



Indianapolis Bridge Center – July 2016

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Special Games in July

Three Team Games in July!

We'll hold a NLM **Swiss Teams** game at 6:30 in the evening, on Wednesday, July 20th, and an open **Swiss Teams** game on Thursday evening July 14th at 6:00. Great fun for those who play!

Due to popular demand, we'll hold a **Perfect 10 Swiss Teams** game on Thursday evening July 28th at 6:00. Team members cannot total more than 10 points. See the requirements on the bulletin board, and please sign up if you need to be matched to a team.

In partnership with CIBA, we will again host **Youth Bridge**, for ages 9 to 18, from Tuesday 7/12 to Thursday 7/14. Cost is \$15 per player. See the bulletin boards and flyer for more information, and forms to sign up.

The **Special Sunday Summer Sale** continues through July! Sunday afternoon bridge at the IBC will cost only \$5, through August.

Table count for May 2016 was 563.8, up more than 10 per cent from 2015. Thanks to all who played!

There are seven Club Championships in July:

Thursday 7/7 at noon, open;
Sunday 7/10 at 1:00, open;
Tuesday morning 7/19 at 10:00 for both open and 0-500 games;
Monday 7/25 at 10:30 0-500; and
Saturday 7/30 at 1:00 for both open and 0-500 games.

There's an **Inter-Club** game Tuesday morning 7/5 at 10:00 for both games.

We will be closed on Thursday evenings June 7th and 21st.



Winners!

Saturday July 23rd before the 1:00 games, we will celebrate the achievement of **Gold Life Master** for **Kendra Bridges** and **Jan Hammond**.

Come early for the food and fun!

Jack and Karen Shaw are new Life Masters. Their party will be before the noon game on Wednesday, July 13th. Please come and celebrate, and bring a snack to share.

Player of the Month for May is **Sharon Wallack**. Party with her Tuesday, July 5th between the daytime games.

John Jordan is Rookie of the Month for May. Look for his party in the future.

Connie Latas and Barb Arlington made Life Master in Cincinnati. Muffie Conover made it in Las Vegas.

Congratulations to all!



ALERT!

John Nichols

Minor Penalty Cards

Everyone but the newest of players is familiar with the Major Penalty Card. It has to be played at the first legal opportunity, and if partner gets on lead declarer can require or forbid the lead of that suit, *etc.* You've probably heard that ruling a million times. I know I've given it at least that many.

A minor penalty card is much rarer. I usually see it maybe once a year. But for some reason, I've seen almost a dozen in the last couple of weeks. So I thought I might explain just what they are. Law 50 defines a minor penalty card as "A single card below the rank of an honor exposed unintentionally (as in playing two cards to a trick, or in dropping a card accidentally)." Please note that "unintentional" does not include "that wasn't the card I intended to play." Honors (AKQJT) are always major penalty cards.

So, what happens when you have a minor penalty card? It is really quite simple; You may not play any other non-honor card of that suit until you have played the penalty card. What makes it seem complicated is that we remember all the rules for major penalty cards.

- If you have a major penalty card and that suit is led you must play the penalty card. Not so for a minor penalty card. You may play an honor in that suit if you like. You may not play a non-honor other than the penalty card.
- If you have a major penalty card and you are out of the suit led you must play the penalty card. Not a minor penalty card. You may discard from another suit if you like. You can discard an honor in the penalty card suit (if you really want to). You simply must not discard a non-honor in the penalty card suit.
- If you have a major penalty card and you get on lead you must lead that card. Not a minor penalty card. You may lead an honor in that suit, or any card from another suit.
- If you have a major penalty card and your partner gets on lead the declarer can require or forbid the lead of that suit. If it is a minor penalty card, partner simply leads whatever they chose.

Minor penalty cards don't come up enough that you need to remember the rules about them. Just remember to listen to the director when he explains them to you. Most people just play them like they were a major penalty card, but that is not required.

Reminder: **The Longest Day®** is Monday, June 20th. Please mark your calendars. This is the ACBL's major fund-raising for the year, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association. Come for all or part of a very special day to be held at the IBC.

Qualifying for **North American Pairs** continues in July. In addition to qualifying, NAP games pay more masterpoints, and they are 50% Red / 50% Black. This month, the games are

Saturday afternoon 7/9 at 1:00, both games;
Monday 7/11 at 10:30, NLM 0-500;
Wednesday 7/27 at noon, open; and
Monday evening 7/25 at 6:00, open.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 7/2; social hour at 6:00, play at 7:00.

Saturday 7/16 is the **Married Couples** game; socialize at 5:30, play at 6:30.