

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Newsletter

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Focus On –

NW Arkansas has a broad range of opportunities for Bridge players.

Some players like a nice bridge game with friends; just sitting around the table, munching snacks and visiting.

For a little more variety, there are social bridge games, with more players. Some bridge games are with church groups and others are open to all players.

These include the 4th Friday Ladies Bridge, Couples Bridge, Marathon Bridge, VFW Bridge, Welcome Club Marathon Bridge, WC Night-Time Bridge, Wednesday Night Couples Bridge, Highlands Thursday Bridge, Metfield Ladies Bridge, Tuesday Highlands Bridge, Pat's Bridge Club, BV Women's Club Bridge and others.

There are groups for players who like a bit more competition. Such as the Social Duplicate Bridge game, WC Intermediate Bridge, and the WC Not-Quite-Ready-for-Primetime Bridge group.

The ACBL sanctioned bridge games are held in Fort Smith, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville, Bella Vista and Holiday Island.

What ever your play interests, you can find a game that meets your needs.

If you would like to spiff up your bridge game, please check out the column on Bridge Classes.

We have a list of bridge games on our NWA Bridge web site, but we need more. Please let us know of any additions or corrections.

At the Clubs



Razorback DBC

Club Appreciation Pairs – October 13

STaC on Nov. 3

Fort Smith DBC

Club Appreciation Games on
October 6, 14, 22 and 25.

STaC game on November 1st at 10 am.

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

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>

While a physician was examining a new patient's ruddy complexion and blood pressure, the patient said, "I already know I have very high blood pressure, Doc."

"Does it come from your mother's side or your father's?" the doctor asked.

"Neither," Wayne replied. "It's from my bridge partner"

Tournament Trail

Here are the tournament results from the 3rd Quarter and the master point awards.

**Sizzlin' Summer Sectional
Little Rock AR
July 9 - 11, 2010**

8.65 Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR

**Silver Lode 299er
Hot Springs Village
08/27-29/2010**

5.97 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
5.97 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR

**Fall Around The Corner
Wichita, KS
September 10-12 2010**

0.58 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
0.58 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR

**St Louis Regional
St Louis MO
09-15 Aug 2010**

8.76 Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR

**Tulsa Sectional
Tulsa OK
Aug 20-22, 2010**

8.01 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
5.90 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
4.22 Paul Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
4.22 Catherine Crosland, Fort Smith AR
3.96 Peg Atkins, Fort Smith AR
3.96 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR
2.37 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
2.37 Roger Koeppel II, Fayetteville
2.11 Joann Humphrey, Fort Smith AR
1.27 Suzanne Krutsinger, Rogers AR
1.27 Cathryn Jones, Rogers AR
0.90 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR
0.90 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
0.84 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
0.84 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
0.61 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR

**Springfield Regional
Springfield MO
9/27 - 10/02 2010**

25.38 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
15.56 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island
15.36 John Gilmore, Shell Knob MO
13.47 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
10.58 Robert Dray, Holiday Island
10.58 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
10.32 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
10.00 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO
7.93 Vera Moore, Reeds Spring MO
7.93 Erma Sack, Shell Knob MO
7.93 Edwin Moore, Reeds Spring MO
7.67 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
7.67 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
6.92 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR

- 6.08 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR
- 6.08 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR
- 4.68 Janice Swiggart, Holiday Island AR
- 4.68 Betty Adams, Holiday Island AR
- 4.67 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
- 4.44 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
- 4.42 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
- 3.70 Margaret Gilmore, Shell Knob
- 2.07 Dave Felder, Shell Knob MO
- 0.70 Rose Schuler, Eureka Springs
- 0.70 Marilyn Bell, Shell Knob MO
- 0.70 Curtis Bell, Shell Knob MO
- 0.35 Lorraine Ivnik, Eureka Spgs AR
- 0.35 Dolores Whitt, Holiday Island



Climbing the Ladder

Rank advancements reported in the 3rd Quarter of 2010

Bronze Life Master

Diane Fischer, Rogers, AR

Way to go Diane!

Tournament Schedule – 2010

Kansas City, MO Sectional
October 8 - 10, 2010

*** [Claremore, OK Sectional](#)
[October 23-24, 2010](#)

Kimberling City, MO Sectional
October 29 - 31, 2010

Kansas City, MO Regional
December 26 - 31, 2010

*** This is the first year for the Claremore Sectional tournament. Let's get them off to a great start and play in their events!

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

Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs (STaC) for District 15 Clubs

November 1 - November 7, 2010

Bruised Shin

Giving a man his physical, the doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer, or some physical sport?"

"No," he answered. "I play bridge with my wife."

Bridge Classes

Joann Humphrey is teaching bridge classes at the Ft. Smith Bridge Center. These classes are on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30. Here is the schedule:

Oct 5 - Watching Out For Entries
 Oct 12 - Watching Out for the Opponents
 Oct 19 - Managing the Trump Suit
 Oct 26 - Putting it All Together
 Nov. 2 - Jacoby Transfers

You can contact Joann for registration details (479-646-6322)

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 am at the AWC.

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

The World Series of Bridge (Philadelphia, PA)



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.

You can watch the hands being played by logging on to www.Bridgebase.com.



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 in the Public Domain.

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nwa-bridge@cox.net

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.