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Bella Vista NLM Gold Rush Regional And Sectional Bridge Tournament AUGUST 23 - 26 2018

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**Karen Wallker Bridge Worksh-
hop on Thursday before the
tournament and Friday morn-
ing of the tournament**



**Special Game for ALL players
Thursday evening**



**Six GOLD RUSH events for 0-
750 players**



**Great DOOR PRIZES-must
pre-register to be eligible**



**HOSPITALITY- Player Rated
100% in Fast Results survey**

Bella Vista - A great place to live, play bridge and vacation!

**Bella Vista NLM Gold Rush Regional
and Sectional Bridge Tournament**

August 23 – 26, 2018

Bella Vista, AR

S1808077, R1808076

Gold, Red and Silver points awarded!

Thursday, August 23

1:00 – 3:30 pm – **Karen Walker Workshop (Session 1)**

6:00 – 9:00 pm – **Stratified Games**

Friday, August 24

9 – 11:30 am – **Karen Walker Workshop (Session 2)**

1:00 & 6:30 – **Two Session NLM 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs**

1:00 & 6:30 – **NLM Regional KO Teams**

1:00 & 6:30 – **Single Session Sectional Pairs**

A=300-750, B=100-300, Flt C=0-100 (by average)

Saturday, August 25

9:00 – **Final of NLM KO Teams**

9:00 & 2:00 – **Two Session NLM 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs**

9:00 & 2:00 – **Single Session Sectional Pairs**

7 pm – **Compact Swiss Teams Sectional**

Sunday, August 26

10:00 am – **Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (Silver)**

10:00 am - **Two Session NLM 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs (Gold/Red)**



Sectional Open pair Strats: A 2000+, B 1000-2000, C under 1000. Single session entries will be available for two session events, but will not qualify for overall awards. Master points will be averaged for pair stratification. A Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 MPs, will award 25% Gold points, for overall awards and section tops in the top bracket, flight or strata of two-session or longer events.

Tournament Location: Riordan Hall, 3 Riordan Drive, Bella Vista, AR, 72714, 479-855-8170.

Lodging: Marriott Courtyard, \$79, 479-273-3333, additional lodging is available in

Bentonville. Condos: The Greens II, (479) 855-9267, Vacation Rentals (479) 855-1111

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<http://bellavistabridgetourney.org/reg.html>

CLICK ABOVE TO REGISTER



KAREN WALKER
BRIDGE WORKSHOP
Thursday, August 23 and
Friday, August 24, 2018
Riordan Hall, Bella Vista, AR



Don't let your opponents push you around!
Turn the Tables! Tune Up Your Competitive Bidding

This workshop will cover your Preempts (disciplined vs undisciplined) – opening, overcalling, responding to partner, judging sacrifices; as well as dealing with opponents' preempts, 5-level decisions and more.



- Open to ALL Bridge Players (Tailored to benefit both Life Masters and NLM participants.)
- Includes practice hands based on lessons followed by a stratified game in the evening.
- First 30 pre-registrants will receive a copy of Karen's book: Bridge for Beginners & Beyond.
- MEAL included after the afternoon session.
- Follow-up class Friday a.m. reviewing hands and more

\$85 for the 2-day Workshop, Tournament Game, and Food

TO REGISTER and PAY by mail: DEADLINE – AUGUST 18

Make your check payable to ACBL Unit 247 and send to
Robert Gromatka, 15 McCollough Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72715
*(Please include your telephone number, the number of MP's
you have, and if you need a partner.)*

If You Have Questions - Ask Us At
nwa.bridge@gmail.com

MORE DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE

SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 23 (Session 1)

1:00 – 3:30 pm – Workshop Class “PUSH BACK! Tune Up Your Competitive Bidding” Open To All Players – *Must Register & Pay to participate.*

DINNER

6:00 – 9:00 pm – Stratified open club games with A, B, & C Flights. *Join Karen after the game at Gusano’s Pizza (just down the road from Riordan) for bridge conversation, eats and drinks. Dutch Treat.*

Friday, August 24 (Session 2)

9 – 11:30 am – Bridge Workshop Continued (with open discussion of Thursday evening bridge hands).



The Karen Walker workshop is designed with NLM bridge players in mind but will also help experienced players learn more about the latest techniques for improving their game. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** so please don't miss this Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity to learn from a nationally renowned player, teacher, and *Bridge Bulletin* columnist.

You will sit at card tables during the workshop and bid and play hands that illustrate ideas covered during the lesson. All are welcome – **NO PARTNER NEEDED.**

ABOUT YOUR HOST

A bridge teacher for over 35 years, Karen is a two-time national champion and writes the “Bidding Matters” column in the ACBL *Bridge Bulletin*. She’s the author of a textbook, *Bridge for Beginners and Beyond*, maintains a teaching web site (kwbridge.com) and edits the District 8 online newsletter. Her hometown is Champaign, IL, where she owns a bridge club and chairs an annual regional tournament. She’s also a featured speaker at regional and national tournaments.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Which is the tournament hotel? Are there special rates for the hotel?

Bella Vista has excellent accommodations, especially if you are part of a group. Townhouses and condos are available at **Greens II** (479-855-9627), and **Vacation Rentals** (479-855-1111). Individual rooms are available at the **Marriott Courtyard Hotel** (479-273-3333) in Bentonville with a great bridge rate: \$79 which includes a FREE breakfast. The **Marriott** is only about a 10 minute drive from **Riordan Hall**, our bridge site.

If I come alone, will I find a partner?

We have a great Partnership desk run by Kevin Glasgow. Click here to contact him (Kevinglasgow3477@gmail.com). Please note that to play in the 0-750 game, you **cannot be a Life Master** and you must have **less than 750 masterpoints**. Please include your telephone number, the number of MP's you have, and what days and times you want a partner.

Do I have to be an ACBL member to play in your tournament?

A new ACBL rule for tournaments is in effect. Players must now provide an ACBL member number to play in any tournament event. Therefore, non-members must join the ACBL before playing. However, a **full year membership** is NOT required. You may now purchase a **Temporary Membership** at our site for **\$7.99**. You may also sign up for a temporary membership online. With new temporary membership, you will receive all the benefits of ACBL membership for one month – including a member number.

Temporary memberships are only available to players who never had a full-year membership before. Players with lapsed ACBL membership are still required to pay \$4 more per tournament session (this requirement is not new and has not changed.) If a lapsed member wants to rejoin instead of paying \$4 per session, they can do that at the tournament. Our tournament director will have forms and a system that will help a lapsed member figure out the right fee to pay.

I've heard you have a workshop this year. Why should I attend?

Karen Walker is a nationally known bridge player and instructor. Anyone who receives the **Bridge Bulletin** would recognize her since she writes the monthly 'Bidding Matters' column. It is not often that an opportunity of this magnitude presents itself, especially if you live in the Midwest and don't have access to professional bridge instruction. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity to learn from and experience instruction from someone of her caliber.

I'm just a beginning player - Will I feel out-of-place at your tournament?

NO, our tournament is designed especially for you! For the past two years, over 60 percent of our tournament attendees have been emerging players. Our tournament is designed especially for players like you. Relax knowing you will be competing against players with skills similar to your own in games that are friendly, welcoming, and tolerant. Stop at our NLM Assistance Desk and talk with one of our staff on subjects ranging from how to fill out a convention card, where do I go to play, to how do I join the ACBL. We'll take good care of you.

I've heard about the great HOSPITALITY at your tournament. Please fill me in.

The Bella Vista NLM Regional & Sectional Bridge Tournament is known for its fun and friendliness, served up with a touch of class. Our ***Hospitality Committee*** is working hard to make sure this year is no different. Our snack tables are continually stocked with fresh fruit, veggies, and other healthy treats. Bottled water, coffee, tea, and lemonade are available all day at all times during tournament play. Ice cream, cookies, cakes and candy are always in plentiful supply.