



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – October 2018

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### Celebration!

**Tom Feeney** will celebrate achieving **Diamond Life Master** about 11:00 on Halloween, Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Come ready to party – and come in costume if you wish.

### Club Appreciation Month!

October is the ACBL's **Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month**. Jane Johnson was the long-time and much-respected manager of The ACBL Club Department.

Each game may have a special game in October. We have chosen Monday morning 10/8, Wednesday evening 10/10, Thursday evening 10/25, and all games from Tuesday 10/16 to Sunday 10/22.

All club appreciation pairs games this month are 100% sectional-rated black points. So many extra points are available. Make your plans to grab some!

The NLM Swiss Teams game is Wednesday evening 10/10 at 6:30, and the Perfect 10 Swiss Teams game is Thursday evening 10/25 at 6:00. Both are Club Appreciations games and are sectional-rated 5% gold / 95% black.

Good news! The IBC ranks first among all organizations in Indiana for fund-raising for **The Longest Day®**, and in the top five in the entire ACBL. Good work by all!

There will be Inter-Club games Monday morning 10/1, in both games.

A special game honoring long-time member **Fran Pettijohn** is Wednesday, 10/24, before the noon game. It's a charity game, so extra masterpoints to winners! And please bring a snack to share.

Congratulation to CIBA on a successful 299er Regional! Under the leadership of chairs Joyce Pepple and Nan Turner, there were 88 tables, and 102 masterpoints were awarded to 96 players.

There's an Education Fund game Monday 10/15 at the Monday club.



Remember: If you feel a cold coming on, please keep it to yourself. We'll be happy to see you at the bridge table when you are healthy again.

Look for *four* club championships in October:

Thursday 10/4 at noon, open;
Wednesday 10/10 at noon, open;
Tuesday 10/23 at both morning games;
Saturday 10/27 at 1:00, open

Table count in August was 576.3, down about 90 tables from last year.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening 10/6. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00

### Winners!

Rookie of the Month for August is **James Robinson**. Watch for the announcement of his party.

**Wagner Van Vlack** is Player of the Month for August. Celebrate with him at his upcoming party.

There is still time to register for the **Robert Todd Seminar** on October 20/21. Check the IBC website and flyers at the club for more information.



## **ALERT!**

John Nichols

### **New Convention Charts – Strong 2 Clubs Opening**

On the new Basic and Basic+ convention charts the ACBL has provided a regulation on what hands are allowed to open a Strong 2-Clubs. The opening requires a hand that meets the definition of “Very Strong.”

Very Strong is defined as: A hand that contains

- i. at least 20 HCP; (Goren points, no distribution counted.) or
- ii. at least 14 HCP (again Goren points, no distribution counted) and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands or
- iii. at least 5 Control Points and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly.

You and your partner can agree to have stronger hands than this when you open 2-Clubs, but you may not agree to have weaker hands.

If you should open 2-Clubs on a weaker hand than described above it will be treated as an illegal psych. You will receive a procedural penalty, and in addition your score will be adjusted if the opponents are damaged.

For open games the Open Chart (or the Open+ Chart) applies and it does not have any restriction on 2-Club openers. However, the above “Very Strong” is considered the norm. Any variation in your agreements must be documented on your convention card and alerted and correctly explained. Any hand holding less than what is documented, alerted, and explained will be considered an illegal psych and will receive a procedural penalty / score adjustment.

A couple of notes:

- i. On all of the charts it is illegal to psych an artificial opening bid.
- ii. All of the charts state “If an Agreement would be disallowed unless it satisfies a specific High Card Point or shape requirement, a player may not use judgment to include hands with fewer High Card Points or a different shape.”

### **Convention Charts at the IBC**

We try to match the conventions allowed at the IBC to those you will find at tournaments. Games with 20-, 50-, and 200-point limits will have their own charts.

Basic Chart:

- i. Sectionals and Regionals – any event with a masterpoint limit of 750 or less
- ii. IBC – all NLM games

Basic+ Chart

- i. Sectionals and Regionals – any event with a masterpoint limit between 750 and 3000.
- ii. IBC – the 1250 game on Sunday evenings

Open Chart

- i. Sectionals – all Open Events
- ii. Regionals – All 1-session open events and all 2-session events where there is no 2-session event with a masterpoint restriction at the same time.
- iii. IBC – most open games

Open+ Chart

- iv. Regionals – All 3-session events and all 2-session events where there is a 2-session event with a masterpoint restriction at the same time.
- v. IBC – We will run Open+ Chart games if players are interested – See John Nichols