



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – January 2017

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There's Lots Going On at the IBC!

Back by popular demand: Fast Pairs. We'll hold a fast pairs game Thursday evening 1/12 at 6:00. Come, play a little faster (about five minutes per board, instead of seven). And get home very early!

Many team games:

- We'll hold a limited NLM **Swiss Teams** game Wednesday evening 1/18 at 6:30;
- On Sunday 1/22 there will be a **Swiss Teams** game at 1:00 to get everybody ready for the **Grand National Teams** qualifications coming up in Kettering, Ohio in early 2017, and
- A **Perfect 10 Swiss Teams** game is on Thursday evening 1/26 at 6:00.

Prepare yourself for playing at a tournament by attending **Getting Ready for Tournament Play**, sponsored by the Central Indiana Bridge Association at the IBC. It starts at 9:00 on Saturday, 1/7, and includes snacks and a light lunch followed by a swiss teams game at 1:00 for the participants. There will be no practice play that day.

There will also be an open IBC pairs game at 1:00.

**Bridge classes** start on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes are available at all skill levels. See the IBC website for details.

Thursday evening 1/12 at 7:00 is the start of **Learn and Play**. Spread the word! Tell your friends and neighbors! For former bridge players this is so exciting - and such a good deal - maybe you should stop strangers on the street to tell them? See posters for details.

There's a new bridge game on the horizon. On Sunday evenings we will hold a special game for new and newer Life Masters, those with fewer than 1,000 masterpoints. On the kickoff date – February 12<sup>th</sup> – there will be a pizza party before the game. Better mark your calendar now, and start looking for a partner.

There are two **Inter-Club** games: the morning of January 9<sup>th</sup>, for both the limited game and the Monday Club, and Wednesday evening 1/25 at the limited 0-500 game at 6:30.



## Club Championships in January

Tuesday, 12/17 – 2:00

Thursday, 12/19 – 9:00 (0-50)

Tuesday, 12/24 – 6:30 (0-20)

Thursday, 12/26 – 6:00 (Perfect 10 Swiss)

There's a **unit championship** game Monday morning 1/23 at both the limited (10:30) and Monday Club (11:00) games.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday 1/7. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 1/21. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

## Winners

**Ken Gilliland** is Player of the Month for November.

Rookie of the Month for November is **Kaye Johnson**.

Parties will be announced later.

Congratulations!

Table count for November was 400.3, down drastically from 456 last year.



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## **ALERT!**

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### **Suspicious Contracts**

At the September 2016 World Bridge Federation championships in Wroclaw both the Women's pairs and the Open pairs were decided based on a score that was entered incorrectly on the Bridgemates and OK'd by the opponents. The error was not discovered until the official "correction period" had passed. The WBF ended up awarding first place to two pairs in each event. Not a pretty sight.

About a month ago, we received an update to our Bridgemate software that tries to identify what it calls "suspicious contracts." What it does is compare all the contracts and results on a board to one another and to the "double dummy results that you see on your hand records and on our website. These results are flagged in red on the director's Bridgemate display. The director can then evaluate the result, check with the players, and either correct the error, or decide that the result that was entered is really correct and mark it as OK. This will give us more accurate results at the end of a game and hopefully reduce the number of later corrections.

What kinds of errors will this catch?

Entering the right contract and result entered in the wrong direction.

Switching the contracts and results when you played the boards out of order.

Entering 4 spades making when it really was 4 hearts.

Entering 4 spades making when you actually made 5 – OOPS, no it probably won't catch that one.

It's just not that strange of a result.

The directors will evaluate any scores that are marked as suspicious. Don't be concerned if they come to your table and ask to see your scores. Just hand them your written scores. Most of the time your score sheet will match the Bridgemates so the director won't need to talk with you - there is no problem. If the director needs to investigate further they will catch you between hands or between rounds.

This new software is a help, but it won't catch all the errors. Please check your scores against your summary before you leave – it is easier to correct problems when your opponents are still in the building.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, May 13

Hoosier Village Retirement Community, the #1 corporate sponsor of our charity events, will host lunch and an ACBL charity game (extra points!) at their facility on Saturday, May 13.

A buffet lunch will be provided by Hoosier Village's chef at no charge. Lunch will begin at 11:30, optional tour at 12:15, game at 12:45-1:00 p.m.

Cost for the game is \$9.00, payable in advance – sign-up deadline is May 4. Watch for further announcements. (Note: If you do not wish to attend the Hoosier Village game, the usual Saturday 1:00 PM games will be held at the IBC.)

## **Happy New Year!**