The Dresser family spent summers at Clear Lake in Indiana where John met the love of his life, Nancy Dildine of Fort Wayne, Indiana and they married in November 1957. John and Nancy always spent their summers at Clear Lake enjoying family, friends, sports and most of all, the lake. He played Bridge at the Angola Bridge Club and will be missed.

DON FERGUSON January 10, 1938 - November 11, 2018



Don Ferguson, a Gold Life Master, passed away on November 11, 2018. Don had been a member of the Fort Wayne DBC for more than five decades. Besides being a regular player at the Fort Wayne DBC, Don along with Rose, his wife of 46 years, was a club director of the Swindell BC and the Cedar Creek BC and club manager/owner of the Swindell BC. He always took the game seriously. His bidding style was based on sound logic and creativity. Don rarely held a hand that did not hold promise for some bid beyond a simple "PASS". Many were the opponents who found their 26 hcp-game bid superseded by Don's 14 hcp-game bid. And he often was successful in bringing the 'skinny' game home. Rest in peace, Don.

BYRON PARSHALL

June 11, 1926 - Oct.5, 2018



Byron (Bud) Parshall passed away on Friday October 5th. Bud was raised in South Bend and graduated from the University of Michigan with an Engineering Degree. He was employed by N.A. Rockwell to serve as quality control manager involved in the NASA Space Program. However, he was not all work and no play. He was an avid fly fisherman, was an Arthur Murray ballroom dance instructor and achieved the lofty rank of life master. He was an extremely tough bridge competitor, particularly when he partnered with his favorite partner, Fred Binder. They really kept the other players on their toes. We will continue to have him in our thoughts.

LOIS GANSER

March 21, 1927 - Oct, 10, 2018



Lois hadn't played much bridge at the South Bend Club in recent years but there are many of our members who remember her bridge ability and her warm smile. She was born and raised in South Bend where she met and married Fred Ganser. They were blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She enjoyed dancing with her number one partner, her husband, Fred. Of course, her love of bridge was legend and she earned the ranking of Life Master. Although we haven't seen much of her lately, we have good memories of time spent with her.

BOB HEINY

July 10, 1922 - November 1, 2018



Bob Heiny passed away peacefully at age 96 on November 1, 2018. Although Bob was a member of the Fort Wayne DBC for many years, he wasn't a good bridge player. BUT he played the game the way it should be played, with joy and camaraderie with both his partner across the table and the opponents sitting on either side of him. Bob had no idea what a backward finesse was, but he could tell you story after story about Life and his experiences within it. And that was just the first board! By the time the opponents left the table after three or four boards, they were not sure what the results were, but they knew that they had been entertained and were the better for it. Bob is probably sitting at a table in the clouds entertaining his angelic opponents. Have fun, Bob.

BONNIE KRUECKEBERG

1929—2018



Bonnie Krueckeberg passed away after a savage battle with cancer. Bonnie had been a member of the Fort Wayne DBC for many years. She played the game with gusto and always looked forward to the next board. Bonnie was always pleasant whether she was having a good game or a horrible game. Her partner and her opponents were always aware they were in the presence of gentleness and propriety. Being a retired teacher, Bonnie knew the value of being an attentive pupil. She attended many bridge lessons and kept a good library of bridge books at home to help her in the development of her game. Thank you, Bonnie, for being a part of our bridge family.

RONALD PETERSON

Jan. 14, 1932 - Oct. 1, 2018



Dr. Ronald Peterson passed away in the company of his wife of 64 years, Virginia, and his seven children. Although his first love was his medical family practice, he was interested in so many activities such as raising Arabian horses, enjoying his time on his farm, running, and, of course, Duplicate Bridge. He and his wife played exclusively with each other, and both of them achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master. They were one of the few partners who played the Big Club in the South Bend Club which challenged their defenders. His son, Randy, and daughter, Julie, are playing and carrying on his legacy. Our condolences to his family. We shall miss him.

RISING IN THE RANKS

JUNIOR MASTER (5)

Margaret Cunningham, *Laporte*

Ophelia Maloney, *Fort Wayne*

Mary Newbold, *South Bend*

Helen Ryan, *Fort Wayne*

Judith Wadlington, *Michigan City*

CLUB MASTER (20)

Lynn Lantow, *Hamilton*

Fred Maione, *Bonita Springs*

SECTIONAL MASTER (50)

Millie Legg, *New Haven*

Candace Hurwich, *South Bend*

REGIONAL MASTER (100)

Robert Enyeart, *Fort Wayne*

NABC MASTER (200)

Holly Skekloff, *Fort Wayne*

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Mary Lou Clegg



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.