



Indianapolis Bridge Center – March 2018
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Many fun games at the IBC in March!

The ACBL-wide **Senior Pairs** will be held by the Monday Club on Monday, March 19^h, at noon. Please note the time difference. The event is restricted to persons born prior to January 1, 1959. There is an extra charge. Hand records and analysis will be provided afterwards.

Sure and *begorrah*, 'tis a grand day to be alive! All of us Irish (and temporary Irish) will gather for a green party on Saturday 3/17. Come early before the 1:00 games and celebrate with us!

Thursday 3/29 will be a Fast Pairs game, at 6:00 in the evening. It is also an Inter-Club game. Get extra points and get home early!

We will hold a Perfect 10 Swiss Teams game at 6:00 in the evening on the 8th. A limited (NLM, 0-500) Swiss Teams game will occur on Wednesday evening 3/14 at 6:30. Please sign up for both team games in advance.

We'll have two Inter-Club games in March:

Tuesday afternoon 3/6 at 1:15 for both games
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Thursday evening 3/29 at 6:00, open.

There are five club/ unit championships in March:

Monday evening 3/5 at 6:00, open;

Thursday morning 3/8 at 9:00, limited 0-50;

Tuesday afternoon 5/13 at 1:15 for both games;
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Sunday evening 3/18 at 6:00 for both games
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Tuesday evening 3/27 at 6:30, limited 0-20.



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

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday evening 3/17. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Table count for January was down dramatically from last year, perhaps due to the flu season, bad weather, and the regional.

Memorial

The IBC Board is planning a time in May to honor our members who passed away in 2017, including those who no longer lived in Central Indiana. Here is the list we have:

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| Miriam Cotanch | Ken Gilliland |
| Gordon Johnson | Paul Kirkhoff |
| Eileen Kozey | Leda Kulawinski |
| Pat Krout | Suzanne Mead |
| Nancy Meadows | Bobby Russell |
| Judy Shuel | Doris Snyder |

If you have additions, please email this newsletter or let Sharon, Charlene, or John Nichols know.

**Official Notice
Annual Meeting**

Plan ahead to attend the IBC Annual Meeting and Elections, Saturday, April 7th. If you are in your seat when the meeting starts at 12:30 p.m., you will play free in the 1:00 game. Get a partner, participate, vote, and play free (if you are on time).

Winners!

Several members of the IBC made Life Master at the recent regional: Gail Holman, Peggy Kramer, Pam and John Kilgard, Pearl Regenstrief, and Janet Wintermute. Look for their parties coming soon! And Betty Markey became a Silver Life Master.

Casey Szulc's Life Master party was originally scheduled for Saturday 3/31 at noon, but will be rescheduled for June.

Anne Riley is Player of the Month for January. Celebrate with her on Wednesday 3/21, before the noon game.

Stephen Reynolds is January's Rookie of the Month. We will plan his party when he returns from Florida.

Congratulations to all!



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Silver Point Week

Silver Point Week is back! Known more properly as a “progressive sectional” we haven’t had one for several years, but now there are two weeks on this year’s schedule. The first is February 26 through March 4. The second is December 10 through December 15. These two weeks are qualifying weeks for finals on December 16.

Many of you will remember how this works, but there are quite a few new players who won’t. It’s not complicated. You play in as many games as you like during a qualifying, earning SILVER points. Then, if you qualify, you are eligible to play in one or both finals games on December 16. Qualify in February/March and you play in the early afternoon finals game. Qualify in December and you play in the late-afternoon/early-evening game. (Exact times to be announced later.) Qualifying games are at most clubs in CIBA. Finals games are at the IBC.

Because this is a sectional we are using CIBA’s normal stratifications for sectionals – 750/2000/open. These strats are based on “Higher Player.” For open games at the IBC these match our usual strats. For games that are usually NLM(<500) the limit becomes 0-750 and Life Masters are welcome. Those games are Monday 10:30, Tuesday 9:00 and 1:15, Wednesday 6:30, Friday 10:30, and Saturday 1:00 (attendance permitting). The 200-1250 game on Sunday at 6:00 will become 0/750/2000. Win masterpoints or score 50% or better in any of these games and you qualify for the finals. (The 0-20, 0-50, and 0-200 games will award silver points but will not qualify for the finals.) You qualify as an individual for the strat(s) you won points for. You can play with the same partner in each qualifying game, or with different partners.

If you qualify for the finals you can play with any player who also qualified for that session. You need not play with someone you qualified with. Each of the finals sessions will be played in two flights 0-750 and 0-2000-open.

Silver Point Week is a great way to pick up some of those silver points you need to advance to your next rank. Come and join us.

Dear Bridget

The newsletter continues the educational feature about proper behavior at the bridge table. If you have a question, please send it to the editor, or place it in the suggestion box at the IBC.

Dear Bridget:

When the player on my left made his third bid, the opponent on my right slumped and rolled her eyes. I think that may have been improper, but do not know. Can you clarify?

Irritated

Dear Irritated:

Yes. It was improper, and you should have called the director. Partners are to communicate only by the bids (and plays) they make, not by gestures, comments, vocal cues such as sighing, or other unusual actions. The opponent on your left likely received unauthorized information, and you need a director to decide that.

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