

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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Focus On – Unit North American Pairs Qualifying Event

During the months of June, July and August our local clubs are holding qualifying games; as part of the grass-roots process of selecting the players who will eventually compete at the National tournament.

The second round of play will be our Unit qualifying event – to be held in **Holiday Island, Saturday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m.**

The pairs who then qualify at the Unit level are eligible to play on the District-15 qualifying event; on **November 2, in Wichita.**

Finally, the District qualifiers play in St. Louis, next March, for the National title.

Regardless of your interest in playing at the District and National levels, please take advantage of the higher master point awards by playing at the club and Unit levels.

STaC Winners

The Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs (STaC) events have become wildly popular with bridge players across the country. One reason is that they are a good way for players to pick up their required Silver master points, without traveling to a Sectional tournament.

Another is that the awards can be substantial; for players who score well. The results are scored across both District 14 and 15 (us). That encompasses all or parts of eight states.

In the week-long STaC event in May, some of our players did really well.

Marina Scott (Rogers) played several times with multiple partners and earned 30 points; which was more than any other player.

Marina's partners included Doug Dorland (Goshen) who picked up 14 points and John Jennings (Rogers) who won 10 points.

Lorriane Wickstrand and Ray Lynch (Bella Vista) earned 13 points.

Bill Garner and Lois Smith (Mt. Home) won 7 points.



Climbing the Ladder

Junior Master (5+ Master Points)

- Margie Brown - Mt. Home
- Jimmy Dime – Ft. Smith
- David Lawhon – Mt. Home
- Janey Buck – Cotter
- John Eitenmiller – Mt. Home

Club Master (20+ MP’s)

- Faye Miller – Ft. Smith
- Jackie Nelson – Bella Vista

Sectional Master (50+ MP’s)

- Cheryl McConkey – Norfolk
- David McConkey – Norfolk

Regional Master (100+ MP’s)

- David Hirsch – Holiday Island
- Diana Turner – Mt. Home

Bronze Life Master (500+ MP’s)

- Nancy Weatherly – Bella Vista

Gold Life Master (2500+ MP’s)

- Sharon Easley – Ft. Smith

Way to go players!

Tournament Schedule – 2012

Little Rock Sectional - July 13 - 15

Summer National - Philadelphia, PA -Jul 12 - 22

Tulsa Sectional - July 27 - 29

Hot Springs (0-500) Sectional - August 24 - 26

Bella Vista Sectional - September 21 - 23

Springfield Regional - October 1 - 7

Kansas City Sectional - October 12 - 14

Kimberling City, Mo Sectional - October 26 - 28

Wichita Sectional - November 2 to 4

NAP D-15 Qualifying on 11/2 - at Wichita Sectional

November 5 - 11, 2012 - District 15 STaC

Fall National - San Francisco, CA - Nov 22 - Dec 2

Overland Park Regional - December 26 to 31

On our web site we have more information on these tournaments.

Larry: Hey Sam, why don't you partner Joe anymore?
 Sam: Would you play bridge with an incompetent and rude partner?
 Larry: I guess not
 Sam: Neither will Joe

Bridge Classes

Suzanne Krutsinger is teaching bridge at the Adult Wellness Center in Rogers (behind the Dixieland Mall). Contact the ADC 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.

Mrs. Krutsinger is an ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher.

“Guess what! I got a new deck of cards for my bridge partner.”

“Sounds like you made a pretty good trade”

Master Point Race Standings

The mid-year standings for the Mini-McKenney race are shown below. Some of these races are pretty close and there is still six months to close the gap.

0 to 5 Masterpoint Race	
1 Margie Brown	Mt. Home 17.22
2 David Lawhon	Mt. Home 15.05
3 Cole Spencer	Fayetteville 9.76
4 Janey Buck	Cotter 9.32
5 John Eitenmiller	Mt. Home 5.58
6 Carolyn Cook	Gamaleil 5.52
7 Jimmy Dime	Fort Smith 5.29
8 Roni Ray	Bentonville 4.03
9 Michael Jirka	Mt. Home 3.44

10 John Buck Cotter 2.42

5 to 20 Masterpoint Race	
1 Robert Lyons	Mt. Home 15.73
2 Jackie Nelson	Bella Vista 5.71
3 Faye Miller	Ft Smith 4.58
4 James Swiggart	Holiday Island 4.11
5 Lea Chodacki	Mt. Home 3.86
6 Pamela Wilcox	Garfield 2.78
7 Linda Bordeaux	Ft Smith 1.62
8 Janet St Clair	Siloam Springs .70

20 to 50 Masterpoint Race	
1 William Garner	Mt. Home 40.93
2 David McConkey	Norfolk 23.81
3 Cheryl McConkey	Norfolk 23.81
4 Connie Davis	Cotter 18.05
5 Sally Garner	Mt. Home 14.22
6 Janey Musgrove	Greenwood 12.05
7 Harry Sherar	Van Buren 8.85
8 Holly Childs	Fayetteville 8.05
9 George Denny	Fayetteville 5.89
10 Ida Howell	Fort Smith 3.39

50 to 100 Masterpoint Race	
1 Brian Gibbs	Alpena 23.55
2 Georgia McGill	Harrison 14.15
3 George Breslau	Garfield 12.80
4 Sharon Lawhon	Mt. Home 12.74
5 David Hirsch	Holiday Island 12.47
6 Judy Bappe	Bella Vista 12.06
7 Joe Patton	Bella Vista 11.36
8 Donna Kohnen	Mt. Home 10.28
9 Raymond Combs	Fort Smith 9.56
10 William Ward	Fayetteville 8.81

100 to 200 Masterpoint Race	
1 Warren Matz	Mt. Home 54.40
2 William Lucas	Mt. Home 39.15
3 Delma Lucas	Mt. Home 37.98
4 Donald Reger	Jordan 37.27
5 Alice Reger	Jordan 24.45
6 Ronald Rolfe	Rogers 19.01

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8 Clyde McPhee	Rogers	16.80
9 Mary Goebel	Ft Smith	15.58
10 Diana Turner	Mt. Home	15.34

200 to 300 Masterpoint Race

1 Pauline Longstaff	Bella Vista	46.39
2 Becky Mincke	Rogers	36.28
3 William Jordan	Gassville	26.95
4 Suzanne Ledbetter	Harrison	21.15
5 Pat Moles	Harrison	19.81
6 Lou Ann Moles	Harrison	18.69
7 Ron Nativi	Bella Vista	10.17
8 Janice Swiggart	Holiday Island	7.82
9 Margaret Otte	Rogers	7.67
10 Nancy Hammer	Bella Vista	6.18

300 to 500 Masterpoint Race

1 Carol Stansbury	Mt. Home	50.11
2 George Illian	Mt. Home	43.51
3 Judith Nevsimal	Lakeview	41.83
4 Larry Greathouse	Mt. Home	34.59
5 Loretta Rizer	Lakeview	28.81
6 Robert Dray	Holiday Island	22.23
7 Sandi Mabry	Mt. Home	20.83
8 Charles Orvis	Cotter	20.06
9 Michael Smith	Bentonville	19.39
10 Shelba Crawford	Bull Shoals	19.11

500 to 1000 Masterpoint Race

1 Albert Cookson	Mt. Home	88.10
2 Linda Jirka	Mt. Home	58.54
3 Brian Simet	Rogers	58.05
4 Michael Foley	Springdale	49.88
5 Lois Smith	Mt. Home	48.93
6 Randy Rogers	Yellville	47.26
7 Robbie Tyler	Bella Vista	45.01
8 Nancy Luttrell	Mt. Home	43.91
9 Nancy Weatherly	Bella Vista	42.04
10 Pat Malmanger	Bella Vista	38.54

1000 to 2500 Masterpoint Race

1 Stanley Stankus	Mt. Home	111.67
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2 W Dale Wagar	Mt. Home	85.65
3 Pierre Hoover	Mt. Home	82.67
4 Mrs. M. Peterson	Gassville	76.37
5 Marina Scott	Rogers	72.28
6 Blaine Ferrell	Lakeview	56.68
7 Billye Hart	Mt. Home	48.16
8 Len Fettig	Bella Vista	41.71
9 Billie Supeter	Mt. Home	40.73
10 Sharon Easley	Fort Smith	33.73

2500 to 5000 Masterpoint Race

1 Raymond Lynch	Bella Vista	53.97
2 Carolyn Thomas	Fort Smith	42.74
3 Judy Worden	Fort Smith	38.85
4 Darlene Ray	Fort Smith	37.64
5 Linda McRay	Fort Smith	35.62
6 Margaret Rodman	Fayetteville	30.84
7 Jackie Barker	Harrison	7.54

5000 to 7500 Masterpoint Race

1 Joe Scott	Rogers	50.38
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7500 to 10,000 Masterpoint Race

1 Ron Ashbacher	Lead Hill	97.07
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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.

Erik and his team had just won the World Championships. He returned to his hometown and went to his local club for a game of bridge. About midway through the game, he is competing in spades against the opponents, who were bidding hearts.

Finally, he yanks out the 3S bid from the bidding box and slaps it on the table loudly, so he won't get doubled. It doesn't work. His opponent doubles.

Erik looks at him and says: "Do you know who I am?"

The guy says: "Yes I know who you are."

Erik says: "Do you know how many masterpoints I have?"

The guy says, "No, but do you know how many spades I have?"

Web Site

Our Web site is in the process of being revised. More changes are coming in the next few months.

There is a wealth of information there. If you have not yet checked out the site, please do.

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

Sectional Tournament

Have you made your room reservation for our Sectional tournament in September?

Just contact Vacation Rentals at (479) 855-1111.

Visit our web site for more information on the tournament.