

***For November 2024, we look at the annual Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs contests:***

Players know that winning points can earn them a higher rank, such as Club Master, Regional Master or Life Master. But they may not be aware that they also are automatically in an annual race for the most points accumulated locally.

The Mini-McKenney award system was created in 1974 in honor of William E. McKenney, a key figure in founding the ACBL in 1937 and the Executive Director from its beginning until 1947. The Mini-McKenney tracks all points earned by each ACBL member during a calendar year at both club games and tournaments.

The Ace of Clubs was added in 1984 to distinguish players who accumulate the most points at the club level only. It was renamed the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs awards in 2011 to honor Shanbrom, a Grand Life Master who had won the Ace of Clubs more times than anyone else in ACBL history.

Both the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs contests provide recognition for all levels of players from 0-5 points to 10,000-plus. In other words, you can be a winner in your category simply by out-scoring other players at your level.

We will publish the final results for 2024 after they are released in January. But for now, click [Ace of Clubs 10-24.pdf](#) and click [Mini-McKenney 11-24.pdf](#) to check out the October standings. **One of the tightest races is in the 50-to-100-point category, where Andrea Smutz, Laura Starkey and Patricia Weize are neck-and-neck for both the Mini-McKenney and the Ace of Clubs awards!**