

Tuesday

August 8-14

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Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!

Welcome

The members of Greater St. Louis Unit 143 welcome you to the Gateway to the West Regional.

Your Tournament Team

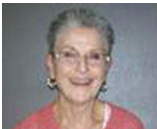


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New Life Masters...

Let us know the details when you achieve the rank and where you're from!

Registration

Personalized Labels



Let us know you're here! The Registration desk (same as Awards Desk) opens 30' prior to the evening session

Tuesday, 30' prior to all afternoon and evening session Wednesday through Saturday, and 30' prior and after the Sunday sessions. It is located in the main hallway. It will close 15' before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. When you register, you may ask for your registration gift of personalized labels with your name and ACBL player number. Your labels will be available the day after you register.

Regional Survey: Your Opinion Counts! Please pick up and complete a copy of our Regional Survey.

Daily Hospitality



Complimentary Parking & Free Coffee

As part of our daily hospitality, we are pleased to offer you free coffee *while it lasts* at the start of each session in the main playing area. Each time you leave the lot you will need a ticket to open the gate. Pick up your ticket at the Director's table in the Main Playing area.



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serious hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. Tonight's healthy night: Chat & Snack on International cheeses, breads and rolls with spreads, and fresh fruit.

Partnership Desk

Looking for a Partner? Or Teammates?

The Partnership desk opens 45' before each session

Today's Events

SIDE SERIES 1 Open Pairs continued
BRACKETED KO 1 continued
BRACKETED KO 2
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM

Sessions 2-4 of 4
Sessions 2-4 of 4
Sessions 1 & 2 of 4
Single Sessions
Single Session

9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM
9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM
1 PM, 7 PM
1 PM, 7 PM
7 PM

TUESDAY SPEAKERS

Today's Speakers: For the Advancing Player
Karen Walker "Sandwich Seat" Bids
Mike Flader "Ruling the Game"

I/N Room
12:15 PM
6:15 PM

KOs matched by random draw every round, guaranteed to finish in four rounds, and open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players. Swiss Teams also may have 4 to 6 players. All stratification by Average MPs in all events. Eligibility for Flighted Events based on highest MP player. Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 300/750/2000. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, A/X = 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. Gold Rush Pairs pays gold for section tops in 300-750. Under 200 MP events stratified: **20/100/200**. Side Game Series stratified 750/2000/2000+. Can play in 1 or more games of a Side series. Must play in 2 games of same Side Game Series for gold. **Zero Tolerance is in place!**



Reduced Entry Fee\$

Intermediate/Novice pairs game fee is \$10/player/session. Student Discounts: Our Regional offers a 50% discount on each full session in all events for full-time students ages 25 and under with ID proof. Be sure to inform the director when purchasing the entry. All REGIONALLY RATED EVENTS (in all caps on schedule) are \$14.



Awards Desk

There are First Overall trophies for ALL Intermediate/Novice events. We will give Section Top Awards for any Pairs event. Prizes will be awarded from results posted in the *Daily Bulletin*. The only exception will be awards for the Sunday events; they must be picked up within one hour of the end of the event. **No prizes will be mailed.** The awards table is located in the main hallway. It will be open 30' prior to the afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday evening through Saturday, and 60' prior to morning sessions Friday and Saturday. The prize table will close promptly 15' prior to the session in order to allow our volunteers to get to their games. You can help us greatly if you can tell us the day, session, and type of event, the section letter and direction of your section top. No prize can be awarded until the directors have officially certified the results, which includes the time period set for scoring corrections.

Players with Non-ACBL MPs

Players with non-ACBL Masterpoints must inform the director before entering any Flighted, Stratified, or Bracketed event. Failure to do so may result in disqualifications and loss of any MPs won.

Hotel Information

We are at the:
Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport
9801 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO, 63134
Phone: 314-429-1100
Fax: 314-429-3625
Toll free: 888-340-2594

Special bridge rate and Marriott Rewards program credit. High-speed internet is available in all rooms at \$12.95/day with complimentary in-room coffee/tea, toll-free phone calls, and shoeshine. An ATM is on site. Check in is 3 p.m., check out time is Noon.



Lost and Found

Check with a Director at the head table in the main playing area or with the Front Desk as some items found may be turned in to Hotel Security.



First Aid/Medical Service

For immediate care in case of an emergency, contact any director, or Unit Board Member, or Hotel employee and an EMT will be summoned.



Restaurants

Come by the Partnership desk for a listing and information on area Restaurants.



Ground Transportation

Contact front desk or doorman for hotel shuttle or taxis, or call 314-993-TAXI. The region's light rail, MetroLink, connects downtown to the airport; there is a convenient MetroLink stop at the airport. The hotel runs a complimentary shuttle bus to the airport.



Bookseller

Britain Beasley will be located in the main hallways during the Regional.

Turn Them OFF!

Please and Thank You!!!



Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-In-Charge of the tournament or event, **cell phones, audible pagers, or any similar communication devices MAY NOT be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play. The only acceptable setting is OFF.** If you are expecting an emergency call, you may leave your phone at the director's station.



Smoking Policy

This is a **NO SMOKING** tournament and hotel. You may smoke outside the hotel entrances. Please use provided receptacles. Hospitality breaks will be provided.

Special Request

As a courtesy to our fellow players with allergies, **please** refrain from wearing heavy colognes and fragrances. Thanks for your cooperation!



Area Attractions



Visit the www.unit143.org Homepage for a link for your friends and family to do in St. Louis while you are playing bridge. The top attractions are, of course, the Gateway Arch, Clydesdales & brewery tour, and the MO Botanical Garden. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:20 am to 9:10 pm. Brewery tours: Mon-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm - Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm. The MO Botanical Garden hours are 9 am - 5 pm.



Hotel Restaurant

Starbucks coffee shop is available in main lobby.
Lunch & Dinner in the Main Dining Room; Italian Steakhouse cuisine.

Cash Concessions

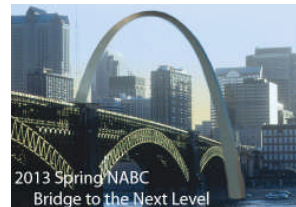
Where Main playing area
When 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Concourse Ballroom

- ◆ Italian Hoagie Half with Condiments @ \$3.00
- ◆ Hamburgers with Condiments & Sliced Cheese @ \$4.00
- ◆ Individual Bags of Potato Chips & Pretzels @ \$1.00
- ◆ Whole Fresh Fruit/Including Bananas @ \$1.00
- ◆ Assorted Cookies and Cookie Bars @ \$1.00
- ◆ Assorted Soft Drinks @ \$2.50
- ◆ Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water @ \$2.50
- ◆ Fresh Fruit Bowl @ \$3.00



Spring 2013 Nationals

Mark your calendar to return for national competition and St. Louis hospitality
March 14-24, 2013.



Bridge Humor from Alfred Sheinwold

- The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in it.
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to become declarer.
- No 5 trick set is a complete failure. It can always be used as a bad example.
- I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you can never be sure that the bidding will get back around to you again. Oswald Jacoby at 77

Today's Puzzles



Zero Tolerance Policy



Be cool! Bridge is fun.

We are committed to an environment which promotes the enjoyment of bridge as both a competitive and a social game. The ultimate purpose of the Z-T policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our game. We are attempting to eradicate unacceptable behavior in order to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all. If a player at the table behaves in a discourteous manner, call a director **immediately**. Loud, rude, or annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which disrupts might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited; the director has the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

Sudoku

Sudoku comes to us via Japan, where the name is short of *suji wa dokushin ni kagiru*, meaning "only single numbers allowed". Fill the grid with numbers so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits from 1 to 9, without repeating. This week's puzzles are from *Sudoku Volume 3, 100 Wordless Crossword Puzzles*, presented by Will Shortz. Shortz is the *New York Times* Crossword Editor.

Sudoku 1 - Moderate

		6						3
		3	8		9		1	
2		7			5			
3	2							8
1	4	9			7			
				9				1
				6		5	8	
5	7		1					

Sudoku 2- Demanding

	7	1				4		3
					7			
8	4	3				6		
2	5	9			4			
					2		6	
								8
			3					
		7			5	9		
	8	4	6			1		



Tuesday's Brain Teasers

1 - Using the grid below, how many words can you find? Each word must contain the central **R** and no letter can be used twice, however, the letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are. There is at least one nine letter word. Excellent: 32 words. Good: 28 words. Average: 20 words.

S	P	C
E	R	O
R	O	S

2 - Below is a number puzzle. It should be read left to right, top to bottom.

1
1 1
2 1
1 2 1 1
1 1 1 2 2 1
? ? ? ? ? ?
? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

1. What are the next two rows of numbers?
2. How were they reached?

Meet Your Directors

Chris Patrias, Head Director

- ◆ Rick Beye
- ◆ Larry Brobst
- ◆ Donna Coker
- ◆ David Cotterman
- ◆ Judy Cotterman
- ◆ Michael Flader
- ◆ Charles MacCracken
- ◆ Peter Wilke



Recorder Forms

Recorder forms are available from the Head Director. Milt Zlatic is the District 8 Recorder. The aim of the recorder system is to establish a method of dealing with complaints that: 1) by themselves do not warrant the filing of formal charges, 2) are very serious but there is only the implication of wrongdoing without substantial evidence necessary to bring formal charges, or 3) should be addressed by counseling and/or education.



Daily Bulletins & Results Online

Bulletins will be available in the main hallway each morning. **Bulletins and daily results** can be found at www.unit143.org. Results will be posted online late, late, late each night. Daily Bulletins will be uploaded each morning.

Did you see a great play? Have an amusing anecdote? Know someone who passed a bridge milestone while at our Regional? Contact **Daily Bulletin** editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the **In Basket** if you have news for the Bulletin. We love to bring you your news and photos. New Life Masters, give us your home town & the event that put you over.

Bridge Pads



We will be using the BridgePad™ scoring system this week.

Director & Caddy Calls

Please have fun this week and add the word "please" when calling a director or caddy.



Daily Bridge Humor

During a history lesson, the teacher briefly went through the Kings and Queens who rule countries. "But," the teacher continued, "there is a higher category of power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'



Today's Methods FOR THE ADVANCING PLAYER

From a series of articles based on Audrey Grant Standard

If your partner opens 1 of a suit - 1♣, 1♦, 1♥, or 1♠ - and the next player (your RHO) overcalls the auction has taken away some of our bidding room. As compensation, we have three new options:

- Passing with 6 or more points
- Cuebidding the opponent's suit
- Doubling (discusses tomorrow)

These new possibilities can have an impact on the meaning of our other responses. Let's see how it all works.

Passing

We would typically pass partner's opening bid with 0-5 points, so how does RHO's overcall have an impact on this response? It doesn't; when we have 0-5 points, we still pass. The reason we respond something when we have about 6 or more points is that we want to keep the auction going in case partner has a very strong hand.

An opening bid of 1 of a suit can be made with anything from about 13-21 HCPs. If we pass with 6 or more HCPs, LHO might pass, ending the auction, and we could miss a game contract.

When our RHO overcalls, however, partner is going to get another opportunity to bid even if we pass. So there's no pressure to 'keep the bidding open when we have an unsuitable hand.

Partner opens 1♦ and RHO overcalls 1k, with this hand S J832 H 743 D 86 C J975, we would pass partner's opening bid whether or not our RHO bids. We're just too weak to respond anything.

With this hand, S K43 H 975 D J7 C Q96642, we would have responded 1 NT if our RHO had passed. With 6 HCPs plus 1 length point, we would have to keep the bidding alive in case our side has a game. When East overcalls 1H, however we can simply pass. Partner will have the opportunity to show a strong hand if West also passes; so we won't miss a game.

Although we have enough strength to respond 1NT, showing 6-10 points, we don't want to freely suggest NT with now strength in hearts, the suit the opponents will likely lead.

Contrast this hand, S 8743 H KJ5, D 97 C Q9642, with the previous one. It is the same strength, but we can describe the hand nicely with a 1NT response after the 1♥ overcall. A NT response after the RHO's overcall promises at least one stopper in the opponent's suit.

We can still make our natural response if the overcall hasn't interfered with it. Holding S KJ753 H 43 D 865 C Q72, we would respond 1♠, whether or not East overcalls 1♥.

A new suit by responder is still forcing after an overcall – **assuming responder is NOT a passed hand** – and responder needs about 10 or more points to bid a new suit at the two level, and an even stronger hand to bid at the three level or higher.

Again, this increases the frequency with which responder passes after an overcall.

After partner opens 1♠ and RHO overcalls 2♦, we hold S J3 H J72 D J42 C AK875k 10 HCP plus 1 length point for the 5-card club suit, we certainly would respond something if RHO had passed. The 2♦ overcall, however, has made it awkward to bid anything. We are not strong enough to bid 3♣, which would virtually commit the partnership to a game contract, and we don't want to bid 2NT

with no real stopper in diamonds.

We'll just have to pass for now. The good news is that the auction is far from over. Either LHO or partner may bid, giving us a later opportunity to show some values.

Still, we should stretch to make a natural bid in a competitive auction. We don't want the opponent's overcall to cut us out of the bidding. Holding S 73 H AQJ102, D 842 C Q75, we should probably respond 2♥ after East's overcall. It's a bit of an overbid, but if we don't bid now, we may have difficulty catching up later – if there is a later!

Note that our 2♥ bid, while forcing, it isn't forcing to game – even if we are playing 2/1 Game Force. Partner will have to give us some leeway in competitive situations.

Cuebidding Overcaller's Suit

When an opponent overcalls in a suit, responder won't want to suggest that same suit as trumps. Holding length and strength in the suit, responder can always choose to defend for penalties. So, a bid of the opponent's suit has no natural meaning. Instead, it is used as an artificial forcing bid and is referred to as a **cuebid**.

The term 'cuebid' is applied in a different context when the partnership is bidding toward slam, but here it simply means a bid of the opponent's overcalled suit. The exact meaning of the cuebid has changed over time, but a popular modern agreement is:

RESPONDER'S CUEBID

A direct cuebid of the opponent's overcalled suit by responder shows a fit for opener's suit and invitational (10+) or better values.

In effect, responder's cuebid takes the place of both a limit raise and a forcing raise.

Partner opens 1♥ and RHO overcalls 1♠, holding S 95 H K1073 D AJ75 C Q63, 10 HCPs plus 1 dummy point for the doubleton spade, we would make a limit raise to 3♥ if our RHO passes. After the overcall, however, we show this hand by cue-bidding 2♠. A Cuebid replaces the limit raise. Notice that the cuebid says nothing about our holding in spades.

With this hand, S 95 H KJ73 D AJ75 C KQ6, we would have made a forcing raise of hearts if our opponent had passed, either by using the artificial Jacoby 2NT response or by simply starting with a new suit, 2C, planning to show the heart support later. After the overcall, we replace the forcing heart raise with a cuebid of the opponent's suit, 2♠.

How does opener know whether we have a limit raise or a forcing raise? Opener doesn't. Opener assumes we have a limit raise, and bids accordingly. Opener returns to the agreed suit at the 3-level with a hand that would reject an invitational – limit – raise. With a forcing raise, it's up to responder to get to game if opener declines the 'invitation.'

Here are some examples of how the auction might go after a cuebid.

W S J73 H AQ982 D KQ2 C 84
E S 95 H K1073 D AJ75 C Q63

Auction

W N E S
1H 1S 2S P
3H P P P



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With a minimum opening, West rejects the invitation by 'singing off' in 3♥. With only a limit raise, East has no reason to bid again.

W S 73 H AQ982 D K2 C AJ74
E S 95 H K1073 D AJ75 C Q63

Auction

W N E S
1H 1S 2S P
4H P P P

Here West accepts the invitation by jumping to game. Without interference, responder would have made a limit raise to 3♥, and opener would have bid 4♥.

W S J73 H AQ982 D KQ2 C 84
E S 95 H KJ75 D AJ75 C KQ6

Auction

W N E S
1H 1S 2S P
3H P 4H All P

Here East cuebids with a forcing raise in hearts, West assumes it is only a limit raise, and signs off at the three level with a minimum hand. East now simply puts the partnership in game, knowing slam is unlikely since West has a minimum opening.

The cuebid can be used in a similar fashion at higher levels:

W S 73 H AQ982 D Q1 C AJ74
E S 95 H KJ73 D AJ75 C KQ6

Auction

W N E S
1H 2S 3S 4S
X All Pass

North makes a preemptive jump overcall of 2♠. East cuebids 3♠ to show heart support and the values for at least game, since the partnership can no longer stop in a partscore. When South futhers the preempt, West confidently doubles for penalty. West has no interest in bidding higher, and knows east has some defensive strength. If east had simply jumped to 4♥, West would be unsure which side holds the balance of power and would not be able to double confidently.

The Impact of the Cuebid

Since the cuebid replaces the limit and forcing raises:

AFTER AN OPPONENT'S OVERCALL

- A jump raise of opener's suit is weak (preemptive). A bud of 2NT is natural and invitational.

Your partner opens 1♥ and RHO overcalls 1♠, holding S 82 H Q1065 D QJ753 C 54, we would simply raise to 2♥ if our RHO passed. After the overcall, we can make a weak jump raise to 3♥ (showing 5 or less HCP), to make the auction more difficult for the opponents. We have at least a 9-card fit, and they will likely want to compete in spades. Partner knows this is a preemptive raise, not a limit raise. With the values for a limit raise, we would cuebid 2♠.

With this hand, S AJ10 H 94 D KJ73 C Q753, we can bid 2 NT, showing about 10-12 points and good stoppers in spades. We don't need 2NT as an artificial raise of opener's major suit, since we have the cuebid available.

Tomorrow: the third option, Negative Doubles

from Leslie Schafer's Bridge Website

Here's some new words I've recently added to my bridge vocabulary. Can you match them with the correct definitions?

1. Blamestorming	A. When someone yells or drops something during a game and other players' heads pop up to see what's going on.
2. Seagull Player	B. That minuscule fraction of time after playing from dummy in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake.
3. Prairie Dogging	C. Sitting around after the game, discussing why your brilliant bid or play failed, and who was responsible.
4. Stress Puppy	D. A new player at your regular game who drops in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.
5. Onosecond	E. A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out by every bid and whiny every time they go down.

Answers on Wednesday

Kantar Lead Tips

LEADS VS. DOUBLED CONTRACTS

When partner doubles the final contract, partner either:

- ✓ Thinks that the combined defensive strength between the two defensive hands is enough to defeat the contract.
- ✓ Has a strong trump holding.
- ✓ Can tell from the bidding that it is a touch and go contract and that YOU have trump length. This double is an effort to give declarer a false impression of who has the missing trumps. These are called "offside" doubles and require a special relationship with partner when they don't work.
- ✓ Is trying to direct your lead to a particular suit, a suit you might not otherwise have led. These 'lead directing doubles' particularly apply vs. slam contracts when partner has preempted or against notrump game or slam contracts that usually call for the lead of dummy's first bid suit.

When partner makes a penalty double against a trump contract, assume partner is short in your long suit. Penalty doubles work best when the doubling side is misfitted.

LEADS VS. DOUBLED SLAM CONTRACTS

If partner has bid a suit and later doubles a VOLUNTARILY bid slam, do NOT lead partner's suit (the normal lead) and do NOT lead a trump. Partner's double shows either:

- ✓ A void (the most common reason).
- ✓ A desire for a lead in dummy's first bid suit.
- ✓ The AK of one of the declarer's bid suits.

If partner has NOT bid and later doubles a VOLUNTARILY bid slam, do not lead the unbid suit, the normal lead, or a trump.

Partner's double shows either:

- ✓ A side suit void
- ✓ A desire for the lead in dummy's first bid suit.

LEADING VS. A SLAM WHEN THERE IS NO DOUBLE TO HELP YOU OUT

If dummy makes a wild leap to slam in partner's suit (no Blackwood), assume a void, strong trump, a powerful side suit, and perhaps a control in the shorter side suit. It is usually right to lead the shorter side suit if you can figure out which it is.

Continued on Wednesday...

Monday's Results

BRACKETED KNOCK OUT 1

Session 1 of 4 Sessions

7 PM

MON-TUES KO BRKT 1

12 Tables

Jack Bryant - Milton Zlatic - Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO

vs

Gary Cohler, Miami FL; William Doroshov, Skokie IL; James Ward - Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO

Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Paul Pressly, Olathe KS; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Chuck Said, Nashville TN

vs

Roger Lord - Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO; Stanley Christianson, South Portland ME; Elaine Said, Nashville TN

Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL

vs

Lynne Rosenbaum - Valentin Kovachev, Glencoe IL; Muhammad Abedi, Hanover Park IL; Gerald Gitles, Chicago IL

Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Jerry Stamatov - Diyan Danailou, Bulgaria; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY

vs

Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL; Justina McKee, Fernwood MS

MON-TUES KO BRKT 2

14 Tables

Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO; Gayle McLean - Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO; Ann Ruwitch, Saint Louis MO

vs

Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL; Emil Strotheide, Saint Louis MO; Edward Samuels - Katherine Samuels, St Louis MO

Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO; Mark Ludwig - Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO; David Shanahan, St Ann MO

vs

Linda Powers - Patricia Shine, Chesterfield MO; Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO; Gail Hawkins, Ballwin MO

Mary Currier - Karen Stavenger, Naperville IL; Mary O'Neill, Lisle IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL

vs

Wayne Sprehe, Centralia IL; Daniel Arendell, Coulterville IL; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO

Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO; Daniel Spangler, Saint Peters MO; David Drennan, Granite City IL

vs

Jason Clevenger, Saint Louis MO; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Linda Lubeck, Troy IL; Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL

MON-TUES KO BRKT 3

16 Tables

Joseph Franz III - Janice Franz - Linda Wilkening - Stevie Holcomb, Springfield IL

vs

Elizabeth Wood - Patti Disbrow - Elizabeth Freeman, Saint Louis MO; Mary Rassieur, St Louis MO

Pat Bradley - Eileen Fritsch - Twink Baker - Nancy Keefer, Saint Louis MO

vs

Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Levy - Barbara Watson, Chesterfield MO; Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL

Gloria Spitzer - Carol Jablonow - Cookie Arneson - Lois Marshall, Saint Louis MO

vs

Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL; Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO; Roberta Kauss, Kirkwood MO; Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO

Tommy Latham - Patricia Latham, White House TN; Tommy Boze - Linda Boze, Gallatin TN

vs

Norman Marks, Oakland CA; Norman Marks II, Jacksonville FL; James Keating, Saint Peters MO; Alf Stole, Bridgeton MO

MON-TUES KO BRKT 4

16 Tables

Allan Curtis - Beth Curtis, Saint Louis MO; Bill Canfield - Sally Canfield, Kirkwood MO

vs

Kevin Clarkin - Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO

Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO; Beverly Dixson, Kirkwood MO; Linda Evans, Chesterfield MO; Linda Seibert, Olivette MO

vs

Gary Moll - Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO; Marian Solari - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO

Mary Fort - Susan Hall - Martha Rowe, Saint Louis MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO

vs

Brian Gelles - Janet Gelles, Fairview TX; Sharon Tomnitz - Corinne Roberts, Dallas TX

Barbara Gossrow - Nancy Shaver - Sherry Wold - William Wold, Springfield IL

vs

Hatchie Greene - Jeanne Redington - Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO

Monday's Results

BRACKETED KNOCK OUT 1

Session 1 of 4 Sessions

7 PM

**MONDAY EVENING SIDE PRS 1ST OF 4 SESSION
NORTH-SOUTH**

A	B	C	SECTION J			EAST-WEST			
			A	B	C				
1	1		Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO	57.95%	1	Carole Benkelman, Ballwin MO; En Xie, Saint Louis MO	65.53%		
2			Britain Beezley - Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK	56.63%	2	1	Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO S Rubenstein, Newton MA	61.93%	
3			Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ	56.44%	3		Stephen Brauss - Mark Ehret, Saint Louis MO	60.04%	
4			Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL	55.68%	4		JWickersham, Sierra Madre CA; ACressman, Lag'na Niguel CA	56.25%	
5			Dani Woods, Edgewood TX; Bob Bainter, Saint Louis MO	55.30%	5		Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	55.11%	
6	2	1	Becky Groeninger - Sally Sellwood, Springfield IL	53.41%	6	2	1	Nancy Montague, La Porte TX; Ronald Montague, la Porte TX	53.60%
	3	2	Petie Hunter, Edwardsville IL; Terry Francis, Glen Carbon IL	53.03%		3	2	Tom Engle, Dardenne Prairi MO; Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO	49.24%
	4		Judy Cardin, Bonita Springs FL; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO	47.73%		4	3	S Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Howard Handelman, St Louis MO	47.92%
		3	Chuck Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; Helen Thalhammer, Collinsville IL	47.54%					

8 TIPS FOR THE OPENER – from Eddie Kantar

1 It is permissible to open 1NT or 2NT with a small doubleton. However, if your nerves are shot, at least have stoppers in the other three suits.

2 With four clubs and four spades, a hand strong enough to open 1NT, but no stopper in EITHER red suit, open 1C.

S. AKJ4 H. 87 D. 654 C. AKJ4

(Open 1C) Ditto with four diamonds and four spades and no stopper in clubs or hearts, open 1D. If partner responds 1H, rebid 1S; if partner responds 2C, rebid 2S.

3 Do not bid a weak four card suit in response to an opening bid holding a good hand (an opening bid or better). If there is a slam in the hand, your response will usually lead to trouble. Among other calamities, it might encourage partner to bid 3NT with a singleton in that suit. If partner opens 1D, respond 1S with:

S. AKQ10 H. 9432 D. AJ8 C. 76

There is no rule from up above that dictates that you MUST respond one heart with four hearts and four spades although you almost always do.

4 As a general rule, with 4-4 in the majors, respond 1H to an opening bid of 1C or 1D, but with 5-5 in the majors, respond 1S regardless of the relative strength of the two suits.

5 With five cards in a minor and four cards in a major plus opening bid strength, respond in the minor and then bid the major. If partner opens 1D and you hold: S. AJ76 H. 54 D. 54 C. AK1076

Respond 2C and then bid spades. DON'T START WITH 1S!. With less than opening bid strength, bid the major first. S. KQ76 H. 54 D. 43 C. AJ764 Respond 1S.

6 As the opener, keep in mind that a 1NT response to an opening major suit bid frequently contains a singleton (usually in your suit), and may contain a void. It is one of the few notrump responses that does not show a somewhat balanced hand. If partner opens 1H, respond 1NT with: S. J54 H. - D. A5432 C. Q9653. This is the reason why you should have a six card major suit to rebid the suit after a 1NT response.

7 After a two level response to an opening bid, a new suit by the opener is forcing; after a one level response it is not-unless it is a reverse.

Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder
1H	2C	1D	1H	1C	1H
2D (forcing)		2C (not forcing)		2D (forcing -a reverse)	

8 After a single raise, a new suit is forcing. Think of the 2D bid as having the strength of a reverse which means 17+ HCP, minimum.

Opener	Responder
1C	2C
2D (forcing)	

Opener is NOT running away from a short club. Opener is trying to get to game with a big hand. Opener may have: S. A4 H. 84 D. AK97 C. AK764.

In this sequence, 2NT by the opener after the 2C response shows 17-18 HCP. When responder limits a hand with a single raise and opener bids again, opener is trying for game with extras.

This Week's Events

Wednesday, August 10

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs	Session 1 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 1	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 2 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 2 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 3	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
GOLD RUSEH PAIRS 0-300/750	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Thursday, August 11

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued	Session 2 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 1 continued	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 2 Open Pairs continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 3 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 4	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Friday, August 12

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued	Session 3 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 4 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 5	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Saturday, August 13

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued	Session 4 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2 continued	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 5 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
MISSOURI BRAGGING RIGHTS A/B/C	Sessions 1 & 2 of 2	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM A/AX	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM B/C/D	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM

Sunday, August 14

MARY HRUBY SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
MARY HRUBY SWISS STRAT-FLIGHTED B/C/D	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
2-SESSION FAST PAIRS	2 Sessions	10:30 AM & TBA*

* finishes by 6 PM

KOs matched by random draw every round, guaranteed to finish in four rounds, and open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players. Swiss Teams also may have 4 to 6 players. All stratification by Average MPs in all events. Eligibility for Flighted Events based on highest MP player. Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 300/750/2000. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, A/X = 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. Gold Rush Pairs pays gold for section tops in 300-750. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200. Side Game Series stratified 750/2000/2000+. Can play in 1 or more games of a Side series. Must play in 2 games of same Side Game Series for gold.

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