

McLane Trophy Races Through April

Over 1000 MPs		300-1000 MPs		50-300 MPs	
Kimbrell, Jodi	9.06	Colwell, Bob	5.28	Gellner, Mary	3.88
Cook, Bruce	9.79	Motoyoshi, Kris	4.50	Culley, Sam	3.79
Fahland, Sally	9.79	Mah, Marshall	3.03	Motoyoshi, Den	2.37
Pluhta, Pete	8.11	Rider, Marilyn	4.21	Chase, Cindy	2.02
Paxton, Rod	4.04	Davis, Dorothy	2.48	Howe, Susan	1.59
Dechenne, Donna	5.05	Walby, Myrla	2.48	Wilson, Karen	1.59
Hols, Norma	3.56	Carter, Donna	3.13	Grant, Sally	1.24
Rottmayer, Bill	4.25	Snedker, Corrine	3.13	Andre, Rita	0.99
Barthels, Peter	3.67	O'Malley, Marty	1.86	Coopersmith, Mike	0.89
Arnold, Dolores	3.30	Anderson, Doris	1.40	Escott, Jacqui	0.89
Barnes, Elaine	3.30	Zinkgraf, Rose	1.40	Bouchard, John	0.70
Hays, Lynn	2.87	Baker, Linda	1.24	Byrne, Jay	0.70
Hays, Gard	3.56	Matsumoto, Gary	1.24	Bear, Diane	0.24
Corn, David	4.50	Gellner, Bob	1.05	Boyles, Virginia	0.24
O'Malley, Kathy	1.86	Dill, Scotty	1.98		
Biel, Jackie	1.62	Brineman, Marcia	0.79	0-50 MPs	
Brown, JoAnn	1.62	Saylor, Vivian	0.64	Malone, Keri	2.88
Townsend, Jay	0.95	Davidoff, Pat	0.29	Gilbert, Fred	1.76
Simpson, Brenda	0.79	Orne, Pam	0.25	Marshall, Sean	1.12
Spangler, Larry	0.50			Cox, J R	0.84
Spangler, Mary	0.50			Trail, Jim	0.84
				Richards, Bob	0.25

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YOUR VOICE SPEAKS. As a result of information received from the I/N survey in which members of the Unit whose Masterpoints range from 0-300 responded, the Unit Board has taken the following action:

Starting in June there will be a separate 0-300 Unit Championship game held on the Saturday prior to the regularly scheduled Sunday Game. The Sunday dates remain the same and are open to ALL players no matter your masterpoint range

Our additional Saturday Unit Games will be directed by Kay Fergie and game time will be as follows:

June 12 12:30 PM one session pairs
July 10 12:30 PM one session pairs
Aug 21 12:30 PM one session pairs

Anticipate a call from a member of the I/N committee to remind you of the dates. If you need a partner, please let one of the members know and arrangements will be made to supply you with a partner.

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 Mike Coopersmith 466-4404 Patti Kautz 465-9456

We will have a special award for those playing in the Unit Championship 0-300 game. The trophy award has been designated the ROBIN BRINEMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY.

ACE OF CLUBS MINI-McKENNEY

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Roma Bucher	Robert Richard
Ann Sanders	Charles Horton
Jack Culligan	Catherine Creer

JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR

Bob Kautz	Keri Malone
Jim Trail	Marlys Roberts
Bev Cordier	Ron Caferro

CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR

Catherine Creer	Patti Kautz
Robert Richards	John Bouchard
Charles Horton	Karen Eveland

SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Ginny Davis	Bob Gellner
Mike Coopersmith	Mike Coopersmith
Bob Fried	Mary Gellner

REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR

Bob Gellner	Gary Matsumoto
Jane Lyons-Macy	Cindy Chase
Margaret Thomas	Den Motoyoshi

NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR

Patricia Strand	Louise Saylor
Betty Vingo	Doris Anderson
Louise Saylor	Marty Burdick

LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Robert Perry	Alison Sturgul
Gary Matsumoto	John Sturgul
Alison Sturgul	Robert Perry

BRONZE LM OF THE YEAR

Carroll Thorson	Judy Bush
Kris Motoyoshi	Carroll Thorson
Dorothy Davis	Kris Motoyoshi

SILVER LM OF THE YEAR

Norma Hols	Bill Rottmayer
Peter Barthels	Peter Barthels
Don Gallaher	Bruce Cook

GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Brenda Simpson	Bruce Cook
Bruce Cook	Jodi Kimbrell
Jodi Kimbrell	Bob Freeburn

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR

Catherine Fergie	Dave Westfall
Sally Fahland	Lynn Hays
Lynn Hays	Pete Pluhta

GRAND LM OF THE YEAR GARD HAYS

**DUPLICATE TIPS
Dos & Don'ts**

Types of Pairs Games

Flighted pairs: When flighting is used, the field is divided by expertise or experience or both into separate competitions. Flight A “unlimited masterpoints” will be open to all players regardless of their masterpoint holdings. Any pair can chose to play in this flight. The remaining flights — usually Flight B and Flight C (and sometimes Flight D) — will be limited to players with a certain number of masterpoints. Flight B might be 0 to 750 MPs or 0 to 1500 MPS while Flight C might be limited to players with 0 to 300 or 0 to 500 masterpoints.

Each flight is scored individually, and masterpoints are awarded separately for each flight. The masterpoint holdings of the players determine their flight. If one player is an expert and that player's partner is new to the game, the pair must compete in Flight A.

In flighted events, a pair may play up but not down. That means that a Flight C player could chose to participate in Flight A or Flight B even if that pair's MP holding qualifies it for Flight C. Conversely, a pair may NOT play in Flight B or Flight C if it's MP qualify the pair for Flight A.

BRUCE'S beyond the basics...

Dir: West ♠ Q 9 8 6
 Vul: N-S ♠ A K 8
 ♣ K Q 7 6 4
 ♣ A

♠ K	♠ A 2
♠ J 10 9 7 5 4 3	♠ 6 2
♣ 10	♣ 9 8 3 2
♣ Q J 9 6	♣ 7 5 4 3 2

♠ J 10 7 5 4 3
 ♠ Q
 ♣ A J 5
 ♣ K 10 8

West North East South

3 ♠ Dbl Pass 4 ♠
 All Pass

Opening Lead: ♠ J

My blonde partner decided that she would surprise her husband and paint a couple of rooms in their house while he was at work.

He arrived home at 5:30 and smelled the distinctive smell of paint. He walked into the living room and found his wife laying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He noticed that she was wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time.

He went over and asked her if she was OK. She replied, ‘yes’. Then he asked her what she was doing. She replied that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asked her why she has a ski jacket over her fur coat. She replied that she read the directions on the paint can and they said ‘for best results, put on two coats.’

BUT she got an excellent result at the bridge table that evening, *by painting a false image of her hand.*

She won the opening lead with her Queen of hearts and led to the Ace of clubs. She then led the Ace of hearts, pitching a diamond, and the King of hearts. East ruffed and my partner over ruffed. Then she led trump and was pleased to see the Ace and King of trumps falling together. Making six for a top board.

Thank you to the following for helping collate and send out our tournament flyers to various clubs in Districts 18, 19 and 20 Marlys Roberts, Sally Grant, Fred Gilbert, Joe Lovett, Bob Gellner, Barbara Ann Bonner, Mary Gellner, Patti Kautz and Jan Numata

◆◆◆ **Just I/N (Intermediate/Newcomer)...** ◆◆◆ By Cindy Chase IN Chair

Two big tournaments are around the corner and are great opportunities to shoot for silver points. The Lilac Sectional June 3, 4 and 5 at the Knights of Columbus and the Rising Star 0-199 tournament July 29, 30 and 31 at the Budget Inn. Check out the flyers in your clubs. The marvelous turnout in February caught us off guard—we'll be ready to handle a greater turnout in June. Mark your calendars for these special events.

Based on the IN survey, the Unit Board has taken steps to address two of the hottest topics from the survey: The monthly Unit game and Zero Tolerance. Oddly enough, both have to do with change.

Over the last couple of Unit Board meetings, Mike Coopersmith, addressed the board with ideas on how the monthly Unit Game can be a better experience in our community. The Board agrees, this game is important to our membership so how can we make it better? President Bill Rottmayer appointed a committee to address this topic. See page 4 for Board Meeting synopsis and page 1 for Board Action ‘YOUR VOICE SPEAKS.’

The unit board also took a strong stance against poor behavior at the bridge table—better known as **Zero Tolerance**. Secretary Norma Hols contacted our area bridge directors with a request from the board that directors announce before their games that this is a “Zero Tolerance” game. A player can either call the director to the table or request to speak to the director in private. Bridge is supposed to be fun and no one has the right to make it anything but. CALL THE DIRECTOR if anyone is making you uncomfortable. Directors are experienced in all aspects of director calls—even the uncomfortable ones.



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CLUB NEWS

Deadlines for Club News
2005: June 15, Aug 15, Oct 15, Dec 15
2006 Feb 15, April 15
 Contact Mary Gellner:
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Budget Inn 110 E 4th Avenue Cascade Rm 509/838.6101
Corbin Sr. Ctr. 827 W Cleveland, Lower South 509/327.1584
Paulter Sr. Ctr. 549 5th Street, Clarkston, WA
Stookey's 211 W. D Street, Moscow, ID
Valley Sr. Center 11423 E Mission Lower Level 509/926.1937

- [1] Budget Inn Kay Fergie 509/838.3270
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- [8] Paulter Sr. Ctr. David Schwartz 208/743.2143
- [9] Stookey's Pete Pluhta 509/334.3245

CC Club Championship Game; STaC See below for schedule

MONDAYS:

- 10:00 Non Life Master [1]
- 6:00 2nd and 4th Mondays 0-50 Student Game [4]
May 9 & 23; June 13 & 27; July 11 & 25
- 6:30 1st, 3rd, 5th Mondays Open Handicap [4] **CC June 6**
- 6:30 2nd and 4th Mondays Open Game [4]
- 6:30 0-149 Novice Game, 6:00 PM short lesson [2]

TUESDAYS:

- 11:00 Open Game [2] **STaC May 3 CC May 17**
- 12:30 Open Handicap [7] **CC May 3 CC July 5**
- 7:15 Open Game [9]

WEDNESDAYS:

- 12:30 Open Game [5] **STaC May 4 CC July 20**
- 6:30 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Mentor Game [3]
- 6:30 2nd & 4th, 5th Wed Open Game [3] **CC May 11**

THURSDAYS:

- 11:00 Open Game [2] **CC May 26**
- 12:30 Open Masterpoint Race [6] **STaC May 5; CC June 9**
- 12:30 1st and 3rd Thursdays 0-50 Student Game [4 or 6]
May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16; July 7 & 21
- 1:00 Open Game [8]
- 6:30 Open Handicap Game [7] **CC May 5**

FRIDAYS:

- 11:00 Open Game [2] **STaC May 6 CC June 3**

SATURDAYS:

- 10:30 *Non Sanctioned Open Game* [8]
- 12:30 Open Game [1] **STaC May 7**

SUNDAYS:

Once a Month various dates Unit Championship Games [6]
See page 4

STaC SECTIONAL TROUNAMENT AT CLUBS

These games are a tournament with sectional rating that are played in a number of clubs in a specific area over a period of several days. The results of all games are sent to one location, which is manned by the director-in-charge of the event. Overall pair game awards are determined by comparing the results of all games conducted at a particular session just as if all of the games were played at one site. The masterpoints awarded in this type of tournament are SILVER POINTS.

Upcoming STaC sponsored by the Western Conference will be held at various clubs during the first week of May.

- Tues May 3 Maggie's Club**
- Wed May 4 Spokane Bridge Club**
- Thurs May 5 Sam's Bridge Club**
- Fri May 6 Maggie's Club**
- Sat May 7 Kay's Club**

New Masterpoint Levels: Feb & March 2005

- Junior:** Bobbie Fey, Barbara Ann Bonner, Roma Bucher
- Club:** Massimo (Max) Gallotti
- Regional:** Ginny Davis, Karen Eveland, Patti Kautz
- Life Master:** Pam Orne
- Bronze LM:** Pam Orne, Alison Sturgul

New Members and Transfer Ins:

- NM:** Stacy Jacksha, Ed and Polly Kaczmarek, Larry Kirkland, Melanie Reckord
- TI:** Sally Gay

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

NAP IS A MAJOR ACBL CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH IS STAGED IN QUALIFYING ROUNDS AT THE CLUB, UNIT AND DISTRICT LEVELS. IT CULMINATES IN A FINAL HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPRING NABC. THE EVENT IS RUN AS A FLIGHTED EVENT.

CLUB LEVEL QUALIFYING GAMES WILL BE HELD BY VARIOUS CLUBS THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. WATCH FOR SPECIAL DATES AND PLAN YOUR PARTNERSHIPS NOW. UNIT QUALIFYING SESSION WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11 AT 1:00 PM.



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UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Held at Corbin Senior Center, 827 W Cleveland, Henderson Room *unless otherwise noted
* Held at Budget Inn, 110 E 4th Avenue, Cascade Room

2005
May 22 1:00 and TBA Two Session Swiss Team & POTLUCK
June 11, Sat 12:30 0-300 one session pairs *
June 12, Sun 5:00 one session pairs
July 9, Sat 12:30 0-300 one session pairs *
July 10, Sun 5:00 one session pairs
August 20, Sat 12:30 0-300 one session pairs *
August 21, Sun 5:00 one session pairs
September 11 1:00 NAP Qualifying Game
Sun 4:00 PM Annual member mtg & voting
5:00 Unit Game
October NO UNIT GAME OR BOARD MEETING
Nov 13, Sun 1:00 & 5:00 PM 2 ses CHARITY GAME
December 4 * Unit Christmas Party TBA

BOARD MEETINGS:

5/22 11:30 AM
6/12 3:30 AM
7/10 3:30 AM
8/21 3.30 AM
9/11 11:30 AM

Oct No Meeting

11/13 11:30
12/4 No Meeting

UNIT 448, DISTRICT 19 WEB SITE

<http://www.d19.org/units/Unit448>

Spokane Web Master: Don Gallaher

Spokane Lilac Sectional June 3 – 5, 2005

Knights of Columbus 302 East Boone Spokane WA
Canadian Dollar at Par



Friday, June 3

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session
7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

Saturday, June 4

1:00 Stratified Pairs, 1st Session
7:00 Stratified Pairs, 2nd Session

Sunday, June 5

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
Two Sessions

Stratum: 0-500; 500-1500; 1500+

Intermediate/Newcomer Events

Friday, June 3

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session
7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

Saturday, June 4

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session
7:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

Sunday, June 5

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
One Session

I/N Events Stratum: 0—10; 10-50; 50-100

**Tournament Director
Matt Koltnow**

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Mike Coopersmith**

**Tournament Greeter
George Bailey**

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Board Meeting Synopsis

March balance \$7,389.54. New Charity Chair is Marcia Brineman, new Hospitality Chair is Den Motoyoshi. Unit Charity Game has been changed to November 13 to accommodate the CDA Sectional and the local charity will be Hospice of Spokane. Cindy Chase will handle partnerships for Unit Games. Zero tolerance was discussed and Directors would be requested to announce a Zero Tolerance policy at their games. April balance \$7,420.17. Unit books passed the audit procedure. Corbin Center is making some changes and the Unit may be looking for a new place to hold the Unit Games and store our equipment. Additionally, the Unit is looking at having a separate Unit game on Saturdays and limited to those players with 0 to 300 MP.