



Indianapolis Bridge Center – February 2016

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Special Games in February

Two Big Events on Saturday, February 6!

1. The Central Indiana Bridge Association will be holding *Getting Ready for Tournament Play*, a workshop for players with 0-200 master points, at the IBC. The workshop will teach players how to make the most of playing in all types of bridge tourneys. Instruction in the morning will be followed by a team game in the afternoon, limited to those who attended the workshop. Pick up a flyer at the IBC to reserve your place in the workshop and team game and to make your lunch* selection.

2. The Indianapolis Bridge Center, in partnership with Hoosier Village Retirement Community, will sponsor a charity game in the afternoon in support of Gleaners Food Bank. Be sure to sign up for your free lunch* on the front bulletin board at the club.

*Lunch, from Panera Bread, will be provided by Hoosier Village Retirement Community. Deadline for lunch selection is February 3.

See the flyer and bulletin board for more details.

Please come out and support this drive to support Gleaners Food Bank, which feeds many of our most vulnerable populations. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 2/6; social hour at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 2/20; socialize at 5:30, play at 6:30.

2015: A Very Good Year

In 2015, the IBC awarded 9,363.79 master points; 819 different persons played at a total of 6628.5 tables. Congratulations to the ten persons (up three from 2014) who won 100 master points or more: Sharon Austin, Kendra Bridges, Bev Brown, Maureen Clerkin, Patty Cole, Tom Feeney, Ellie Grinslade, Mike Hellmer Mitchell Pote, and Van Vlack. We will honor them on Wednesday, 2/17 at the noon game. Please bring a snack, congratulate them, and come enjoy the game.

A Perfect 10 Swiss Team game will be Thursday evening 2/11 at 6:00. Great fun! Note: No open games on Thursday evenings 2/4 or 2/18.

There will be six unit or club championships in February:

Tuesday morning 2/2 at 10:00, both games
Sunday evening 2/8 at 6:00, 0-200
Monday morning 2/8 at 10:30, NLM
Monday morning 2/8 at 11:00, open
Thursday 2/11 at noon, open
Friday morning 2/19 at 10:30, NLM.

Linda Leedy is Player of the Month for December. Her party will be scheduled soon.

Rookie of the Month for December is **Rebecca Marcus**. Her party is Tuesday 2/2 at 6:00 p.m.

Note: Monday, February 29th is **Sadie Hawkins Day!**



If you are sick - even if you just have a winter cold - please stay home. We will welcome you back when you are healthy.

The IBC is closed for the **Crossroads of Americas Regional**, 2/22 to 2/28. Go play, do well, have fun. Then come back to the IBC for more fun.

Table count for December 2014 was 525.5, the largest in several years.



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ALERT!
John Nichols

Bits and Pieces

Convention Cards: With the Indy Regional coming up this is a good chance to remind everyone that ACBL regulations require that both members of a partnership have identical convention cards filled out and on the table. Admittedly, at the Bridge Center we are somewhat lax in enforcing this. However, if your lack of a convention card causes a problem you may find your score adjusted. At a tournament with people from farther away the Convention Card is more important. If there is a question about the meaning of your bids it can help document what your real agreement is. If you would like some help filling out your card I will be teaching a short free class on Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 and again on Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30.

Calling the Director: As soon as someone points out an irregularity everyone at the table is responsible for calling the director. Put a hand in the air so we can tell who needs our help. Once the director is called all action at the table must stop. Don't turn cards over to check for a revoke. Don't correct your insufficient bid. Don't take back that lead out of turn. Just wait for the director and answer our questions. Don't all talk at once – we will give everyone a chance to tell their story.

Taking Advantage of an Irregularity: Law 10C3 states “When these Laws provide the innocent side with an option after an irregularity committed by an opponent, it is appropriate to select the most advantageous action.” Frequently I see players accept an insufficient bid and then pass. It would be quite rare for this to work to that player's advantage. They sometimes say “I'll be nice and accept it.” The opponent made a mistake. If they had made the mistake of taking a losing finesse for the Queen when it would have dropped would you let them take their play back? Same difference.

Explaining Your Bids: Players are required to explain their partnership understandings when asked by the opponents. Telling them the name of a convention is never enough. You must explain what the bid shows (and denies) in terms of high-card points and distribution. Terms like “long suit” and “two suited hand” aren't a full explanation. They may not mean quite the same to everyone. Better to say “usually at least 6 cards” or “usually 5/5”.

Help Wanted

Rozanna is retiring from her position as our shopper. We are looking for someone to replace her. If you are interested in helping the Bridge Center in this way, please contact Sharon.

And by the way

Thank You Rozanna