



Indianapolis Bridge Center – September 2018
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Parties!

The Life Master party for **Margie Wysong** is Saturday, 9/15, starting about noon. Please sign up in advance.

The party for outgoing board member **Patsy Jones** will be Wednesday, 9/12, before the noon game.

On Labor Day, Monday 9/3, there will be a daytime IBC game at 11:00, and the regular NLM game at 10:30 and the open game at 6:00 in the evening.

Hurry! Sign up to be a **Mentor** or **Mentee**. The deadline is September 6th. To be a Mentee you must have between 50 and 300 master points and have taken a class at the IBC. The kickoff game is Thursday, September 13^h at 6:00 p.m. Come early (5:15 or so) and enjoy a *pizza party!* Of course, the game is not limited to mentors and mentees. Any pair can come, play, and eat pizza on 9/13, and have fun!

We'll hold an **NLM Swiss Teams** game on Wednesday evening 9/12 at 6:30, and it is a Club Championship!

There will be a **Perfect 10 Swiss Teams** game Thursday 9/27 at 6:00. The guidelines will be modified so mentors may play with mentees. Any other team totaling 10 or fewer points is, of course, welcome. See the bulletin board for details. Please sign up in advance.

Women's Contract begins Thursday September 6th; off-site. There will also be an open game at the IBC at noon.

Table count for July is again down from last year, from 642 to 615.



There will be four club championship games in September:

Friday morning 9/7 at 10:30, NLM 0-500;
Wednesday evening 9/12 at 6:30, NLM 0-500;
Tuesday afternoon 9/18 at 1:15, open; and
Thursday 9/20 at noon, open

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening, September the first. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 9/15. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

The editing for the IBC Phone List is done. You may pick up a copy at the club. Please note that if your telephone number changes, you need to leave a note with a director.

Winners!

Player of the Month for July is **Mike Helmer**. **John Heiligenstein** is Rookie of the Month.

Watch for the announcements of their parties this month.

Tom Feeney has achieved Diamond Life Master and **Bev Olsen** has made Gold Life Master. Their parties are coming in October.

Congratulations to all!

Do not forget the Fast Pairs game August 30th at 6:00. There will be *pizza* at 5:15.



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ALERT!

John Nichols

New Convention Charts

You may have noticed an article in the Bridge Bulletin discussing new Convention Charts. These go into effect starting with the Nationals in Hawaii (11/22/18). The ACBL plans to publish a series of articles on the new charts, but it seemed appropriate to discuss how they will affect us at the IBC.

First of all, what is a “Convention Chart?” It is a description of what system understandings are allowed, or forbidden, at various levels of play. Previously the General Convention Chart applied to almost all events except for high levels at regionals or nationals. The new charts are a lot more permissive for open games.

One big change in the new charts is an extensive section of definitions. A couple of examples:

- High-Card Points (HCP) are explicitly defined as A=4, K=3, Q=2, J=1. When the term HCP is used it means exactly that, with no additions for distribution or extra tens. Distribution is allowed for in other ways.
- Various hand strengths are defined. For example, an “Average Strength” hand contains at least 10 HCP or meets the rule of 19. A very strong hand, suitable for a 2-Club opening, has a clear definition, not the former “whatever the player thinks is strong.” More on this later.

There are four new charts: Basic and Basic+ apply to games with upper limits on the players masterpoints. Open and Open+ apply to unlimited games, depending on the number of sessions. You can find the charts at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/181AttachmentD.pdf>

Clubs are allowed to do what they want with what agreements are allowed in their games. We have always tried to follow the regulations that players will find at tournaments. We will continue to do that. IBC Management will be reviewing the charts to determine if we should vary from any of the tournament regulations that the ACBL is making. We will be planning meetings in October or November to discuss the new charts with any players who are interested.

There will be more articles in the Bridge Bulletin and more here as well. “Watch This Space.”

Introducing the Indiana Bridge Foundation

The principal purpose of the foundation is to educate Hoosiers on the benefits of bridge and assist them, as they learn, play and strive.

The foundation is a nonprofit corporation exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the foundation are tax deductible.

The IBC will host a kick-off dinner on Friday, September 14.

6:00 p.m. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres
6:15 p.m. Dinner and presentation
7:00 p.m. Bridge

Sign-up sheets are posted. Please join us to learn all about this exciting new opportunity to grow the game of bridge in Indiana!