



Indianapolis Bridge Center – September 2016

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Special Events and Games in September

The **Mentor/Mentee** kickoff is September 1st at the 6:00 game. Enjoy a pizza party! To be a mentee, you can find your own mentor, or we will find you one. Please sign up on the front room bulletin board by Thursday, August 25th. Of course, this game is not limited to mentors and mentees. Any pair can come, play, eat pizza on 9/1, and have fun!

We will hold a limited (NLM 0-500) **Swiss Teams** game Wednesday 9/7 at 6:30 p.m. Grab your group and play to win!

Plan now to be part of the fun at the Perfect 10 team game Thursday evening 9/29 at 6:00. The masterpoint limits have been modified so mentors may play with mentees. See the bulletin board for details, and please sign up if you need to be matched with a team.

Winners

Bill Bockstahler is a new Life Master! His party is Saturday September 17th at noon.

Player of the Month for July is Tom Feeney. Look for his party in October.

Robin Smith is Rookie of the Month for July.

Come celebrate with these winners!
Congratulations!

There's an Inter-Club game Tuesday afternoon 9/6 at 2:00. If you do well, you could gain many more masterpoints when your results are compared to all those who play in other clubs.

There are four club championships in September:

Friday morning 9/2 at 10:30, NLM 0-500
Tuesday afternoon 9/13 at 2:00, open
Thursday morning 9/15 at 9:00, NLM 0-50
Sunday afternoon 9/18 at 1:00, open.



Many thanks to Pam Rhine and her NLM crew who stayed after a game and cleaned the tables, chairs, and bidding boxes in the front room.

Bridge Seminar

The Indianapolis Bridge Center presents a seminar with bridge expert ROBERT TODD on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

The schedule:

8:45 - Noon: Is it Forcing? How forcing is it?

1:00 - 4:30 PM: Dealing with Opponents'

Preempts

5:30 PM: Sanctioned game

Full details are on the front bulletin board.

Cost is \$50 before Sept. 10 or \$60 Sept. 11-Oct. 1.

Registration forms will be available at the IBC mid-August.

The Singles/Individual game is Saturday 9/3. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The Married Couples game is Saturday 9/17. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Reminders:

- To get your newsletters by email instead of snail mail, sign up on the IBC website. You get them quicker, and it saves money.
- When the game starts, please turn your cell phones off. There is a penalty if you do not and it rings, and a further penalty if you answer it.

Table count for July was 652.3, up from 630 last year. Way to go; three good months in a row!



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Opening 1 NT with a Singleton

The following just came in from ACBL headquarters:

The ACBL Board, in their meeting in Washington, DC, passed a change to the definition of a balanced notrump opening, effective August 1st. The actual Board motion is:

"A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton."

This opens the door to agreements that a singleton A, K or Q in an otherwise balanced hand is ok. Doing so without an agreement is ok as well. 4-4-4-1, 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1, as long as the singleton is an A, K or Q, all ok. No more than two doubletons precludes a 7-2-2-2 opening. By corollary, a bid asking if the hand does contain a singleton is also now ok. An agreement that the hand must contain a singleton is not ok, since that is a convention, not a natural notrump.

This does not prohibit an out-and-out psych, but as before, frequency of psyching (or fudging) creates an agreement which is not permitted.

Silver Lining 299er Sectional

At the Indianapolis Bridge Center

Saturday, August 27

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| 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:30 AM | Speaker |
| 10:15 AM | 0-20 Single Session Pairs
299er Single Session Pairs |
| Lunch | “Meet and Greet”
Lite lunch provided with Q/A time with an expert who’ll answer questions about morning hands. |
| 2:30 PM | 0-20 Single Session Pairs
299er Single Session Pairs |

Sunday, August 28

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| 11:00 AM | Two Session Swiss Teams
Stratified
Play-through with a lite
Lunch served after the second round. |
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