

# Northwest Arkansas Bridge Players

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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 Midwest City, OK Sectional, November 16-17, 2019.

## Focus On –

### 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 2019 NABC in San Francisco.

Players like the NAP games because of higher Master Point awards that 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



## Tournament Trail

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tournament Results

Hot Springs  
Hot Springs, AR  
May 13-19, 2019

14.20 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
11.28 Laura Batey, Bentonville AR  
11.28 Jeff La Caze, Bella Vista AR

7.61 Ann Yancey Ferrill, Berryville AR  
 2.44 Jackie Khilling, Fort Smith AR  
 0.97 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR  
 0.97 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR

Oklahoma City Regional  
 Midwest City, OK  
 Apr 01-07, 2019

6.01 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 6.01 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 4.28 Michael Schomaker, Garfield AR  
 4.28 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 3.36 Teri Rhodes, Rogers AR  
 3.36 Sue Rolfe, Rogers AR  
 2.95 Joe Patton, Bella Vista AR  
 2.65 Elaine Patton, Bella Vista AR  
 0.56 Joseph Braun, Joplin MO  
 0.56 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista AR  
 0.30 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR

Tulsa Regional  
 Tulsa, OK  
 Jun 10-16, 2019

17.28 Linda Jirka, Mountain Home AR  
 13.69 Robbie Tyler, Bella Vista AR  
 13.69 Len Fettig, Bella Vista AR  
 9.51 Robert Makela, Bella Vista AR  
 9.51 Jeffrey Starr, Springdale AR  
 8.13 Valerie Watson, Bella Vista AR  
 8.13 Laura Batey, Bentonville AR  
 7.66 Joseph Braun, Joplin MO  
 7.66 Barbara Francis, Bella Vista AR  
 7.34 Nancy Llewellyn, Fort Smith AR  
 7.34 Jackie Khilling, Fort Smith AR  
 6.16 Linda McRay, Fort Smith AR  
 6.16 Judy Worden, Fort Smith AR  
 3.36 Nadine Duffy, Bentonville AR  
 3.36 Hilary Krueger, Bentonville AR  
 2.70 Susan Hall, Bentonville AR

2.70 Garland Hall, Bentonville AR  
 2.41 Thomas Graff, Fayetteville AR  
 2.41 Holly Childs, Fayetteville AR  
 1.96 Jackie Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 1.96 Gary Nelson, Bella Vista AR  
 1.70 Ronald Smith, Bella Vista AR  
 1.70 Joan Bain, Bella Vista AR  
 1.43 Georgia McGill, Harrison AR  
 1.43 Dana Snawder, Harrison AR  
 1.12 Pat Moles, Harrison AR  
 1.12 Lou Ann Moles, Harrison AR  
 1.11 Peggy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 1.11 Jimmy Dime, Fort Smith AR  
 1.0 Ronnie Burns, Fort Smith AR  
 0.57 Scott Monroe, Fort Smith AR  
 0.57 Rhonda Monroe, Fort Smith AR  
 0.31 Mary Goebel, Fort Smith AR  
 0.31 Arleen Donelson, Van Buren AR

A Bridge Hand  
 By John Jennings

Here is a hand from the June 5th  
 Razorback DBC game. It is a series of  
 bidding problems. Your opponents were  
 silent in the auction, so I have omitted  
 their hands. Assume Standard American  
 bidding.

North

♠ KJ3  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ AKQ975  
 ♣ Q93

South

♠ AQ1076  
 ♥ QJ985  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ KJ

The auction with my comments:

North – 1D – This is a great hand but if your suit is a minor and your hand is unsuitable for NT, you need about 10 tricks to open a strong 2C. This hand is maybe 8 tricks.

South – 1S – When partner opens a minor and you have 4 cards in each major, bid 1H (up the line). If you have 5 cards in each major, respond 1 Spade; intending to rebid the lower ranking major twice.

North – 3C – This great hand has gotten better. No number of spades or diamonds can be right. You are perhaps strong enough to bid 3NT, but you could go down in that contract when 6S is cold. The jump shift to 3C is forcing to game and is best because all alternatives are worse.

South – 3H – Natural. This can't be "4th suit forcing" because partner has already forced to game.

North – 3S – Natural

South – 4C – A cue bid showing slam interest. This is usually first round control, but not always.

North – 4D – Cue bid – Cooperating.

South – 4S – Willing to play there.

North – 5H – Cue bid, slam try, despite partners "sign off".

South – 6S – accepting partners' invitation.

This was a reasonable contract and it happened to make. The key bid was North's 5H call.

Some principles involved: 1) think before your speak (bid), 2) take partners bids in context, 3) asking for aces may not be the best approach in slam bidding, and 4) if in doubt, make a bid that offers partner a choice.

Please send any questions to me by mail to: John Jennings, 520 W. Cypress, Rogers, AR 72756 or call me at 479-936-4561. Roger's native, John Jennings wrote a bridge column for the newspaper for many years. He has agreed to contribute to our Bridge Newsletter.





## Climbing the Master Point Ladder

### Rank Advancements 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr, 2019

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

Pamela Dow – Fayetteville

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

Geoffrey Gill – Springdale

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

Ernie Grant – Bella Vista

Suzanne Stewart – Mountain Home

Renee Charpie – Rogers

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

Jay Lacy – Bella Vista

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

Brian Gibbs – Alpena

Laura Batey – Bentonville

#### **Bronze Life Master (500+ MP's)**

Sandra Gromatka – Bella Vista

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

Ann Haggard – Fayetteville

Marilyn Frazier – Mountain Home

**Way to go players!**

## Tournament Schedule – 2019

Little Rock Sectional – Jul 12-14

**Bella Vista NLM Regional – Aug. 1-3**

**Bella Vista Sectional – Aug. 1-3**

**Karen Walker Bridge Workshop –  
Jul 31-Aug 1, Bella Vista**

Oklahoma City Sectional – Aug 16-18

Hot Springs Village Sectional – Aug 23-25

Overland Park Sectional – Aug 30-Sep.1

Topeka NLM Regional – Sep 13-15

Topeka Sectional – Sep 13-15

Amarillo Sectional – Sep 20-22

Tulsa I/N Sectional – Sep 26-29

Overland Park I/N Sectional – Sep 27-29

Mulvane (Wichita) Regional – Oct 8-13

Branson West Sectional – Oct. 25-27

Overland Park NLM Regional – Nov 1-3

Overland Park Sectional – Nov 1-3

Hot Springs Sectional – Nov 1-3

District 15 STaC – Dec 9-15

Overland Park Regional – Dec 26-31

See the [ACBL web site](#) for more information on tournaments.



## Editorial Policy

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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.



Do me a favor. Take a few minutes off from playing online bridge . Your eyes Will appreciate it.