



## Indianapolis Bridge Center – March 2023

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### **Emerald Party**

St. Patrick's Day is Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. It seems very appropriate to celebrate Van Vlack's Emerald Life Master Party that day. We will party before both daytime games. We encourage you to wear green – but there will be no penalty if you do not.

**EMERALD LIFE MASTERS PLAY FREE**

### **Club Championships**

The entire week from Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, is full of club championship games. They are at every F2F game at the IBC: Do well and earn extra masterpoints.

### **Table Count**

Table count for January was 475.5. We thank those who played.

### **Women's Contract**

Women's Contract will play three Thursdays in March: 3/2, 3/16, and 3/30.

### **Mixed Pairs**

Mixed Pairs will be on Saturday evening March 18<sup>th</sup>, with socializing at 5:30 and the game at 6:00.

### **Sunday Evening Game**

Attendance at the Sunday evening game has been increasing. If you qualify for that game (0-1500) you should give it a try.

### **Finances**

The year 2022 was profitable thanks to the generous donations during Covid, attendance at the F2F games, and the successful new classes offered. Going forward, the board has replaced reliance on donations with annual dues and increased card fees. The board expects that with these changes, the IBC will remain in the black going forward.



### **Technology Audit**

For several years we have recognized the need for an internal technology audit. It is now in progress, thanks to the volunteer leadership of Darrow Neves and staff assistance from John Nichols.

### **Member Accomplishments**

Wanda Cavinder is now a Silver Life Master

Player of the Month for January is Joe Shierling. His party will be Monday 3/13.

Mary Pat Schmitt is Rookie of the Month for January. Watch for news of her party.



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### Dear Bridgette:

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What is the penalty for a renege at the ladies' bridge club?

Curious

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Bridge Laws talk about revokes, nothing about reneges. But they are really the same things. Revoke (from German) and renege (from French) are the same thing at the ladies' bridge club, as at all other bridge tables: when a player does not follow suit when they can. For example, declarer leads a spade, and you have a spade but play a heart.

In the old days, when many of us first learned bridge, a revoke was an *Aha!* moment. We thought *Gotcha!* But that has changed. Over the years the penalty has been decreased until now we simply talk about an adjustment.

There are two types of revokes, ones that are “established” and others that are not.

A. If you discover the revoke before either member of your side plays to the next trick, then the revoke is not established. You look in your hand, find a spade, and say “Oops! I have a spade.”

1. First, as always: call the director.

2. You will be directed to correct the revoke by substituting a card of the correct suit, and the card withdrawn becomes a penalty card, which must be played at the first legal opportunity. If your partner gets on lead while you have a penalty card, declarer has some options (which is another reason you called the director).

B. If your revoke is discovered after someone from your side has played to the next trick it becomes established. The trick stands as played, and someone at the table should call the director.

1. If the player who revoked won the revoke trick, that trick is transferred to the other side. Plus, if your revoking side wins any trick after the revoke trick, one more trick is transferred to the other side,

2. If the player who revoked didn't win the revoke trick, but their side wins the revoke trick or a later trick then one trick is transferred to the other side. Under older Laws if you won an additional trick after the revoke trick with a card you could have played to the revoke trick, that trick is also transferred to the other side, but the latest laws have removed transferring that extra trick.

3. And, in addition to the foregoing, if the revoke costs the other side more tricks than the adjustments listed above would restore, the director will transfer more tricks as necessary to restore equity.

C. Note that if your side did not win the revoke trick or any subsequent tricks, no adjustment is assessed.

D. A revoke on trick 12 must be corrected, without rectification, if discovered before all four hands are returned to the board.

Always call the director. If you fail to call the director when a revoke is discovered you may forfeit any right to an adjustment.

Bridgette