

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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## Focus On – Learning Bridge

### Eureka Springs/Holiday Island Student Bridge Classes

After two years of trying to build interest in “Bridge” at the Eureka Springs school system with only marginal success, the Eureka Springs/Holiday Island DBCs finally had a breakthrough in 2013. Oddly enough the breakthrough occurred at the nearby Berryville school system.

Contact was made with the Berryville middle school principal and the Berryville Gifted and Talented (GT) Director in August. After some discussion, a general approach was approved to teach bridge to the Gifted and Talented students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades starting just after school began in September. The approach was for each grade to receive 2 hours of instruction per week for the first 3 weeks and then 1-1/4

hours per week thereafter until Thanksgiving break. This program was held during the standard school day as opposed to the approach used in the Eureka Springs school system which was an after hours effort.

Bob Dray, manager of the Eureka Springs DBC, agreed to be the teacher for the program. The hope was that a single teacher for all three grades would help with consistency week to week and the material would be the same for each grade. On the first week of lessons, Bob discovered a class of 10 students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 11 students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12 students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade all eager to learn to play bridge.

The ACBL proved to be a great resource for ideas and material for teaching Junior bridge students; many of whom had never played cards before. Bob started each class with the “Mini-Bridge” program to get them playing quickly and some of the students took the software home and installed it on their personal computers to practice.



Beginning the third week, a transition was made to actual bidding and as the weeks progressed, the students in each grade “got it” and were bidding and playing without much help. The biggest problem was just keeping the kids focused and the practice moving along. Lots of help was provided by other club members who volunteered to attend the classes and just provide an “adult” at each of the tables to keep the game moving.

Mid-way through the program, Bob could see the students would be far enough along in their learning that an end-of-program “tournament” could be held. The students responded to the idea with enthusiasm and began stepping up their learning efforts. A timer was brought to class to get them used to timed play and trophies were purchased to add to their enthusiasm. After a couple of weeks, all grades were bidding, playing and making a movement within 8 minutes – something even some adults have trouble doing.



The tournament week was a real success! Each grade had its own tournament; run with an individual movement and volunteers from the local bridge club filled in to make an even number of tables. Many of the

parents came to watch and some even brought snacks. Each student received a “certificate of completion” and the first place winner received a trophy. All in all, a great experience for both the students and the teacher.



In the years to come, some of these students may remember the fun they had learning bridge and become active ACBL members.

### Fort Smith

Four-week Beginner bridge classes start Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 - 3:00. Held at the Boyce Cearly Memorial Center, Corner of U & Bluff St., Ft Smith, (1810 So. U St.). The classes will be \$10 per session plus \$10 for the Basic Beginner Book by Audrey Grant. For returning students, the course is half price and the book is optional.

Instructor Joann Humphrey is an ACBL Accredited Teacher and a Master Teacher. 479-646-6322; e-mail [johumphrey@cox.net](mailto:johumphrey@cox.net).

Les Braswell, Accredited Bridge Teacher, is teaching ‘Improving Declarer’s Play’ from January 14 through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The classes are from 10 to noon on Tuesdays at the Boyce Cearly Memorial Center. [les\\_braswell@yahoo.com](mailto:les_braswell@yahoo.com)

Mountain Home

Intermediate Bridge lessons are taught by Linda Jirka and William Jordan at the Wager Bridge Center. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:10.

Lois Smith will start 'The Play of the Hand' classes on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. This class is the second in the series of bridge instruction for beginning players. Lois is an ACBL Accredited bridge teacher and the classes will be at Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Cooper Park, 870-425-1348

Rogers

Kevin Glasgow will be teaching Beginning Bridge at the Rogers Adult Wellness Center. These classes are eight weeks; beginning January, 13. Sessions are on Monday's from 1 – 3 pm.

Bella Vista

Robert Makela has a Couples Bridge class planned for January.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of the Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville is planning to offer a variety of adult education classes in Bella Vista. The Bella Vista Property Owners Association and the staff of OLLI are working together to make this happen.

Bridge classes will soon be offered as part of the OLLI – BV-POA partnership.

Sectional Tournament at the Clubs (STaC)

The week of November 4 - 10, area bridge clubs participated in the STaC games. Twice each year, players can compete for Silver Master Points by playing at their local bridge clubs. Because the results are aggregated across 10 states, the overall awards can be significant.

Here are our Unit's top winners.

24.40 Stan Stankus, Mountain Home  
 14.87 Robert Dray, Holiday Island  
 14.06 Pierre Hoover, Mountain Home  
 10.70 Al Cookson, Mountain Home AR  
 9.83 Randy Rogers, Yellville AR  
 9.00 Dave Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR  
 8.44 Joe Scott, Rogers AR  
 7.90 Marina Scott, Rogers AR  
 7.66 Genevieve Heim, Ft Smith AR  
 7.66 Bernadine Leding, Ft Smith AR  
 7.36 Betty Redman, Bella Vista AR  
 6.99 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista  
 6.77 Dale Morrisett, Bella Vista AR  
 6.03 Fay Frey, Bentonville AR  
 5.61 Jacqueline Davis, Bella Vista  
 5.32 Bob Lyons, Mountain Home AR  
 5.01 M Peterson, Gassville AR  
 4.92 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 4.76 Kay Hutchison, Mountain Home  
 3.71 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home AR  
 3.51 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island  
 3.11 Dick Ayres, Fayetteville AR  
 3.11 Bill Ward, Fayetteville AR  
 2.73 William Jordan, Gassville AR  
 2.68 Diana Turner, Mountain Home AR  
 2.27 Carol Stansbury, Mountain Home  
 2.19 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR  
 2.10 Billie Supeter, Mountain Home  
 2.02 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR

## Tournament Trail

### 4<sup>nd</sup> Quarter tournament results and the master point awards.

#### **KansasCity Fall Sectional**

**Lenexa KS**

**4-6 Oct 2013**

4.63 Robert Dailey, Bella Vista AR

#### **Kimberling City Sectional**

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**25-27 Oct 2013**

26.40 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
 18.33 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 10.10 Suzanne Ledbetter, Harrison  
 9.24 Larry Pitts, Springfield MO  
 8.86 William Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 8.86 Donna Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 8.62 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 8.62 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 8.44 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 8.44 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 8.42 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR  
 4.80 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island  
 4.40 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
 4.40 M Fish, Harrison AR  
 4.22 Jackie Barker, Harrison AR  
 4.22 Brian Gibbs, Alpena AR  
 3.92 Chester Sullivant, Harrison AR  
 3.92 Charlotte Milum, Harrison AR  
 2.77 June Dettwiller, Holiday Island AR  
 2.77 Bill Olson, Parkville MO  
 2.71 David Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 2.71 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 2.29 Corrine Johnson, Mountain Home  
 2.27 Harold Kanagawa, Nixa MO  
 2.18 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 2.18 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville  
 2.16 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Spgs AR  
 2.16 Jean Razer, Holiday Island AR

2.16 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island  
 2.08 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 2.08 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 2.06 Paul Humphrey, Fort Smith AR  
 2.06 Joann Humphrey, Fort Smith AR  
 2.03 Clyde McPhee, Rogers AR  
 2.03 Barbara McPhee, Rogers AR  
 1.82 Billie Supeter, Mountain Home  
 1.71 Peg Atkins, Fort Smith AR  
 1.71 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren  
 1.18 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR  
 1.01 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR  
 1.01 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR  
 0.77 Warren Matz, Mountain Home AR  
 0.77 Stanley Stankus, Mountain Home  
 0.77 Pierre Hoover, Mountain Home  
 0.77 Albert Cookson, Mountain Home

#### **Festive Fall Frolic**

**Wichita KS**

**30 Oct - 03 Nov 2013**

36.89 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 25.80 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
 7.35 John Grantham, Bentonville AR

#### **Free State Autumn Sectional**

**Topeka, KS**

**22 - 24 Nov 2013**

10.17 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
 4.86 Sandra Gromatka, Bella Vista AR  
 4.86 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR  
 0.31 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 0.31 Brian Simet, Rogers AR

#### **KC Holiday Regional**

**Overland Park KS**

**26-31 Dec 2014**

45.54 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 43.72 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
 25.34 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 5.71 Robert Dailey, Bella Vista AR

**Meet Phyllis Harlan,  
Our 2014 ACBL President**



Phyllis Harlan lives in Oklahoma City and she has been our district representative to the ACBL Board of Directors since 2004. She is the ACBL President for 2014. Congratulations to Phyllis!



**Climbing the Ladder**  
**Rank advancements 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr, 2014**

**Junior Master (5+ MPs)**  
Shari Hult – Bella Vista  
Linda Parks – Fort Smith

**Club Master (20+ MPs)**  
Wallace Gore – Holiday Island  
John Eitenmiller – Mountain Home

**Sectional Master (50+ MPs)**

Deanna Fletcher – Rogers  
Robert Messer – Eureka Springs  
Sharon Lawhorn – Mountain Home  
Robert Lyons – Mountain Home  
Freda Patterson – Fort Smith

**Regional Master (100+ MPs)**

Doris Kenworthy – Bella Vista  
Cheryl McConkey – Norfolk  
Cole Spencer – Fayetteville  
Kay Hutchison – Mountain Home  
Corrine Johnson – Mountain Home

**Life Master (300+ MPs)**

**Bronze Life Master (500+ MPs)**

Robert Dray – Holiday Island  
William Jordan – Gassville  
John West – Siloam Springs

**Silver Life Master (1000+ MPs)**

Jackie Davis – Bella Vista  
Lois Smith – Mountain Home

**Platinum Life Master (10,000+ MP's)**

Ron Ashbacher – Lead Hill

Way to go players!

**Director Please**

How do you summon the director when you feel an irregularity has occurred? There are those who somehow feel that might makes right and their case will seem stronger if they yell "DIREKKTOORR" at the maximum capacity of their lungs. There are others who politely raise their hands and in a normal tone of voice simply say "Director Please." Another category is comprised of those who do not call the director at all and spend the rest of the session distracted by



the thought that they have somehow been denied their right to justice.

Duplicate bridge is played by certain established rules, perhaps one of the most important being that a director is to be called at the first sign of any irregularity and discussion at the table is to cease until the director arrives. Duplicate bridge can often rouse strong emotions in serious players. It is therefore necessary that an impartial director be immediately available to determine what occurred, which regulations apply, and what steps need to be taken to establish fairness to all the players, both defenders and declarers.

Newer players are sometimes reluctant to call the director. They may not know for sure that an infraction occurred or they may be afraid of incurring the wrath of their opponents. It is not a sin to call the director and it is not a sin to have the director called by your opponent. It is a matter of law that this must be done in order to have a fair game for all players. If you are a new player, please do call the director if you are unsure about anything occurring at the table.

If someone calls the director on you, please do not take it personally and become offended. The one who called the director is merely following the rules so that everyone will be treated fairly.

More experienced players should set an example for newer players by politely calling the director "Director, Please," and then carefully and calmly presenting their story to the director. At no time should hostility, anger or aggressive behavior be displayed. Experienced players should remember that at some point way back in the

dark ages they too were "Newbies".

Whether you have 10 or 10,000 Masterpoints, you will not be a master of the game until you treat everyone, both partners and opponents, with polite respect.

Play Nice,

Written by: Phyllis Harlan

District 15 - ACBL Board of Directors

2014 ACBL President

### Tournament Schedule – 2014

Bartlesville, Ok Sectional - Jan 10-12

Springfield, Mo Sectional - Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

Emporia, Ks Sectional - Mar. 7 – 9

Wichita Sectional - Mar. 15 - 12

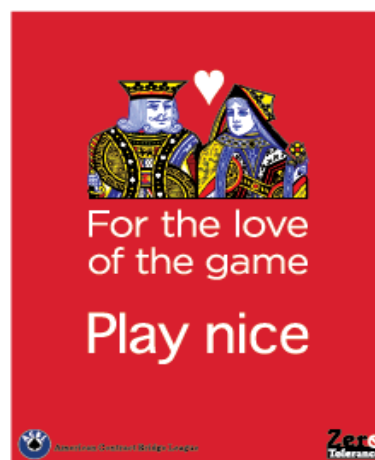
STaC Week - April 7 – 13

Lee's Summit, Mo Sectional - May 2 - 4

Oklahoma City Regional - May 5 - 11

Wichita Sectional - May 23 - 25

See our web site for more information on tournaments.



### 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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### Top Master Point Winners for 2013

<b>0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Donna Uhrhammer	Mtn Home AR	11.80
2	Janet Davis	Bella Vista AR	8.86
3	Shari Hult	Bella Vista AR	6.40
4	Britt Evans	Eureka Springs	5.12
5	Katie Anthony	Jordan AR	4.71
6	Linda Parks	Fort Smith AR	4.48
7	Susan Warshawsky	Bella Vista AR	4.34
8	Landis Moss	Fort Smith AR	3.24
9	Jana Randall	Ft Smith AR	2.43
10	Angeline Rowland	Rogers AR	1.21

<b>5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Joan Bain	Bella Vista AR	40.15
2	Sherry Finley	Lakeview AR	33.08
3	John Buck	Cotter AR	32.08
4	Joyce Riddle	Fort Smith AR	30.61
5	Michael Jirka	Mountain Home	15.06
6	Roni Ray	Bentonville AR	14.11
7	John Eitenmiller	Mountain Home	13.23
8	Nadine Duffy	Bentonville AR	12.87
9	Wallace Gore	Holiday Island	6.31
10	M. Fish	Harrison AR	5.79

<b>20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Cole Spencer	Fayetteville AR	89.28
2	Kevin Glasgow	Rogers AR	77.97
3	Margie Brown	Mtn Home AR	72.54
4	Janey Buck	Cotter AR	40.81
5	Robert Lyons	Mountain Home	38.39
6	Peggy Dime	Fort Smith AR	27.90
7	Betty Scarborough	Fort Smith AR	22.91
8	Jackie Nelson	Bella Vista AR	20.68
9	Holly Childs	Fayetteville AR	18.05
10	Deanna Fletcher	Rogers AR	12.54

**50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	David Lawhon	Mountain Home	82.98
2	Barbara McPhee	Rogers AR	48.08
3	Jimmy Dime	Fort Smith AR	45.14
4	Cheryl McConkey	Norfolk AR	35.81
5	Sharon Lawhon	Mountain Home	34.74
6	Connie Davis	Cotter AR	34.59
7	David McConkey	Norfolk AR	32.54
8	Donna Kohnen	Mountain Home	31.36
9	Corrine Johnson	Mountain Home	23.20
10	William Ward	Fayetteville AR	19.14

**200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Warren Matz	Mountain Home	88.92
2	Delma Lucas	Mountain Home	56.42
3	William Lucas	Mountain Home	53.39
4	Suzanne Ledbetter	Harrison AR	44.22
5	Diana Turner	Mountain Home	42.48
6	Alice Reger	Jordan AR	31.48
7	Donald Reger	Jordan AR	30.84
8	Pat Moles	Harrison AR	24.94
9	Ron Nativi	Bella Vista AR	22.42
10	Patrick McFadden	Rogers AR	20.80

**100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Clyde McPhee	Rogers AR	74.77
2	Jack Scharoun	Lakeview AR	59.84
3	William Garner	Mountain Home	55.63
4	Mary Goebel	Ft Smith AR	46.05
5	Sue Rolfe	Rogers AR	42.75
6	Charlene Moorman	Fort Smith AR	41.13
7	Ronald Rolfe	Rogers AR	40.93
8	H Roma Scharoun	Lakeview AR	38.81
9	David Hirsch	Holiday Island AR	34.39
10	Brenda Hirsch	Holiday Island AR	33.22

**300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	William Jordan	Gassville AR	141.51
2	Carol Stansbury	Mountain Home	112.09
3	Robert Dray	Holiday Island AR	91.20
4	Pauline Longstaff	Bella Vista AR	82.77
5	Larry Greathouse	Mountain Home	66.57
6	Thomas Graff	Fayetteville AR	59.11
7	Garland Hall	Bentonville AR	57.53
8	Judith Nevsimal	Lakeview AR	55.48
9	Roger Koeppe II	Fayetteville AR	51.86
10	Susan Hall	Bentonville AR	50.55



<b>500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Linda Jirka	Mountain Home	170.94
2	Albert Cookson	Mountain Home	130.79
3	Michael Foley	Springdale AR	115.78
4	Brian Simet	Rogers AR	111.41
5	Nancy Luttrell	Mountain Home	100.03
6	Robert Gromatka	Bella Vista AR	92.75
7	Jeff La Caze	Bella Vista AR	74.33
8	Robert Dailey	Bella Vista AR	69.36
9	Carolyn Hooper	Lakeview AR	65.33
10	Juanita Huckelbury	Van Buren AR	58.06

<b>1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Jim Wart	Bentonville AR	212.81
2	Stanley Stankus	Mountain Home	206.95
3	Pierre Hoover	Mountain Home	123.51
4	Mrs. M. Peterson	Gassville AR	120.75
5	Len Fettig	Bella Vista AR	105.71
6	Blaine Ferrell	Lakeview AR	87.59
7	Billye Hart	Mountain Home	83.87
8	J. E. Jennings	Rogers AR	78.33
9	Billie Supeter	Mountain Home	67.50
10	William Spradlin	Harrison AR	65.30

<b>2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Marina Scott	Rogers AR	145.55
2	Judy Worden	Fort Smith AR	136.81
3	Linda McRay	Fort Smith AR	121.91
4	Raymond Lynch	Bella Vista AR	95.35
5	Darlene Ray	Fort Smith AR	92.17
6	Carolyn Thomas	Fort Smith AR	82.17
7	Margaret Rodman	Fayetteville AR	73.35
8	Jackie Barker	Harrison AR	53.72
9	Sharon Easley	Fort Smith AR	40.33

<b>5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Joe Scott	Rogers AR	172.59

<b>7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race</b>			
Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	John Grantham	Bentonville AR	849.85
2	Ron Ashbacher	Lead Hill AR	621.18

**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>