



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – April 2018

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### Attend the Annual Meeting

Please attend the IBC Annual Meeting and Elections, Saturday, April 7th at 12:30. In your seat when the meeting starts – play free at 1:00. Candidates for the IBC Board are:

**Jan Hammond**

**Perry Olsen**

**Barb Porter**

**Jim Rowen**

**Aslam Siddiqui.**

You may vote for up to four, in advance, or on April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the meeting. Write-in votes are permitted and counted. Absentee Ballots will be available by mid-March.

STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) runs from Monday 4/9 to Saturday 4/14. Because of the STaC, we will have an open pairs game Thursday evening 4/12 at 6. STaC means extra points, and they are silver. If you need silver, or even if you just want bigger payouts, then play often!

We'll have two Swiss Teams games in April; a NLM Swiss Teams game on Wednesday evening 4/18 at 6:30 and a Perfect 10 Swiss Teas game Thursday evening 4/26 at 6:00 . Form your teams! Start your engines! Rev your motors!

Monday morning April 23<sup>rd</sup> The Monday Club will host a Charity Game, at the usual time of eleven.

We will celebrate **Betty Markey's** birthday with her about noon Saturday 4/28. Come. Party. And wish her many more!

### Championships

There are 7 club and unit championships in April:

Tuesday afternoon 4/3 for both 1:15 games;
Friday 4/6 for both morning and noon games;
Tuesday morning 4/17 for both games;
Thursday morning 4/19 at 9:00, NLM 0-50;
Sunday evening 4/22 for both limited games;
Wednesday evening 4/25 at 6:30, NLM
Monday evening 4/30 at 6:00, open.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening April 7th. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 4/21. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.



**Table count** for February was up dramatically: 367 last year, 423.5 this year. Thanks to all who played!

### Winners!

**Bob Lyon** and his team won the District 11 Grand National Teams, Championship Bracket, and **Bill Nicolai** and his team won the B Bracket.

**Pam** and **John Kilgard** will celebrate becoming Life Masters at noon, Saturday 4/14. Please sign up in advance, so we will know how many and what food you will bring.

Player of the Month for February is **Patty Cole**, Party with her Wednesday 4/4, before the noon game, and bring a snack to share.

Rookie of the Month for February is **Stan Dorris**, who is currently out of town. Look for his party later.

### Congratulations!

When getting ready to come to the center, please do not put on perfume or aftershave. Some members are very sensitive to fragrances.

Yet again we ask: After a game, clean up after yourself and put the small tables away. Please.



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### **ALERT!**

John Nichols

#### **Director's Rulings**

The director just ruled against you. What can you do if we disagree with that ruling. You can ask the director to show you the Law or regulation that the ruling was based on. The director should always do this if you ask. If they don't have it immediately handy they will have you play on and show you at the end of the game. They can adjust the score later if that is warranted.

If the ruling is a straightforward application of Law or regulation the director is the authority. They can consult with other directors, or with the ACBL. You can appeal such a ruling, but an appeal committee can only suggest to the director that he may be mistaken. The director has the final word. And if your appeal is deemed frivolous you might receive a Procedural Penalty.

If the ruling involves Bridge judgement, such as use of Unauthorized Information or Misinformation, the director won't make a ruling immediately. They will have you play on and take some time to study the hand. They may consult with other directors or with players. Frequently this can't happen until the end of the game (they can't consult with players who haven't yet played the hand.) Give the director time. Don't keep bugging them for an answer. Once the director makes their ruling you can ask to appeal. The director will organize an appeal committee (usually three players) and assist them in their meeting. The director will present the facts of what happened as well as the Laws or Regulations that apply. Then each side can present their case. The committee will deliberate in private and inform the director of their decision.

Some things to remember:

Once the director makes a ruling or tells you to play on pending a ruling all discussion of the matter must cease unless the director returns to gather more information. Do not discuss the matter with your opponents nor with other players. Further discussion will make it nearly impossible to seat a committee that has not already formed an opinion.

If the director has consulted with other players about the hand and has followed their recommendations, you will find it difficult to get a committee to overturn that ruling. Again, if an appeal of a judgement matter is deemed frivolous by the committee you can be penalized.

I will be preparing some guidelines for appeals committees that will be available at the club.

**The Longest Day®** comes in June. Start looking now for objects of value which you may donate to the silent raffle.

#### **Dear Bridget**

*Dear Bridget:*

*At a recent tournament, I saw - and heard - a male player several rows away shouting at his female partner. I called the director and told him I thought the shouting was not right. Did I do the proper thing?*

*Shy*

*Dear Shy:*

*Absolutely! We need not put up with that behavior at a tournament or in the club. The ACBL's Play Nice campaign says "Value your partner." That person, however, did not. By the way, the gender of the players does not matter; nobody should be shouting.*

*Bridget*