

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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## Focus On – The Longest Day

The American Contract Bridge League has joined with the Alzheimer's Association in an annual fund raising event. This was the inaugural year for this newly formed partnership.

Each year, on the summer solstice (longest daylight hours), we will be participating in a fund raising bridge game to help fund research into the causes and cure for Alzheimer's.

Bridge clubs all across North America held special games in support of this worthy endeavor.

A lot of research has supported the idea that mental activity, such as bridge, can play a role in reducing the effects of Alzheimer's.

In NW Arkansas, we had four playing venues where bridge players could participate in The Longest Day events.

Games were held at Dogwood DBC, Rogers Ft. Smith DBC, The Bridge House, Mt. Home And Ozark DBC, Rogers



Photo: The Bridge House, Mt. Home, June 21, The Longest Day.

In addition to the funds raised at the games, the ACBL is donating all of the table fees to the Alzheimer's Association.

The Mountain Home group really did an outstanding job in organizing their activities.

Unit Board member Billie Supeter raised money from local Banks and businesses. Club Manager Stan Stankus solicited food from area restaurants. Media coverage included a radio interview.

They held four sessions of bridge during the day. Their players were well-fed and enjoyed their experience.

### Changes to the Bridge Laws

Effective on January 1, 2014, the following changes will be implemented:

ACBL Alert Chart -- a weak jump shift by advancer is not alertable. Advancer is defined as the partner of an overcaller.

ACBL Alert Chart -- all 2D responses to a strong 2C opening are non-alertable.

Senior Age – The minimum age for ACBL sanctioned Senior events shall be 60 years of age. Those eligible under present rules on December 31, 2013 will remain eligible in subsequent years

### Sectional Tournament at the Clubs (STaC)

The week of June 10 - 17, 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.

13.85 Larry Greathouse, Mt. Home AR  
 13.30 Carolyn Stansbury, Mt Home AR  
 13.01 Kevin Glasglow, Bella Vista AR  
 13.01 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR  
 10.08 Joe Scott, Rogers AR  
 9.93 Richard Landis, Bella Vista AR  
 9.33 Marina Scott, Rogers, AR  
 9.18 Fay Frey, Bentonville AR  
 7.60 Len Fettig, Bella Vista, AR  
 7.32 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island AR

7.32 David Hirsch, Holiday Island AR  
 7.17 Roma Scharoun, Lakeview AR  
 6.81 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 6.42 Lois Smith, Mtn. Home AR  
 6.27 Jack Scharoun, Lakeview AR  
 6.01 Michael Smith, Bentonville AR  
 5.39 George Denny, Fayetteville AR  
 5.06 Stan Stankus, Mt. Home AR

### Tournament Trail

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

#### **Oklahoma City Spring Rgnl** Oklahoma City OK May 1-7, 2013

31.32 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR

#### **Resort City Reg.** Hot Springs AR May 13-19, 2013

25.00 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista  
 25.00 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR  
 14.10 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 14.10 Roger Koeppel II, Fayetteville  
 10.22 Dee Scott, Bella Vista, AR  
 10.22 Bill Remington, Bella Vista,  
 8.64 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 8.64 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 6.40 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR  
 6.40 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista

#### **KC Spring Sectional** Lenexa KS 17-19 May 2013

6.41 Robert Dailey, Bella Vista AR



### Climbing the Ladder

#### Rank advancements 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr, 2013

##### **Junior Master (5+ MPs)**

Britt Evans – Eureka Springs

##### **Club Master (20+ MPs)**

Sherry Finley – Lakeview

Roni Ray – Bentonville

Joan Bain – Bella Vista

Joyce Riddle – Ft. Smith

Betty Scarborough – Ft. Smith

##### **Sectional Master (50+ MPs)**

Cole Spencer – Fayetteville

##### **Regional Master (100+ MPs)**

Paul Hudson – Yellville

Barbara McPhee – Rogers

##### **NABC Master (200+ MPs)**

Clyde McPhee - Rogers

##### **Life Master (300+ MPs)**

Pat Moles – Harrison

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

Albert Cookson – Mt. Home

Way to go players!

### Tournament Schedule – 2013

Tulsa Regional - July 7 -14

Little Rock Sectional - July 19 - 21

Atlanta National - Aug. 1 - 11

Hot Springs Village Sectional (0-500) - Aug.  
16 - 18

**Bella Vista Sectional - Sept. 20 - 22**

Lenexa, KS Sectional - Oct. 4 - 6

Claremore, OK Sectional - Oct. 11 - 13

Kimberling City, MO Sectional - Oct. 25 - 27

Wichita Regional - Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

Bismark, AR Sectional - Nov. 1 - 3

STaC D14-D15 - Nov. 4 - 10

Topeka Sectional - Nov. 22 -24

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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### Grass-Roots Events

Each year, players have an opportunity to earn and entry into National events, by going through a multi-level qualifying process.

The North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying process begins at the club level; during the months of June, July and August. Players who qualify at the club level can play at the Unit event. For those players advancing at the Unit level, our District holds a qualifying game. Those players who successfully place at the District level receive a stipend for their participation in the two-day National finals.

NAP – Unit qualifier TBA  
District qualifier – Topeka, November 22  
National – Phoenix – December 2013

The second grass-roots event is the Grand National Teams (GNT). It follows the same basic path as the NAP; with qualifying games at the club level taking place between September and March.

This year, we held our GNT Unit qualifying event at Mountain Home on April 27, 2013. The event was a two session team game; playing ten rounds.

Here are the results:

#### **Qualifying in Flight A**

Dave Bish - Kathy Bish - Randy Rogers - Charles Nichols  
Mary Peterson - Carolyn Hooper - Alice Reger - Donald Reger

#### **Qualifying in both Flight A and B**

Stan Stankus - Larry Greathouse - Al Cookson - Warren Matz

Blaine Ferrell – Judy Nevsimal - Carol Stansbury - Nancy Luttrell

#### **Qualifying in Flight C**

Bill Lucas - Delma Lucas - Cheryl McConkey - David McConkey

GNT – District qualifying game – May, 18, 2013, Kansas City  
National event – Atlanta, Aug 2013

We extend a big thank you to The Bridge House in Mountain Home, to Stan Stankus and to Billie Supeter for organizing and hosting this event. The Master Points were Red, with the winning team also earning 20% Gold Points.

The players also enjoyed Pizza, salad and desert; furnished by the Club.

If you would like to participate in either of these grass-roots events, you can check the club schedules on our web site to see which clubs in your area are participating.

### Bridge Humor

Many players have their own little ways of deciding which way to finesse for a missing queen.

Some play that the queen always lies over the jack; hungry players finesse toward the kitchen, romantic players finesse toward the bedroom and practical players finesse toward the bathroom.

**2013 World Wide Bridge Contest**  
**Saturday 8 June 2013**

Each year, ECATS Bridge sponsors a world-wide bridge event. The Fort Smith DBC has been hosting this game for several years.

The game is match-pointed across the entire field. This year, 5,060 pairs competed.

The local players who ranked in the top 10-percent world-wide include:

	World Rank
Mary Anne Moncier & Linda McRay	233
Carolyn Thomas & Judy Worden	321
Len Fettig & Kevin Glasgow	393

**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>