



Indianapolis Bridge Center – December 2018
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Holiday Parties!

- NLM Friday party December 7th before the 10:30 game;
- NLM Monday party December 10th before the 10:30 game;
- Women's Contract: Thursday December 13th – off-site;
- Monday Club: December 17th before the 11:00 game; and
- The IBC holiday dinner party is Friday evening December 21st. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30, catered dinner at 6:00, bridge game at 7:00. The event is extra cost, and there are no free plays.

Please sign up in advance for all parties, so the planners will have an accurate count for the cooks.

We will have two special weeks in December:

- Silver Point Week runs from Monday 12/10 to Saturday 12/15, with Silver Point finals on Sunday, and
- StaC Week is from Wednesday 12/26 to Monday 12/31.

Those who achieve good results will receive extra masterpoints during both weeks.

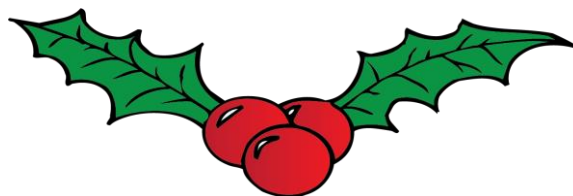
We are closed for the evening games on Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th, and all day Christmas Day, Tuesday 12/25.

Have a happy holiday!

We will enjoy two Swiss Teams games in December:

- The NLM team game on Wednesday evening 12/19, starting at 6:30;
- The Perfect 10 team game is Thursday 12/27, beginning at 6:00, during STaC Week.

Please sign up in advance for both team games.



Congratulations to John Nichols for his ACBL director class of 15 persons – including those from Terre Haute, Bloomington, Muncie, and the ABA.

Many thanks to Rebecca Marcus and John Nichols, who worked so hard to promote and conduct the Robert Todd seminar. We received many positive comments from attendees.

Someone told me today that everyone should be at the table five minutes before game time. I agree. When the game does not start on time, look around and note your fellow members who delay the rest of us by arriving so close to game time.

Table Count for October was 712.3

The **Indiana Bridge Foundation** is throwing a **New Year's Eve party** and you're all invited! The party will be December 31, 8pm-Midnight at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. We'll **play bridge and celebrate with food and drink**. All bridge players are welcome, and you don't need a partner.

We will have five club championships in December:

Monday 12/3 in both morning games;
Tuesday 12/4 in both afternoon games;
Sunday evening 12/9 in both games;
Wednesday 12/19 at noon, open; and
Saturday 12/22 in both afternoon games.

The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening December 1st. Socialize at 5:00, play at 6:00.

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

Thank You

“Thank You” to Steve Zimmerman. He paid for veterans to play free on Veterans Day. And “Thank you for your service” to all our Vets!



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ALERT!

John Nichols

Failure to Alert & Incorrect Explanations

There seems to be some confusion about when you should correct a failure to alert or an incorrect explanation. There are several circumstances – let's look at them one at a time.

You realize that you failed to alert your partner's bid or you explained it incorrectly. Call the director right away. Tell him your problem and he will have you correct the problem right away.

Your partner failed to alert your bid or explained it incorrectly. Do nothing until the auction is over.

Then, if you are the declarer or the dummy call the director before the opening lead is made. The director will have you give the correct alert/explanation.

On the other hand, if you are a defender you must wait until the play of the hand is complete to call the director and explain. This is to minimize giving unauthorized information to your partner.

Missed alerts and incorrect explanations are mis-information to your opponents and you will receive an adjusted score if the opponents are damaged. Correcting these at the proper time can minimize the damage.

New Convention Charts

Just a reminder, the new convention charts go into effect on Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving). The new charts are posted at the club and there is a link on our website.

Winners!

John Hinton is **Player of the Month** for October. We can celebrate with him on Wednesday 12/19, before the noon game. John requests that instead of bringing snacks you bring a donation for Toys For Tots. Please bring children's toys, gloves, and so forth. Items should be unwrapped and in factory packaging.

Myron and Myrna Weinberger are **Rookies of the Month** for October. Party with them on Monday, December 3rd, before the 10:30 game.

