

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 247

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Focus On – Build for Tomorrow

Our Northwest Arkansas Unit (#247) is part of District 15 – which also includes Kansas, Oklahoma and parts of Missouri & Texas.

Our Unit ranks #1 in our District in member participation in:

- Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs (STaC)
- Grand National Teams (GNT)
- North American Pairs (NAP)
- Frequency of Club play and in
- New Member Retention

But there is more work to be done. We need to recruit more ACBL members. That means a healthy bridge teaching operation; throughout our Unit.

We also need to develop more people to be Club Directors, Club Managers, Accredited Bridge Teachers and Unit Board members.

In short, we need to **Build for Tomorrow**.

Tournament Trail

4th Quarter tournament results and the master point awards.

Kimberling City Branson West, MO Oct 30-Nov 01, 2015

13.04 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR
10.24 Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR
10.24 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
6.46 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
6.46 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
5.85 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
4.84 M Fish, Harrison AR
4.84 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR
3.44 Pat Moles, Harrison AR
3.44 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR
3.16 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR
3.16 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
2.68 Roni Ray, Bentonville AR
2.68 Patricia Parsons, Fayetteville AR
2.64 Patricia Schaller, Eureka Springs
2.44 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island AR
1.81 Corrine Johnson, Mountain Home
1.81 Charles Nichols, Cherokee Vlg AR
1.40 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR
1.40 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR
1.40 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR
1.40 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista AR
1.00 Patricia West, Harrison AR
1.00 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR

**District 15 North American Pair
results are not available.**

**District 14, 15 STaC
D14, 15
December 7-13, 2015**

- 15.20 William Jordan, Gassville AR
- 15.20 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home AR
- 12.11 Pat Moles, Harrison AR
- 12.11 M Fish, Harrison AR
- 12.00 John Jennings, Rogers AR
- 12.00 Joe Scott, Rogers AR
- 11.95 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR
- 8.58 Stan Stankus, Mountain Home AR
- 7.75 Jo Woolery, Oklahoma City OK
- 7.72 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR
- 7.55 Carolyn Hooper, Lakeview AR
- 7.20 Michael Foley, Springdale AR
- 7.20 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
- 6.86 Sherry Finley, Lakeview AR
- 6.56 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
- 6.42 Mary Peterson, Gassville AR
- 6.09 Tom Graff, Fayetteville AR
- 5.66 Charles Nichols, Cherokee Vlg AR
- 5.60 Charles Orvis, Cotter AR
- 4.95 Billye Hart, Mountain Home AR
- 4.32 Al Cookson, Mountain Home AR
- 3.99 Warren Matz, Mountain Home
- 3.99 Karen Tipton, Gassville AR
- 3.89 David Lawhon, Mountain Home
- 3.06 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Springs AR
- 2.62 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR
- 2.62 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR
- 2.55 George Illian, Mountain Home
- 2.54 Paul Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
- 2.54 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
- 1.91 Margie Brown, Mountain Home
- 1.87 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island AR
- 1.79 Patricia Schaller, Eureka Springs

- 1.68 Shelba Crawford, Bull Shoals AR
 - 1.68 Bill Garner, Mountain Home AR
 - 1.63 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR
 - 1.55 Brian Gibbs, Alpena AR
 - 1.51 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island AR
 - 1.42 Kathy Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR
 - 1.42 Dave Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR
 - 1.24 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
 - 1.24 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 - 1.24 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
 - 1.24 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
 - 1.18 Joe Patton, Bella Vista AR
 - 1.18 Harlan Phillips, Rogers AR
 - 1.18 Gary Stumbo, Bella Vista AR
 - 1.18 Fay Frey, Rogers AR
 - 1.11 Mike Smith, Bentonville AR
 - 1.11 Dick Ayres, Fayetteville, AR
 - 1.11 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR
 - 1.11 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR
- Plus several more with less than 1.0 MP.

**Kansas City Holiday
Overland Park Regional
Dec 26-31, 2015**

- 108.60 John Grantham, Bentonville AR
- 8.88 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
- 8.88 Michael Rosenberg, Van Buren

Bedtime Story

A bumbling bridge player explained to his friend how he planned to improve his game:

“Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table.”

“Gee,” his friend said, “how do you get any sleep?”



Climbing the Ladder

Rank advancements 4th Qtr, 2015

Junior Master (5+ MP's)

Michael Reese, Fayetteville
 Jeanette Blevins, Barling
 Robert Bowen, Ft. Smith
 Patricia Dooty, Ft. Smith
 Hilary Krueger, Bentonville

Club Master (20-50 MP's)

Orman McCafferty, Mansfield, AR
 Angeline Rowland, Rogers, AR
 Michael Rosenberg, Van Buren
 David Bryan, Ft. Smith
 Judith Winton, Ft. Smith

Regional Master (100+ MP's)

David Lawhorn, Mt. Home
 Sharon Lawhorn, Mt. Home
 Peggy Dime, Ft. Smith
 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista

NABC Master (200+ MP's)

Mary Fish, Harrison
 Georgia McGill, Harrison
 Julia Farrar, Lavaca

Life Master/Advanced NABC Master (300+ MP's)

Kathy Scarsdale, Harrison
 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville
 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista

Ruby Life Master (1500-2500 MP's)

Roy Barbee, Springdale
 Ron Burns, Ft. Smith
 Betty Caldwell, Rogers
 Jerry Conkling, Midway
 June Dettwiller, Holiday Island
 Les Doughty, Talahina, OK
 Blaine Ferrell, Lakeview
 Len Fettig, Bella Vista
 Joann Humphrey, Ft. Smith
 Paul Humphrey, Ft. Smith
 Jane Hunter, Ft. Smith
 John Jennings, Rogers
 Linda Jirka, Mt. Home
 Shirley Johanson, Rogers
 Jeanette Johnson, Rogers
 Mary Peterson, Gassville
 Rose Schuler, Eureka Springs
 William Spradlin, Harrison
 Stan Stankus, Mt. Home
 Elva Stone, Ft. Smith
 Colleen Tiernan, ROgers
 Jim Wart, Bentonville
 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island

Sapphire Life Master (3500-5000 MP's)

Linda McRay, Ft. Smith

Way to go players!

Two new Life Master designations were established by the ACBL Board of Directors at their fall meeting in Denver: **Ruby Life Master and Sapphire Life Master.**

A Ruby Life Master is a Life Master with more than 1500 masterpoints including no fewer than a combination of 300 silver, red gold or platinum points.

A Sapphire Life Master is a Life Master with more than 3500 masterpoints including no fewer than a combination of 350 gold or

platinum points and no fewer than a combination of 700 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

These new ranks go into effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

Clear As Mud

Sue: Do you play M-U-D?

Sally: No, never heard of it.

Sue: Then what do you lead from three-small?

Sally: Fourth best, I guess.

Tournament Schedule – 2016

Bartlesville, OK Sectional Jan 30-31

STaC week – Feb 8-14

Springfield, MO Sectional Mar 4-6

See our web site for more information on tournaments.

Unit 247 Master Point Races – 2015

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Michael Rosenberg Van Buren AR 38.95
- 2 David Bryan Fort Smith AR 28.08
- 3 Orman McCafferty Mansfield AR 21.14
- 4 Jeanette Blevins Barling AR 13.04
- 5 Rhonda Davis Bella Vista AR 6.76
- 6 Ann Smith Fort Smith AR 6.48
- 7 Robert Bowen Fort Smith AR 6.15
- 8 Hilary Krueger Bentonville AR 6.00
- 9 Patricia Dooty Fort Smith AR 4.20
- 10 Charlotte Bonner Beaver AR 3.88

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Judith Winton Fort Smith AR 38.48
- 2 Nancy Llewellyn Fort Smith AR 29.10
- 3 Larry Barnes Fort Smith AR 28.43
- 4 Donna Barnes Fort Smith AR 23.78
- 5 Linda Parks Fort Smith AR 21.72
- 6 Angeline Rowland Rogers AR 16.96
- 7 Eric Olsen Bella Vista AR 16.00
- 8 Sandra Garner Mountain Home AR 13.96
- 9 Kathleen Markus Rogers AR 12.08
- 10 Katie Anthony Jordan AR 9.09

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Nelson Reger Mountain Home AR 35.43
- 2 Gary Nelson Bella Vista AR 32.74
- 3 Landis Moss Fort Smith AR 27.92
- 4 Donna Uhrhammer Mountain Home 21.97
- 5 Roni Ray Bentonville AR 20.30
- 6 Dana Snawder Harrison AR 20.27
- 7 Nadine Duffy Bentonville AR 16.99
- 8 John Uhrhammer Mountain Home 15.07
- 9 James Swiggart Holiday Island AR 12.38
- 10 John Eitenmiller Mountain Home 12.35

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 John Buck Cotter AR 63.39
- 2 Sherry Finley Lakeview AR 58.35
- 3 Joan Bain Bella Vista AR 55.42
- 4 Peggy Dime Fort Smith AR 40.90
- 5 Joyce Riddle Fort Smith AR 37.88
- 6 Jackie Nelson Bella Vista AR 35.68
- 7 Jackie Khilling Fort Smith AR 29.99
- 8 Jon Fletcher Rogers AR 20.72
- 9 Deanna Fletcher Rogers AR 20.72
- 10 Maxine Mc Clain Bella Vista AR 12.52
- 11 Albert McClain Bella Vista AR 12.52

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Margie Brown Mountain Home AR 87.45
- 2 Janey Buck Cotter AR 75.94
- 3 Sharon Lawhon Mountain Home AR 72.91
- 4 Connie Davis Cotter AR 57.16
- 5 Robert Lyons Mountain Home AR 55.10
- 6 Charles Nichols Cherokee Vlg AR 53.02
- 7 M. Fish Harrison AR 49.18
- 8 Jimmy Dime Fort Smith AR 46.92
- 9 Brian Gibbs Alpena AR 43.97
- 10 Valerie Watson Las Vegas NV 42.69

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Kevin Glasgow Rogers AR 157.92
- 2 David Lawhon Mountain Home AR 102.10
- 3 Judy Bappe Bella Vista AR 65.13
- 4 William Garner Mountain Home AR 62.26
- 5 Mary Goebel Fort Smith AR 55.45
- 6 Freda Patterson Fort Smith AR 54.34
- 7 Sue Rolfe Rogers AR 43.65
- 8 Ronald Rolfe Rogers AR 42.34
- 9 Patrick McFadden Rogers AR 40.90
- 10 Dottie Carlisle Cherokee Vlg AR 38.79

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

- 1 Matt Williams Pencil Bluff AR 95.98
- 2 Cole Spencer Fayetteville AR 71.72
- 3 Thomas Graff Fayetteville AR 64.78
- 4 Garland Hall Bentonville AR 61.92
- 5 Pauline Longstaff Bella Vista AR 61.86
- 6 Pat Moles Harrison AR 60.61
- 7 Becky Mincke Wichita KS 58.10
- 8 Michael Smith Bentonville AR 57.74
- 9 Warren Matz Mountain Home AR 53.88
- 10 Delma Lucas Mountain Home AR 47.49

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

- 1 William Jordan Gassville AR 250.04
- 2 Carolyn Hooper Lakeview AR 85.65

- 3 Robert Gromatka Bella Vista AR 81.46
- 4 Carol Stansbury Mountain Home AR 76.61
- 5 Charles Orvis Cotter AR 69.74
- 6 Juanita Huckelbury Van Buren AR 66.53
- 7 Robert Dray Holiday Island AR 66.33
- 8 Peg Atkins Fort Smith AR 57.89
- 9 Karen Tipton Gassville AR 57.61
- 10 Vivian Noel Fort Smith AR 57.42

1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

- 1 Linda Jirka Mountain Home AR 284.65
- 2 Stanley Stankus Mountain Home AR 173.81
- 3 Ronnie Burns Fort Smith AR 139.61
- 4 Mrs. M. Peterson Gassville AR 125.36
- 5 Albert Cookson Mountain Home 118.70
- 6 Pierre Hoover Mountain Home AR 117.52
- 7 Jim Wart Bentonville AR 115.61
- 8 J. E. Jennings Rogers AR 115.08
- 9 Len Fettig Bella Vista AR 105.80
- 10 Paul Humphrey Fort Smith AR 95.48

2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

- 1 Marina Scott Rogers AR 159.29
- 2 Judy Worden Fort Smith AR 140.95
- 3 Darlene Ray Fort Smith AR 133.16
- 4 Linda McRay Fort Smith AR 116.52
- 5 Ann Yancey Ferrill Berryville AR 99.52
- 6 Carolyn Thomas Fort Smith AR 95.54
- 7 Margaret Rodman Fayetteville AR 79.70
- 8 Raymond Lynch Bella Vista AR 73.71
- 9 Sharon Easley Fort Smith AR 57.09

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

- 1 Joe Scott Rogers AR 184.81
- 2 David Bish Cherokee Vlg AR 78.56

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

- 1 John Grantham Bentonville AR 1,298.83
- 2 Ron Ashbacher Saint Louis MO 483.33

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>



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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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.