



Special Events and Games in October

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 opponent's 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.

Cost includes seminar, lunch, dinner and handouts.

Registration forms are available now.

NOTE: Practice Play with Janie continues at 10:00; there will be an open game in the front room at 1:00, but not a limited game; and anyone may play in the 5:30 open game even if they do not attend the seminar.

Club Appreciation Month!

October is the ACBL's Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month. Jane Johnson was the long-time and much-respected manager of The ACBL Club Department.

Each club may have a special game in October for each regular game. The IBC has chosen to cluster the special games from Sunday 10/16 to Saturday 10/22. Extra masterpoints will be awarded to successful players at all the games.

A special game honoring long-time member Fran Pettijohn is Wednesday, 10/19 at noon. It's a charity game, so extra masterpoints to winners!

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There will be a **Perfect 10 Swiss Team** game Thursday evening 10/27, at 6:00. The strata have been adjusted so mentors can play with their mentees. Of course, any team adding to ten points or fewer may play. See the chart on the bulletin board for the strata, and sign up in advance, please.

There's an **Inter-Club** game Monday morning 10/10, for both the limited game at 10:30 and the Monday Club game at 11:00.

Please note: Effectively immediately, the open pairs game on Thursday evenings at 6:00 is reinstated.



Good news!

The IBC ranks first in Indiana for fund-raising for The Longest Day, and fourth in the entire ACBL. Many cheers! Good work by all! Thank you to all who participated and donated so generously!

Wanda Cole is now a **Gold Life Master**. Come cheer for her before the 1:00 game on Saturday, October 22nd.

Muffie Conover is a new Life Master. She will celebrate on Saturday 10/15 before the 1:00 game.

Tom Feeney was Player of the Month for July, He will celebrate on Wednesday, 10/12 before the noon game.

Player of the Month for August was **Mary Ann Kanervo**. Party with her between the daytime games on Tuesday 10/4.

Ed Poe was Rookie of the Month for August. He will party before the Wednesday evening limited game at 6:30 on 9/28.



ALERT!

John Nichols

He Beat Me to the Punch

Several players have asked me to write about just when Dummy can call the director. I had my article half written when I got the September ACBL Bulletin. Mike Flader has passed the Ruling the Game column to Matt Smith. Matt wrote a column in the September issue about when the director should be called and who can make that call. So, go read Matt's article on the subject. Actually he just quoted the applicable Law, but it is really pretty clear.

Cheating at Bridge – An Update

You may have heard or read that the ACBL at the NABC this summer in D.C. expelled two pairs who had been most talked about in the news for cheating. These same pairs were also suspended or expelled by the European Bridge League (EBL) and their national bridge organizations. There are other pairs being investigated by various Bridge organizations around the world. It is good to see these problems being aggressively cleaned up.

One of the members of the ACBL committee that took action in D.C. is our own Denny Clerkin. Each of the hearings was three days long, and while I don't think he can discuss just what was said he did tell me they were long, detailed, and not much fun. If you get a chance, please tell Denny "thanks" for his work.

Questions

I'm sure that everyone at the IBC knows I am always happy to answer questions about the Laws and regulations. Some of you would probably say I can go on for hours and hours. But if you have a topic that you would like me to write an article about just let me know. Tell me in person or email me at john@j-s-nichols.com.

Cold and Flu Season

It's that time of year again. Remember: If you feel a cold coming on, please keep it to yourself. We'll be happy to see you at the bridge center when you are healthy again.

Table Count for August was 617.5, the same as last year.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 10/1. Socialize at 6:00, play at 7:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 10/15. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

