

## **Chris Compton Wins 2011 Barry Crane Top 500 Race**

The Barry Crane Top 500 Race was named after the legendary multi-time winner of the McKinney Top 500 race and is the premiere ACBL Masterpoint Race of the year. Winning the Top 500 race has always been a long-term goal of Chris and his wife Donna. It was just planned for after their two daughters, Morgan and Taylor, were off at college. Delaying the race was not in the cards, however.

Most winners begin the race in January – hitting all of the major nationals and regionals throughout the year. Compton, however, did not begin his focus on the race until June when he looked up after playing five months of tournaments and noticed that he was leading the race! After a family meeting, the decision was made that 2011 was going to be his year to win the 2011 Top 500 race.

Usually, past participants play both professionally and casually while winning the large number of Masterpoints. Compton, however, played only professionally with many different clients throughout the year. He had a large support group of players on the circuit that played as his teammates along with his BAND fans cheering for him back in Dallas. Everyone had a great time following Compton's progress around the country on the "Countdown" page at [www.BridgeInDallas.com](http://www.BridgeInDallas.com). Compton finished the year on December 31<sup>st</sup> with 2,901 Masterpoints – 501 Masterpoints ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Jeff Meckstroth (10 time winner). His family is glad that 2011 is over and they are very proud of his accomplishment!

Look for a more detailed interview in the ACBL Bulletin in the coming months!