



Indianapolis Bridge Center – January 2019

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Happy New Year!

Worn out by the stress of the holidays? Come relax with bridge at the IBC!

Wagner Van Vlack made Diamond Life Master! Watch for the announcement of his party.

Bridge classes start Tuesday, January 8th. Classes are available at all skill levels. See the IBC website for details.

We will hold a Charity Game on Wednesday 1/9 at noon. Proceeds will go to the ACBL Junior Fund.

The 2019 Crossroads of America Regional starts here in Indianapolis on Monday 1/28. The bridge center will be closed all the rest of the month. See the CIBA website for details.

Need practice in NLM team games? Prepare for the tournament by playing in the NLM Swiss Teams game at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening January 23rd.

Sectional Tournament at Clubs ends Tuesday, January first. There's a full slate of games that day.

We have an Inter-Club game coming up on Wednesday January 16th at noon. A chance for many more points if you do very well!

Table count for November was 509.5.

We will enjoy seven club and unit championships in January. They are:

Thursday noon 1/10, open;
Saturday 1/12, both afternoon games;
Monday evening 1/14 at 6:00, open;
Wednesday 1/16 at noon, open;
Thursday morning 1/17 at 9:00, NLM 0-50;
Monday morning 1/21 at both games; and
Tuesday evening 1/22 at 6:30, NLM 0-20.



The **Singles/Individual** game is Saturday evening 1/5. Come party at 5:00, play at 6:00. The **Married Couples** game is Saturday 1/19. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Winners!

Rookie of the Month for November is Richard Tam. Party with him before the 10:30 game on Friday, January 25th.

Max Arora is Player of the Month for November. His celebration is before the 11:00 a.m. game on Monday, January 7th.

Congratulations!

Reminders:

🌀 The IBC Holiday Party is Friday, December 21st. Cost for the evening is \$20 per person. Sorry, no free plays. Please sign up and show your menu choice.

5:30 Hors d'oeuvres,
Catered dinner 6:00,
7:00 Bridge

🌀 The special New Years' Eve party and game sponsored by the Indiana Bridge Foundation includes bridge, drinks and food. Free! See the poster for more information.

Please sign up in advance for these events.



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ALERT!

John Nichols

The Common Game

For some time, District 9 in Florida has been sponsoring a website known as “The Common Game.” They generate random hand records for each possible session and provide them to interested clubs. The clubs then send their results to the Common Game. TCG merges the results from all clubs, matchpoints them across the entire field, and publishes the results. These results are frequently based on as many as 1000 tables.

After Thanksgiving the Indianapolis Bridge Center started participating at the Monday morning open game and the Wednesday noon open game. At the moment we are using the afternoon TCG hands for each of these games.

To find the results point your browser at <http://www.thecommongame.com>.

They will email you your results if you are set up on the ACBL website to receive emails of results. You can also request the TCG emails by Emailing your ACBL # (typed in subject line) to: FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com

ACBL Masterpoints and Common game points: You earn ACBL masterpoints based on your results at the club. Participating in the Common Game does not earn you any additional ACBL masterpoints. The Common Game does have their own GC point system based on your results across the entire field, but these do not affect your ACBL points.

You will find analyses of several of the hands along with the results. Frequently these are given both based on expert level bidding and play, with a separate analysis based on novice level systems.

Check this out. If players are interested, we will expand to other games as well. Let me know what you think

Rubber / Social Bridge

The Indianapolis Bridge Center is investigating the possibility of holding rubber / social bridge games. These would be for people who prefer not to play duplicate style. It is estimated that over 95% of Bridge players have never played duplicate so this is a huge untapped market. Watch at the club for more information.

