



Indianapolis Bridge Center – November 2019
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Good news! On The Longest Day® we raised more than \$43,000. That placed us fourth among all bridge clubs in the ACBL!

All games on Monday 11/4 will be charity games for Wheeler Mission. They house and support the homeless men and women in Indianapolis, Bloomington, and surrounding communities. On Thanksgiving Day they have a special dinner and serve hundreds.

We miss **Kay Beck**, and we will honor her at a Diamond Life Master Party on Saturday, November 2nd, starting about noon. Please sign up in advance, and plan to bring a snack to share.

The **Mentoring Final** for 2019 is Thursday evening November 21st. The game is at 6:00 but come earlier to eat pizza.

After November, there will be no evening Swiss Teams games until March.

Monday November 11th is **Veterans' Day**. Veterans will play *free* at all games.

The Indy Fall Sectional is November 22-24. The IBC will be closed those days.

Thanksgiving is Thursday November 28th. The IBC will be closed.

There /will be eight club and unit championships in November:

Friday 11/1 at noon, open
Saturday 11/2 at 1:00, both games
Wednesday 11/6 at noon, open;
Monday 11/11 at both daytime games;
Thursday 11/14 at 9:30, NLM 0-50;
Friday 11/15 at 10:30, NLM 0-500;
Thursday evening 11/21 at 6:00 open
Tuesday 11/26 at both morning games.

Table count for September was 712.5. Thanks to all who played.



The Singles/Individual game is Saturday evening 11/2. Come party at 5:00 play at 6:00.

The Married Couples game is Saturday 11/16. Social hour is at 5:30 in the evening, and the game starts at 6:30.

Winners!

Howard Anderson is now a Life Master. We celebrate with him starting about noon on Saturday November 16th. Please sign up in advance, and plan to bring a snack to share.

Penni Brodey has also just made life master. Her party will be scheduled later.

Rookie of the Month is **Rona Schaffel**. Party with her Tuesday morning 11/12, before the 9:30 game.

Player of the Month for September is **Bill Heeter**. Player of the Month for a prior month is **Nancy Wilson**. Celebrate with both on Monday, November 25, before the 11:00 game.

Congratulations to all!

Beer, Brats & Bridge continues Friday evenings. Be sure to sign up so cooks will have a count.



ALERT!

John Nichols

Quiet Please!

Our conversations during the game can be quite distracting to people who are still playing. We realize that many of us are a bit hard of hearing. This causes us to speak louder without realizing it. But it is still distracting, and not courteous. Please keep your voices down.

In addition, in the past month or so there have been a couple of instances where players discussion of a hand was overheard, and the information was such that another table could not fairly play the board. The result was average plus for both pairs that could not play the board and a penalty for those who were discussing the board.

It is a violation of Law 90B3 to discuss a board where others can overhear it. Specifically: “Offenses Subject to Procedural Penalty: The following are examples of offenses subject to procedural penalty ... 3. discussion of the bidding, play or result of a board, which may be overheard at another table.”

In addition, it is a violation of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (Ethics) to:

Offense	Recommended Penalty
E1 Deliberately ask for or give information about a board in play after both parties have played it (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	Reprimand and/or up to 60 days Probation.
E2 Give information about a board in play to a player who has not yet played the board (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	E2 Give information about a board in play to a player who has not yet played the board (CDR 3.2 and 3.7). May be greater if intent is proven.

The simple question “Have you played board 17 yet” is a violation. It tells the player being asked that there is something interesting about that hand.

Perhaps it is best to wait until the game is over to discuss the hands.

1NT with a Low Singleton

In the October Bridge Bulletin Ruling the Game Column Matt Smith explains why it is illegal to open 1NT with a singleton less than a Queen. In the past we, and many others, have treated this as a psych. No longer. This will now be treated as an illegal bid. Scores may be adjusted, and procedural penalties may be assessed.

Gloating

We have heard reports of players gloating after a good result. There should be no gloating after a hand. We are better than that.

