

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Newsletter

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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.

Focus On – A New Club

Calling all new and beginning duplicate bridge players: There is a new club that begins to meet on July 8th.

The group will meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1:00, at the Rogers Adult Wellness Center.

This group is for players who are new to duplicate bridge and who also have less than 30 master points.

You must be a member of the AWC (membership is open to anyone who is over 55 and pays the \$25 per year facility fee) and pay one dollar per session.

This is an unsanctioned club, but they plan to apply for a sanction in the near future.

If you have wanted to try duplicate but did not want to 'swim with the sharks', then this is just what you have been seeking.

Social and Duplicate Bridge Tournament

The third annual AWC Spring Bridge tournament was held on May 12th and 13th. The winners in the Duplicate bracket were Marion Thornton and Brian Simet. The winners of the Social bridge bracket were Shirley Curtis and Mike Smith and Marvin Rehl and Richard Danse. Congratulations to the winners.

At the Clubs



The Fort Smith DBC will host an Open Split-unit game on July 16th and a 0-300 point Split-Unit game on July 21st. Both games begin at 10 a.m.

Club Managers – please email us information about your clubs and about any special games you are hosting. (nwa-bridge@cox.net)

"And how is Bridge supposed to make me smarter? Every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain. Remember when I took that winemaking course, and I forgot how to drive?"

- 9.19 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
- 8.92 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
- 7.75 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
- 7.57 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
- 7.06 Suzanne Krutsinger, Rogers AR
- 7.06 Nancy Cunningham, Rogers AR
- 6.93 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
- 5.50 Cathryn Jones, Rogers AR
- 5.50 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR
- 4.83 Paul Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
- 2.15 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
- 1.82 Mary Goebel, Ft Smith AR
- 1.82 Les Braswell, Greenwood AR
- 1.40 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren
- 1.40 Elva Stone, Fort Smith AR
- 0.75 Pat Malmanger, Bella Vista AR
- 0.75 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista
- 0.67 Martha Baldwin, Fayetteville

Tournament Trail

Here are the tournament results from the 2nd Quarter and the master point awards.

McAlester Sectional

**McAlester, OK
April 10-11, 2010**

- 2.79 Sandra Gromatka, Bella Vista AR
- 2.79 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR
- 2.45 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
- 2.45 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
- 2.45 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
- 2.45 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR

Hot Springs

**Hot Springs AR
May 17-23, 2010**

- 16.56 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR
- 16.56 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
- 12.81 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
- 12.81 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville
- 12.76 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
- 11.45 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
- 10.47 E Adams, Golden MO
- 10.47 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
- 10.04 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR
- 10.04 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR

Sunflower Regional

**Topeka, KS
June 16-20, 2010**

- 7.99 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
- 7.99 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
- 1.57 Bill Remington, Bella Vista AR

Wichita NLM Sectional

**Wichita, KS
06/26 - 06/27/2010**

- 2.22 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 2.22 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR

Master Point Races

The Mid-Year **Mini-McKinney** leader board, for the most Master Points won in ACBL Unit 247, has many familiar names.

0 to 5 Master point Race		
Player	Location	Points
Judy Bappe	Bella Vista AR	19.47
Pamela Wilcox	Garfield AR	3.15

Robert Cross	Fayetteville AR	1.53
Margaret Graham	Fort Smith AR	1.52
Bonnie Sher	Van Buren AR	0.92
Martha Baldwin	Fayetteville AR	0.67

5 to 20 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Gerald Ford	Bentonville AR	10.5
Ronald Rolfe	Rogers AR	8.39
Sue Rolfe	Rogers AR	8.01
Kay Pantier	Bentonville AR	6.3
Ida Howell	Fort Smith AR	4.91
Harry Sher	Van Buren AR	2.64
Faye Miller	Ft Smith AR	2.51

20 to 50 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Pauline Longstaff	Bella Vista AR	55.17
Les Braswell	Greenwood AR	12.85
Suzanne Krutsinger	Rogers AR	12.3
Nancy Cunningham	Rogers AR	12.19
Barbara Francis	Bella Vista AR	9.27

50 to 100 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
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Mary Goebel	Ft Smith AR	21.08
Brenda Hirsch	Holiday Island AR	13.97
Freda Patterson	Fort Smith AR	13.42
David Hirsch	Holiday Island AR	9.09
Marilynn Rubes	Rogers AR	7.09
Raymond Combs	Fort Smith AR	6.68
Elaine Patton	Bella Vista AR	4.96

100 to 200 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Robert Makela	Bella Vista AR	16.54
Dorothy Ritter	Mount Ida AR	15.85
Annette Landrum	Fort Smith AR	12.67
Charlene Moorman	Fort Smith AR	5.49
Nancy Hammer	Bella Vista AR	5.35
Ronald Smith	Bella Vista AR	5.35

100 to 200 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Robert Dray	Holiday Island AR	39.39
Larry Greathouse	Mountain AR	33.87
Julia Farrar	Lavaca AR	24.01
Thomas Graff	Fayetteville AR	23.15
Janice Swiggart	Holiday Island AR	19.52

Carole Crockett	Ft Smith AR	18.48
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300 to 500 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Ann Haggard	Fort Smith AR	39.9
Linda Richmond	Fort Smith AR	32.1
Shelba Crawford	Bull Shoals AR	30.31
Lorraine Ivnik	Eureka Spgs AR	25.03
Sandra Gromatka	Bella Vista AR	22.85
Bill Remington	Bella Vista AR	22.37

500 to 1000 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Ronnie Burns	Fort Smith AR	58.3
Len Fettig	Bella Vista AR	33.11
Robert Gromatka	Bella Vista AR	32.79

1000 to 2500 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
Marina Scott	Rogers AR	48.14
Sharon Easley	Fort Smith AR	47.25
Joann Humphrey	Fort Smith AR	39.57
Paul Humphrey	Fort Smith AR	39.02

2500 to 5000 Master point Race

Player	Location	Points
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Carolyn Thomas	Fort Smith AR	75.59
Judy Worden	Fort Smith AR	72.5
Darlene Ray	Fort Smith AR	68.97
Linda McRay	Fort Smith AR	63.05
Joe Scott	Rogers AR	49.84
Margaret Rodman	Fayetteville AR	22.62

Tournament Schedule – 2010

Kansas City, MO Sectional July 9 - 11, 2010

Tulsa, OK Sectional August 20 - 22, 2010

Springfield, MO Regional September 27 -
October 3, 2010

Kansas City, MO Sectional October 8 - 10,
2010

Claremore, OK Sectional October 23-24,
2010

Kimberling City, MO Sectional October 29 -
31, 2010

[Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs \(STaC\)
November 1 - November 7, 2010](#)

Kansas City, MO Regional December 26 -
31, 2010

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

Bridge Classes

Robert Makela is teaching bridge at the Northwest Arkansas Community College – Bella Vista site at Lancashire (US 340) and Forest Hills Blvd.

Details about the schedule are available from NWACC. Robert is teaching three classes on a revolving basis.

The classes cover bidding, play and defense. As his students complete one class, the next class in the sequence will be offered the following session.

Mr. Makela will offer each of the classes in each enrollment session. So interested individuals can start the series at any session and move easily through the full curriculum.

Suzanne Krutsinger is teaching bridge at the Adult Wellness Center in Rogers (behind the Dixieland Mall). Contact the AWC for class schedules.

In addition to her classes, Mrs. Krutsinger has open forum practice sessions for her current and former students on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 am at the AWC.

Both Mrs. Krutsinger and Mr. Makela are ACBL Accredited Bridge Teachers.



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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Worldwide Bridge Contest

The results of the June 5th, World-Wide Bridge game are in. Several of our players did well in the over-all rankings.

This event was played in 28 countries, with 4894 pairs, and 240 bridge clubs participating.

This is an annual event and our local hosting club was the Ft. Smith Duplicate Bridge Club. Club manager, Linda McRay and her fellow club members did a great job in coordinating this event. Technical expert, Marina Scott gets a 'thumbs up' for resolving some reporting issues.

Club Ranking		World Ranking
1	Doug Dorland & Marina Scott	435
2	Ann Haggard & Linda Richmond	162
3	Ray Lynch & Len Fettig	186
4	Annette Landrum & Carole Crockett	1159
5	John Jennings & Joe Scott	241

The World Bridge Series Championships

(WBSC), the world's biggest and most prestigious bridge competition will be held in Philadelphia, PA, USA, October 1-16, 2010! It is the first such event to be held in the United States since 1994 and approximately 100 nations are expected to participate in the world series, represented by thousands of the world's best players competing for world titles. Along with the WBSC, the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) District 4 will be hosting a World Bridge Federation Regional tournament which will enable bridge players of all levels to share in the excitement!

The **World Youth Team Championships** will also take place in Philadelphia at this time. ACBL & WBF Master Points will be given out for these events.

For WBSC schedules, housing, and additional information please click on the following link:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Philadelphia.10/Philadelphia.htm>

Would you like for someone to pay for your trip to a National Bridge Tournament?

Here is one way for that to happen.

North American Pairs - NAP

Each club can hold two NAP (North American Pairs) games per sanctioned session during each of the months of June, July and August. These games award 100% sectional rated half red/half black master points.

The NAP event has been a major ACBL pair championship since 1979 and was originally known as the Grand National Pairs. This

grassroots event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the Spring NABC, which will be held in Louisville KY in 2011. The contest is run as a flighted event: Flight A (open), Flight B (fewer than 2000 master points as of the June 2010 master point cycle) and Flight C (non-Life Master with fewer than 500 master points as of June 2010). Please check your June 2010 Bridge Bulletin for your master point total.

A highly prestigious "grass roots" event, the North American Pairs starts at the club level in June, July and August. Club-level qualifications may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Unit-level qualifiers are optional and held after Sept. 1 and before the district final, which may be held after the unit final until the third week in January. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level and must be members of the parent district. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize. In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.

The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event.

District 15 final will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Sectional Oct 8 – 10, 2010.

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://members.cox.net/nwa-bridge>