



Indianapolis Bridge Center – May 2018

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Loyalist Party: On Wednesday, May 9th, we will honor those members who won more than 100 masterpoints in IBC games in 2017. Please come, applaud their success, and bring a snack to share.

Memorial Game: On Wednesday, May 30th, about noon, we will honor those members who died in 2017. Please join us.

Do you and your partner finish a round and have 5, 6, or even 8 minutes to wait for the next round? Is that a cheer we hear for **Fast Pairs**? If so, show up at 6:00 in the evening on Thursday, May 10th. Besides being fun (and not having to wait for slowpokes to finish), fast pairs get you home sooner.

We will host two Life Master parties in May. Please sign up in advance and indicate what food you will bring.

Gail Holman Wednesday 5/16 at 11:00.

Beth Morton Saturday 5/12 at noon

Come, congratulate them, and party with us!

There's an NABC Promotional Game at 11:00 a.m. at the Monday Club on May 7th.

We'll have two Swiss Team games in May:

- Limited game on Wednesday 5/2 at 6:30, and
- Perfect 10 on Thursday 5/31 at 6:00.

Please sign up in advance for both games.

We'll have four unit and club championships at the IBC in May:

Tuesday evening 5/1 at 6:30, NLM 0-20;
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Saturday afternoon 5/19 at both games;
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Monday morning 5/21 at 10:30 NLM 0-500; and
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Thursday noon 5/24, open.



Plan now to send your grandchildren to **Youth Bridge Camp**, June 12-14. See posters for details.

The Indianapolis 2018 Spring Sectional is Friday through Sunday May 4-6. The IBC will be closed those days.

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

Four members were elected to the **IBC Board of Directors**: Perry Olsen, Jim Rowen, Barb Porter, and Aslam Siddiqui. The new officers are: President – Perry Olsen, Vice-President – Pam Rhine, Secretary – Beth Morton, and Treasurer – Mary Jo Erdberg.

Winners!

John Jordan has achieved the rank of Life Master. Watch for his upcoming party **Kendra Bridges** is Player of the Month for March. Celebrate with her on Wednesday 5/23 before the noon game.

Rookie of the Month for March is **Thomas Dyer**. His party will be Tuesday evening May 1st before the 6:30 game.

Congratulations!

Table count for March was 489.8, down drastically from 576.3 last year. The board has established a committee to determine whether the downturn is a trend or an aberration.

Have you moved up? In June we will update the Life Master Board. To make sure we miss nobody, if you have gone up a rank in the last year (examples: bronze to silver, silver to ruby), please give your information to Bill Bockstahler or any director.

When we ask ladies not to wear perfume to the club, we include gentlemen: please do not wear aftershave to the IBC.

We were reminded again this last Wednesday: When the game starts, please turn your cell phones off. There is a penalty if it rings, and a further penalty if you answer it.

Mark your calendars: Robert Todd is going to offer 3 seminars the weekend of October 20-21, 2018.



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Discussing Hands

Law 90B forbids “discussion of the bidding, play, or result of a board, which may be overhead at another table.” It also forbids “comparison of scores with another contestant.” Both of these infractions are subject to procedural penalties. It is permitted to **quietly** discuss a hand at the table where you just played it, but see #9 below. Once you or your opponents move for the next round all discussion of the hands must cease until the entire game is finished.

Keep the game moving

A few suggestions to help keep the game moving:

1. Be in your seat at game time. When people are getting coffee or food or chatting with another table it makes it difficult for the director to determine how many tables to set up for. This is especially important now that we are running web movements.
2. If you are the opening leader, first make your lead, then write down the contract.
3. If you are the dummy, wait for the opening lead, then put down the dummy, and then write down the contract.
4. If you are the Bridgmate operator (usually north) see 2 & 3 above and follow them before you work the Bridgmate.
5. At the end of the hand agree on the score with the opponents, then return your hand to the board, and then write down the score.
6. If the round has been called move quickly for the next round. Leave your chair, even if your next table is not ready yet. Someone may be waiting for your seat.
7. If the round has been called and you are still playing pass a board or two on to the next table.
8. In general, if the table is waiting for you to do something do that first, then take care of other matters.
9. Don't discuss the hand you just played when there are other hands to play that round. Save discussion till you have played all the hands for the round, or until after the game.
10. Remember, if a table is behind, all four players are responsible to work to get caught up. If you get a late start you are still expected to help get caught up, no matter whose fault the late start is.



THE LONGEST DAY

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The Longest Day® comes in June
on the 21st.

Dear Bridget

Dear Bridget:

Dear Bridget: When I called the director after an infraction, the opponents wanted to know why, and insisted they had done nothing wrong. Can they do that?

Asking

Dear Asking: When the director is called, all play stops and all discussion stops. When the director arrives, he or she will ask players, one-at-a-time, what happened. Discussion and argument before the director arrives can lead to bad feelings and tempers flaring and should be avoided.

Remember, calling the director is not accusation of a felony

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