

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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## Focus On – North American Pairs

Earn an entry for the National NAP tournament by qualifying at your local bridge club. You can then advance to the Unit qualifier and District level qualification.

This year, the District NAP qualifying round will be held at the **Kimberling City** Sectional October 30-November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Kimberling City tournament is often a favorite among bridge players because of the great hospitality and unique setting. It is unusual for the District event to be so close to us. Please don't miss this opportunity to participate in the NAP competition.

Clubs hold their qualifying NAP games during June, July and August. Please check with your Club Manager for more details.

Our Unit has had several players who have earned entries to the National event through this grass-roots process. It is your turn!

## Tournament Trail

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

Tulsa NLM Sectional  
Tulsa, OK

04/16 - 04/19/2015

5.16 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR

5.16 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR

Oklahoma City Spring  
Oklahoma City

Apr 27-May 03, 2015

75.94 John Grantham, Bentonville AR

9.15 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR

9.15 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR

4.57 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR

4.57 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR

Green Country Regional  
Tulsa, OK

Jun 15-21, 2015

53.02 John Grantham, Bentonville AR

14.96 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR

10.11 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR

10.11 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR

9.14 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR

9.01 Marina Scott, Rogers AR

9.01 John Jennings, Rogers AR

8.68 Joe Scott, Rogers AR

8.68 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR

7.90 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 7.90 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 7.80 Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR  
 7.22 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 6.00 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 6.00 Brian Simet, Rogers AR  
 5.97 Catherine Waldron, Tulsa OK  
 5.88 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR  
 5.56 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 3.46 Kathy Riddick, Fayetteville AR  
 3.46 Karen Anderson, Fayetteville AR  
 3.21 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR  
 3.21 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren AR  
 2.95 Peggy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 2.95 Jimmy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 1.81 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.81 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.70 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR  
 1.70 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR  
 1.28 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
 0.51 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR

Districts 15 & 14 STaC  
 June 8-14, 2015

15.79 Stan Stankus, Mountain Home AR  
 14.24 William Jordan, Gassville AR  
 14.24 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home AR  
 11.49 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Springs AR  
 10.36 Al Cookson, Mountain Home AR  
 7.21 Sharon Lawhon, Mountain Home AR  
 6.69 Margie Brown, Mountain Home AR  
 6.54 Pierre Hoover, Mountain Home AR  
 5.43 Lois Smith, Mountain Home AR  
 5.15 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR  
 5.15 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR  
 4.71 Bob Joyce, Bella Vista AR  
 4.71 Barbara Fielding, Bentonville AR  
 4.29 Mary Peterson, Gassville AR  
 3.49 Connie Davis, Cotter AR  
 3.43 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR  
 3.43 Jeanette Briggs, Bella Vista AR

3.15 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR  
 3.03 Janey Buck, Cotter AR  
 3.02 John Buck, Cotter AR  
 2.94 William Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 2.94 Donna Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 2.68 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR  
 2.68 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
 2.23 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR  
 2.06 Barbara Delmonego, Chester AR  
 2.06 Alice Larson, Mountainburg AR  
 2.03 Billye Hart, Mountain Home AR  
 2.03 Billie Supeter, Mountain Home AR  
 1.90 Bob Lyons, Mountain Home AR  
 1.90 Billie Herriott, Bella Vista AR  
 1.82 Carol Stansbury, Mountain Home AR  
 1.69 David Lawhon, Mountain Home AR  
 1.53 Sherry Finley, Lakeview AR  
 1.51 Mike Smith, Bentonville AR  
 1.44 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 1.44 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 1.44 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 1.44 Eric Olsen, Bella Vista AR  
 1.44 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR  
 1.44 Brian Simet, Rogers AR  
 1.40 Charles Orvis, Cotter AR  
 1.25 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island AR  
 1.25 Brian Gibbs, Alpena AR  
 1.18 June Merolla, Holiday Island AR  
 1.18 Judith Leswig, Eureka Springs AR  
 1.16 Carolyn Hooper, Lakeview AR  
 1.11 Blaine Ferrell, Lakeview AR  
 1.08 John Jennings, Rogers AR  
 1.08 Joe Scott, Rogers AR  
 1.05 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista AR  
 1.03 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR  
 1.03 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR  
 Several more players with less than 1.0 MP.

## We're Number #1!

Although our NW Arkansas bridge Unit is small, we do top the District ranking for New Member Retention. We are first out of the eight Units in District 15. We also rank #20 out of 297 Units in the ACBL.

A big part of our success is that our clubs are very friendly. Our players are nice, we celebrate the success of our fellow players and our Club Managers and Directors run really great games.

Keep up the good work and be Cheerful.

GENERAL APPROACH	
Cheerful	
Two Over One: Game Forcing <input type="checkbox"/>	Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid <input type="checkbox"/>
VERY LIGHT: Openings <input type="checkbox"/>	3rd Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Overcalls <input type="checkbox"/> Preempts <input type="checkbox"/>
FORCING OPENING: 1 ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 ♣ <input type="checkbox"/> Natural 2 Bids <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

Thanks to Becky Vendel for this cute idea.



## Climbing the Ladder

### Rank advancements 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr, 2015

#### **Junior Master (5+ MP's)**

David Byran – Ft. Smith  
Orman McCafferty – Mansfield  
Michael Rosenberg – Van Buren

#### **Club Master (20+ MP's)**

Donna Barnes – Ft. Smith  
Larry Barnes – Ft. Smith  
Sandra Garner – Mt. Home

#### **Sectional Master (50+ MP's)**

Gary Nelson – Bella Vista  
Roni Ray – Bentonville  
Dana Snawder – Harrison

#### **Regional Master (100+ MP's)**

Paul Behnke – Bella Vista

#### **NABC Master (200+ MP's)**

#### **Advanced NABC Master (300+ MP's)**

Kevin Glasgow - Rogers

#### **Life Master (300+ MP's)**

#### **Bronze Life Master (500+ MP's)**

Garland Hall – Bentonville

Way to go players!

## Tournament Schedule – 2015

### July

Olathe, KS Sectional - July 10 – 12  
ACBL-wide International Fund Game #2 –  
Wednesday evening, July 15

### August

NABC – Chicago – Aug 6 - 16  
Oklahoma City Sectional - Aug 21 - 23

### September

Grand National Teams - Club level qualifying  
begins in September and runs through March  
2016

STaC Week – Sept. 7-13

**Bella Vista Sectional - Sept. 18 – 20**

Wichita Regional – Sept 29-Oct 4

**October**

Salina, KS Sectional – Oct 16 – 18  
Oklahoma City Sectional – Oct 23 - 25  
Kimberling City, Mo. Sectional - Oct. 30 –  
Nov 1  
District NAP final will be held at the  
Kimberling City Sectional – Oct 31 – Nov 1

**November**

Topeka, KS Sectional – Nov 13 – 15  
Olathe, KS Sectional – Nov 20 - 22  
NABC – Denver – Nov 26 – Dec 6

**December**

STaC Week – Dec. 7 - 13  
Overland Park, KS Regional - Dec. 26 - 31

See our web site for more information on  
tournaments.

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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.

**Web Site**

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