

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

ACBL Unit 247



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## Focus On –

### World-Wide Bridge Contest – June 3

The first weekend of June, is the annual World-Wide Bridge Contest. In this event, players from around the world compete; playing the same hands.

The Fort Smith DBC has participated in these contests for many years.

This year, there were 2,431 pairs, at 126 clubs in 17 countries participating.

Two pairs from our Unit ranked very high in the results.



Darlene Ray and Michael Rosenberg (pictured) came in 17th overall and Joe and Marina Scott finished at 19th overall.

Finishing in the top 20, out of nearly 2,500 pairs is quite impressive.

We congratulate these fine players.

### Play Online in a North American Bridge Championship (NABC)

In March, we had the Spring NABC tournament in Kansas City. The Summer NABC will be held in Toronto – July 20-30.

For the first time, players will be able to play in a NABC event via Bridge Base Online (BBO).

This means that players will be able to sit in their home, at their computer and play in a NABC event.

The Conditions of Contest can be found at:  
<http://web2.acbl.org/coc/NABOnline.pdf>

This is an exciting addition to the NABC schedule. Please consider participating in this contest.

If you are interested in playing, you will need to sign up for a BBO account; it is free.  
<http://www.bridgebase.com/>

The game format has one human player and three Robots (aka GIB) at each table. If you have played at BBO in their ACBL Robot tournaments, then you are already familiar with the bidding techniques of 'The Bots'.

GIB plays a two-over-one convention card. You can print the convention card and study it. The ACBL has set up practice sessions so that you can get to know your partner and your opponent's bids and plays.

## **Tournament Trail**

### **2nd Quarter Tournament Results**

#### **Spring Bling Sectional Hot Springs Village Mar 30-Apr 02, 2017**

5.06 Michael Rosenberg, Van Buren  
 5.06 David Bryan, Fort Smith AR

#### **Oklahoma City/Midwest City Regional Midwest City, OK May 08-14, 2017**

6.50 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 6.50 Kevin Glasgow, Rogers AR  
 5.32 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 5.32 Roni Ray, Bentonville AR  
 4.19 Joe Patton, Bella Vista AR  
 2.81 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR

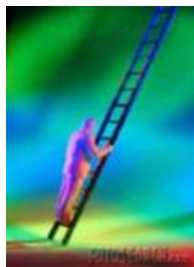
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#### **Hot Springs Regional Hot Springs, AR May 15-21, 2017**

58.54 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 24.24 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 20.02 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR  
 17.20 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
 14.46 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 14.46 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 12.25 Darlene Ray, Fort Smith AR  
 10.69 Michael Schomaker, Garfield AR  
 10.69 Andrea Schomaker, Garfield AR  
 9.92 M Fish, Harrison AR  
 8.98 Laura Batey, Bentonville AR  
 8.98 Jane Lucky, McGehee AR  
 7.28 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR  
 5.89 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 5.89 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 2.70 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR  
 2.70 Hilary Krueger, Bentonville AR  
 2.69 Linda Richmond, Fort Smith AR  
 2.69 Julia Farrar, Lavaca AR  
 2.69 Juanita Huckelbury, Van Buren  
 2.69 Ann Haggard, Fayetteville AR  
 1.97 Peggy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 1.97 Jimmy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 1.61 Nancy Llewellyn, Fort Smith AR  
 1.61 Jackie Khilling, Fort Smith AR

#### **Wichita Start of Summer Sectional Wichita, KS Jun 01-04, 2017**

1.37 Rhonda Davis, Bella Vista AR  
 1.37 Rebecca Vendel, Bella Vista AR



### Climbing the Ladder

#### **Rank Advancements 2nd Qtr, 2017 Junior Master (5+ MP's)**

Michael Bosley – Fort Smith  
Ann Winters – Fort Smith  
Nancy Donahoe – Rogers  
Jane Hartfield – Fort Smith  
Doris Patneu - Fayetteville  
Marianne Thompson – Fort Smith

#### **Club Master (20+MP's)**

Alice Morrell - Salesville

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

Angeline Rowland – Rogers  
Jeanette Blevins – Barling  
Becky Vendel – Bella Vista

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

Laura Batey – Bentonville

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

#### **Life Master (300+ MP's)**

#### **Silver Life Master (1,000+ MP's)**

Carolyn Hooper – Lakeview  
Matt Williams – Pencil Bluff

#### **Gold Life Master (2,500+ MP'S)**

Paul Humphrey – Fort Smith

Way to go players!

### **North American Pairs Qualifying Games**

During the months of June, July and August, clubs may run North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games. The purpose is to select the players who will advance all the way to the National event; to be held during the Fall 2017 NABC in San Diego.

Players like the NAP games because of higher awards and the master points are half Red and half Black.

After qualifying at the Club level, players may compete at the Unit and District levels.

To win an entry to the NABC event, players must successfully qualify at each level. The top four pairs in each bracket at the District qualifying game may advance to the NABC.

Our Unit qualifying game will be scheduled sometime in September or early October.

The District qualifying game will be at the Topeka Sectional, November 4, 2017.

The [Conditions of Contest](#) will provide more details on this grass-roots event.



"I THOUGHT YOU WERE KICKING ME UNDER THE TABLE BECAUSE YOU WERE READY TO GO."

### **Bella Vista Bridge Tournament**

Our Bella Vista Bridge Tournament will be August 4-6, 2017. This is actually two tournaments in one.

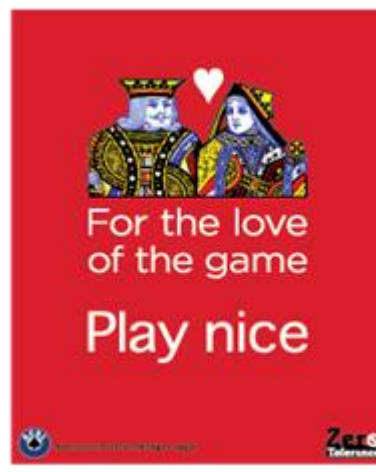
We have a Regional Tournament that is limited to our Non-Life Master (NLM) players.

We also have a Sectional Tournament that is open to all players.

Last year we had a record setting 209 tables in play; equally split between the two tournaments. Thus far, pre-registrations seem to be running ahead of last-years pace.

Players who pre-register are entered into the door prize drawings. To pre-register, email us at [nwa.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:nwa.bridge@gmail.com) and provide your name and your partner/teammates names.

Check out the tournament [Flyer](#).



## Help Wanted

If you have publishing software on your computer and have some understanding of the program, you could help us with formatting our Tournament flyer and with publishing this newsletter.

We need your help. Please email [new.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:new.bridge@gmail.com).

## Tournament Schedule – 2017

Tulsa Regional – July 10-16

Oklahoma City NLM – July 22-23

**Bella Vista – Aug. 4 – 6**

Oklahoma City Sectional – Aug 18-20

Leavenworth NLM – Aug. 26

Overland Park NLM – Sept 15-17

Oklahoma City NLM – Sep 16-17

Wichita Regional – Oct. 3-8

Claremore NLM – Oct 13-15

Overland Park – Oct 20-22

Branson West – Oct. 27-29

See our web site for more information on tournaments.

## 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.