



Indianapolis Bridge Center – December 2016

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Special Events and Games in December

Multiple **Holiday Parties** are on the schedule:

Friday 12/2, noon: the Friday Club

Monday 12/5, 10:30, limited 0-500

Monday 12/12, 11:00: the Monday Club

The IBC Holiday Party will be a catered event on Friday evening, 12/9. Come for hors d'oeuvres at 5:00, dinner at 5:30, game at 6:30. Betty Markey will oversee the cooking, so you know it will be good! Plan ahead, and sign up in advance, please, so the cooks will have a count.

StaC week (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) starts Monday 12/26 and runs through the end of the year. StaC gives additional masterpoints for those who do well, and gives them in silver!

There will be two team games in December:

- a limited NLM 0-500 Swiss Team game Wednesday evening 12/7 at 6:30; and
- a Perfect 10 Swiss Team game Thursday evening 12/22 at 6:00. Both will be fun; grab your teammates and join in! Please sign up on the sheets provided.

Special thanks to **Connie Latas** for her leadership and energy in arranging for the Robert Todd seminar. It was a huge success, with 72 in attendance. Very many positive comments were received from attendees; the only negative comments were (surprise!) about the temperature in the room.



Happy Holidays

In addition to the parties and STaC week, there will be four club or unit championships in December:

Friday 12/2 at noon

Saturday 12/10 at 1:00 in both games;

Thursday 12/15 at 9:00, limited 0-50;

Tuesday 12/20 at 2:00

Table count dropped again, to 551.8, from 645 last year.

Winners!

Joan Flynn and **Jan Tindall** are new Life Masters! Party with them before the 1:00 p.m. games on Saturday 12/2

Mitchell Pote is our October Player of the Month. His party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th, before the noon game. Instead of bringing snacks for the party, Mitch would like donations for Toys for Tots or the Jullien Center (Domestic abuse center for women and children). There will be a donation box at the IBC for the next month. We are asking for toys, children's gloves, hats, socks, pajamas or anything you would like to donate. **Only new items please. If you would like to donate money, Sharon or Charlene would be happy to do your shopping.

Jim Davis is Rookie of the Month. Look for his party on Tuesday 12/6 at the morning limited 0-500 game.

Congratulations to all!

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 12/3. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

There will be no **Married Couples** game in November.

The bridge center will be closed 12/25 for Christmas. Have a happy holiday



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ALERT!
John Nichols

Best Behavior @ Bridge

That's how the English Bridge Union describes what we here in the ACBL call "Zero Tolerance." The English put it this way: "Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behavior is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct but there are times when concentration and pressure can take their toll and it is for these situations that we issue this as a reminder."

We have recently (and not so recently) received complaints about some players whose behavior is perhaps less than best. These include:

- Criticizing partner or opponents in public.
- "Teaching" less experienced players at the table about proper procedure. If you have been damaged by someone's failure to follow proper procedure call the director. Otherwise ask a director or teacher later to explain the correct procedure.
- "Teaching" less experienced players about bidding or play (unless asked).
- Objecting to a call for the director or arguing about a ruling.
- Other generally rude or discourteous behavior.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. Calling the director immediately will be far more effective than complaining to Sharon later.

Please call the Director if you think you may have been affected by bad behavior. You will be helping others as well as yourselves.

And most of all, remember:

Enjoy the company as well as the game.

As we approach year-end, it is worth noting that the Indianapolis Bridge Center, the Monday Club, Women's Contract, and the Friday Club are all doing well, and are financially stable. Other clubs in the area also thrive.

Tournaments run here in Central Indiana by the CIBA have been successful, and have attracted many players, some from far away.

There have been many recent new Life Masters, and other players have advanced to silver, ruby, gold, and beyond.

Bridge in Central Indiana is healthy!

Happy New Year!