



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – May 2016

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### Special Games in May

#### Loyalist Party

The 57 persons, yea, *fifty-seven persons*, who played 100 times or more at the IBC in 2015 will be honored on Wednesday, May 11th at the noon game. Check the list on the bulletin board for those who are to be honored and who will play for free.

If your name is not on the list, pledge now to play more this year, so you can be among the honorees next year!

Please bring a snack to share.

#### Team Games in May

We'll hold an open **Swiss Teams** game Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 in the evening, and a NLM **Swiss Teams** game at 6:30 in the evening, on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 in the evening, there will be a **Perfect 10 Team** game. See the requirements on the bulletin board. Make up your teams now, and join in!

There will be no open bridge games on Thursday evenings May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Learn & Play will continue every Thursday evening at seven.

The **Special Sunday Summer Sale** starts May first! Sunday afternoon bridge at the IBC will cost only \$5, May through August. Grab your pard and hurry in!



There will be five club championships in May:

Sunday. May 1 <sup>st</sup> at 1:00, open;
Monday evening May 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00, open,
Friday May 13 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30, NLM,
Wednesday evening May 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30, NLM;
Tuesday May 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30, 0-20.

Spring housecleaning starts now!

Lost and found items and coats left at the IBC will be held only until May 31<sup>st</sup> – then donated to Goodwill. Check for your missing coat on the rack near the back door.

Table count for March 2016 was 537, up from 519 in 2015 Thanks to all!

We will be closed Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22, for the Indianapolis Sectional.

### Winners!

**Charlene Lutz** is a **Diamond Life Master!** Her party is Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Player of the Month for March was **Mike Hellmer**; look for his party in June.

**Dave Harrington** is Rookie of the month for March. Celebrate with him on Friday morning May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

**Audrey and Martin Grossman** will celebrate their new status as **Life Masters** on Wednesday 5/4 at noon.

### Congratulations to all!

#### Please be scent-sensitive!

Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem.



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### ALERT!

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#### Questions to Avoid

There are a couple of questions about opponents' bids that are causing some problems. While you always have the right to ask about the opponents auction you do risk giving your partner unauthorized information. Unauthorized information can put your partner in a bind when it becomes their turn to bid.

Question 1: Right hand opponent opens 1 club and you ask "how many clubs does that 'promise?'" The standard meaning is that it 'shows' at least three. If it is natural, non-forcing, and shows less than three it must be announced as "could be short." If it is forcing or artificial (e.g. precision) then it must be alerted. If it is alerted you probably should ask about it unless you are quite familiar with the methods the opponents are using. If it is not alerted, then you should expect it to show at least three clubs. There is no reason to ask. That is the only meaning that does not require an announcement or an alert. If you do ask it can suggest to your partner that you are interested in the club suit. A commonly quoted sarcastic answer is "apparently not as many as you have!" Telling your partner you have clubs in this way is unethical and can result in an adjusted score.

Question 2. Right hand opponent opens 2 diamonds and you ask "what does that mean" or "is that a weak 2." Here the standard meaning is a weak two bid. That is the only meaning that does not require an alert. There are a number of other uses for a 2 diamond opening (Flannery, Mini-Roman, Roman, Multi, and others). All of these other meanings require an alert. If the opponents alert the 2 diamond bid you should certainly ask what it means – there are many possibilities. But if the bid isn't alerted you have no reason to ask (it must be a weak two) and asking can pass unauthorized information to your partner and possibly result in an adjusted score.

In both these cases if the bid is not alerted you shouldn't ask about it. If it turns out that it should have been alerted but wasn't and you believe you have been damaged you should call the director. The director will evaluate the situation and give an adjusted score if it is warranted.

### Annual Meeting Report

The annual meeting of the members of the Indianapolis Bridge Center was held Saturday afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Seven members were elected to the Board of Directors:

Ray Battey  
Bill Bockstahler  
Mary Jo Erdberg  
Dave Harrington  
Patsy Jones  
Beth Morton  
Pam Rhine

The 2015 financial reports were discussed briefly. They are posted on the front bulletin board.

The following officers were elected at the Board Meeting later that afternoon:

President – Tom Haines  
Vice President – Perry Olsen  
Secretary – Pam Rhine

### Thank You

A big thank you to those who have served our club over the past years and are leaving the board:

John Berg  
Pat Birbiglia  
Chris Franklin  
Bill Heater  
Gail Holman  
Connie Latas  
Judy Sosin