



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

The Mentoring Kickoff is September 14th. The bridge starts at 6:00, but come early for pizza. To be a mentee, you can find your own mentor, or we will find you one. Please sign up on the front room bulletin board by Thursday, September 7th. Of course, this game is not limited to mentors and mentees. Any pair can come, play, eat pizza on 9/14, and have fun!

We will hold a **Non-Life-Master Swiss Team** game Wednesday evening 9/13, at 6:30. Get hold of a team and play to win! Please sign up in advance.

There will be a **Perfect 10 Swiss Teams** game. Thursday 9/28 at 6:00. The guidelines will be modified so mentors can play with mentees. Any other team totaling 10 or fewer points is, of course, welcome. See the bulletin board for details. Please sign up, and show if you need to be matched with a team.

We have a very special dinner party coming up on Friday, September 8th. **Jerry Premo** has reached **Platinum Life Master** (10,000 master points)! Festivities start with a catered dinner at 6:00, then bridge at 7:00. Plan ahead, sign up in advance so they can get the count, and join us to honor Jerry.



There will be six club and unit championships in September:

Thursday morning 9/7 at 9:30, 0-50
Saturday afternoon 9/9 at 1:00 - both games
Monday evening 9/11 at 6:00, open
Tuesday afternoon 9/19 at 1:30 - both games
Wednesday evening 9/20 at 6:30, NLM
Monday morning 9/25 at the Monday Club.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening 9/2. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 9/16. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Table count for July 2016 was 642.3, down ten tables from 2016.

Two More New Life Masters!

John Klepfer's Life Master party is Wednesday 9/6, about noon. Come join us and celebrate!

The Life Master party for **Janet Freedman** is Saturday September 16th. Come party with her at noon, play bridge at 1:00.

Player of the month for July is **Mel Ward**. His party will be before the noon game on Wednesday 9/13. Please plan to party with us, and bring a snack to share

Henry Boch is rookie of the month for July. Join him and celebrate on Sunday evening, September 10 at 6:00.

Congratulations to all!

Reminder: We no longer mail newsletters to addresses in Marion and surrounding counties. Either view the newsletter on-line, pick up a copy at the center, or receive it by email. To add your name to the email list, go to the IBC website and push the button marked Email List.



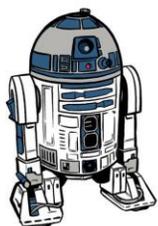
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ALERT!

John Nichols

Big Changes Coming!

Robots Eliminate Sit Outs



At some of our games (starting with the Tuesday daytime games) instead of having a sit out you will play the same hands against GIB “robots” on Bridge Base. You will use a tablet computer and just touch your bids and plays with your finger or a stylus. Even easier than the Bridgemates. We tried this a couple of weeks ago with laptops and it worked great. For a short time while we are getting used to this you may elect to take no-plays instead of playing against the robots. When we have it checked out we will eliminate sit outs in other games as well.

The STOP Card

Effective January 1, 2018, the STOP card will no longer be used at ACBL tournaments. The IBC will be following the tournament regulations. However, the REQUIREMENT that you pause for 10 seconds whenever your right-hand opponent makes a skip bid remains. Failure to maintain a proper tempo provides unauthorized information to your partner. A fast pass after your opponent’s skip bid is particularly a problem – it tells your partner you have a poor hand with nothing to think about. Any break in tempo can subject you to an adjusted score and/or a procedural penalty.

New “Laws of Duplicate Bridge”

You may have noticed in Matt Smith’s “Ruling the Game” column in the Bridge Bulletin that there are new Laws coming into force in the ACBL sometime in September (actual date not yet announced – probably late September). These Laws were adopted early this year by the World Bridge Federation and have already been implemented in many parts of the world. Want more information about the changes? Read the Bulletin articles. Also, the IBC will hold a presentation for our players about the new Laws on Sunday, September 10, starting at 1:00. This will last about two hours, depending on how many questions are asked. If you want to read the new Laws you can find them here:

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Robert Todd Seminars

Now would be a good time to sign up for the **Robert Todd seminars**, to be held Saturday and Sunday October 14-15. The registration deadline is October 4.

Saturday alone is \$55; Sunday alone is \$30; but both days together are only \$75.

Sign up for both days and you will get:
Three learning sessions, Two lunches, One dinner, and Handouts to review later, on your own.

All sessions will have a lesson, followed by sample hands which reinforce the lesson. See posters or the entry form for specific subjects and further details.

Attendees are also encouraged to play in the Saturday evening pairs game at 5:30, and/or the Sunday afternoon pairs game at 1:00. Regular card fees apply. These pairs games are open, and are not restricted to attendees. Robert Todd will be playing, partnered with the highest bidders on *The Longest Day*®

Robert will also present a bonus session, free, for advanced players at 12:15 on Sunday.

Last year's Robert Todd seminar was received very favorably. You should sign up early so we can save a seat for you. Do not miss out!