

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 – Adult Wellness Center

The Adult Wellness Center in Rogers has become a very popular place for card players of every sort.

On Monday's and Wednesday's Bridge lessons are taught by Suzanne Krutsinger.



Also on Wednesday is the Bridge Club at 1 pm. This group, organized by Pat Laroche, enjoys social bridge. There are usually five to eight tables of players, who rotate partners. Recently, Ms. Dale Mixon, who is a regular at Pat's club, had a steering malfunction on her vehicle. The vehicle was pretty well smashed up in a rollover accident. Dale was able to escape through the rear window and with only minor bumps and bruises; she still made it to bridge that afternoon.



Two duplicate bridge clubs call the Adult Wellness Center home. The Ozark DBC meets on Tuesdays and the Dogwood DBC meets there on Fridays.

So whatever your playing interest might be, the Rogers Adult Wellness Center has a bridge experience just waiting for you.

If you have not visited the new Adult Wellness Center, you really need to stop by and see all of the wonderful exercise and meeting facilities that are available. It is

located behind the Frisco Mall (Dixieland Rd and Walnut St.).

At the Clubs



Bella Vista DBC

- Oct. 6 – Membership Game
- Oct. 11 – Club Championship
- Oct. 20 – Club Appreciation Game
- Oct. 25 – Club Appreciation Game
- Nov. 10 – Club Championship
- Nov. 15 – Silver Point Game
- Nov. 17 – Silver Point Game

Dogwood DBC (Rogers)

- Oct. 14 Club Appreciation
- Nov. 18 Charity Game for ACBL
- Dec. 16 Club Championship

Eureka Springs DBC (Holiday Is)

- Nov. 14 - Silver Point Game
- Nov. 17 - Silver Point Game

Ft. Smith DBC

- Nov. 14 Silver Point Game

Mt. Home DBC

- Nov. 14 – Silver Point Game
- Nov. 15 - Silver Point Game

Ozark DBC (Rogers)

- Oct. 11 Club Appreciation Game
- Nov. 8 Charity Game for ACBL
- Dec. 13 Club Championship

Razorback DBC (Bentonville)

- Oct 12 - Club Appreciation
- Nov 02 - Club Championship
- Nov 16 – Silver Point Game
- Dec 14 - Christmas Party

Springdale DBC

- Nov. 20 0 Silver Point Game

The Bridge House (Mt. Home)

- Nov. 17 - Silver Point Game

Van Matre DBC (Mt. Home)

- Nov. 15 - Silver Point Game

Information on game locations, time and partnerships can be found on our web site.

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

Promoting Bridge

In July, we had a booth at the Lifelong Learning Expo in Rogers. We met a lot of nice people and generated interest in bridge. Several people plan to take bridge classes as a result of our efforts.



These two youngsters seemed to really enjoy their bridge session with Brian Simet and Doug Dorland.



We had a dozen volunteers who staffed the booth over the two day Expo. Pictured above are Ron Rolfe and Marina Scott.

A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers!

Tournament Trail

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

Tulsa Regional 2011

Tulsa OK

Aug 22-28, 2011

- 15.65 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
- 15.65 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville
- 15.04 Robert Dray, Holiday Island
- 15.04 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
- 15.04 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
- 12.25 Brian Simet, Rogers AR
- 11.89 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
- 11.23 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
- 10.97 Michael Foley, Springdale AR
- 7.38 Suzanne Krutsinger, Rogers AR
- 7.38 Mary Lu Butler, Rogers AR
- 6.73 Becky Mincke, Rogers AR
- 6.45 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR
- 6.45 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
- 6.32 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR

- 6.32 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 2.90 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
- 2.64 Sharon Easley, Fort Smith AR
- 2.61 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
- 2.35 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
- 1.30 Jean Razer, Holiday Island AR
- 1.30 Clarence Razer, Holiday Island
- 1.45 R Burns, Ft Smith AR

Little Rock AR

Sectional 7/8-10/11

- 6.79 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
- 6.30 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
- 2.25 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
- 2.25 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR



Climbing the Ladder

Rank advancements reported in the 3rd Quarter of 2011

Gold Life Master

Ray Lynch – Bella Vista, AR

Silver Life Master

Stanley Stankus – Mountain Home

Way to go players!

Tournament Schedule – 2011

Kansas City, Mo Sectional –
October 7 - 9, 2011
Claremore, OK Sectional -
October 14 -16, 2011
Kimberling City, Mo Sectional –
October 28 - 30, 2011
Wichita Regional –
November 2 to 6, 2011
Oklahoma City Sectional –
November 11 to 13, 2011
Overland Park, Ks Regional –
December 26 to 31, 2011

On our web site we have a longer-range tournament schedule as well as links to the tournament flyers.

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.

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.

Bridge classes are also taught in Fayetteville by Tom Jacobsen (479) 251-7002. These classes are offered through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Arkansas. This nine-week bridge program is available in the Fall and Spring.

Bridge classes are taught in Ft. Smith by Les Braswell.

North American Pairs – Unit 247 Qualifying Game

The qualifying round of play for the NA Pairs event in NW Arkansas was completed in September. Now our players are off to Oklahoma City (November 12) to try to win a place in the National event. The National contest will be in Memphis, March 2012.

Sectional Tournament in Bella Vista

We have a sanction from the ACBL to host a Sectional Bridge tournament in Bella Vista. This Unit 247 tournament will be September 21-23, 2012.

Embrace the Good Life! - plan to join us for a very special and exciting tournament experience.

Grandparent Corner

Let's face it – most bridge players are senior citizens. Their children probably don't share their passion for the game of bridge. The grandchildren are interested in electronic stuff

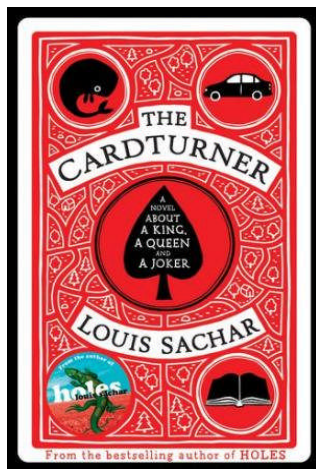
and know the difference between a Tweet, a Text and a Twitter.

Surprisingly, there is resurgence in playing bridge among the under 20 age group. That is because they can learn and play on the Internet.

Nothing, however, has changed in the teenage mind when it comes to taking advice from older people. So attempts to lead, pull, push, bribe or coerce a young person still will not work.

So we are once again left with plotting, conspiracy and deception as our primary techniques.

One idea is to casually leave a copy of the book Cardturner on your end table when your grandchildren visit.



Some youthful readers have been turned on to bridge as a result of this book. It can also be downloaded to a Kindle. Is Christmas just around the corner?



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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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>