



Indianapolis Bridge Center – December 2022

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Special Games in December:

Wednesday evening, December 21st, we will have our Holiday Party. Open and 0-500 games if attendance permits. Party at 6:00, game at 7:00.

There will be a game on New Year's Eve, with an opportunity to donate to the Indiana Bridge Foundation (IBF). Socialize at 7:00 p.m., play at 8:00 p.m.. If we have enough players, there will be a 0-500 section.

The Women's Contract Holiday Party will be Thursday afternoon December 1st.

By coincidence, we will enjoy two parties for John Fosnaught in December. On Wednesday 12/7 we will celebrate his achievement of Diamond Life Master with a party. That will be the last day to bring a toy for Toys for Tots. Please bring a toy wrapped only in the original store wrapping.

On Friday 12/16 we can applaud John as Player of the Month for October.

The entire week, 12/11 to 12/17 will be upgraded Club Championships. From 12/26 to 12/31 will be Royal Sectional Tournament at Clubs. Points will be 25% gold, 25% red, 25% silver, and 25% black. Many extra points can be found in these two weeks for those who play well.

Table Count

Table count for 466.5 F2F and 34 online, for a total of 500.5. Good job, everyone who played!

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2023 are \$50, and it is hoped you will pay before the end of 2022. As of the second week in November, 33 members have already paid!

Free Bridge Classes

The IBC held free bridge classes twice in 2022, and 100 persons participated. These classes are an effective way to grow our bridge club. Financial support for these classes came as a \$5,000 grant from the IBF.



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Member Accomplishments

Jan Hammond has risen to Sapphire Life Master.

Peggy Little has made Ruby Life Master.

David Riddle is now a Silver Life Master.

Ellen Simon has achieved Bronze Life Master.

Player of the Month for October was **John Fosnaught**.

Elizabeth Weber was Rookie of the Month for October.

Congratulations to all!

Note: The IBC will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Note: Do not forget to vote for members of the board and attend the Annual Meeting November 26th. Arrive in time for the meeting at 12:30 and pay just \$5 for the 1:00 game.



Dear Bridgette:

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I am concerned about how often I see the dummy playing cards before the declarer calls for them. I've even seen people make the lead from the dummy without the declarer's direction. Bridgette, what do I do when the dummy gets too involved in playing the hand?

Stickler

Dear Stickler:

I have answered this way before, but it is worth repeating: Who's your best friend at the bridge club? The director. If you think (or even suspect) there is an irregularity, call the director. He or she will set things straight. And if it happens again, call them again!

No, the dummy may not, on his or her or their own initiative, lead a card or play a card.

Bridgette

Dear Bridgette:

When the dummy comes down, is there a certain order of suits knowing that the trump is placed on the right side. How about no trump?

Can the declarer ask that the dummy be arranged in a certain fashion suit-wise?

Asking

Dear Asking:

If dummy arranges the suits with colors alternating, or as Spades/Hearts/Diamonds/Clubs, that is acceptable.

However, if the declarer asks that the dummy's suits be arranged for a specific hand that is not allowed. That would lead to an illegal "aid to memory" which is a violation of Law 40B2(d). For example, agreeing with partner that the suit of the opening lead should always be on dummy's left (or right) is not permitted.

Bridgette

Dear Bridgette:

In the middle of the play, if a declarer lays down all his cards on the table, but does not claim, He or she only says that the final result will be so and so. You may throw in your cards, whenever you agree with me, or continue playing double dummy, if you do not agree.

(i) Is it fair on the part of declarer to do so? and

(ii) Should the opponents, the defenders, call director?

Curious

Dear Curious:

If a player shows his remaining cards that is a claim unless he demonstrably did not intend to claim. If he states a final result, that is most definitely a claim.

If the opponents disagree with the claim they can either play on (double dummy) or call the director. "Agree with me or play on" is NOT a valid choice.

What this Dear Bridgette describes is not fair.

The opponents should most certainly call the director.

Bridgette