



Indianapolis Bridge Center – January 2023

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Special Games in January:

There will be **Junior Fund Charity** games twice this month, on Friday 1/13, and Tuesday 1/24, at both daytime games for both dates. Charity games are desirable two ways: the extra money you pay at entry goes to a good cause, and if you do well you are awarded more masterpoints.

On the first day of January, the last day of the December STaC, there is an open **Swiss Teams** game. We do not see many Swiss Teams games here at the club. If you like team games, you should take advantage: make up your team and come and play!

The entire week from Sunday 1/15 to Saturday 1/21 features *Club Championships every day*, for the F2F games at the club.

Mixed Pairs will be Saturday evening 1/21, with socializing at 5:30 and the game at 6:00.

Women's Contract plays Thursdays 1/5, 1/12, and 1/26.

As of December 15, 250 members have paid their \$50 dues for 2023. We hope everyone will have paid before the end of the year.

Election Results

At the well-attended Annual Meeting and Election, Andie Marshall and Howard Anderson were elected to one-year terms on the IBC board, and Larry Cohen, Joe Hibner, and Jeff Running were elected to three-year terms.

We thank the outgoing board members: Brenda Lashbrook, Diane Sanderson, and David Stippler for their service.

Officers of the board, effective January 1st, are Andie Marshall, President; Pam Rhine, Vice President; Beth Morton, Secretary; and Eric Linton, Treasurer.

Classes Start

New classes will begin in January. Linda Benedix will teach Bidding, Pam Rhine will teach Play of the Hand, and Matt Cory will teach Defense.

Online Play

If you like to play online, do not forget the IBC online game every Monday evening. In this game you play against people you know from the club, not strangers from all over. You can now play with a BOT (robot) as your partner if you like. Costs only \$0.29.

Table Count

Table count for November was 383 F2F and 27 online, for a total of 410. Thanks to those who played.



Member Accomplishments

Larry Allison and Bruce Stroud are both now Ruby Life Masters.

Frank Tharp has achieved Silver Life Master.

Player of the Month for November is Mike Hellmer.

Eric Linton is Rookie of the Month for November.

Mitch Pote was previously a Player of the Month – His party will be Wednesday, January 11



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Dear Bridgette

Dear Bridgette:

I recently played against a newer pair. They told me another member told them a few tables ago that they were not good enough to play in this club. What can I do?

Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassed:

The ACBL's Play Nice campaign says "Be nice." It seems clear that someone was not. Also, treating newer players badly is a sure way to inhibit club growth. If you can find out who the offending person/pair was, tell the director or club manager. And, of course, go out of your way to be nice to newcomers.

Bridgette

Dear Bridgette:

After the declarer claimed, he refused to show his hand, and got angry. Do I need to call the director?

Abashed

Dear Abashed: Yes, you need to be unabashed and call the director. After a claim, the declarer must show his or her hand, and state a line of play. If there is a dispute, the director will sort it all out. In addition, getting angry is not something we welcome at the bridge table.

Bridgette