



Indianapolis Bridge Center – August 2016
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Special Games in August

Sectional Tournament at Clubs (StaC) will run from Monday 8/8 through Sunday 8/14. On the final day, Sunday, there will be a Swiss Teams game. Plan to play frequently that week, for there are increased masterpoint awards - and the awards will be silver!

Look for two more **Swiss Teams** games in August! The open Swiss Teams game is Thursday, 8/4 at 6:00 p.m.

The limited (NLM 0-500) Swiss Team game is Wednesday 8/17 at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday evening 8/25 at 6:00 there will be a **Perfect 10** team game. See a detailed explanation on the bulletin board in the front room.

Four team games in August at the IBC – Wow! Plan now to join in the fun.

Golden Living Centers will provide a free taco bar for lunch at 1:00 on Tuesday 8/9. If you are planning to eat, you must sign up in advance by August 5th.

Table count for June was 661.3, up from 638 last year. Great! – two good months in row.

There are also many games in August with increased masterpoint payouts: North American Pairs qualifying, club championships, and inter-club games:

Inter-club Monday evening 8/1 at 6:00
NAP Thursday 8/4 at noon
NAP Tuesday 8/16 at 2:00
Inter-club Thursday 8/18 at noon
Championship Friday 8/19 at 10:30, 0-500;
NAP Sunday afternoon 8/21 at 1:00, open;
Championship Monday evening 8/22 at 6:00
NAP Wednesday 8/24 at 6:30, 0-500
Championship 8/31 at noon, open.



Winners!

Connie Latas is a new Life Master. Her party is Saturday 8/20, before the 1:00 games.

Rhea Ward is Player of the Month for June. Celebrate with her between the games on Tuesday 8/2, and she's bringing lunch!

The Rookie of the Month is Jane Spahn. Her Party will be scheduled soon.



Many thanks to those who led and supported **The Longest Day®** in June; those who dined, volunteered, organized, cooked, cleaned, bid on prizes, entered the raffle, donated money, and played bridge. We were able to raise, again, many, many dollars for the Alzheimer's Association, surpassing last years' total.

Our current total is over \$25,000. Surely we will repeat our position in the top ten of all ACBL clubs nationally!

The Central Indiana Bridge Association will hold a **299er Sectional** at the IBC Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28. See posters and fliers for more information. There will be no IBC games at the bridge center on that Saturday or Sunday.

The Singles/Individual game is Saturday 8/6: Socialize at 5:00 p.m., play at 6:00.

The Married Couples game is Saturday 8/20; social hour at 5:30, game at 6:30.



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ALERT!

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Kibitzers

Wikipedia says “Kibitzer is a Yiddish term for a person who offers (often unwanted) advice or commentary. This term is used for a non-participant spectator in contract bridge, chess, go, and many other games.

The verb kibitz can also refer to idle chatting or side conversations. “

Spectators

The Laws of Bridge and the ACBL’s regulations permit spectators. However, anyone watching the play at a table is not permitted to make any comments about the hands, the score, or any other part of the game. It is improper to comment to anyone about what happened at that table (or at your table) until the entire game is completed. The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations state that it is an ethical violation to “Deliberately ask for or give information about a board in play after both parties have played it (CDR 3.2 and 3.7).” Anyone watching at a table should remain completely silent throughout the round. The only exception is that a spectator may answer questions from the director regarding what happened at the table.

The Laws and Regulations permit a player to exclude one spectator from watching at their table without stating a reason. However, a player who is sitting out is not a spectator, they are a participant. Technically they are not permitted to watch at a table even if they have already played those boards. The IBC, like many other clubs, is rather lax about this ☺. However, anyone playing at a table may exclude all other participants in that game from watching at their table. And, it is polite to ask permission from the table before you sit down to watch

You may not exclude a teacher who is monitoring a player/pair from watching. However, the teacher is required to keep silent throughout the round.

Likewise, you may not exclude a director who is watching as part of their duties.



The **Blackwood Invitational** game is Saturday 8/6, at 1:00 p.m. It honors Easley Blackwood, the founder of the IBC, and a highly-ranked national player, and author of a very popular convention.

At an individual game, you do not bring a partner, but will play with many partners. And you need not worry about strange conventions you never heard of (Muiderberg two bids, CRO preempts, or Moscow redoubles) because we will all play the IBC Blue Card.

The **Mentor/Mentee** program starts in September. Any IBC member who has taken an IBC class and has 50-300 masterpoints can be a mentee. You can find your own mentor, or we will find you one. Mentors play free if the games are Monday and Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon. Please sign up on the front room bulletin board.