

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Newsletter

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The pairs that advance all of the way through the District finals become the district representatives at the 2012 Spring National tournament in Memphis, Tn.

At the Clubs

Purpose: To promote contract bridge play in Northwest Arkansas.

Our aim is to build a sense of community among all of the bridge players – young, old, new, veterans, party bridge or competitive – Let's work together to promote bridge play at all opportunities. If you feel that playing bridge has been good for you, then accept the challenge to give something back to the world of bridge play.

North American Open Pairs

The North American Open Pairs is a grass-roots competition that begins at the club level and advances all the way to the National level.

The club-level qualification for the NAOP event will occur during the months of June, July and August.

The Unit 247 qualifying event will be in Bella Vista on September 24th.

The District qualifying round will be at the Oklahoma City Sectional on November 12.



Special Games at Bella Vista:

May 3 – Silver Point Game
May 5 – Silver Point Game
May 10 – Club Championship
June 7 – Knock Out Teams **
June 9 – Club Championship
June 23 – NAOP Qualifying
July 5 – NAOP Qualifying
July 12 – Club Championship
July 21 – NAOP Qualifying

** KO Team playoffs continue 6/14, 6/21, but regular open game will also be played on both of those days.

Special Games at Dogwood DBC

April 15 Charity Game for ACBL
May 20 Local Charity Game
June 10 Club Championship
July 8 International Fund Game

Special Games at Ozark DBC

April 12 Charity Game for ACBL

May 10 Local Charity Game
 June 14 Club Championship
 July 12 International Fund Game

Special Games at Razorback DBC
 Apr 27 - Club Championship
 May 25 - Membership Game
 Sep 14 - Instant Match-Point Pairs

Club Managers – please email us information about your clubs and about any special games you are hosting. (nwa.bridge@gmail.com)



Rubber Bridge Corner

Q. My partner opened 3 clubs; we were doubled and went down 4 tricks. He had seven clubs headed by the Jack and nothing else. He said that was good bridge, but scoring minus 1100 does not seem 'good' to me. What do you think?

A. I'm happy to tell you what I think, but I'm not too sure your partner would want to hear it.

The purpose of a pre-emptive bid is to make it difficult for our opponents to find their best contract. It is generally done on hands with long suits (7 cards) and very little defensive strength. Often the pre-emptor will have a hand where most, if not all, of their honor cards are in their long suit. These hands will contain less than opening count; often 5-10 high card points.

In your unfortunate example, your partner saw a 7-card suit and promptly went brain dead. A one point hand does not qualify for an opening pre-emptive bid.

Many partnerships agree to hold two of the top three honors or a minimum of five HCPs in the suit bid. That type of agreement would be sound bridge for most partnerships – including Mr. Minus Elevenhundred.

The new ACBL District 15 Web Site is located here:

<http://www.acbl15.org/>

Tournament Trail

Here are the tournament results from the 1st Quarter and the master point awards.

Sooner Winter Sectional Oklahoma City, OK January 14-16, 2011

9.24 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 8.19 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
 7.40 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
 4.53 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 2.92 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR
 2.92 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR
 1.41 Susan Warshawsky, Bella Vista

Free State Sectional Lawrence KS 04-06 February 2011

0.77 Bill Remington, Bella Vista,

Sectional Tournament at the Clubs (STaC) March 28 – April 3

Springfield Sectional

Springfield MO

04-06 Mar 2011

6.65 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
 6.62 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
 6.62 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
 6.56 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 6.32 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 6.23 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
 5.62 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO
 4.95 Mary Mercer, Bella Vista AR
 3.95 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
 3.95 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
 3.47 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
 2.72 Pat Malmanger, Bella Vista AR
 2.72 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
 2.72 Jeanette Laney Briggs, Bella Vista AR
 2.72 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista
 2.08 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
 0.48 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
 0.48 Brian Simet, Rogers AR
 0.29 Marilyn Bell, Shell Knob MO
 0.29 Curtis Bell, Shell Knob MO

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3/9-20/2011

5.92 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
 2.14 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
 2.14 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR

20.68 Marina Scott, Rogers AR
 14.04 Joe Scott, Rogers AR
 10.11 Doug Dorland, Goshen AR
 7.71 Bob Dungan, Bella Vista AR
 7.71 Sally Dungan, Bella Vista AR
 7.37 Elva Stone, Fort Smith AR
 7.37 Jeanne Foster, Fort Smith AR
 7.25 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville AR
 7.25 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville
 6.52 Curtis Bell, Shell Knob MO
 6.39 Brian Simet, Rogers AR
 6.00 Almyra Klassen, Shell Knob
 6.00 Bernice Mahoney, Shell Knob
 5.68 Charles Urban, Fayetteville
 5.57 Bob Dray, Holiday Island AR
 5.39 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island
 5.12 Rosie Schuler, Eureka Springs
 4.80 Leonard Fettig, Bella Vista
 4.51 Mike Foley, Springdale AR
 3.71 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
 3.32 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista
 3.12 Robert Makela, Bella Vista
 2.95 Marilyn Bell, Shell Knob MO
 2.95 Randy Rogers, Yellville AR
 2.71 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
 2.64 Billie Herriott, Bella Vista
 2.63 Shirley Maurer, Springfield
 2.63 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista
 2.54 Lila Wylie, Bella Vista AR
 2.37 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista
 2.25 Fay Frey, Rogers AR
 2.21 John Jennings, Rogers AR
 2.11 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
 2.11 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
 1.98 Kaye Cotton, Rogers AR
 1.98 Michael Smith, Bentonville
 1.91 Dee Scott, Emporia KS
 1.91 Bill Remington, Emporia KS
 1.85 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Spgs
 1.81 Paula Fettig, Bella Vista AR

A club is led against a 7D contract and declarer has four clubs to the jack. Partner says: "I have some good and some bad news for you. The good news is that I am void in clubs, the bad news is that I am also void in diamonds."

- 1.76 Ralph Seeck, Bella Vista AR
 1.76 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
 1.74 P. Joyce McCord, Bella Vista
 1.72 Lillian Timmons, Bella Vista
 1.66 Jeanette Briggs, Bella Vista
 1.65 Jean Razer, Holiday Island
 1.57 John Gilmore, Shell Knob MO
 1.54 Ruth Ann Vavrinek, Bentonville AR
 1.52 Claudette Ittner, Noel MO
 1.52 Charles Orvis, Cotter AR
 1.52 Karen Tipton, Gassville AR
 1.51 Jay Lacy, Bella Vista AR
 1.51 George Watson, Bella Vista
 1.50 Mary Goebel, Ft Smith AR
 1.42 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO
 1.42 Dave Felder, Shell Knob MO
 1.40 Pat Malmanger, Bella Vista
 1.23 Stephen Noller, Shell Knob
 1.17 Betty Adams, Holiday Island
 1.17 Janice Swiggart, Holiday Island AR
 1.14 Geneva Neal, Ft Smith AR
 1.14 Bernard Brownell, Ozark MO
 1.14 Freda Patterson, Fort Smith
 1.11 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 1.11 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith
 1.11 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 1.11 Catherine Crosland, Fort Smith
 1.08 Betty Redman, Bella Vista AR
 0.99 Jim Scott, Bella Vista AR
 0.91 Doloros Whitt, Holiday Island
 0.88 Luther Faulkner, Shell Knob
 0.88 Erma Lee Sack, Shell Knob MO
 0.84 June Dettwiler, Holiday Island
 0.81 Ned Shively, Bella Vista AR
 0.81 Mary Alice Gardner, Bella Vista AR
 0.79 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
 0.79 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
 0.77 Jessica Alger, Bella Vista
 0.76 David Hirsch, Holiday Island
 0.76 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island
 0.76 Jeff Lacaze, Bella Vista AR
 0.75 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR
 0.75 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
 0.71 George Denny, Fayetteville
 0.71 Wanda Wallace, Rogers AR
 0.71 William Ward, Fayetteville
 0.71 Kathryn Brooks, Norman OK
 0.71 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers
 0.71 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR
 0.71 Dale Morrisett, Bella Vista
 0.65 Carolyn Bonsteel, Harrison
 0.64 Lorraine Wickstrand, Bella Vista AR
 0.61 Paula Youens, Belle Vista AR
 0.61 Billy Youens, Bella Vista AR
 0.57 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith
 0.57 Annette Landrum, Fort Smith
 0.57 Joe Patton, Bella Vista AR
 0.54 Doug Hollcroft, Bella Vista
 0.54 Lee Hollcroft, Bella Vista
 0.54 Robert Inge, Bella Vista AR
 0.54 Mary Inge, Bella Vista AR
 0.53 Doris Kenworthy, Bella Vista
 0.53 Mary T. Mercer, Bella Vista
 0.36 Jo Bain, Bella Vista AR
 0.36 Ron Nativi, Bella Vista AR

Two wives were discussing
 whose husband plays worse.

Wife #1 says it isn't even
 close, hers does. Wife #2
 doesn't agree and says listen
 to what my husband did last
 night playing 7NT.

He had 11 tricks outside of
 spades and the dummy had
 the AQ of spades and the
 spade finesse was onside and
 he had plenty of entries to his
 hand to take the finesse, but
 instead of taking the spade
 finesse he went to dummy
 and led the Spade Q from the
 dummy!

"What's so bad about that"?
 wife #1 says, "Against my
 husband that play works."

Tournament Schedule – 2011

Kansas City Sectional - April 29 to May 1

Oklahoma Regional - May 30 to June 5

Wichita Sectional (0-NLM) - June 25 – 26

Little Rock Sectional - July 8 – 10

Lee's Summit, Mo Sectional - July 15 – 17

Hot Springs (0-300) Sectional –
August 19 – 21

Tulsa Regional - August 22 to 28, 2011

Our web site we have a longer-range
tournament schedule.

feel are reliable and whose content we believe
to be Public Domain.

Contact us at:

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Web Site

Several new pages have been added to our
web site; including a Club Manager Section.

There is a wealth of information there. If you
have not yet checked out the site, please do.

<http://members.cox.net/nwa-bridge>



Editorial Policy

We plan to make mistakes in the content of
this newsletter. If we have omitted someone
or misstated information, please let us know.
We will cheerfully announce corrections in the
following issue. Information has been
collected from a variety of sources that we