

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 247

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Focus On –

## Northwest Arkansas Bridge Tournament

This September, bridge players from the surrounding four-state area will descend upon Bella Vista, for a three day Sectional Bridge Tournament.

Play begins on Friday, 9/21 and continues through Sunday, 9/23.

This tournament is sponsored by our NW Arkansas Unit of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

Please plan to attend and invite all of your duplicate-playing friends

Here is the schedule of events:

### Friday

1:30 – **Stratified Open Pairs**, single session

1:30 - **299er Pairs**

7 – **Stratified Open Pairs**, single session

7 - **299er Pairs**

### Saturday

9 am – **Knock-Out Teams**, continues at 1:30 and 7

9:15 am – **Open Pairs**, single session, Stratified

1:30 pm – **Open Pairs**, single session, Stratified

1:30 pm – **299er Pairs**

7 pm – **Charity Open Pairs**, Stratified, entry fee \$13, Regionally-rated, Silver points

### Sunday

9:30 am – **Swiss Teams**, Stratiflighted, A/X and BCD

Swiss Team Strats: A 2500+, X 0-2500, B 750-1500, C 300-750, D under 300 Master Points.

Open pair Strats: A 2000+, B 500-2000, C under 500, \$12 entry fee for one session.

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Tournament Flyers are available at

[ACBL - Tournament Calendars](#)

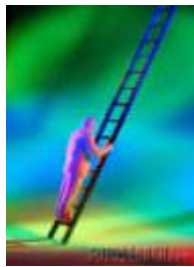
Eddie Kantar is great bridge player and teacher. He tells the following story.

A lady phones me and asks me if I can teach her mother and her friends starting in mid November. I tell her I can't until January.

She says: "Never mind, they won't last that long."

### Hot Springs Courier

If you are planning to travel from Benton County to Hot Springs during April, please let Len Fettig know (479-855-3897). We have some things that need to be transported to Hot Springs.



### Climbing the Ladder

### Rank Advancements 1st Quarter of 2012

Junior Master (5+ Master Points)  
Billy Youens, Bella Vista

Club Master (20+ MP's)  
Michael Hubbard – Harrison  
Robert Lyons – Mt. Home

Sectional Master (50+ MP's)  
Connie Davis – Cotter  
Brian Gibbs – Alpena  
Ralph Merwin – Harrison

NABC Master (200+ MP's)  
George Illian

Bronze Life Master (500+ MP's)  
Linda Richmond, Ft. Smith

Gold Life Master (2500+ MP's)  
Jackie Barker, Harrison

Way to go players!

### Tell your Story, then Shut Up

Have you heard these comments at the bridge table?

... but I was just competing.

... I thought you had a six card suit.

... the opponents are down in \_\_\_\_,  
we should pass and set them.

Many times these comments occur when we don't adhere to the bridge adage – Tell your story, then shut up.

For example, when we open one heart, we show a five-card suit and an opening hand of 12-14 points. If partner (an unpassed hand) bids two clubs, that is a forcing bid because a new suit by partner is forcing.

The one rebid that we cannot make is two hearts, because we have already told partner we have a five-card heart suit. Therefore, we must make another bid. If our hand is balanced, then perhaps two no-trump is a suitable rebid. If we have four diamonds, then we might rebid 2 diamonds. Perhaps a raise to three clubs is a choice – showing 3-4 clubs.

If we have a six card heart suit, then a heart rebid would be appropriate. If we have extra values, say 16-18 points, then a jump to 3 NT

would communicate those extra values to our partner.

Sometimes in competition, we get carried away and compete beyond the strength of our hand.

Going back to our original hand, (five-card heart suit and 12-14 HCP's) if the bidding was: 1H, pass, 2C, 2D, ?? without club support for our partner, we may be forced to pass. While it may sound like a forcing auction, the opponents overcall removes the forcing nature of our partner's 2C bid. Since we do not have extra values and we told our story already, then we must pass (shut up).

Likewise, when the auction proceeds: 1H, 1S, 2H, 2S, ?? if we do not have extra values, we must pass and let our partner make the decision to compete or to not compete. If partner had a minimal raise to 2H, then our side should probably be out of the auction. But if partner had a good raise (8-9 points and four hearts) then he/she will likely make another call.

So remember,

1- if you have told your story and partner has not forced you to bid again, then pass.

2 – if you have extra values, then continue bidding to communicate that to your partner.

With a sound partnership understanding of the “Tell your Story, then Shut up” rule, you should be scoring better at the bridge table.

### **Tournament Schedule – 2012**

Lee's Summit (KC) Sectional – April 27 to 29

Hot Springs (split) Regional - May 14 - 20

Oklahoma City Sectional - June 1 - 3 ([Grand National Teams Finals](#))

Wichita Sectional - June 8 - 10

District 15 and 14 - STaC June 11-17

Wichita Sectional (0-NLM) - June 30 - July 1

Kansas City Sectional - July 6 - 8

Little Rock Sectional - July 13 - 15

[Summer National - Philadelphia, PA - Jul 12 - 22](#)

Tulsa Sectional - July 27 - 29

Hot Springs (0-500) Sectional - August 24 - 26

[Bella Vista Sectional - September 21 - 23](#)

Springfield Regional - October 1 - 7

Kansas City Sectional - October 12 - 14

Kimberling City, Mo Sectional - October 26 - 28

Wichita Sectional - November 2 to 4

[NAP D-15 Qualifying](#) on 11/2 - at Wichita Sectional

November 5 - 11, 2012 - [District 15 STaC](#)

[Fall National - San Francisco, CA - Nov 22 - Dec 2](#)

Overland Park Regional - December 26 to 31

This one fellow loves to psyche, but his partner has had his fill and tells him that from now on he is going to fine him 20 dollars every time he psyches.

The 'psycher' agrees and everything is going along just fine until the psycher winds up playing against a guy he hates.

The psycher is the dealer. He says to his partner: "By the way, here's the 20 dollars I owe you, one spade!"

**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.



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

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