

### Robin Brineman Memorial Trophy Race (0—300 Unit Games)

<u>0—49</u>	<u>50—199</u>	<u>200—299</u>
Helen Wilson 1.29	Janice Jones 0.96	Patti Kautz 0.67
Ann Sanders 0.89	Bob Fried 0.96	
Pat St. John 0.89	Marlys Roberts 0.81	
Myrna Davis 0.66	Fred Gilbert 0.81	
Barb Strole 0.50	Bob Kautz 0.67	
Susan Foster 0.50	Janet Tamura 0.63	

### **McLane Trophy Race (Open Unit Games)**

<b>Over 1000 MPs</b>	<b>300-1000 MPs</b>
Jodi Kimbrell 13.72	Sam Culley 5.68
Gard Hays 11.87	Eloise Whitehead 4.86
Bill Rottmayer 11.63	Mike Coopersmith 4.50
Lyn Hays 11.63	Kris Motoyoshi 4.43
Pete Pluhta 10.91	Doyle Crook 4.43
Sybil Broughton-Lucks 9.79	Myrla Walty 4.42
Sally Fahland 6.94	Dorothy Davis 4.42
Norma Hols 5.77	Bob Gellner 4.13
Donna Dechenne 5.68	Judy Bush 3.48
Cary Bush 3.48	Ron Krueger 3.41

<b>50-300 MPs</b>	<b>0-50- MPs</b>
Catherine Creer 9.75	Myrna Davis 1.32
Ginny Davis 4.85	Kathleen Putman 0.90
Massimo Gallotti 4.70	Sandy Boyer 0.78
Keri Malone 2.50	Ann Sanders 0.66
Jerry Hensley 2.37	Kevin Foster 0.39
Richard Oberdorfer 2.05	Rachel Denk 0.39
Patti Kautz 1.94	Connie Coopersmith 0.26
Roma Bucher 1.60	
Jon Brandon 1.59	
Fred Gilbert 1.38	

### **New Masterpoint Levels: May/June**

**Sectional:** Ann Figg

### **New Members and Transfers In**

**NM:** Carolyn Grove

**TI:** Margarita Manning, James Sremba, Nancy Sremba

### **From the Unit President-Norma Hols**

Once again, the Unit Board would like membership opinion on a couple of subjects. Please don't hesitate to contact a Board member, either in person or with a written note. Your ideas and opinions really do matter.

The Unit By-Laws state that notice of the annual Unit membership meeting must be given by mail. Using email for those who have it, and mailing or personally distributing only to those who don't, would save much money for the Unit and much time for the volunteers who help with the *Grand Slammer*. We could propose a change in the By-Laws at the membership meeting to include email as official notice, and to state that the Unit would not share the list with anyone outside the Unit membership. And, how do you feel about having your email address listed in the membership directory along with your currently listed street address and phone number? Of course, again, not sharing with outsiders.

Some members have asked us to consider changing the two summer 5:00 p.m. unit games to earlier starting times so that out-of town players can get home earlier. What do you think?

Looking ahead – The Labor Day Sectional is coming up soon, August 31, September 1, 2, and 3. It has always been a fun, successful tournament and I hope to see you there.

The October Unit game is our annual charity game. Sybil Broughton-Lucks is chairing the event. Talk to her about your ideas for raffle prizes and silent auction items.

The Christmas party will be December 9, and this year we will hold the membership meeting at the party. There will be one afternoon bridge session, the membership meeting, and then a catered dinner. This will be at the Mukogawa/Ft. Wright Commons building, an elegant site with plenty of easy parking.

### Unit 448 Treasurer Report (June)

\$575.09 in the checking account  
 \$2,636.89 in the savings account  
 \$5,000.00 in certificate of deposit

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### **GRAND SLAMMER DEADLINES**

**Aug 15, Oct 15, Dec 15**

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*Editors Note: Joan Jans-Haupt spent several hours interviewing one of the Spokane bridge communities favorite personalities.*

Interview with Dr. Graham McConnell(Doc)

By Joan Jans-Haupt

Doc was born to Luther Graham McConnell and Helen Slagle in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1915. His father was a cement salesman and his mother, an active participant in the community and a loving mother.

From 1932 to 1936, Doc attended Columbia College in New York where he completed his undergraduate work. He was given a scholarship for Law Studies, but says he “flunked out after six months.” On May 10, 1936, Doc says he was hauled into jail while in New York and to this day, still remembers the incident in vivid detail. At 110<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway, he saw a cop beating a drunk with a billyclub. Doc stormed over and grabbed the club from the cop and threw it aside. For this behavior, he was “thrown in the pokey for roughing up and inciting a riot.”

In 1937 and 1938, he enrolled in Pre-Med at WSC, Pullman. By 1942 he had completed his Doctorate in Medicine at the University of Oregon, Portland. Doc wanted to be a Family Physician and didn’t retire from that position until age 80. (If you know Doc very well, you might think he was stretching this retirement age a bit, but I wasn’t going to argue the point with him.) While in medical school, Doc was in R.O.T.C. Following graduation, he received a commission as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army. After 16 years in the National Guard and another 16 years on Active Duty, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Doc has been married for the last 22 years to Lois Haines. I visited with Lois and found her to be a dynamic personality, a fantastic cook, and loving wife. Lois has an emergency room background and I believe that is how they met one another.

I asked Doc when he first became interested in bridge. He told me he was about 6 or 7 years of age when his dad gave him his first lesson. From that point on, he was hooked.

Doc has played with many different partners over the years and says one of his more frequent partners was Leigh Atwater, husband of Betty who passed away. He also mentioned Roland Christy as an occasional partner and said that Roland wrote a fair-sized bridge article on a regular basis for the Spokesman Review. Clayton Simms was another favorite partner of his.

In later years he remembers Rosemary Wynia, George Welch, Rhea Welch and Kay Fergie as teachers/directors. Doc says he got his “gold” points with Betty Atwater and retired from bridge as a “Life Master-Silver.”

When I asked Doc what his formula was for living to age 92, he replied: “Everybody that had a shot at me missed!” Doc has suffered two strokes and a hip fracture and can still smile and recall many memories of his past. We miss you at the bridge table Doc!

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**Dame Fortune by Tim Bourke**

**Dir:N**

**Vul:E/W**

- S. -
- H. K972
- D. K982
- C. AK743

- S. AKJ109653
- H. -
- D. 743
- C. 106

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	1C	1H	4S

West leads the heart 3 after this unremarkable auction. How do you propose to make 10 tricks when spades are 3-2 but the queen of trumps has not appeared after you Cash your spade A and spade K?

**Answer p. 3**

**Have You Heard?**

By DORIS ANDERSON

Ginny Davis and crew did a SUPER job on the hospitality for the Lilac Sectional. Thank you everyone for making the tournament a success in spite of the clash with Hoopfest weekend.

We will be getting ready for the Labor Day Sectional soon. The dates; August 31, September 1, 2, and 3. Any volunteers? Please step forward! Please call Doris at 465-3960.

**YOUTH BRIDGE:** Both Brenda and Kris are actively teaching Spokane youth (ages 8 to 20) the game of bridge. ACBL has a program that allows a youth to become a student teacher presenting the lessons to their peers. The student teacher earns a \$500 scholarship for completing 16 hours of presentation. Of note: Kris recently found out that she have given this opportunity to a number of youths who have earned over \$10,000 in scholarship funds.

**SENIOR WELLNESS FORUM--** This will be held at SCC again this year on Thur Sept 6th. Our unit will have a booth there and would like members to come and play some bridge there for a few hours as a demonstration. You will receive a free admission for participating. For information to the above items call Brenda @ 926-6973

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Bill Rottmayer has passed the Director’s test. Watch for him to be a Director in Training!!!!

**Quality Inn** 110 E 4th Ave. 838.6101  
 Spokane WA  
**Paulter Sr. Ctr. 549 5th. St.** Clarkston WA  
**Spokane Valley Community Ctr**  
**10814 E Broadway**  
**Stookey's** 211 W. D Street Moscow ID.

# CLUB NEWS



## UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 2007:

Held at Quality Inn, 110 E 4th Avenue

### July NO UNIT GAME

**August 5, 5:00PM One Session Pairs TWO SECTIONS Open & 0-300**  
**September 9, 1:00 NAP Qualifying Approx 4:00 ELECTIONS**  
**September 9, 5:00 One Session Pairs TWO SECTIONS—Open & 0-300**  
**Oct 21, 1:00 & 5:00 Two Session Pairs TWO SECTIONS Open & 0-300**  
**November 11, 1:00PM One Session Pairs CHAIRITY GAME—**  
**TWO SECTIONS Open & 0-300**  
**December 9 Christmas Unit Celebration Mukogawa/Ft. Wright**

- [1] Quality Inn Kay Fergie 509/838.3270
- [2] Quality Inn Dick Yager 509/443.7221
- [3] Quality Inn Kris Motoyoshi 509/466.4249
- [4] Quality Inn Phyllis Ewing 509/448.2526
- [5] Quality Inn Mike Coopersmith 509/466-4404
- [6] Spok Valley Brenda Simpson 509/926.6973
- [7] Masonic Lodge Robert Boyer 208/743.3855
- [8] Paulter Sr. Ctr. David Schwartz 208/743.2143
- [9] Stookey's Pete Pluhta 509/334.3245
- [10] Quality Inn David Rottmayer 509/533-9671

### MONDAYS:

- 10:00 [1] Non Life Master (Kay's Games)
- 6:30 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

### TUESDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)
- 11:00 [6] Open Handicap (BWB)
- 6:30 [3] Tuesday Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 7:15 [9] Open Game

### WEDNESDAYS:

- 12:30 [4] Open Game (Spokane BC)
- 6:30 [3] 0-100 Student/Mentor Game (Sam's BC)

### THURSDAYS:

- 12:30 [3] Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 1:00 [8] Open Game
- 6:00 [6] Open Handicap Game (BWB)

### FRIDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

### SATURDAYS:

- 10:30 [7] Non Sanctioned Open Game
- 12:30 [1] Open Game (Kay's Games)

### SUNDAYS:

- 1:00 [5] Last Sunday of Every Month TEAM GAME

### ACE OF CLUBS

B J Kolkman 17.05  
 Mary Bestick 10.15  
 Barb Strole 5.23

### 0-5

B J Kolkman 21.30  
 Barb Strole 12.37  
 Mary Bestick 12.26

### 5-20

Myrna Davis 10.95  
 Bob Cox 6.19  
 Christa McQueen 5.69

Myrna Davis 12.53  
 Dick St. John 6.50  
 Dixie Herro 6.37

### 20-50

Ann Sanders 16.92  
 Ann Figg 11.94  
 Pat St. John 10.06

Ann Sanders 19.51  
 Ann Figg 12.51  
 Pat St. John 12.14

### 50-100

Jon Brandon 20.49  
 Fred Gilbert 14.05  
 Beverly Cordier 12.61

Jon Brandon 31.32  
 Fred Gilbert 17.00  
 Beverly Cordier 15.57

### 100-200

Robert Fried 33.96  
 Robert Richards 32.8  
 Massimo Gallotti 30.77

Dmitry Myedvyedev 60.48  
 Massimo Gallotti 41.72  
 Robert Fried 38.11

### 200-300

Catherine Creer 56.76  
 Roma Bucher 32.47  
 John Bouchard 31.02

Catherine Creer 94.38  
 John Bouchard 49.94  
 Roma Bucher 44.68

### 300-500

Jane Lyons-Macy 42.02  
 Virginia Boyles 33.85  
 Ronald Krueger 33.15

Martha Burdick 68.51  
 Jane Lyons-Macy 47.24  
 Ronald Krueger 45.26

### 500-1000

Margaret Thomas 30.50  
 Marshall Mah 26.72  
 R. G. Gellner 26.68

Marshall Mah 59.54  
 R. G. Gellner 33.63  
 Kris Motoyoshi 33.16

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 3rd Qtr

**Sam's Bridge Club Tue 7/17**  
**Sam's Bridge Club Thu 7/19**  
**Maggie's Games Mon 8/6**  
**Sam's BC Wed PM 8/8**  
**Maggie's Games Tues 8/14**  
**Spok. Bridge Club 8/15**  
**Kay's Club Mon AM 8/20**  
**Maggie's Games Fri 8/24**  
**Kay's Club Sat 8/25**  
**Bridge w/ Brenda Tue 9/18**  
**Bridge w/ Brenda Thu 9/20**

### North American Pairs

**Sam's Bridge Club Tue 7/10 8/14**  
**Sam's Bridge Club Thu 7/12 8/18**  
**Maggie's Games Tues 7/17**  
**Maggie's Games Fri 7/20**  
**Kay's Club Sat 7/21**  
**Bridge w/ Brenda Tue 7/24**  
**Bridge w/ Brenda Thu 7/26**

### Dame Fortune Solution

You have nine winners and it seems you must rely on West holding the D A. However, you can give yourself an extra chance when East has the S Q. After discarding a diamond and a heart from dummy on the top two trumps, cash the C A and C K and ruff a club. As long as East began with the S Q and no more than 3 clubs, your contract is assured. Lead the S J and discard a minor-suit card from table. East wins and has to return a diamond or a heart. If it is the former, the D K will be your 10th trick. When he opts for the latter, discard a diamond from hand-even if he plays the H A. After East's H A holds the trick, he must then give a trick, your 10th, to one of dummy's red kings.



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**WEBSITES**

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District 19 www.d19.org  
ACBL www.acbl.org

**Next Unit Game: Quality Inn, 110 E. 4th Avenue  
August 5 5:00 PM one session pairs  
TWO Sections: Open and 0-300**

**2007 Unit Board Members**

President Norma Hols 535-0772  
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Eloise Whitehead 566-0800  
Max Gallotti 838-4028  
Kathy O'Malley 332-8226  
Bob Gellner 464-3415

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Elec. Contact Kris Motoyoshi 466-4249  
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Unit Director David Rottmayer 533-9671  
Ed. Liason Brenda Simpson 926-6973  
Grand Slammer Marty Burdick 255-9632  
Property: Mike Coopersmith

**Spokane River City Sectional Aug 31—Sept 3, 2007  
Knights of Columbus 302 E Boone, Spokane WA**

**Open Events**

Open Stratum 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+

**Friday Aug 31**

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

**Saturday Sept 1**

1:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Team  
Bracketed by Team Average MPs

**Sunday Sept 2 Two Sessions**

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

**Monday, Sept 3**

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Team  
Bracketed by Team Average MPs

**Partnerships Open Events:**

Donna Carter 509/325.9551  
Donna-Spokane@msn.com  
Eloise Whitehead 509/466.0800

**Intermediate/Newcomer Events:  
I/N Stratum: 0-10, 10-50, 50-100**

**Friday Aug 31**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**Saturday Sept 1**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**FREE PLAY**

1:00 **0-5** Pairs, One Session

**Sunday, Sept 2**

1:00 Stratified Pairs, One Session

**Partnerships I/N Events:**

Ann Figg 509/468.2652  
skipandann@yahoo.com  
Keri Malone 509/328.2744

Sanction No S0709070  
CANADIAN DOLLARS AT PAR

Tournament Director: Matt Koltnow  
Tournament Equipment: Mike Coopersmith  
**Tournament Chair: Doris Anderson 509/465.3960 bud4doris@msn.com**

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**ACE OF CLUBS MINI-McKINNEY**

**1000-2500**

William Rottmayer	57.80	William Rottmayer	59.54
Norma Hols	45.19	Sybil Lucks	94.70
Sybil Lucks	39.16	Peter Barthels	75.23

**2500-5000**

Brenda Simpson	25.09	Jodi Kimbrell	65.15
Jodi Kimbrell	19.62	Brenda Simpson	45.29
Cary Bush	13.76	Cary Bush	21.81

**5000-7500**

Catherine Fergie	57.46	Sally Fahland	112.69
Lynn Hays	35.61	Lynn Hays	91.69
Sally Fahland	33.89	Pete Pluhta	82.27

**OVER 10,000 Gard Hays (17,800+)**

**Bridge with Brenda** No club games from August 14 to August 30 at the Spokane Valley Community Center who will be using the room for Back to School supplies distribution.

There will be a sanctioned game at the home of Virginia Boyles on Tues Aug 21 at 11:00. AND games on Tuesday Aug 14 and 28 at Pend Orielle Shores near Hope Idaho. More info will be on bulletin boards and flyers by Aug 1st. Regular scheduled games and lessons will be starting up again on Sept 4th. For information call Brenda @ 926-6973