



**Indianapolis Bridge Center – August 2017**  
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**See What's Going On at the IBC!**

Special dinner: Friday evening, August 4, we will hold a pitch-in dinner and game in support of Curtis Farley, his wife Cheryl, and their children. Dinner is at 6:00, bridge at 7:00. The cost will be \$15, with no free plays. The main course will be provided. Please sign up, and indicate which side dish or dessert you will bring.

The Blackwood Invitational game is Saturday 8/12, at 1:00 p.m. It honors Easley Blackwood, the founder of the IBC, and a highly-ranked national player. You will partner with many others. And you need not worry about strange conventions you never heard of (e.g. Danish asking bids) because we will all play the IBC Blue Card.

There will be four club championships in August:

Wednesday evening 8/9 at 6:30, NLM 0-500;
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Monday 8/14 at 10:30, NLM 0-500;
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Friday 8/18 at 10:30, NLM 0-500; and
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Tuesday 8/29 for both morning games.
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There's an Inter-Club game Tuesday 8/8 for both afternoon games.

We look forward to open Swiss Teams 8/17, and Perfect 10 Swiss teams on 8/31, both at 6:00 on Thursdays.

**Warm-up Wednesday:** On 8/23 we'll hold a NLM Swiss Teams at 6:30 – just in time to warm up for the NLM tournament the following weekend.

The Indianapolis Sectional for non-life masters will be Saturday-Sunday August 26-27. It will be held at the IBC, which will otherwise be closed those days.

In August we'll have five NAP qualifiers:

Monday 8/7 for both morning games;
Thursday 8/17 at noon, open;
Saturday 8/19 at 1:00
Monday 8/21 at 11:00 for the Monday Club; and
Wednesday 8/30 at noon, open.



Don't forget **Big Deal Tuesdays:** Open and NLM games at 9:30 and 1:30 - plus lunch - is only \$12.

We will hold a charity game in memory of Ken Gilliland at noon on Wednesday 8/16.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening August 5th. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 8/19. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

**Winners!**

Player of the Month for June was **Bev Brown**. Her party will be Thursday 8/10, before the noon game. On Friday 8/25, before the 10:30 game, celebrate with **Greg Johnson**, who was Rookie of the month for June.

Janet Freedman has just made Life Master. Her party will be Saturday, September 16. **Congratulations!**

Again we say: after a game, clean up after yourself and put the small tables away. Please.

Table count for June 2017 was 584, down 4.4% from June 2016.



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## ALERT!

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### Unauthorized Panic!

Unauthorized Panic is the feeling that sets in when we realize from unauthorized information that partner has misunderstood our bid. Our initial inclination is to make a bid that will clarify things for our partner

You hold Kxxx AQxxx xx x and hear your partner open 1NT. RHO bids 2NT (the minors). You are playing “systems off” so you bid 3H. LHO passes. Your partner bids 3S and RHO passes. What do you do? Partner heard you bid hearts and suggested spades instead. You have support and some ruffing values so you raise to game bidding 4S. Seems simple enough.

But actually, the auction didn’t go quite that way. Partner announced your 3H bid as a transfer before they bid 3S. Partner thinks you have spades, not hearts. They might not have but 2 spades. **PANIC!** Got to make sure partner understands what we have! So, you make a face and bid 4H. With any luck partner will catch on and will pass rather than continue to 4S (or make a slam try). The opponents call the director and complain. What a mess.

What is the problem here? Your partner’s announcements, alerts, and explanations are unauthorized information to you. You must “carefully avoid taking advantage.” You must bid as in the first auction above. Could this be a disaster? Certainly. Can you save it by bidding like the second auction? NO! Taking advantage of your partner’s announcement is illegal and unethical. Don’t give in to the **PANIC!** It won’t help. The director will adjust the score anyway. And you could get a penalty besides. Your partner made a mistake. Mistakes in Bridge cost points. Accept that and move on.

What if your actual agreement is “systems on” and your partner was correct when they announced “transfer?” That announcement is still unauthorized information for you. You may not use that information to wake up and realize that you have miss-bid. You must continue with your original thought about your 3H bid. And don’t try telling the director “I realized my mistake as soon as I made the bid and before partner announced.” We won’t be buying that one.

**Don’t give in to the PANIC!**

### The Longest Day ®

Special gratitude to those who led and supported **The Longest Day®** in June; those who cooked, dined, volunteered, organized, cleaned, bid on prizes, entered the raffle, donated money, and (finally) played bridge. We were able to raise, again, many, many dollars for the Alzheimer’s Association, and beat our goal again! Surely, we will repeat our position in the top group locally, and the top group of all ACBL clubs nationally! Donations are still coming in, so we don’t have a final total, but we are already well ahead of our goal and ahead of last year.

### Mentoring

Note: The IBC **Mentor/Mentee** program starts in September. Any IBC member who has taken an IBC class and has 50-300 masterpoints can be a mentee. You can find your own mentor, or we will find you one. Mentors play free if the games are Monday and Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon. Please sign up in the front room.