

# 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 –

### Local Players Earn Trip to the Nationals



Bella Vista players Pauline Longstaff (left) and Judy Bappe (right) topped the field in the District 15 North American Open Pairs qualifying match for Bracket C pairs.

Playing at the District tournament in Lawrence, KS, Judy and Pauline won the right to represent our District in the National tournament; to be contested in Louisville, KY in March.

At the National, they will square off against the winners from across the US and Canada in a two-day, four session bridge contest.

Although fairly new to Duplicate bridge Pauline and Judy have been very successful players. They play Standard American bridge.

We wish them great success at the National and we can be confident that they will represent our District well.

### *A Woman's Viewpoint*

Life with Men is like Bridge,  
You need a Heart to love them;  
A Diamond to marry them;  
A Club to beat them;  
And a Spade to bury them.

**At the Clubs**

The New Gang Bridge Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1:00 at the Rogers Adult Wellness Center. This newly formed duplicate bridge club is for people who are new to duplicate bridge.

Cost to play is \$1 with membership at the Adult Wellness Center.

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

**Tournament Trail**

Here are the tournament results from the 4<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and the master point awards.

**KC Fall Sectional**  
**Kansas City MO**  
**08-10 Oct 2010**

5.54 Bill Remington, Bella Vista AR  
 1.09 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista  
 1.09 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR

**Claremore Sectional**  
**Claremore, OK**  
**October 23-24, 2010**

3.49 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR  
 3.49 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR

**Kimberling City Sectional**  
**Kimberling City**  
**29-31 Oct 2010**

10.72 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 10.72 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 9.58 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 9.58 Brian Simet, Rogers AR  
 7.26 Stephen Noller, Shell Knob MO  
 7.26 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO  
 7.04 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO  
 7.04 Erma Sack, Shell Knob MO  
 6.51 Ronald Smith, Bella Vista AR  
 6.51 Nancy Hammer, Bella Vista AR  
 6.13 Margaret Jack, Van Buren AR  
 6.13 Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR  
 5.01 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO  
 4.68 John Gilmore, Shell Knob MO  
 4.68 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island  
 4.02 Rudy Sasko, Kimberling City MO  
 4.02 Robert Makela, Bella Vista AR  
 4.02 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista  
 3.24 Jean Razer, Holiday Island AR  
 3.23 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR  
 3.23 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR  
 3.20 Rose Schuler, Eureka Springs  
 3.20 Curtis Bell, Shell Knob MO  
 2.89 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren  
 2.38 Suzanne Krutsinger, Rogers AR  
 2.38 Mary Lu Butler, Rogers AR  
 2.35 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Spgs AR  
 2.35 Doloros Whitt, Holiday Island  
 2.24 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 2.24 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.59 Margaret Gilmore, Shell Knob  
 1.59 David Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 1.59 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 1.24 Marilyn Bell, Shell Knob MO  
 1.24 Betty Adams, Holiday Island AR  
 0.89 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island  
 0.75 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 0.75 Teresa Huntington, Springdale  
 0.50 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR  
 0.50 Pat Turner, Branson MO

0.50 Mary Abel-Lavelly, Shell Knob  
 0.50 Janice Swiggart, Holiday  
 Island AR  
 0.50 Cathryn Jones, Rogers AR  
 0.50 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR

**District 15 STaC**  
**District 15**  
**November 1-7, 2010**

8.54 Marina Scott, Rogers AR  
 7.92 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR  
 7.09 Eunice Chambers, Bella Vista  
 6.67 Brian Simet, Rogers AR  
 6.38 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista  
 5.12 Shirley Weatherly, Shell Knob  
 5.12 Ray Klassen, Shell Knob MO  
 4.78 David Beauchamp, Fayetteville  
 3.61 Bill Remington, Bella Vista AR  
 3.49 Joe Scott, Rogers AR  
 2.30 Stephen Noller, Shell Knob MO  
 2.26 Ruth Van Wyngarden, Bella  
 Vista AR  
 2.26 Lynda Jacobs, Bella Vista AR  
 2.20 John West III, Siloam Spgs AR  
 2.20 Anthony Maurer, Siloam Springs  
 2.19 Doug Dorland, Goshen AR  
 2.06 Trena Dale, Bella Vista AR  
 2.05 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island  
 1.84 Jessica Alger, Bella Vista AR  
 1.75 David Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 1.75 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island  
 1.67 Lillian Timmons, Bella Vista  
 1.67 Janice Swiggart, Holiday  
 Island AR  
 1.67 Billie Herriott, Bella Vista  
 1.67 Betty Redman, Bella Vista AR  
 1.67 Betty Adams, Holiday Island AR  
 1.58 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 1.58 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 1.58 Genevieve Heim, Ft Smith AR  
 1.58 Bernadine Leding, Ft Smith AR  
 1.48 Wilbur Whitman, Bella Vista AR  
 1.42 Lawrence Mahoney, Shell Knob  
 1.33 P Joyce McCord, Bella Vista AR  
 1.33 Lila Wylie, Bella Vista AR  
 1.25 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista  
 1.23 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO  
 1.23 Erma Lee Sack, Shell Knob MO  
 1.19 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Spgs AR  
 1.17 Margaret Rodman, Fayetteville

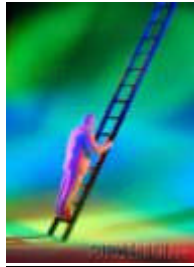
1.17 Jean Rosso, Fayetteville  
 1.17 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island  
 1.11 Samuel Landrum, Fort Smith AR  
 1.11 Lillian Kropp, Ft Smith AR  
 1.11 Arleen Donelson, Van Buren AR  
 1.02 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.02 Sandra Gromatka, Bella Vista  
 1.02 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 0.99 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR  
 0.99 Beryl Hunter, Springdale AR  
 0.94 Ruth Ann Vavrinek, Bentonville  
 0.94 Robert Inge, Bella Vista AR  
 0.89 Robert Makela, Bella Vista AR  
 0.89 Neer Nine, Wichita KS  
 0.89 Lee Hollcroft, Bella Vista, AR  
 0.89 Jo Bain, Bella Vista, AR  
 0.84 Doloros Whitt, Holiday Island  
 0.84 Barbara Hager, Eureka Springs  
 0.79 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR  
 0.79 Jeanne Foster, Fort Smith AR  
 0.79 Elva Stone, Fort Smith AR  
 0.79 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR  
 0.75 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 0.75 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville  
 0.71 Gerald Ford, Bentonville AR  
 0.70 Jeanette Laney Briggs, Bella  
 Vista AR  
 0.70 Doris Kenworthy, Bella Vista  
 0.67 Paula Youens, Belle Vista AR  
 0.67 Billy Youens, Belle Vista AR  
 0.65 Bernice Mahoney, Shell Knob MO  
 0.65 Almyra Klassen, Shell Knob MO  
 0.64 Mary Mercer, Bella Vista AR  
 0.64 Lorraine Wickstrand, Bella  
 Vista AR  
 0.64 Fay Frey, Bella Vista AR  
 0.61 Jean Razer, Holiday Island AR  
 0.60 Shirley Johanson, Fayetteville  
 0.60 Billie Bracken, Fort Smith AR  
 0.60 Amos Shumway, Fort Smith AR  
 0.58 Mary Inge, Bella Vista AR  
 0.58 John Gilmore, Shell Knob MO  
 0.57 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO  
 0.57 Bob Dray, Holiday Island AR  
 0.55 Catherine Crosland, Fort Smith  
 0.55 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR  
 0.53 George Watson, Bella Vista AR  
 0.53 Doug Hollcroft, Bella Vista AR  
 0.47 Ralph Seeck, Bella Vista AR  
 0.47 Dale Morrisett, Bella Vista AR

**OKC Fall Sectional  
Oklahoma City OK  
November 12-14, 2010**

- 1.51 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 1.51 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 0.96 Mary Goebel, Ft Smith AR
- 0.96 Les Braswell, Greenwood AR

**KC Holiday Regional  
Overland Park KS  
26-31 Dec 2010**

- 14.80 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
- 8.78 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 8.78 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 5.45 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO
- 5.45 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
- 2.88 Teresa Huntington, Springdale
- 2.32 Bill Remington, Bella Vista AR



**Climbing the Ladder**

**Rank advancements reported in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Quarter of 2011**

**To Life Master**

- Garland Hall
- Susan Hall

**To Silver Life Master**

- Ronnie Burns
- Len Fettig

Way to go players!

**Tournament Schedule – 2011**

- Oklahoma City Sectional –  
January 14 - 16
- Lawrence, KS Sectional –  
February 4 - 6
- Bartlesville Sectional –  
February 18 - 20
- Springfield, Mo Sectional –  
March 4 - 6

**Spring National - Louisville, KY -  
March 20 -20**

- Hot Springs Sectional - April 1 - 3
- Kansas City Sectional –  
April 29 to May 1

On our web site we have a longer-range tournament schedule and links to the tournament flyer.

**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 is 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 ADC for class schedules.

In addition to her classes, Mrs. Krutsinger has open forum practice sessions for her current and former students on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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This Newsletter is distributed quarterly via Email. Please let us know of other bridge players who should be added to our mailing list.

### **Never Mind**

The doctor was checking up on three elderly bridge players who had head injuries from a car accident.

Serene inquired "Doctor, Will I still be able to play bridge?"

The Doctor asked "How many high card points in a deck of cards?"

"60!" the lady replied.

Worried, the doctor turned to Wayne "How about you? How many high card points in a deck of cards? "

"Uh, Wednesday!" he shouted.

Even more concerned, the doctor motioned to the other lady. "Well, what do you say, madam? How many high card points in a deck of cards?"

"Forty!" Sheryl replied.

"Excellent!" the doctor exclaimed.

"How did you get that?"

"Oh, it's pretty simple," she explained.

"You just subtract the 60 from Wednesday!"

### Local Winners

The annual bridge tournament at the Rogers Adult Wellness Center was held in December. Suzanne Krutsinger has been organizing and hosting these games for several years.

This year's winners were: Mary Lu Butler and Marilyn Rubes – First place, Doc Tobler and John West – Second place, Karen Cole and Catherine Jones – Third place.

### The Top Masterpoint Winners 2010

The list of ACBL Unit 247 rankings follows.

#### **0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Judy Bappe	Bella Vista AR	41.23
2	Warren Matz	Mountain Home	36.56
3	Sally Gardner	Mountain Home	12.27
4	David McConkey	Norfolk AR	9.58
5	Pamela Wilcox	Garfield AR	5.58
6	Margaret Graham	Fort Smith AR	3.36
7	Cheryl McConkey	Norfolk AR	2.50
8	Paula Youens	Belle Vista AR	2.07
9	Lea Chodacki	Mountain Home AR	1.93
10	Linda Bordeaux	Ft Smith AR	1.71

#### **5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Ronald Rolfe	Rogers AR	50.94
2	Sue Rolfe	Rogers AR	50.56
3	Brian Gibbs	Harrison AR	33.76
4	Donna Kohnen	Mountain Home	24.12
5	Gerald Ford	Bentonville AR	18.54
6	Harry Sher	Van Buren AR	11.76
7	Ida Howell	Fort Smith AR	9.20
8	Holly Childs	Fayetteville AR	7.38
9	Kay Pantier	Bentonville AR	7.21
10	Deanna Fletcher	Rogers AR	6.13

#### **20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Pauline Longstaff	Bella Vista AR	103.48
2	Delma Lucas	Mountain Home	76.66
3	William Lucas	Mountain Home	73.82
4	Sharon Lawhon	Mountain Home	25.99
5	Joe Patton	Bella Vista AR	24.19
6	Nancy Cunningham	Rogers AR	23.38
7	Les Braswell	Greenwood AR	22.11

**20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
8	Suzanne Krutsinger	Rogers AR	21.33
9	Barbara Francis	Bella Vista AR	18.79
10	Lana Ellibee	Mountain Home	17.83

**50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Diana Turner	Mountain Home	59.86
2	Mary Goebel	Ft Smith AR	44.93
3	Kay Hutchison	Mountain Home	33.23
4	Brenda Hirsch	Holiday Island	27.28
5	Freda Patterson	Fort Smith AR	26.69
6	Marilynn Rubes	Rogers AR	22.07
7	David Hirsch	Holiday Island	20.12
8	Raymond Combs	Fort Smith AR	15.77
9	Nan Weaver	Mountain Home	11.60
10	Jack Scharoun	Lakeview AR	8.24
11	H Roma Scharoun	Lakeview AR	8.24

**100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Judith Nevsimal	Lakeview AR	87.07

**100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
2	George Illian	Mountain Home	81.84
3	Dorothy Ritter	Mount Ida AR	42.08
4	Robert Makela	Bella Vista AR	32.41
5	Suzanne Ledbetter	Harrison AR	27.31
6	Kay Sims	Mountain Home	26.25
7	Nancy Hammer	Bella Vista AR	20.21
8	Ronald Smith	Bella Vista AR	20.21
9	Mrs. H. A. Van Wyngarden	Bella Vista AR	14.89
10	Charlene Moorman	Fort Smith AR	14.36

**200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Charles Orvis	Cotter AR	88.76
2	Robert Dray	Holiday Island AR	79.30
3	Larry Greathouse	Mountain AR	60.73
4	Flo Barksdale	Mount Ida AR	59.83
5	Julia Farrar	Lavaca AR	50.83
6	Janice Swiggart	Holiday Island AR	42.77
7	Loretta Rizer	Lakeview AR	40.80

**200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
8	Eva Estes	Mountain Home	38.70
9	Thomas Graff	Fayetteville AR	34.99
10	Michael Smith	Bentonville AR	30.56

**300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Albert Cookson	Mountain Home	231.05
2	Karen Tipton	Gassville AR	116.49
3	Ann Haggard	Fort Smith AR	67.72
4	Lorraine Ivnik	Eureka Spgs AR	56.22
5	Linda Richmond	Fort Smith AR	56.06
6	Betty Adams	Holiday Island AR	55.86
7	Carolyn Hooper	Lakeview AR	53.74
8	Shelba Crawford	Bull Shoals AR	49.71
9	Bill Remington	Bella Vista, AR	48.39
10	Charlotte Milum	Harrison AR	41.77

**500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Stanley Stankus	Mountain Home	229.40
2	Lois Smith	Mountain Home	131.06
3	Billye Hart	Mountain Home	127.45
4	Dick Baltz	Mountain Home	124.13
5	Ronnie Burns	Fort Smith AR	123.83
6	Billie Supeter	Mountain Home	118.30
7	Nancy Luttrell	Mountain Home	108.76
8	Linda Jirka	Mountain Home	85.02
9	Len Fettig	Bella Vista AR	75.84
10	Brian Simet	Rogers AR	70.09

**1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Mrs. M. Peterson	Gassville AR	179.33
2	Pierre Hoover	Mountain Home	156.85
3	W Dale Wagar	Mountain Home	136.92
4	Sharon Easley	Fort Smith AR	133.47
5	Blaine Ferrell	Lakeview AR	106.47
6	Marina Scott	Rogers AR	93.77



**1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
7	Jackie Barker	Harrison AR	87.89
8	Linda Desoto	Mountain Home	87.25
9	Dolores Weiss	Holiday Island AR	77.57
10	Joann Humphrey	Fort Smith AR	72.05

**Online Master Point Leaders**

Julia Farrar	Lavaca AR	104.19
Linda Richmond	Fort Smith AR	107.07
Len Fettig	Bella Vista AR	184.11

**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>

**2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race**

Rank	Player	Location	Points
1	Darlene Ray	Fort Smith AR	174.59
2	Judy Worden	Fort Smith AR	167.95
3	Linda McRay	Fort Smith AR	163.40
4	Carolyn Thomas	Fort Smith AR	145.34
5	Joe Scott	Rogers AR	94.37
6	Margaret Rodman	Fayetteville AR	61.61