



**Indianapolis Bridge Center – August 2018**  
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## Again a Success!

Special thanks to those who organized and ran the events on **The Longest Day®**. And many thanks to those who bought tickets, cooked, dined, bid on raffle items, promoted the events, played in the games and contributed time and money toward a worthwhile cause. Final tallies are not yet completed, but early returns indicate we *again* surpassed our goal, will be ranked first in Greater Indianapolis, and again will be *ranked nationally* among ACBL clubs.

**John Jordan** is a new Life Master. Come congratulate him and enjoy his party August 11th, Saturday, starting about noon.

There are six **North American Pairs** qualifying game in August. Remember, those who do well receive masterpoints that are half red!

Wednesday evening 8/1 at 6:30, NLM 0-500
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Tuesday morning 8/7 at 9:30 for both games
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Thursday 8/16 at noon, open
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Monday 8/20 at 11:00, the Monday Club
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Monday morning 8/27 at 10:30, NLM 0-500
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Wednesday 8/29 at noon, open
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**Table count** for June is up three tables over 2017. Thanks!

The CIBA will hold a **299er tournament** at the IBC Saturday and Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. See the posters for details. The IBC will otherwise be closed those days.

An NLM **Swiss Teams** game will be on Wednesday evening 8/22 at 6:30. Come, warm up before the 299er tournament! Sign up, please.

Hurry to the **Fast Pairs** party on Thursday evening 8/30. Pizza at 5:15, and game at 6:00. Eat, play, and get home before dark! Sign up in advance, please.



We'll have four club championships in August:

Sunday evening 8/5 at 6:00 in both games
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Wednesday 8/8 at noon, open
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Monday morning 8/13 at 10:30 NLM 0-500
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Tuesday morning 8/21 at 9:30 in both games
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## Winners

**Margie Wysong** achieved Life Master. Her party will be in September.

**Bev Brown** is Player of the month for June. Her celebration is on Wednesday 8/15, before the noon game.

Rookie of the month for June is **Joe Wade**. Party with him Tuesday morning 8/23.

**Congratulation to all!**

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

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 8/18. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

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



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## **ALERT!**

John Nichols

### **Internet Alert**

“Hello, I am on the customer support team from (pick a computer company) and we have detected a problem on your computer. Please click on the email I will send you, so I can connect to your computer and fix the problem. Send me a check for \$100”

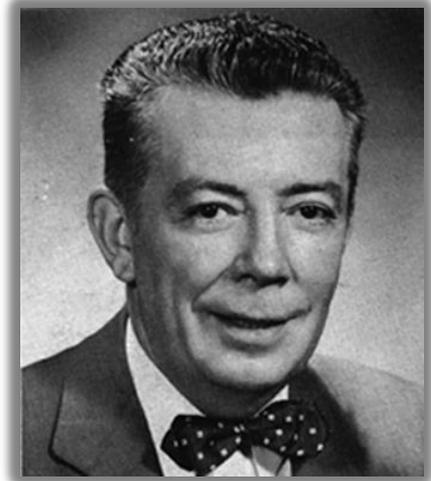
“Hi John. This is Billy-Bob (pick a bridge player that you know from the club). I’m ok but I urgently need your help.” The email looks like it came from Billy-Bob, so you respond. When you do the next message you receive goes something like “I’m travelling in France and my wallet, passport, tickets home, and everything was stolen. The embassy can get me an emergency temporary passport and help me with tickets but I need \$500 to get my luggage released from the hotel. Please wire the money to George Jetson (pick a name). I don’t have an ID so I can’t pick up the money myself. George kindly offered to help me out”

“Hi, this is Marti from Credit Card Support. There is nothing wrong with your credit, but I think we can help you with your interest rate. Please call us at 1-800-555-6321”. If you call they want the first four digits of your credit card number. Seems safe enough. But that tells them what bank issued the card so now they talk like they are from your bank.

“Per your request your online access to XYZ bank is being cancelled. If you did not make the request please click [HERE](#) and log in to your account to correct the request.”

I have seen or heard all of these, and more, in the past month. They are all scams, trying to take your money, mess up your computer and collect more money to undo the mess, or steal your identity. Your bank may call you or email you, but they will have your account number already. The same for computer companies. If something looks the least bit suspicious look up the phone number or internet/email address and use that. Don’t call back to a number that someone gives you over the phone. Don’t email back to an address or click a link in an email unless you are 110 % sure it is valid (I never am that sure). Also remember once you wire someone money there is **NO WAY** to stop the payment.

And, by the way, the IRS only does business by USPS mail. They never call or email you.



The **Blackwood Individual** game is Saturday 8/18, at 1:00 p.m. It honors Easley Blackwood, the founder of the IBC, and inventor of a popular convention. At an individual game, you will partner with many others. You need not worry about strange conventions you never heard of (e.g. the Weissberger extension or the Bogust variation) because we will all play the IBC Blue Card.

Note: The IBC **Mentor/Mentee** program starts in September. Any IBC member who has taken an IBC class and has 50-300 masterpoints can be a mentee. You can find your own mentor, or we will find you one. Mentors play free if the games are Monday and Thursday evening or Tuesday afternoon. Please sign up in the front room.