



Indianapolis Bridge Center – April 2016

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Special Games in April

Tuesday Parties!

We will honor past presidents of the IBC between the 10:00 and 2:00 games, Tuesday, April 5th.

The **Life Master Board Update Party** - which honors those who made a new level: Life Master, Silver, Ruby, etc. - will be on Tuesday, April 19th, between the 10:00 and 2:00 games.

We will honor the **Ace of Clubs** winners - in each category - between the 10:00 and 2:00 games, Tuesday, April 26th.

Swiss Teams!

An open Swiss Teams games will be held at 6:00 in the evening on Thursday, April 14th.

And there's a NLM Swiss Teams game Wednesday April 20th, at 6:30 in the evening. Form your teams! Start your engines! Rev your motors!

The ever-popular Barometer Pairs will start at 6:00 in the evening on Thursday, April 28th. Every table will play the same boards at the same time, and everyone's results will be shown on the wall immediately after each round. It is limited to 13 tables, so please sign up in advance to reserve your place.

Please note there will be no open games on Thursday evenings 4/7 and 4/21

On Saturday April 30th we will celebrate **Betty Markey's birthday** with her before the 1:00 games. Please bring finger food and come join us in congratulating her (she is 65 and some months).

Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) runs from Monday 4/4 to Sunday 4/10. More master points – all silver – will be there for those who do well. Note that the Sunday 4/10 1:00 p.m. game is Swiss Teams



The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 3/5; social hour at 6:00, play at 7:00. Saturday 3/22 is the Married Couples game; socialize at 5:30, play at 6:30.

Player of the Month for February was **Glenn Fidler**. His party will be Wednesday, March 30th, before the noon game.

Joe Hibner is Rookie of the Month for February. His party will be announced later.

We have many, many new Life Masters from the Indy Regional. They are:

Audrey Grossman
Martin Grossman
Nancy Meadows
John Burns
Barbara Porter

Congratulations to all!

Table count for March 2016 was 363, up a little from last year.

Learn & Play continues each Thursday evening at 7:00.

April Championships

Monday 4/11 – 10:30 & 11:00 – Inter Club
Thursday, 4/14 – 12:00 – Club Championship
Monday 4/21 – Club Championship (NLM)
Wednesday 4/21 – Unit Championship (NLM) Swiss Teams
Tuesday 4/26 2:00 – Club Championship Ace of Clubs Celebration
Wednesday 4/27- 12:00 – Inter Club



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Missing Alert.

You are playing for the third time with a new partner. The first time, when you went over your convention card you both agreed to play Jacoby 2NT. Or perhaps it is a regular partner and you have agreed a couple of games ago to start playing Jacoby. Jacoby 2NT hasn't come up yet.

Partner deals and opens 1S. RHO passes and you have the Jacoby 2NT hand and bid 2NT. Partner sits there silent, but you know he should have alerted. LHO passes and partner bids 3D. What are you to do. First of all, you must continue as though your partner knows your agreement and simply forgot to alert. 3D shows a singleton or void and you must continue as though that is what partner meant. 3D is an alertable bid. You have two conflicting obligations: One is that you cannot indicate to partner during the auction that they forgot to alert. The second is that you must alert all alertable bids to your opponents. The second obligation overrides the first. You **must** alert the 3D bid to your opponents. If your partner has a puzzled look on their face you must ignore it. You must continue throughout the auction as if partner has diamond shortness. Your partner, if they meant to show diamond shortness has no problem. They should call the director and explain that they forgot to alert your 2NT bid. However, if they had forgotten that the 3D bid showed shortness they must not take any advantage of your alert and explanation of the bid. They must continue as though your 2NT bid showed an invitational hand without spade support (or whatever they took your bid as initially). Does this make a tangled mess? Sure does. Can you end up in a ridiculous contract? Yep! But using your partner's alerts, failures to alert, or explanations is a violation of Law 72C.

When your partner forgets to alert your bid and your side ends up the declarer you must call the director at the end of the auction and explain that your partner failed to alert your bid. If you are the defenders, you must wait until the end of play to call the director and explain. On the other hand, if you realize at any time that you should have alerted your partner's bid you should call the director immediately and explain that you forgot to alert.

NOTICE

Plan to attend the **IBC Annual Meeting and Elections**, Saturday, April 9th. If you are in your seat when the meeting starts at 12:30 p.m., you will play free in the 1:00 game.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you may vote in advance; ballots and ballot box will be available at the IBC starting Saturday, March 26.

Slate of candidates
(vote for up to seven):

Ray Battey
Bill Bockstahler
Mary Jo Erdberg
Jan Hammond
Dave Harrington
Patsy Jones
Beth Morton
Pam Rhine
Siter Trudgen