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We should equally assess the defensive potential of our hands.

So if we determine that we have the largest portion of the high cards, then we need to be open to punishing the opponents for competing.

Increasingly, players are aggressively overcalling and preempting. While such bidding can interfere with our bidding, it also opens the door to some very profitable penalty doubles.

Even if you and your partner can make a 3 NT game, going plus 800 will score far better for your side.

If your side has the points, go for the highest score you can get. Don't be afraid of make penalty doubles of 2-level overcalls.

In our April newsletter, we will explore this topic in more detail.

In the meantime, Go Forth and Double.



In The Zone

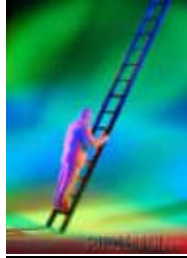
Many bidding tools are available to help in bidding games and slams. But what about competing for part-scores?

With 40 high card points in a deck of cards, it seems that a lot of hands are 'split-deck' (20-20) or in the range of 20-20 to 23-17.

Many of the decisions we make on these hands can be either rewarding or costly.

Often we focus on how high our side can bid. Perhaps we should instead focus on getting the most favorable score. The difference is that we need to be prepared to make low-level penalty doubles.

While we recognize that scoring plus 200 or 300 is better than any part score we might make, players often become overly focused on the offensive potential of their hands.



Climbing the Ladder

Rank advancements reported in the 4th Quarter of 2012

Junior Master (5+ Master Points)

- Sherry Finley – Lakeview
- Millie Heyne – Bella Vista
- Betty Scarborough – Ft. Smith

Club Master (20+ MP's)

- Janey Buck - Cotter
- Jimmy Dime – Ft. Smith
- Peggy Dime – Ft. Smith
- Kevin Glasgow – Rogers
- James Scott – Bella Vista
- Pamela Wilcox - Garfield

Sectional Master (50+ MP's)

- Jon Fletcher – Rogers
- Anthony Maurer – Siloam Springs

Regional Master (100+ MP's)

- Judy Bappe – Bella Vista
- Mary Goebel – Ft. Smith
- Joe Patton – Bella Vista

Life Master (300+ MP's)

- Pauline Longstaff – Bella Vista

Bronze Life Master (500+ MP's)

Ann Haggard – Ft. Smith

Gold Life Master (2500+ MP's)

Marina Scott - Rogers

Way to go players!

They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict, "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?"

"That's the score," answered her escort. "Oh. Who's vulnerable??"

Tournament Schedule – 2013

- Bartlesville, OK Sectional - Jan. 11 - 13
- Little Rock Sectional (0-500) - Jan 18 - 20
- Lawrence, KS Sectional - Feb. 15 -17
- Emporia, KS Sectional - Feb. 22 - 24
- Springfield, MO Sectional - March 1 - 3
- Hot Springs Village Sectional - Mar. 8 - 11
- [St. Louis National - Mar. 14 - 24](#)
- Oklahoma City Regional - April 1 - 7
- Wichita Sectional (0-500) - April 20 - 21
- Wichita Sectional - May 3 -5
- Hot Springs Regional - May 13 -19
- Lee's Summit, MO Sectional - May 17 -19
- Jonesboro, AR Sectional - May 31 - June 2
- Oklahoma City Sectional - May 31 - June 2

On our web site we have a longer-range tournament schedule.



Bob Dray is teaching bridge at the Eureka Springs Middle School. Classes are open to 5th grade through High School students. His next set of lessons (nine classes of two hours each) will begin in February 2013. For more information, contact Bob at 479-253-7611 or robertdray@cox.net.



2012 Master Point Races

Congratulations to all of the players who made the top 10 rankings, in their respective categories.

2013 is a brand new year and it is time to set your sights on your next achievement level.

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	David Lawhon	Mountain Home	67.34
2	Margie Brown	Mtn Home AR	45.26
3	Cole Spencer	Fayetteville AR	26.38
4	Kevin Glasgow	Rogers AR	23.98
5	Janey Buck	Cotter AR	21.52
6	James Scott	Bella Vista AR	21.04
7	Peggy Dime	Fort Smith AR	19.88
8	Michael Jirka	Mountain Home	19.85
9	John Buck	Cotter AR	15.58
10	Roni Ray	Bentonville AR	13.36

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Jimmy Dime	Fort Smith AR	42.63
2	Robert Lyons	Mountain Home	23.01
3	Jackie Nelson	Bella Vista AR	15.04
4	Nadine Duffy	Bentonville AR	7.34
5	Pamela Wilcox	Garfield AR	7.03
6	Lea Chodacki	Moutain Home	5.45
7	James Swiggart	Holiday Island	5.26
8	Faye Miller	Ft Smith AR	4.58
9	Janet St Clair	Siloam Springs	1.33
10	Wallace Gore	Holiday Island	.90

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	William Garner	Mountain Home	70.89
2	David McConkey	Norfolk AR	44.80
3	Cheryl McConkey	Norfolk AR	39.09
4	Connie Davis	Cotter AR	31.57
5	Janey Musgrove	Greenwood AR	19.24
6	George Denny	Fayetteville AR	18.80
7	Anthony Maurer	Siloam Springs	14.01
8	Holly Childs	Fayetteville AR	12.52
9	Harry Sher	Van Buren AR	12.45
10	Jon Fletcher	Rogers AR	10.21
11	Deanna Fletcher	Rogers AR	10.21

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Judy Bappe	Bella Vista AR	45.17
2	Brian Gibbs	Alpena AR	37.05
3	Corrine Johnson	Mountain Home	26.83
4	Sharon Lawhon	Mountain Home	25.06
5	Barbara McPhee	Rogers AR	24.25
6	Joe Patton	Bella Vista AR	23.71
7	David Hirsch	Holiday Island	23.55
8	William Ward	Fayetteville AR	21.44

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
9	Donna Kohnen	Mountain Home	21.23
10	Georgia McGill	Harrison AR	21.14

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Warren Matz	Mountain Home	104.96
2	Delma Lucas	Mountain Home	72.69
3	William Lucas	Mountain Home	71.23
4	Donald Reger	Jordan AR	59.47
5	Clyde McPhee	Rogers AR	46.53
6	Alice Reger	Jordan AR	44.78
7	Ronald Rolfe	Rogers AR	44.76
8	Sue Rolfe	Rogers AR	44.76
9	Jack Scharoun	Lakeview AR	43.38
10	Mary Goebel	Ft Smith AR	36.70

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Pauline Longstaff	Bella Vista AR	123.99
2	William Jordan	Gassville AR	94.70
3	Becky Mincke	Charlotte NC	72.62
4	Judith Wart	Bentonville	46.39
5	Pat Moles	Harrison AR	36.99

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
6	Suzanne Ledbetter	Harrison AR	34.40
7	Lou Ann Moles	Harrison AR	33.40
8	Ron Nativi	Bella Vista AR	24.93
9	Nancy Hammer	Bella Vista AR	15.37
10	Margaret Otte	Rogers AR	12.29

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Carol Stansbury	Mountain Home	89.62
2	George Illian	Mountain Home	76.28
3	Larry Greathouse	Mountain Home	68.74
4	Judith Nevsimal	Lakeview AR	67.73
5	Robert Dray	Holiday Island	61.56
6	John West III	Siloam Spgs	57.60
7	Shelba Crawford	Bull Shoals AR	44.58
8	Michael Smith	Bentonville AR	43.55
9	Charles Orvis	Cotter AR	39.00
10	Loretta Rizer	Lakeview AR	35.06

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Albert Cookson	Mountain Home	198.68
2	Brian Simet	Rogers AR	135.30

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
3	Linda Jirka	Mountain Home	120.80
4	Michael Foley	Springdale AR	108.06
5	Nancy Luttrell	Mountain Home	97.58
6	Robbie Tyler	Grove OK	79.72
7	Robert Dailey	Bella Vista AR	77.02
8	Lois Smith	Mountain Home	73.48
9	Nancy Weatherly	Bella Vista AR	69.87
10	Carolyn Hooper	Lakeview AR	65.94

1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Stanley Stankus	Mountain Home	211.22
2	Pierre Hoover	Mountain Home	157.58
3	Marina Scott	Rogers AR	133.15
4	Mrs. M. Peterson	Gassville AR	128.24
5	Blaine Ferrell	Lakeview AR	126.11
6	Billye Hart	Mountain Home	106.62
7	Jim Wart	Bentonville AR	98.79
8	Billie Supeter	Mountain Home	92.77
9	W Dale Wagar	Mountain Home	90.86
10	Len Fettig	Bella Vista AR	84.20

2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Raymond Lynch	Bella Vista AR	123.10
2	Judy Worden	Fort Smith AR	95.26
3	Linda McRay	Fort Smith AR	89.82
4	Carolyn Thomas	Fort Smith AR	82.40
5	Darlene Ray	Fort Smith AR	81.95
6	Margaret Rodman	Fayetteville AR	74.12
7	Jackie Barker	Harrison AR	32.55

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Joe Scott	Rogers AR	122.30

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Ron Ashbacher	Lead Hill AR	364.65

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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West bids...., North doubles, East looks at South suspiciously: Is your partner's double for business?

South smiles sweetly: No, no, it's for pleasure!

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

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