

Club Championships

The entire week from Sunday, May 14th to Saturday May 20th, has club championship games at every F2F game at the IBC: it's your chance to earn extra masterpoints.

Indy Sectional

The Indianapolis Sectional runs May 5-7, Friday through Sunday.

Women's Contract

The Women's Contract closing party will be Thursday May 11th.

Mixed Pairs

Mixed Pairs are Saturday evening May 20th, with socializing at 5:30 and the game at 6:00.

University Challenge

Over the next few months we will be having "University Challenge" games on Saturdays (Usually the third Saturday of the month). Each month we will feature one of the larger state universities. Tell the director that you want your score to count for the featured university. We are inviting players from that university and its home city to join us as well as our regular IBC players.

The Longest Day Mens Bakeoff

We celebrate The Longest Day in June with fundraising for the Alzheimer's Foundation. This year we are kicking it off with a Men's Bakeoff on Friday, May 26th. We are inviting men from the IBC to bring their favorite baked creations on that day to be sampled and auctioned off. If you like something, you will also be able to order it for delivery on The Longest Day.

Watch the June newsletter and at the club for more Longest Day activities.

Grand National Teams

John Hinton and his team won the District 11 Grand National Teams qualification game in the Championship Flight on April 15 and 16. They will represent our district at the NABC this summer in Chicago. Well Done!

Member Accomplishments

Several members of the IBC achieved notice on the national level, in the Mini-McKenney (masterpoints won in all categories) and the Ace of Clubs (points won in club games). Players are grouped by the number of points they held at the start of the year. Unpigmented online points - such as won in online robot games - are not included. The winners are:

In the Mini-McKenney:

Barry Chambers was 9th in 20-50.

Woody Woodworth was 1st in 100-200.

John Hinton was 14th in 5000-7500

In the Ace of Clubs:

Barry Chambers was 9th in 20-50.

Woody Woodworth was again! 1st in 100-200.

Pam Strack follows up on Player of the Month, reported last month, and makes Gold Life Master!

Tom Beagle is now a Silver Life Master.

Player of the Month for February is Aslam Siddiqui. Celebrate with him.

Dave and Carolyn Quick are Rookies of the Month for February. Watch for news of their party.

Congratulations to all!

Dear Bridgette:

When I'm the declarer - I find it uncomfortable when some opponents put a card on the table before I've made a lead or called for a card from the dummy – they seem to be predicting what I will do. Is this permitted? I find this offensive – like they are playing poker – gambling what I'll do next.

Uncomfortable

Dear Uncomfortable:

The Laws of Bridge specify that "After the lead each other player in turn plays a card." A player who detaches a card from their hand when it is not their turn has committed an infraction. If it annoys you, you should ask them not to do that. If they persist you should call your best bridge friend, the director. It's usually not a serious infraction, but to continue is a Zero Tolerance infraction and the director will either warn them or give them a penalty.

If your opponents do this when it is their partner's turn to play it becomes more serious since it could suggest a play to their partner. Call the director, who will evaluate the situation and may award an adjusted score if there is damage.

All this is based on the card being face down. If the card is face up where their partner could see it then definitely call the director. Again, the director will evaluate the situation and award an adjusted score if there is damage.

Bridgette