



**Special Events and Games in November**

On Wednesday 11/1 – at both the noon open game and the 6:30 limited game – we'll have **Charity Games**. They will benefit **Wheeler Mission**, which feeds so many on Thanksgiving. The games will cost \$10 per person, and will reward those who do well with extra masterpoints. If you cannot attend, you may contribute a check.

A special game honoring long-time volunteer and member **Fran Pettijohn** is Wednesday, 11/15 at noon. It's a charity game, with extra masterpoints to winners! Cost will be \$9 per player.

Thursday evening 11/16 at 6:00 will be the **Mentoring Wrap-up**. Come early for a pizza party. Of course, all are welcome to play, even to have pizza.

**Swiss Teams:** There will be a (NLM) Swiss Teams game Wednesday evening 11/1 at 6:30, just in time to practice for the Indianapolis Fall Sectional - and a charity game besides for extra points (see above).

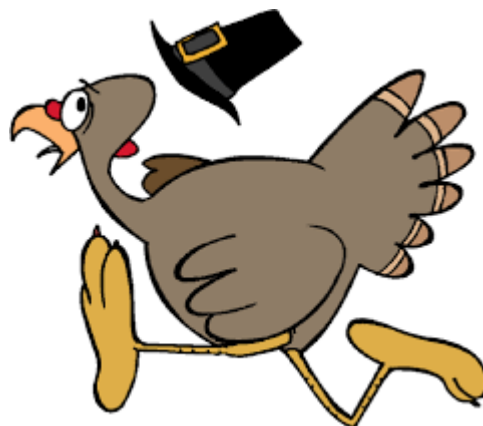
We will hold an open Swiss Teams game Thursday evening 11/30 at 6:00.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening 11/4. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is on hiatus in November and December. They will start again in January.

There are five club and unit championships in November:

Thursday morning 11/2 at 9:00, NLM 0-50);
Thursday 11/9 at noon, open;
Saturday 11/11 in both afternoon games;
Monday 11/13 at 6:00, open; and
Tuesday evening 11/28 at 6:30, NLM (0-20).



The party for Annette Clark announced in a prior newsletter has been moved to December. However, you may still play on Veteran's Day, Saturday 11/11, and - of course - veterans play free.

The Indianapolis Fall Sectional is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The IBC will be closed those days.

Table count for September was 594, up 67 tables from last year. Thanks to all who played!

The IBC will be closed Thursday 11/23 for Thanksgiving. Have a happy holiday!

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This newsletter is late because I was in the hospital for several days. I am sorry. But I do not apologize. I was sickened by a germ that I believe I caught at the IBC. Some member who had a bad cold, a hacking cough, or a serious infection chose to play instead of staying home. Please, if you are ill, stay home!

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## **ALERT!**

John Nichols

### **More on the New Laws**

#### **Claims and Concessions.**

There are two changes in the Claim/Concession laws.

The player making a claim or concession now is required to face their hand. Previously this was optional, unless the director required it in order to rule on the claim. The player making the claim or concession still “should” make a clear statement of their line of play. Failure to make such a statement can result in the director ruling based on a less successful line of play than you intended.

The non-claiming/conceding side may now request “play it out.” If all four players agree (including dummy) play continues, the claim/concession is ignored, and there is no requirement to follow any stated “line of play”. Any information disclosed in the claim or the request to play it out is authorized to all players. The director will not rule in any way on the (voided) claim/concession.

Why would you do this? I honestly don’t see any advantage, but I know it happens sometimes, particularly in limited games. The lawbook is simply making that common practice no longer an irregularity.

#### **Penalty Cards**

In the past a penalty card was unauthorized information to partner, but the fact that it must be played was authorized.

Now, a penalty card is authorized information for all players at the table while it is face up. If it is returned to the player’s hand it becomes unauthorized information to their partner (but still authorized for declarer). If the penalty card is played the fact that it has been played is authorized to everyone, but the circumstances under which it became a penalty card are unauthorized to the partner.

### **Winners!**

Come at noon on Saturday 11/4 to party with for **Pam Little**, who made **Life Master!** Then play in the games at 1:00 p.m.

**Bill Bockstahler** is Player of the Month for September. His party will be Wednesday 11/29, before the noon game. Please come celebrate with him and bring a snack to share.

Rookie of the Month for September is **Allison Randall**. Look for the announcement of her party.

### **Congratulations to all!**

**Reminder:** when you place your bids and cards on the table, please do not snap them. Sometimes we don’t realize that we are doing it. Treat the cards and bidding cards nicely and they will last much longer.