

**Spokane Spring Sectional**  
**Sons of Norway – 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd. – Spokane, WA**  
**May 29, 30, 31 -- 2009**

Friday, May 29: 1:00 – Stratified Pairs, One Session  
 7:00 – Stratified Pairs, One Session

Saturday May 30: 1:00 – Stratified Pairs, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 7:00 – Stratified Pairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

Sunday May 31: 10:00 Stratified Teams, Two Sessions  
 Stratum: 0-500; 500-1500; 1500+

**Mark Your  
 Calendars!  
 Gather  
 Partners &  
 Teams!**

**I/N 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 1p.m.**

**\$8.00 per session**

Tournament Chairs: Mike Coopersmith (509)-466-4404 or 509-599-1545 pfmc2@comcast.net  
 Partnership Chairs: Dotty Davis (509)-926-9238 and/or BJ Kolkman (I/N) (509)-323-0556  
 Tournament Director: Matt Koltnow

## HELP WANTED

### Caddies: sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, neighbors kids

Jackie Biel 624-8782 needs caddies for our tournaments.

The job pays \$30 per event with free food and drink.

Look around folks, are there kids 12 or older who need a very good part-time job.

## BRIDGE LESSONS – 2009

Brenda Simpson – (509-926-6973) All classes start the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> and include 8 lessons. The fee is \$65 or \$10 per class.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Monday:	10-12 am	More Commonly Used Conventions	Spokane Club,
2. Monday:	1-3 pm	Heart Series -- Defense	Monroe and Riverside,
3. Wednesday:	10-12 am	Club Series -- Bidding	

Kris Motoyoshi – required text can be purchased from instructor for \$15 at class – to register call Spokane Falls Community College 509-533-3140. Classes are Bldg 24 – Room 203 for \$60.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Monday:	6-8 pm – Apr 13 to Jun 8 (No Class May 25)	Bridge Club/Bidding Series Beginner	Class #6586 – Recr 101 – 16 hours
2. Wednesday:	6-8 pm – Apr 15 to Jun 10	Bridge Heart/Defense Series Advanced	Class #6588 – Recr 101 – 16 hours
3. Thursday:	6-8 pm Apr 16 to Jun 11	Bridge Diamond/Play Series	Class #6587 – Recr 101 – 16 hours
4. Arranged:	TBA	Bridge Tournament	Class 6589 – Room TBA – 3 hours



Mike Coopersmith our mild-mannered, newest director and soft spoken superhero of the red shirt, kept his eye on the local realty market and found gold – the Comfort Inn.



Together he and all the club owners broke the sticky rental at the Quality Inn. And now we have a really nice home. Well done everyone and the cookies ain't bad either.



So looking around at our fair city from our panoramic new digs – kudos, Directors!



**Unit 448 2008 Masterpoint Races** (Updated 2/23/9 for top 2 scorers)

	<b>Mini-McKenney</b>		<b>Ace of Clubs</b>	
<b>0 to 5</b>	Barbara Womack Dianne Wilson	26.31 21.96	Barbara Womack Dianne Wilson.	19.58 16.20
<b>5 to 20</b>	Gregory Smith Greg Rathvon	37.36 25.52	Gregory Smith Ken Carner	25.02 20.97
<b>20 to 50</b>	Barb Strole Myrna Davis	104.39 47.82	Barb Strole Myrna Davis	52.90 33.30
<b>50 to 100</b>	B J Kolkman Arlene Steinman	73.31 34.77	B J Kolkman Arlene Steinman	57.19 33.35
<b>100 to 200</b>	Robert Wilson Marlys Roberts	114.75 35.47	Robert Wilson Marlys Roberts	55.54 30.59
<b>200 to 300</b>	Keri Malone Ginny Davis	92.52 70.23	Keri Malone Robert Richards	58.44 58.26
<b>300 to 500</b>	Catherine Creer Massimo Gallotti	187.28 115.97	Catherine Creer Jane Lyons-Macy	87.65 79.39
<b>500 to 1000</b>	Robert Probasco Marshall Mah	139.50 118.50	Robert Probasco arshall Mah	85.61 81.30
<b>1000 to 2500</b>	James Lindemann David Rottmayer	370.47 205.97	Sybil Lucks Peter Barthels	89.73 82.82
<b>2500 to 5000</b>	William Rottmayer Jodi Kimbrell	406.61 158.62	William Rottmayer Jodi Kimbrell	138.10 68.20
<b>5000 to 7500</b>	Sally Fahland Lynn Hays	402.40 230.41	Catherine Fergie Sally Fahland	129.40 82.93
<b>Over 10,000</b>	G Gard Hays	966.98	G Gard Hays	112.38

**QUESTION???**  
**What do you think about a July 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) potluck, game along with fireworks?**  
**Sunset is about 9 p.m.**  
**Tell a Director**

**2009 Unit Championship Games**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
Apr 19	1 pm	1-session
May 24	1 pm & 5 pm	Team game; 2-sess.
June 28	1 pm	1-session
Aug 2	1 pm	1-session
Sep 20	1 pm	1-session
Oct 18	1 pm & TBA	Charity game; \$1 extra; 2-session
Nov 15	1 pm	1-session
Dec 6	TBA	Xmas Party, 1-sess.

\_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd, Spokane, WA.

### HOW TO PROCESS A DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINT

If you wish to file a complaint against a fellow player because of that person's conduct (behavior) or ethics (primarily cheating), this article will tell you how to proceed. But first a note about Unit 448's jurisdiction.

Unit 448 is committed to ACBL's zero-tolerance policy with respect to conduct and ethics at bridge games. The Unit's authority extends to conduct and ethics at Unit games and regional and sectional tournaments and to ethics at Club games within its geographical area. The Unit has no jurisdiction over conduct at Club games; that is the province of the Club directors.

If you object to a fellow player's conduct or ethics, you should first call the director and explain the situation to him/her.

If the director's decision does not resolve the issue for you (or if for some reason you did not call the director) and you wish to have the alleged violator disciplined, within 30 calendar days of the alleged infraction you must file a written complaint with the Unit President (the 2009 Unit President is Ron Krueger). Should the Unit President be currently unavailable, you may file your complaint with the Unit's Disciplinary Chair (the 2009 Disciplinary Chair is Norma Hols). Your written complaint must contain full information (a form will be given you upon request), and you must indicate your willingness to attend the disciplinary hearing.

There is an expedited procedure for resolving disciplinary and ethical complaints at sectionals and regionals—since it is desirable to resolve such complaints before the director in charge leaves town. Therefore, the requirement to file the complaint in writing is waived; simply informally, and as soon as possible, contact the Unit President (or the Disciplinary Chair in the President's absence) and a committee will be formed while the director in charge is still readily accessible.

If you object to a fellow player's conduct or ethics but you just want that player "educated" as opposed to disciplined, you must still file a written complaint and give it to the Unit President. If the President is currently unavailable, you should give your complaint to the Unit Recorder (the 2009 Unit Recorder is Jackie Biel). The Recorder does not have authority to discipline anyone, to call a disciplinary hearing, or to sit on a disciplinary hearing. The Recorder's duty is to give "education" to the offender, where deemed appropriate.

Once discipline has been assessed or education given, the Recorder will keep all records in a confidential manner.

If you wish a copy of the Unit's discipline policy or a complaint form, you may ask the Unit President, the Disciplinary Chair, the Recorder, or the Unit Secretary. If you have any question concerning the discipline policy, you may ask the Unit President, the Disciplinary Chair, the Game Director, or the Recorder.

Unit 448 Board

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Article submissions should be mailed in paper copy to above at any time.

Submitters, please include your name and phone number.

### What Are You Playing Again?

You remember, don't you? We agreed that's what we would do. We talked about it weeks ago. Ummm! It's written right here on our cards. Oh! It isn't. Well it doesn't matter because we agreed that's what we're doing. **Director!**

All those sheets filling those plastic carriers – those convention cards – those are contracts. You know agreements by two consenting parties to act in consort? Well, it's really amazing how many of us are acting divorced, separated or just plain single. Are you one of these solo flyers? Do you and your partner have a convention card – that writing that testifies to your union? Are your convention cards current? Are all those little blocks filled in on both partners' cards the same?

ACBL Law 40 requires that both partners have cards listing their conventions and other agreements and that partners employ the same systems.

Convention cards are important because all the non-conjoined players look to your card for your partnership agreements and conventions. Sometimes even you and your partner look to your card for this information because of faulty memories. Well, if your convention cards are *wrong*, here are some possible outcomes.

#### The Truth or Consequences Hour

Iwanna's (north) convention card showed transfers over all 1NT openings. Igotta's convention card showed nothing in the entire section for NoTrump opening bids. The auction:

Iwanna		Igotta	Ineeda
<u>north</u>	<u>east</u>	<u>south</u>	<u>west</u>
1NT	pass	2♥	pass
Pass	pass		

Iwanna bid her 1NT holding two spades and five hearts. She passed what her card showed as a transfer bid because she had no intention of playing a five—two fit in spades. She also did not state 'Transfer' when Igotta said 2♥.

**Director!** Ineeda (west) had this to say to the Director. This convention card says this partnership plays transfers. I've played against them before. They play transfers. If they had played in spades I can set them. But if I had known they were not playing in spades I would have bid a minor for a part score. My partner and I have nine diamonds. This partnership can't just not honor their agreements because my bidding is affected by my reliance on what's written on their card. I am damaged.

The Director ruled that Law 75 says a player can violate a partnership agreement if their partner is unaware of the violation. But habitual violations within a partnership create implied knowledge by both partners and so must be disclosed. No player has the obligation to disclose to the opponents a violation of a partnership agreement and if the opponents are subsequently damaged, as through drawing a false inference from such violation, they are not entitled to redress. I can make no change to the result based on this rule. But Iwanna and Igotta – I find your convention cards do not agree and you have been warned about this before. I find this is a pattern of violations and I am awarding opponents an adjustment based on Rules 40 and 75.

Iwanna didn't speak to Ineeda for two months after this game.