

Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 247

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Focus On – Grass-Roots Events

Each year, our players have an opportunity to earn an entry into National events, by going through a multi-level qualifying process.

The North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying process begins at the club level; during the months of June, July and August. Players who qualify at the club level can play at the Unit event. For those players advancing at the Unit level, our District holds a qualifying game. Those players who successfully place at the District level receive a stipend for their participation in the two-day National finals.

District qualifier – Topeka, November 23
National – Phoenix – Nov. 28 - Dec. 8

Our Unit NAP qualifying event was played on October 5th, at Holiday Island.

The players who qualified to compete in the District 15 qualifying event are:

Flight A

Linda McRay, Judy Worden, Mary Anne Moncier and Carolyn Thomas.

Flight B

Mike Foley, Brian Simet, Len Fettig, Jim Wart, John Gilmore, Dolores Weiss, Curtis Bell, Rose Schuler, Lois Smith and Margie Brown.

Flight C

Brenda Hirsch, David Hirsch, Clyde McPhee, Kevin Glasgow, Marilyn Kiessling and Judith Leswig.

The second grass-roots event is the Grand National Teams (GNT). It follows the same basic path as the NAP; with qualifying games at the club level taking place between September and March.

Our Unit GNT qualifying event will be in April 2014 (date and location to be announced).

The District 15 GNT qualifying event will be held at Wichita, May 23-24, 2014.

The National GNT will be held at Las Vegas in July 2014. Qualifying players receive a stipend to help pay for their trip to the National.

For more information on the Grass Roots events, talk with your Club Manager.

Tournament Trail**Changes to the Bridge Laws**

Effective on January 1, 2014, the following changes will be implemented:

ACBL Alert Chart -- a weak jump shift by advancer is not alertable. Advancer is defined as the partner of an overcaller.

ACBL Alert Chart -- all 2D responses to a strong 2C opening are non-alertable.

Senior Age – The minimum age for ACBL sanctioned Senior events shall be 60 years of age. Those eligible under present rules on December 31, 2013 will remain eligible in subsequent years



Winners of the Dale Wager Memorial Charity Game: Richard Bender and Jon Nance from Springfield, Mo.

3rd Quarter tournament results and the master point awards.

Tulsa Regional
Tulsa OK
July 8-14, 2013

26.74 John Grantham, Bentonville AR
 11.63 Marina Scott, Rogers AR
 11.63 J Jennings, Rogers AR
 11.34 Robert Dray, Holiday Island
 11.34 Mary Murphy, Shell Knob MO
 11.34 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
 10.22 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR
 6.11 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
 6.04 M Peterson, Gassville AR
 6.04 Billye Hart, Mountain Home AR
 5.81 Joe Scott, Rogers AR
 5.67 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR
 5.57 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR
 5.57 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR
 5.55 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
 5.48 William Ward, Fayetteville AR
 5.48 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
 5.48 Roger Koeppel II, Fayetteville AR
 5.48 Holly Childs, Fayetteville AR
 5.27 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista
 5.27 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
 5.02 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 4.38 Michael Foley, Springdale AR
 4.38 Brian Simet, Rogers AR
 4.05 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
 4.00 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR
 4.00 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
 3.83 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 2.74 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR
 1.62 Roni Ray, Bentonville AR

NW Arkansas Sectional
Bella Vista AR
20-22 Sept 2013

24.25 Joe Scott, Rogers AR
 21.17 Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR
 21.16 Marina Scott, Rogers AR
 18.08 J Jennings, Rogers AR
 17.63 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR
 14.40 Carolyn Thomas, Fort Smith AR
 12.86 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR
 9.40 Michael Foley, Springdale AR
 9.40 Brian Simet, Rogers AR
 8.00 Robert Dray, Holiday Island AR
 8.00 Linda Huber, Shell Knob MO
 7.83 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren
 7.77 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR
 7.77 Roger Koeppe II, Fayetteville
 6.43 M Peterson, Gassville AR
 6.43 Billye Hart, Mountain Home AR
 6.37 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR
 6.06 James Atkinson III, Shell Knob
 6.06 Harriet Rhea, Shell Knob MO
 6.02 Patrick McFadden, Rogers AR
 6.02 Clyde McPhee, Rogers AR
 5.63 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR
 5.63 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR
 5.63 Catherine Crosland, Fort Smith
 5.45 Raymond Lynch, Bella Vista AR
 4.87 Mary Mercer, Bella Vista AR
 4.84 Robbie Tyler, Grove OK
 4.84 Nancy Weatherly, Bella Vista
 4.37 Jim Wart, Bentonville AR
 3.71 Robert Dailey, Bella Vista AR
 3.71 Morris Brown, Rogers AR
 3.54 Robert Gromatka, Bella Vista
 3.54 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR
 2.95 Susan Warshawsky, Bella Vista
 2.81 Jeanette Laney Briggs, Bella
 Vista AR
 2.81 Doris Kenworthy, Bella Vista
 2.80 Jon Fletcher, Rogers AR
 2.80 Deanna Fletcher, Rogers AR
 2.77 Michael Smith, Bentonville AR
 2.61 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR
 2.61 Judy Bappe, Bella Vista AR
 2.51 Mary Murphy, Shell Knob MO
 2.51 David Hirsch, Holiday Island
 2.51 Cathy Nelson, Shell Knob MO
 2.51 Brenda Hirsch, Holiday Island
 2.32 Sally Dungan, Bella Vista AR
 2.32 Bob Dungan, Bella Vista AR
 2.26 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR
 2.26 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista
 1.87 Kaye Cotton, Rogers AR
 1.73 Shari Hult, Bella Vista AR
 1.73 Ruth Ann Vavrinek, Bentonville
 1.73 Joan Leaf, Bella Vista AR
 1.73 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR
 1.54 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR
 1.54 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR
 1.47 Jacqueline Davis, Bella Vista
 1.29 Diane Fischer, Rogers AR
 1.29 Beverly Cunningham, Rogers AR
 1.20 Carolyn Terry, Bella Vista AR
 1.18 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR
 1.18 Ann Haggard, Fort Smith AR
 1.17 John West III, Siloam Spgs AR
 1.17 Corrine Johnson, Mountain Home
 1.08 Pauline Longstaff, Bella Vista
 0.94 John Eitenmiller, Mountain
 Home AR
 0.90 Shirley Johanson, Fayetteville
 0.90 Margaret Rodman, Fayetteville
 0.90 Billie Supeter, Mountain Home
 0.85 Roni Ray, Bentonville AR
 0.72 William Lucas, Mountain Home
 0.72 Stanley Stankus, Mountain Home
 0.72 Nancy Cunningham, Rogers AR
 0.72 Mary Lu Butler, Rogers AR
 0.72 Delma Lucas, Mountain Home AR
 0.72 Albert Cookson, Mountain Home
 0.67 Anna Marie Eitenmiller,
 Mountain Home AR
 0.66 Pamela Wilcox, Garfield AR
 0.47 Teresa Huntington, Springdale
 0.36 William Spradlin, Harrison AR
 0.36 Donna Spradlin, Harrison AR
 0.36 Chester Sullivant, Harrison AR
 0.36 Charlotte Milum, Harrison AR
 0.31 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR
 0.24 Wanda Wallace, Rogers AR
 0.24 Ronald Rolfe, Rogers AR
 0.24 Donald Rolfe, Rogers AR

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62.44 Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR
 10.65 Shirley Johanson, Fayetteville
 10.65 Margaret Rodman, Fayetteville
 3.36 Peggy Dime, Fort Smith AR
 3.36 Jimmy Dime, Fort Smith AR



The Bella Vista Sectional – 2013

Bidding Infractions

Tonight we continue our discussion of bidding infractions, and our first speaker will be Emily Litella:

“Thank you, Richard. I have always felt that with a borderline opening, I should be able to bid one-half club, or with an extremely weak opener, one-third heart.

If I want to try for slam without getting too high, I should be able to bid four and one-half spades; then if partner rejects, he can just take away the half...”

Whoa, Emily. “Infractions” is *one word*.

“Oh. Never mind.”

Bridge Teachers Needed

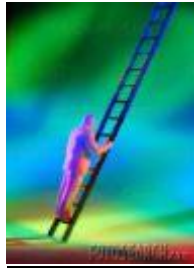
In Benton County, there are two openings for players to teach beginning bridge. If you might be interested in teaching, please contact Susanne Krutsinger (479-925-3112).

Players who teach bridge often discover that it is a great way to improve their own game, because it forces us to re-visit the basics of the game.

Tournament Schedule – 2013

Kimberling City, MO Sectional - Oct. 25 - 27
 Wichita Regional - Oct. 30 - Nov. 3
 Bismark, AR Sectional - Nov. 1 - 3
 STaC D14-D15 - Nov. 4 - 10
 Topeka Sectional - Nov. 22 -24
 Phoenix National - Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
 Overland Park, KS Regional - Dec. 26 - 31

See our web site for more information on tournaments.



Climbing the Ladder

Rank advancements 3rd Qtr, 2013

Junior Master (5+ MPs)

Donna Uhrhammer – Mountain Home
Rebecca Vendel – Bella Vista

Club Master (20+ MPs)

Nadine Duffy – Bentonville
M. Fish – Harrison

Sectional Master (50+ MPs)

Margie Brown – Mountain Home
Kevin Glasgow – Rogers
Betty Scarborough – Fort Smith

Regional Master

Roma Scharoun – Lakeview
Jack Scharoun – Lakeview
William Ward - Fayetteville

Bronze Life Master (500+ MPs)

Larry Greathouse – Mountain Home

Way to go players!

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://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 collected from a variety of sources that we feel are reliable and whose content we believe 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.