



Indianapolis Bridge Center – February 2017

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See What's Going On at the IBC!

New Bridge Game: The Shark-Free Zone

There's a new bridge game, for new and newer Life Masters, those with fewer than 1,000 masterpoints. It starts Sunday February 12th, and there will be a pizza party before the game. Better start looking for a partner now! Pizza at 5:30, game at 6:00. And the first game is a club championship! The current 6:00 game for players with fewer than 200 masterpoints continues.

Three Evening Swiss Team Games in February

Open teams on Thursday 2/9 at 6:00;

Limited 0-500 on Wednesday 2/15 at 6:30

Perfect 10 teams on Thursday 2/23 at 6:00

Learn & Play continues on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Have you told your friends and neighbors?

There are five club championships in February:

Wednesday 2/8 at noon, open

Sunday evening 2/12 at 6:00 for both games
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Thursday 2/16 at noon, open

Tuesday morning 2/21 at 10:00 - both games
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Friday morning 2/24 at 10:30 NLM game.
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There is an **Inter-Club** game the afternoon of 2/7 at the 2:00 game.

The Crossroads of America Regional continues through Sunday, February 5th. Bridge at the IBC resumes on Monday the 6th.

2016: A Very Good Year

Special thanks to those who donated time, money, or valuable things (e.g.: paint, Toys for Tots, items for the raffles) to the IBC in 2016. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. In 2016 the IBC awarded 8,559.37 master points to 804 different players.

Congratulations to the eight players who won 100 master points or more: Kendra Bridges, Bev Brown, Maureen Clerkin, Tom Feeny, John Fosnaught, Mike Hellmer, Mitchell Pote, and Van Vlack. We will honor them on Wednesday, 2/15 before the noon game. Please come, bring a snack, congratulate them, and enjoy the game.

It's easy to be on the NLM mailing list; just drop an email to Joyce Pepple at jbpepple@gmail.com.

There's also an email news service for open players, provided by Mona Loft. Her email is monaloft@yahoo.com.



Winners

Ken Gilliland was Player of the Month for November. His party will be Saturday 2/11 before the 1:00 games.

Geoff Bridges is Player of the Month for December. Celebrate with him before the 1:00 games on Saturday 2/18.

Rookie of the month for December is **Doug Day**. Party with him Friday 2/17 at the 10:30 limited game

There is no **Singles/Individual** game in February..

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday evening 2/18 . Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Table count for December was 443, down 80 from 2015.



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ALERT!

John Nichols

New Knockout Regulations – From the ACBL Board of Directors

The following applies to five- and six- player teams. If you are on a four-player team you can ignore it.

Effective January 1: Item 162 - 07: KO Participation

The General Conditions of Contests for KO Teams require all members of a team to play at least 50% of each match, with the exception of the 1st match, to be eligible for overall awards. This is applicable for all KOs unless superseded by specific conditions of contests for NABC KO events which is amended as:

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

For any given overall award, a player must play at least 50% of each match of a KO (excluding 1st round) and 50% of the total boards played by the team. No player may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible for him to play at least 50% of the boards (excluding play - off boards) played by his team OR failed to play in at least half of each match other than the first.

Suspicious Contracts

The new “Suspicious Contracts” software has caught more than a few scoring errors. Sometimes the contract is entered in the wrong direction. Sometimes it is in the wrong suit. Most of the time the entry is correct. Still, it gives us a hint on what to check. When a score is flagged, the director will come to your table to look at your score sheet. Just let us peek. We just need to verify what you have written. We aren’t there to have a conversation.

Sometimes I think the feature should be renamed “Ridiculous Contracts” – you should see some of what gets flagged – but some of those are correct according to all four players score sheets. Oh well!

If you catch the **flu** or a **winter cold**, *please* stay home. We'll be happy to see you after you recover.

Note: The IBC is a **fragrance-free** site. Please do not use your perfume or aftershave before coming to the game.

Look Ahead for a Special Game

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

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

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 p.m. games will be held at the IBC.)