



Indianapolis Bridge Center – April 2017

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See What's Going On at the IBC!

StaC week is Monday 4/3 to Sunday 4/9. Silver points - and extra points - will be awarded in every game to those who do well. Sunday afternoon there will be a Swiss Team game if there's enough interest. Please sign up in advance.

No foolin'! **Gleaners** will be our charity at all the games on Saturday April 1st. Please bring a canned food item, and feel free to bring a snack to share. There will be an extra charge for the charity.

Hooray! Four Swiss Team games in April!

Open Thursday evening 4/6 at 6:00

Open Sunday afternoon 4/9 at 1:00 (but see above)

Limited Wednesday evening 4/12 at 6:30
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Perfect 10 Thursday evening 4/27 at 6:00
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Betty Markey will celebrate her birthday (she's 65 and some months) by hosting a dinner and game on Friday evening 4/28. Festivities start at 5:30 (game at 6:30). Please sign up in advance so she will know how much to cook. No need to bring anything but your partner.

On Saturday afternoon 4/29, we will all celebrate Betty's birthday before the 1:00 game. Please bring a snack to share.

Come early for the **annual meeting** and elections on Saturday April 8th. If in your seat by 12:30, you play free at the 1:00 game. Note: ballots will be available so you may vote in advance if you cannot make the meeting. You may vote for up to three candidates. The candidates are: Ray Battey, Beth Morton, and Joyce Pepple.

There are five club championships in April:

Monday evening 4/10 at 6:00, open

Thursday 4/13 at noon, open

Sunday evening 4/16 at 6:00 in both games

Wednesday 4/19 at noon, open

Thursday morning 4/27 at 9:00, (0-50)

There are two new game directors at the IBC, Kathy Garrity and Geoff Bridges. Please be nice to them, at least for the first few months.

Don't forget the **ACBL-Wide Senior Game** on Monday March 27th at noon. There is no 11:00 game that day.

Please note: To clarify: on Saturday afternoons there will be a limited section (0-500) only if attendance warrants. If there are fewer than three tables that qualify and wish to play in a limited game, we all will play in the open game.



Winners!

Players of the month are **Claudia and Eugene Kober**. Their party will be between the daytime games on Tuesday, April 11th. **Stan Dorris** is Rookie of the month. Look for the date of his party to be announced later.

Table count for February was 367, up slightly from the past two years. Thanks!

Please eliminate wearing perfume and aftershave at the IBC. We have mentioned this numerous times in past newsletters, but players' allergies continue to be affected by the odors.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening 4/1. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 4/15. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Random Bits – Questions from a reader.

- Question:** With the new ACBL rule about opening NT with a singleton Audrey Grant's site says the rule is: "A NT 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." I took this to mean that if one has a singleton, that singleton must be the A, K, or Q. But someone told me that is not correct – that the "by agreement" wording is key. I don't think I totally understand. Can you help me out? I think what he's saying is that maybe I could open 1NT with the announced point range (15-17, for example) but with a singleton deuce if I wanted to.

Answer: The "by agreement" is critical here. The ACBL General Convention Chart regulates what **agreements** a partnership may use. You may go off book – make a bid that is not part of your agreements – if you want. But when you do that it is a psych with all the ramifications. It must be very infrequent. It must be reported to the director. If your partner's bidding appears to have allowed for the psych the director should adjust the score.

- Question :** After a 2C opening, a 2D response is no longer alertable, correct? What if the opener alerts the 2D bid? That occurred last week. It was a high-level and very ethical player who alerted the 2D, so now I'm second guessing myself.

Answer: You are correct. A 2D response to a strong 2C opening is now not alertable no matter what its meaning. The change was made because the alert of "2D = Ace or King" was helping the alerting side more than it did the opponents. If an opponent alerts the 2D response you should call the director. It probably didn't cause damage, but that is a decision for the director to make. But at least the director can explain to them that the alert is no longer acceptable and causes Unauthorized Information for their partner and therefore they shouldn't do it.

Newsletter news: To save labor and mailing costs, effective July 1st the IBC will no longer mail to ZIP codes in Marion County and the surrounding counties. If you live in these counties, there are three ways to get your valuable and fact-filled newsletter each month:

1. There will be copies of the newsletters available at the IBC each month for pickup, or
2. You may get your newsletter by email: Go to the IBC website, and push the button marked Email List, and enter your email address, or
3. You may read the newsletter from the IBC website. Just push the button marked Newsletters.

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