



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – May 2019

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### What's Up at the IBC?

**Loyalist Party:** On Wednesday, May 22nd, we will honor those members who played at least 100 times in IBC games in 2018. Please come, applaud their success, and bring a snack to share.

On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, about noon, we will honor those members who died in 2018. Please join us.

In support of the National Tournament next year in Columbus, Ohio, there will be a surcharge of \$1 per person from May 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. These games pay extra points, more than a Club or Unit Championship.

The first social bridge activity at the IBC had four tables, and players enjoyed themselves. We look forward to many more. They usually will be with us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Tired of waiting for others to finish? Want **Fast Pairs**? If so, show up at 6:00 in the evening on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. In fast pairs, you play two boards in 10 minutes, not 14. Besides being fun (and not having to wait for slowpokes to finish), fast pairs gets you home sooner.

Wanda Cole is planning an improved Fran Pettijohn display. Please look for photos and memorabilia and bring to the IBC before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We can enjoy two **Swiss Team** games in May:

NLM teams Wednesday evening 5/15, at 6:30
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Perfect 10 teams Thursday evening 5/30, at 6:00.
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Please sign up in advance.

You may play club or unit champs six times in May:

Wednesday 5/8 at noon, open;
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Monday 5/13 at both morning games;
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Thursday 5/16 at noon, open;
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Friday morning 5/17 at 10:30, NLM 0-500;
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Saturday 5/18 at 1:00, open;
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Tuesday afternoon 5/21 at both games; and
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Friday morning 5/31 at 10:30, NLM 0-500.
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There will be an Inter-Club game Wednesday evening 5/29 at 6:30, NLM 0-500.



The Indianapolis Sectional is the first weekend in May – the IBC will be closed. This means no Individual game this month.

Saturday evening 5/18 will be the **Married Couples** game; social hour at 5:30, game at 6:30.

We will be open for games on Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Winners!

**Bob Lyon** and **Kendra Bridges** won the Monday Daylight Fast Pairs at the National in Memphis!

**Wagner Van Vlack** will celebrate becoming a **Diamond Life Master** on Saturday 5/11, starting about noon.

**Jerry Brelage** will celebrate becoming a **Life Master** on Saturday 5/18; the party starts noonish.

**Rhea Ward** will celebrate her September Player of the Month on Wednesday 5/8, before the noon game.

**Loren Anderson** is Player of the Month for March. Party with him before the noon game on Wednesday 5/15.

Rookie of the Month for March is **Pamela Boch**. Her party will be Sunday, May 12 at 6:00.

Table count for March was 637.8. our best March in many years. Thanks for playing!



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### ALERT!

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#### Claims – An Update from the ACBL

At its meeting in Memphis, the Laws Commission revisited the matter of claims with outstanding trumps. What you see below is a revision to a policy on claims from 1992. Changes and new items are **underlined and in bold**.

Please note that the guidelines below apply when the director is called to adjudicate a claim in a trump contract, and the director determines that the claimer was likely unaware of an outstanding trump or trumps held by the opponents. It is not intended to apply in situations where the director believes the claimer was aware of any outstanding trumps.

Whenever there is an attempt to establish guidelines, there is a risk that some will use them in lieu of common sense or even of law. Guidelines are not laws, but are intended to form a basis for consistency. With this in mind, the following are given as guidelines concerning claims in which the director has determined that the conditions of 70C are met:

- A. The order of play of non-trump suits should be the worst possible for claimer (although play within **any** suit is normally from the top down).
- B. Declarer may never attempt to draw any trumps of which he was likely unaware, if doing so would be to his advantage.
- C. It is **NOT** considered a normal play for declarer to take a safety check with a "high" trump, **nor to play trump to put pressure on a defender**.
- D. Declarer should not be forced to play the remainder of his trumps to his disadvantage if both opponents have shown out of the suit.
- E. **When ruffing, claimer is normally presumed to ruff as low as possible.**



On Friday, June 21st, the **Indianapolis Bridge Center** will be celebrating *The Longest Day*®. All proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association to support their fight against this disease that touches all of us in one way or another.

In addition to our regular Friday games there will be an early-morning game, a late afternoon short game, and an evening game. Meals will be provided (free) and we will have a silent auction, a wine cork pull, and other activities.

Be sure to sign up for each of the games and meals. Note that the sign-ups are separate for each.

Now is the time to find your purple shirt, circle that date on your calendar, and plan to participate in several events.

Watch this space next month for more details.