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Focus On – Leadership Development

For bridge to grow and to thrive, we will need people who are prepared to provide leadership at all levels within the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

There are many roles that we can play in support of our sport. Whether it is guidance and direction at our Clubs, at our Unit, at our District or at our National level, we need to constantly be grooming people to take on leadership roles.

Rotating people into and out of different positions will strengthen our organization. Too much reliance on a small number of people creates an unnecessary level of dependency and organizational vulnerability.

We all enjoy playing bridge. Let's do what is necessary to ensure that our sport continues to thrive.

Play Nice.

Tournament Trail

4nd Quarter Tournament Results

Springfield Regional Oct 10-16, 2016

34.19 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR
25.93 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR
21.24 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR
19.67 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
16.37 Pat Moles, Harrison AR
11.94 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
8.75 Jewell Hussong, Holiday Island
8.56 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR
8.35 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR
7.94 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR
6.31 M Fish, Harrison AR
6.23 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison
5.85 Suzanne Ledbetter, Harrison AR
4.97 Pat Rice, Conway AR
4.96 Corrine Johnson, Mountain Home
4.96 Charles Nichols, Mountain Home
4.83 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista AR
3.94 David Hirsch, Holiday Island AR
3.94 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island AR
2.73 Patricia West, Harrison AR
2.52 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR
2.10 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR
2.10 Hilary Krueger, Bentonville AR

Kimberling City**Oct 28-30, 2016**

3.79 Valerie Watson, Bella Vista AR
 3.79 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR
 3.27 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
 2.10 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR
 2.10 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR
 2.09 Pat Moles, Harrison AR
 2.09 M Fish, Harrison AR
 1.49 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
 1.49 Holly Childs, Fayetteville AR
 1.37 David Hirsch, Holiday Island AR
 1.37 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island AR

Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs**December 2016**

16.86 William Jordan, Gassville AR
 16.86 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home
 16.71 Marina Scott, Rogers AR
 16.64 Mary Peterson, Gassville AR
 16.30 Joe Scott, Rogers AR
 15.54 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 14.45 Billye Hart, Mountain Home
 11.75 Gary Stumbo, Bella Vista AR
 11.06 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
 10.69 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 5.97 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
 5.14 Dick Ayres, Fayetteville
 5.14 Bill Ward, Fayetteville AR
 4.93 Jackie Khilling, Fort Smith AR
 4.64 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
 3.78 Ruth Ann Vavrinek, Bentonville
 3.68 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
 3.51 Jerry Finley, Lakeview AR
 3.38 Jeannie Foster, Fort Smith AR
 3.37 George Illian, Mountain Home
 3.37 Vivian Noel, Fort Smith AR
 3.37 Peg Atkins, Fort Smith AR
 3.29 Morris Brown, Rogers AR
 3.29 Becky Mincke, Rogers AR
 2.72 Janey Buck, Cotter AR

2.55 John Persico, Mountain Home
 2.52 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR
 2.45 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
 2.40 John Buck, Cotter AR
 2.37 William Garner, Mountain Home
 2.36 Paul Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
 2.27 Billie Herriott, Bella Vista AR
 2.24 Margaret Otte, Rogers AR
 2.21 Stan Stankus, Mountain Home
 2.19 Glenn Hughes, Ft Smith AR
 2.05 Joann Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
 1.94 Michael Foley, Springdale AR
 1.94 Brian Simet, Bentonville AR
 1.91 Al Cookson, Mountain Home
 1.88 Fay Frey, Rogers AR
 1.86 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR
 1.86 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
 1.81 Mike Smith, Bentonville AR
 1.78 Carolyn Hooper, Lakeview AR
 1.68 Margie Brown, Mountain Home
 1.68 Judy Winton, Fort Smith AR
 1.60 Marilyn Brown, Bella Vista AR
 1.59 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
 1.58 Ronald Smith, Bella Vista AR
 1.55 Jim Dime, Fort Smith AR
 1.55 Nancy Llewellyn, Fort Smith AR
 1.51 Connie Davis, Cotter AR
 1.46 Jeanette Blevins, Barling AR
 1.38 Nancy Cunningham, Rogers AR
 1.38 Shirley Galloway, Fayetteville AR
 1.38 Margaret Rodman, Fayetteville
 1.35 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville
 1.35 Marsha Havens, Eureka Springs
 1.35 Donna Spradlin, Harrison AR
 1.35 William Spradlin, Harrison AR
 1.34 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
 1.32 Larry Johnson, Bella Vista AR
 1.32 Chuck Seeley, Bella Vista
 1.28 Joe Patton, Bella Vista AR
 1.27 M Fish, Harrison AR
 1.27 Pat Moles, Harrison AR

- 1.20 Lynn Lawhon, Mountain Home
- 1.20 Sharon Judson, Bella Vista AR
- 1.18 Blaine Ferrell, Lakeview AR
- 1.13 Betty Scarborough, Fort Smith
- 1.12 Charlene Dean, Fort Smith AR
- 1.05 Donald Reger, Jordan AR
- 1.05 Alice Reger, Jordan AR
- 1.05 Sandy Garner, Mountain Home
- 1.04 Joyce Riddle, Fort Smith AR
- 1.03 John Jennings, Rogers AR
- 1.00 Myra Dennis, Fort Smith AR
- 1.00 Jim Dennis, Ft Smith AR

There are some really good educational sessions; for Bridge Teachers, Club Directors and Club Managers.
Our last NABC in KC was in 2001, so please plan to attend this one.

Here is a cute bridge story: [Click Here](#)
You can't make this stuff up. Just enjoy it.

Several more players with less than 1 MP.

**Kansas City Holiday Regional
Overland Park
Dec 26-31, 2016**

- 79.14 John Grantham, Bentonville AR
- 1.05 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR
- 1.05 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR
- 0.70 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR
- 0.70 Hilary Krueger, Bentonville AR



Climbing the Ladder

Rank Advancements 4th Qtr, 2016

Junior Master (5+ MP's)

- Shirley Foster – Bella Vista
- Jay Lacy – Bella Vista

Club Master (20+ MP's)

- Dick Ayres – Fayetteville
- Rhonda Davis – Bella Vista
- Jay Lacy – Bella Vista

Sectional Master (50+ MP's)

Regional Master (100+ MP's)

- Dana Snawder – Harrison
- Michael Rosenberg – Van Buren



The Spring National tournament will be in Kansas City – March 9 – 19.
National tournaments are for players of all levels; from our 0-5 MP players all the way up to National Championship levels.

Please take a look at the schedule: [Click here.](#)

NABC Master (200+ MP's)

Life Master (300+ MP's)

Mike Fish - Harrison
Suzanne Ledbetter – Harrison

Gold Life Master (2500+ MP's)

Len Fettig – Bella Vista
Mary Peterson – Gassville

Sapphire Life Master (3500+ MP's)

Judy Worden – Fort Smith

Way to go players!

Tournament Schedule – 2016

- Hutchinson Sectional – Jan. 20-22
- Lawrence Sectional – Feb. 3-5
- Bartlesville Sectional – Feb. 11-12
- Emporia Sectional – Feb. 17-19
- Lawton Sectional – Feb 17-19
- St. Joseph NLM Sectional – Feb. 18
- Springfield Sectional – Mar. 3-5
- Wichita NLM Sectional Apr. 1-2
- Columbia NLM Sectional – Apr. 14-16
- Oklahoma City NLM Sectional – Apr 22-23
- Oklahoma City Regional May 8-14

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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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.



Len Fettig, Bella Vista, was elected to the National Board of Governors and to the position of 1st Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors. His three-year term runs from 2017 through 2019.

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>