

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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## Tournament Trail



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter tournament results and the master point awards.

#### **Focus On – Bella Vista Sectional Tournament**

Our September Bridge Tournament continues to be a popular event for area bridge players.

Our player amenities far exceed the offerings at nearby tournaments, thanks to our terrific Hospitality Chair – Barbara Frances.



Photo: 2014 Bella Vista Tournament

Our 2015 tournament will be September 18-20. See you then!

#### **T-Town Sectional Tulsa, OK August 1 - 3, 2014**

14.80 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR  
14.80 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR  
11.47 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
11.47 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR

#### **Sunflower Regional Topeka, KS August 12-17, 2014**

2.91 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista AR  
2.91 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR

#### **NW Arkansas Sectional Bella Vista AR 19-21 Sept 2014**

23.00 Marina Scott, Rogers AR  
22.61 J Jennings, Rogers AR  
20.15 Joe Scott, Rogers AR  
19.76 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR  
12.53 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
11.44 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR  
10.86 William Ward, Fayetteville AR  
10.86 Dick Ayres, Fayetteville AR  
10.66 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
9.21 Kathy Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR  
9.21 David Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR

9.08 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 8.76 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 7.19 Dottie Carlisle, Cherokee Vlg AR  
 6.40 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 5.95 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR  
 5.81 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 5.62 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 4.91 Michael Smith, Bentonville AR  
 4.90 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR  
 4.74 William Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 4.74 Donna Spradlin, Harrison AR  
 4.65 M Peterson, Gassville AR  
 4.65 Billye Hart, Mountain Home AR  
 4.62 Kaye Cotton, Rogers AR  
 4.57 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 4.37 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR  
 4.37 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR  
 4.17 Michael Foley, Springdale AR  
 4.17 Brian Simet, Rogers AR  
 4.12 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR  
 4.09 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR  
 3.97 Dolores Weiss, Holiday Island AR  
 3.74 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 3.58 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR  
 3.24 Teresa Huntington, Springdale AR  
 3.19 Jane Briley, Bella Vista AR  
 3.19 Carmen Heck, Bella Vista AR  
 2.24 William Lucas, Mountain Home AR  
 2.24 Delma Lucas, Mountain Home AR  
 2.09 Rebecca Vendel, Bella Vista AR  
 2.09 Bob Joyce, Bella Vista AR  
 1.93 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.93 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 1.89 Gary Stumbo, Bella Vista AR  
 1.89 Carole Van Hook, Bella Vista AR  
 1.88 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista AR  
 1.83 Billie Herriott, Bella Vista AR  
 1.79 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista AR  
 1.79 Nancy Llewellyn, Ft Smith AR  
 1.79 Jackie Khilling, Ft Smith AR  
 1.69 Warren Matz, Mountain Home AR  
 1.69 Corrine Johnson, Mountain Home AR  
 1.61 Rhonda Davis, Bella Vista AR  
 1.54 Jeanette Briggs, Bella Vista AR

1.47 Barbara Fielding, Bella Vista AR  
 1.26 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR  
 1.19 Roni Ray, Bentonville AR  
 1.19 Kathleen Markus, Rogers AR  
 1.06 Roger Koeppel II, Fayetteville AR  
 1.06 Holly Childs, Fayetteville AR  
 1.01 John West III, Siloam Spgs AR  
 0.83 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR  
 0.72 Shirley Johanson, Fayetteville AR  
 0.72 Margaret Rodman, Fayetteville AR  
 0.72 Jean Rosso, Fayetteville AR  
 0.72 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR  
 0.72 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR  
 0.72 Betty Redmon, Bella Vista AR  
 0.60 Patricia Parsons, Fayetteville AR  
 0.60 M Fish, Harrison AR  
 0.54 Mary Walker, Bella Vista AR  
 0.54 Joan Leaf, Bella Vista AR  
 0.54 David Hirsch, Holiday Island AR  
 0.54 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island AR  
 0.48 Mary Mercer, Bella Vista AR  
 0.48 Eric Olsen, Bella Vista AR  
 0.47 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR  
 0.29 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR  
 0.24 Sally Dungan, Bella Vista AR  
 0.24 Bob Dungan, Bella Vista AR

**Springfield MO Regional**  
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**6-12 Oct 2014**

56.73 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 48.37 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR  
 19.56 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 19.56 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 16.52 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
 12.40 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR  
 11.69 Mike Scarsdale, Harrison AR  
 11.69 Kathy Scarsdale, Harrison AR  
 6.12 M Fish, Harrison AR  
 5.25 Suzanne Ledbetter, Harrison AR  
 4.94 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR  
 4.94 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR  
 3.83 William Jordan, Gassville AR

- 3.83 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home AR
- 3.53 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 3.53 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
- 2.70 Kathy Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR
- 2.70 David Bish, Cherokee Vlg AR
- 2.26 William Spradlin, Harrison AR
- 2.26 Chester Sullivant, Harrison AR
- 1.84 Patricia West, Harrison AR
- 0.55 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR
- 0.50 Stanley Stankus, Mountain Home AR
- 0.50 Judith Nevsimal, Lakeview AR
- 0.50 Blaine Ferrell, Lakeview AR
- 0.50 Albert Cookson, Mountain Home AR

**Silver Life Master (1000+ MP's)**

Randy Rogers - Yellville

**Grand Life Master (10,000+ MP's)**

John Grantham – Bentonville



Photo: John Grantham



Way to go players!

**Climbing the Ladder**

**Rank advancements 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr, 2014**

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

- Donna Barnes – Ft. Smith
- Larry Barnes – Ft. Smith
- Angeline Rowland – Rogers
- Nelson Reger – Mt. Home

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

- Jackie Khilling – Ft. Smith

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

- Mary Fish – Harrison
- Barbara Frances – Bella Vista
- Robert Makela – Bella Vista

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

- Kevin Glasgow – Rogers



Photo: Fresh fruit is available for our Tournament players throughout the 3-day event.

**Grand National Teams**

The process to select teams for the Grand National Teams completion is under way. Teams must first qualify at their Club. The Club-level qualifying games are held from September through March. We will have our Unit qualifying game in April 2015. Then the

top teams are off to Olathe, KS for the District-15 qualifying sessions.

The top team in each of four brackets (Championship, A, B and C) qualify for the National GNT event in Chicago.

So round up your teammates and be sure to participate in your Club-level GNT qualifying. Good Luck!

### **Tournament Schedule – 2014**

Kimberling City, Mo. Sectional - Oct. 31-  
Nov. 2

Oklahoma City Sectional - Nov. 21 - 23

**STaC Week - Dec. 8 - 14**

Overland Park, Ks Regional - Dec. 26 - 31

See our web site for more information on tournaments.

### **Charity Donation**

When our local clubs run Charity games the money that is collected by the ACBL is later returned to the local Units. This year, our Unit had \$4,000 to distribute to a charity of our choice. It had to be a local charity and only one charity could be selected.

After a nominating process and two rounds of voting, our Unit Board selected the Arkansas Rice Depot to receive our donation.

The Arkansas Rice Depot works with the school administrators to identify students who don't have enough food in their households'. As a result, those students are less able to concentrate and perform at school.

Students are given a back pack and the school administrators discretely put food into the back packs during class sessions. The students then have food to take home. Academic performance improves and behavioral issues are reduced as a result of the efforts of the Arkansas Rice Depot.



Photo: Presentation of check to Arkansas Rice Depot; with players at the Dogwood DBC.



## Cole Spencer News

Fayetteville resident, Cole Spencer continues to make bridge news. Gracing the cover of the October Bridge Bulletin, Cole (center) was on the USA-1 team in Istanbul, Turkey. His team brought home a silver medal and was the only USA team to earn a medal in the World Youth Team Championships.



Please think of Cole when your club hosts a special game to help fund Junior Bridge. Your extra dollars go to support our ACBL Junior players, like our own Cole Spencer.

## Editorial Policy

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Photo: Bella Vista Tournament

**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.



**WE WANT YOU!**

We often need people to help with our Tournament and with our ACBL Unit activities. Good computer skills are most helpful. If you could devote 4 hours per month, then please email us and we will put you to work. [Nwa.bridge@cox.net](mailto:Nwa.bridge@cox.net)