

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 247

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## Focus On – The ACBL Organizational Structure

The American Contract Bridge League is the self-regulating organization for bridge players in North America. The ACBL has 25 geographical Districts which represent the players in Canada, the US and Mexico. Those Districts are further divided into Units. There are eight Units in our District.

We are in Unit 247 (NW Arkansas) of District 15. The boundary of our District includes Kansas, Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle, about 70% of Missouri and NW Arkansas.

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, our Unit was the top Unit in our District for Member Retention.

We rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in our District for New Members (for the last 12 months), with a 7.19% gain.

Finally, we have the lowest Member Loss ratio in our District.

Our motto could be “We get ‘em, we keep ‘em.” But I think we all realize that we have some very nice Club Managers and Bridge

Teachers who are tireless advocates for our organization.

Continue to Play Nice.

## Tournament Trail

### 1<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tournament Results

#### **Springfield Sectional Springfield, MO Mar 03-05, 2017**

5.89 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
5.89 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR  
2.81 Michael Schomaker, Garfield AR  
2.81 Andrea Schomaker, Garfield AR  
2.23 Larry Barnes, Fort Smith AR  
2.23 Donna Barnes, Fort Smith AR  
1.25 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR  
1.25 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR  
0.87 Peggy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
0.87 Jimmy Dime, Fort Smith AR

#### **Lawton Sectional Tournament Lawton, OK Feb 17-19, 2017**

4.42 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
4.42 Michael Rosenberg, Van Buren

#### **KC NABC Mar. 9-19, 2017**

27.24 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
20.45 Joe Scott, Rogers AR

- 20.45 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR
- 16.34 John Grantham, Bentonville AR
- 9.47 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
- 8.95 Michael Schomaker, Garfield
- 7.31 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR
- 7.31 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista
- 6.12 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
- 6.06 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
- 6.06 Michael Rosenberg, Van Buren
- 5.11 Andrea Schomaker, Garfield AR
- 4.56 Marina Scott, Rogers, AR
- 4.56 John Jennings, Rogers, AR
- 3.26 James Behrendt, Bella Vista AR
- 3.26 Doug Helt, Bella Vista AR
- 2.31 Jon Fletcher, Rogers AR
- 2.31 Deanna Fletcher, Rogers AR
- 1.37 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
- 1.37 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
- 0.5 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR
- 0.5 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR

**Sectional Master (50+ MP's)**

- John Eitenmille – Mt. Home
- Orman McCafferty – Mansfield

**Regional Master (100+ MP's)**

- Nancy Cunningham – Rogers
- Sherry Finley – Lakeview
- Jackie Khilling – Ft. Smith
- Margaret Otte – Rogers

**Ruby Life Master (1500+ MP's)**

- Albert Cookson – Mt. Home

Way to go players!



**Climbing the Ladder**

**Rank Advancements 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr, 2017**

**Junior Master (5+ MP's)**

- Charlotte Bonner – Beaver
- Doug Helt – Bella Vista
- John Matthews – Bella Vista

**Club Master (20+MP's)**

- Peter Kramer – Mt. Home



**Tournament Schedule – 2017**

Apr 1-2, 2017 Wichita, I/N Sectional  
 Apr 14-16, 2017 Columbia, I/N Sectional  
 Apr 22-23, 2017 Oklahoma City I/N Sectional  
 May 6-6, 2017 Wichita, I/N Sectional  
 May 8-14, 2017 Midwest City (OKC), Regional  
 May 19-21, 2017 Overland Park, Sectional  
 Jun 1-4, 2017 Wichita, Sectional  
 Jun 11-16, 2017 St. Joseph, Junior Sectional  
 Jun 23-25, 2017 Columbia, Sectional  
 Jul 10-16, 2017 Tulsa, Regional  
 Jul 22-23, 2017 Oklahoma City, I/N Sectional  
**Aug 4-6, 2017 Bella Vista, NLM Regional and Open Sectional**  
 Aug 18-20, 2017 Oklahoma City, Sectional  
 Sep 16-17, 2017 Oklahoma City, I/N Sectional  
 Oct 3-8, 2017 Mulvane [Wichita] Regional  
 Oct 20-22, 2017 Overland Park, Sectional  
 Oct 27-29, 2017 Branson West, Sectional  
 Nov 3-5, 2017 Topeka, NLM Regional and Open Sectional  
 Nov 17-19, 2017 Midwest City (OKC) Sect.  
 Dec 26-31, 2017 Overland Park, Regional

See our web site for more information on tournaments.

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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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Keep playing, you are not done yet.

**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.

Web Site

If you have not yet checked out our Unit Web Site, please do.

<http://www.acbl-unit-247.org>

