



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – July 2017

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### Exciting stuff at the IBC in July!

We celebrate outgoing board member and two-term president Tom Haines before the noon game on Wednesday, 7/12. Please come, enjoy, and bring a snack to share.

Sectional Tournament at Clubs returns, beginning on Monday 7/10 and ending Sunday 7/16. All games will pay silver points, and the awards will be higher. Plan to play often to grab the silver!

We'll hold a NLM **Swiss Teams** game at 6:30 in the evening, on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Great fun for those who play!

How often do you and your partner finish a round and have 5, 6, or even 8 minutes to wait for the next round? If so, **Fast Pairs** is the game for you! It starts at six in the evening on Thursday 7/13, and should finish by 8:30, so you're home early.

Due to popular demand, we'll hold a **Perfect 10 Swiss Teams** game on Thursday evening July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up – or let Sharon know if you need to be matched to a team.

This month there are two Inter- Club games.

Wednesday 7/5 at 6:30 p.m., NLM 0-500

Monday 7/17 for both 10:00 morning games.

We have three club championships in July.

Thursday 7/20 at noon, open,

Wednesday 7/26 at noon, open

Sunday evening 7/30 for both 6:00 games.

In addition, there are four North American Pairs qualifying games:

Friday 7/7 at 10:30, NLM 0-500,

Wednesday 7/19 at noon, open,

Tuesday afternoon 7/25 at 1:30, open

Saturday afternoon 7/29 for both 1:00 games.



Save the date: Plan ahead for a special dinner party Friday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup>. More news next month

### Zero Tolerance

Management has heard of two different members, trying to play after having serious health issues, who have been ridiculed. This behavior is offensive, and will not be tolerated.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening June 1st. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00.

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

Table count for May was 522.5, down 7.3%.

### Good news for Tuesday daytime players:

The games will be restructured, as a 3-month trial, starting Tuesday 7/11. The morning games will start at 9:30, and have 24 boards in play. After a quick lunch, the afternoon games start at 1:30, and playing only 24 boards, should end by 4:30 to avoid the afternoon traffic. Both games will have open and NLM sections. Both and lunch are still a bargain, at \$12. If you play once, lunch is \$3.



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### **ALERT!**

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#### **Partnership Understandings**

Your opponents are entitled to a correct explanation of the meanings of your bids based on your partnership's understandings. These understandings can be based on a somewhat formal agreement or on your partnership experience. If your partner is unable to explain the understanding that you used when you made a bid, or explains it incorrectly you must call the director and explain at the first legal opportunity. For the declaring side that is at the end of the auction before the opening lead is faced. For the defenders that is not until the end of the play.

Your obligation to explain the understanding that led to your bid does not go away simply because your partner is unable to describe that understanding. "I don't know" and "I forget" are rarely valid answers, especially when your bid is artificial (e.g. Splinters or Blackwood responses). You must provide a correct explanation at the appropriate time as above.

Your partner's incorrect or non-explanation is unauthorized information to you and also mis-information for your opponents. Either or both can result in a score adjustment. The director can't do anything about the unauthorized information except caution you about not taking advantage. The mis-information is a different matter. By getting that incorrect information corrected as soon as is legal (above) the damage to the opponents can be minimized. There are a number of things the director can do to get the hand back on the right track and reduce or eliminate any score adjustment. It is to your advantage to correct the mis-information.

#### **Asking about rulings:**

Anytime you have a question about a director's ruling you should ask them about it. If the explanation will significantly delay the game you can talk after the game. Also, you can always ask me about any ruling you don't understand. Ask someone who is trained on the current laws and regulations. Most players are not.

#### **Great News!**

**Don Florida** has made **Emerald Life Master!**

Celebrate with him on Saturday, July 15th.

Party at noon, games at 1:00. Please sign up in advance,

**Maureen Clerkin** and **Pat Birbiglia** will celebrate making Life Master at their party on Saturday, July 22nd. Party at noon, games at 1:00.

**Wagner Van Vlack** is Player of the Month for May. His party is before the noon game on Thursday 7/20.

Rookie of the Month for May is **Mike Dinnin**. Party with him before the 10:30 NLM game on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations to all!**

Special note: When you come to Mike Helmer's Player of the Month party on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Mike asks you to bring a donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation instead of a snack.