

Unit 356 Congratulates Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Winners

Tucson, AZ -- The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards acknowledging American Contract Bridge League Unit 356 members who achieved the most master points in 2015 were congratulated at a recent unit game held Sunday, April 24 at Adobe Bridge Club. Adair Karlin, president, Unit 356, presented the awards before play.

Ace of Clubs winners were honored with a certificate for the most wins in club games during the calendar year. Only black points are counted and not points earned in STaCs and other special games paying pigmented points.

In 2011, the Ace of Clubs award was named after Helen Shanbrom, the most successful club player in ACBL history. Helen passed in 2013 at the age of 94.

The Ace of Clubs winners are:

Carolyn Sittnick, Green Valley; Eric Shoberg, Oro Valley; Linda Grissom, Tucson; Tina Mendenhall, Tucson; Patti Starr, Tucson; Hurd Baruch, Tucson; Helen Atwill, Tubac; Betsy Howe, Tucson; Bill Howard, Green Valley; Dave Douglass, Tucson; Steve Maltzman, SaddleBrooke, Marty Schiff, Tucson; and Ken Badertscher, Tucson.

The Mini-McKenney award is a medallion given to the players in each unit, one per ranking level, who earn the most master points during the previous year. All points are counted.

The Mini-McKenney award is named after William E. McKinney. His originality, drive and organizational ability did much to establish the ACBL. McKinney was the ACBL's first executive secretary and remained at the helm until 1947.

The Mini-McKenney winners are:

Carolyn Sittnick, Green Valley; Eric Shoberg, Oro Valley; Linda Grissom, Tucson; Tina Mendenhall, Tucson; Michael Knight, Green Valley; Hurd Baruch, Tucson; Larry Baum, Tucson; Jo-Ann Vaughn, Tucson; Clair Kretschmann, Tucson, Dave Douglass, Tucson; Steve Maltzman, SaddleBrooke; Marty Schiff, Tucson and Michael Levy, Tucson.

It is possible to win both awards in the same year. The ranking members compete in is the same within which they started the year.



