

Spokane LABOR DAY SECTional
Comfort Inn Downtown – 923 East 3rd Avenue (5th Floor) – I-90 Exit 282 – Spokane, WA
Sep 4-5-6-7 -- 2009

		<u>OPEN</u>	<u>I/N</u>
Friday, Sep 4	1:00 – Single Session	Stratified Pairs	Stratified Pairs
	7:00 – Single Session	Stratified Pairs	
Saturday, Sep 5 Win/Loss scoring	1:00 – 2 Session Event	Stratified Teams	Stratified Teams
	7:00	Stratified Teams	Stratified Teams
Sunday, Sep 6	1:00	{ Stratified Pairs Stratified Pairs 2 Session Event }	{ Stratified Pairs Single session }
	7:00		
Monday, Sep 7 Victory Point scoring	10:00 & TBD 2-session event		

New LOCATION
More PARKING
Central to Spokane
Air Conditioning

Open Strata: 0-500 500-1500 1500+ I/N Strata: 0-10 10-50 50-99

Tournament Chair: Mike Coopersmith (509)-466-4404 or 509-599-1545 pfms2@comcast.net

Partnership Chair: Dotty Davis (509)-926-9238

I/N Games: BJ Kolkman (509)-323-0556

Tournament Director: Matt Koltnow

\$8.00 per session

BRIDGE LESSONS

Brenda Simpson – (509-926-6973) BSbridge@aol.com for sign-up and further information

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	Mon:	10-12 am	Begining Bridge (refresher course)	Spokane Club, Riverside & Monroe
2.	Mon:	1-3 pm	Competitive Bidding	Start Sep 8
3.	Tues	11-2:30	Free Supervised Play during Open Game	Elks Club 2605 N. Robie
4.	Sat	10-12 am	Play of Hand – Eddie Kantar <i>Diamond Series</i>	Start Sep 2
5.	Thurs	10-12 am	Defense – Eddie Kantar <i>Heart Series</i>	Opportunity Presbyterian Church
6.	Thurs	6-9:30 pm	Free Supervised Play during Open Game	202 N Pines – Start Sep 4
7.	Wed	10-12 am	Audrey Grant's new <i>2 over 1</i> course	TBA: Comfort Inn or Elks - Start Sep 3

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.

Comfort Inn Classes offered at 6-8pm

Aug 6	Negative & Support Doubles	Aug 13.....	Take Out & Balancing Doubles
Aug 20	Responsive & Balancing Doubles	Aug 27.....	Forcing NT
Sep 3	Blackwood & Gerber	Sep 10	Roman Key Card & 1430

Spokane Falls Community College – 8-week classes – Building 24 – Room 201

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	Monday:	Starts Sep 21 – 6-8 pm	Play of Hand <i>Diamond Series</i>
2.	Wednesday:	Sep 23 – 6-8 pm	Bidding Club Series
3.	Thursday:	Sep 24 – 6-8 pm	Defense <i>Heart Series</i>
4.	Saturday:	Dec 5 – 9:30-12:30 am	Mini Tournament

Unit 448 2009 Masterpoint Races (Updated Jul 12/9 for top 2 scorers)

	Mini-McKinney		Ace of Clubs	
0 to 5	Leonard Achey	18.16	Leonard Achey	16.97
	Jonathan Shaw	8.68	Darrel Murphy	7.71
5 to 20	Anne Henrichs	33.58	Anne Henrichs	26.71
	Gayle Carlson	15.51	Judith Hill	14.71
20 to 50	Larry Kirkland	36.56	Rita Cooney	16.85
	Rita Cooney	16.85	Dianne Wilson	14.33
50 to 100	Myrna Davis	21.36	Myrna Davis	17.43
	Louise Stevens	20.73	Eileen Hendon	15.98
100 to 200	Barb Strole	52.17	Barb Strole	25.88
	B J Kolkman	28.67	Janet Tamura	19.31
200 to 300	Robert Wilson	92.38	Robert Wilson	19.85
	Robert Fried	18.89	Robert Fried	18.89
300 to 500	Massimo Gallotti	66.35	Robert Richards	41.15
	Roma Bucher	43.98	Massimo Gallotti	34.18
500 to 1000	Catherine Creer	117.47	R. G. Gellner	40.80
	R. G. Gellner	69.87	Jane Lyons-Macy	37.66
1000 to 2500	James Lindemann	151.68	Theresa Barthels	45.82
	Robert Probasco	97.20	Henriette Mufich	45.17
2500 to 5000	William Rottmayer	189.52	William Rottmayer	78.78
	Jodi Kimbrell	105.55	Dominic Galianese	25.30
5000 to 7500	Lynn Hays	166.97	Catherine Fergie	74.73
	Pete Pluhta	109.40	Lynn Hays	43.88
7500 to 10,000	Sally Fahland	166.45	Sally Fahland	30.06
Over 10,000	G Gard Hays	1,009.61	G Gard Hays	38.07

2009 Unit Championship Games

Date	Time	Description
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 13	1 pm & TBA	Xmas Party, 2-sess.


New Location
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BOOK LOVERS WE HAVE A NEW VENUE

Margaret Bartline brought an Alaskan bridge club idea to the Inland Northwest – a book exchange. You can bring your delicately used book gems into the Comfort Inn so that others can enjoy their value. The bookshelves are behind the desk and next to the windows. A donation of 25 cents is requested to withdraw a book. The money should go into the suggestion box by the coffee. The book exchange proceeds will be donated to a charity to be determined by the Unit.

Sybil Lucks recently finished *House of Sand and Fog* about a woman who loses her home and the man who buys it through a tax sale. But her loss was because of a mistake by the County. You have to read the book to know the why and outcome.

HAVE YOU VISITED <http://www.spokanebridge.com> It has lotsa info

1. Director’s games, location  map links by the day of the week and time with the latest game results.
2. Sectional Tournament results for open and I/N players.
3. New Master Point levels
4. Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs results
5. Unit Board Minutes
6. Unit 448 Policies
7. A Bridge Lessons page showing teachers, classes and locations

This is the work of our Webmasters past and present – Thank you

WHERE ARE OUR NEW CLUB PLAYERS?

Recently someone was overheard to say duplicate bridge is dying out. We've all thought it. Our bridge club lost two members recently, **Corrine Snedker and Margaret Thomas** and several players are in and out of hospital. Our incredible sport is over-populated with the most senior of seniors. So where are our new club players?

The Teacher's Perspective

Brenda Simpson: I just upgraded my club championship because I had ten new ACBL members. I advertise to get my students. The Unit pays for my advertising in the *Inlander* (my best source), *Tidbits of Spokane* the restaurant handout and the *Spokesman Review* (expensive). And we do the PED Senior Wellness Conference at Spokane Community College the 1st Thursday after Labor Day (Sep 10). From 7:30 am to 4:30 pm we have a booth with educational material and duplicate bridge games manned by you, the unit players. We need volunteers for this year's Conference – so contact me. Unit 448 helps pay for advertising, promotion and continuing education. Units that don't do this are withering just look at Wenatchee and Moses Lake. About fifty-percent of my students become club players.

I teach in the Valley and find that where I give classes is where my students play. That's why I would like to have classes at the Comfort Inn.

The Unit and ACBL also support the youth program. This pays for books, T-shirts, trophies and prizes at tournaments.

Kris Motoyoshi: I teach at Spokane Falls Community College and have class sessions three times a year. In between this I have a class on conventions. I usually have a class minimum of four. My last large class had five tables. My students' transition into the beginner games on Monday and Wednesday evening.

As a teacher you have to be aware of whether students are in class for social bridge, if so I try and guide them into duplicate. Every class I mention things about duplicate – the language, the equipment. In 2008 I probably had twenty students and sixty-five percent of them went on to play duplicate.

The Unit supports my efforts by subsidizing prizes for club championships. There is also the mentor program. Mentors play a part in helping beginners transition to open games. The *Mentor Magic* pamphlet is in a holder on the bulletin board for all those interested in participating in the program. It identifies the responsibilities of mentee and mentor and the benefits of being a mentor. We need more mentors because it's a one-on-one relationship that builds over time.

We also have a calling committee and I do e-mails of unit games so students are notified of upcoming events that are within their master point ranges. The unit has 0-300 games whenever there are enough tables.

The Club OWNER'S Perspective

Kay Fergie: I have about the same number of players in my Monday Non-Life Master game as last year. But in the open games newer players often don't enjoy themselves because of the rudeness and unsolicited lessons coming from our regular players. Bridge is social and we all need to be nicer.

At the Wednesday evening 0-100 student/mentor game we work to make the game fun. But a lot of people do not want to go out at night and we don't have a game like this during the day. So Monday's day game is the feeder game to feel comfortable for the new players. This year I got two new players.

The ACBL *Bridge Bulletin* is also a wonderful tool to keep new players informed and educated.

Dick Yager: I am not getting new players in my games – maybe a few during the summer and a few drop-ins. I don't teach bridge so all my players are regulars. And I don't know where or how to get new players. I don't like to see teachers encourage their students to play only in their club games after all they get unit money.

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A unit 448 representative's perspective

Doyle Crook is our Unit Treasurer and provided facts about the Unit and its efforts to build the player population. In 2009 the unit budgeted \$500 for general co-advertising and \$200 for individual co-advertising. There is a 25/75 match between Unit/ACBL. \$250 was budgeted for the mentoring program (not part of the education budget) and \$100 has been spent on 'recognition to new player awards.' I/N trophies are another \$30-\$40. And there is the educational program for juniors, we paid for a pizza party. In previous years we also paid the \$150 fee for a booth at the PED Senior Wellness Conference, but not this year. The Board could not find this money was getting a result. There is also the expense of the I/N director: its \$80 per session. But we need at least five tables to justify the expense. And in 2009, our Sectional revenues have been lower than last year as attendance is off. We can only fund based on profits.

I want to mention a program that worked to increase club attendance in Memphis – Eight is Enough. It's a weighted Swiss Team event. Teams are made up of all levels of players, an A player is a four, a C player is a one. The director assigns the weights based on their evaluation of skill not just master points. The maximum weight on a team is eight. This means all teams have a range of skills. Why does this work for newer players and increase attendance? A novice player and their team can beat a team with the best players. And pictures can memorialize this triumph. This game could be scheduled for weekends that don't conflict with Unit Games. It could be publicized. In Memphis it worked and was fun.

Consider this – where ARE OUR NEW CLUB PLAYERS

Did this answer any questions about whether the teachers, directors and Unit are bringing in new club players to maintain and grow our population? Did this show that some people are working on the problem? Did this offer other avenues worth pursuing? Do you have ideas? Are you willing to share them?

ALERT**OCTOBER 18 – CHARITY GAME**

Time to hand out donation letters to your regular business!

Time to look at those auctionables!

Time to get ready!

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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.

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