

August 8-14



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Daily Bulletin

## Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



**THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.**  
*the police officers & firefighters fund*

### Charity Pairs Series Concludes This AM

BackStoppers will receive the funds raised in the 4-session Series Game that concludes this morning. BackStoppers provides assistance to counties served by Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C in Missouri and Illinois State Police District 11 in Illinois. The donation will be presented at the Unit 143 October Sectional.

### 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 treat: Chat & Snack:** We all scream for Ice Cream! Haagen Dazs Vanilla, Strawberry and Chocolate with toppings.



### New Life Masters...

**Ilsa Grove**  
South Bend, IN



**Bob Pedrotti**  
Maryland Heights, MO



*Won the Gold Rush Pairs to go over!*

### Missouri Bragging Rights Matches



### St. Louis vs. Kansas City

Watch the postings in the main hallway throughout the day for scores after each quarter for all three brackets.

**Kibbutz the Flight A final 16 board in the "Open" room at the conclusion of the Saturday evening session.**

#### KC Flight C Team Last-Minute Substitution:

**Rajeen Bansal, Michael Hughes, Lynn Wenski, and Mike Mastjo**

Thanks to Lee Hastings for coordinating the event.

### Last Day to Register, Get Labels

Register and ask for your registration gift of personalized address labels with your ACBL player number.



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

### Partnership Desk Partner? Or Teammates?

The Partnership desk opens one hour before each session morning, afternoons, and evenings. The same desk is used for ALL players. **Saturday Mass**



Looking for a

## Today's Events

**SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued**  
**2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2**  
continued

**Session 4 of 4**  
**Session 2 of 2**

**9 AM**  
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**SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs continued**  
**BRACKETED KO 5 continued**  
**MISSOURI BRAGGING RIGHTS A/B/C**  
**2-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM**  
**750/2000/2000+**

**Sessions 3 & 4 of 4**  
**Sessions 3 & 4 of 4**  
**Sessions 1 & 2 of 2**  
**2 Sessions**

**1 PM, 7 PM**  
**PM, 7 PM**  
**1 PM, 7 PM**  
**1 PM, 7 PM**

**Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs**

**Single Sessions**

**1 PM, 7 PM**

**Saturday Speakers:**  
**Mike Cappelletti**

**For the Advancing Player**  
**"Bidding Over the Opponents NT"**

**I/N Room**  
**12:15 PMPM**

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 equipment 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

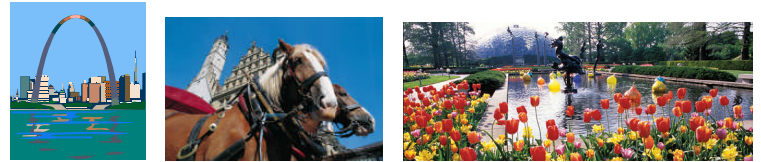
This is a **NO SMOKING** tournament and hotel. You may smoke outside the hotel entrances. Please use provided receptacles. Hospitality breaks will be provided.

## 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](http://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.

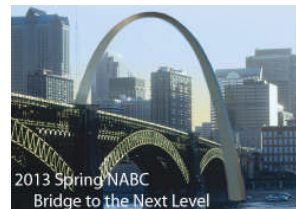
## Cash Concessions

**Where** Main playing area  
**When** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Concourse Ballroom  
Ham and Cheese 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 @ \$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

- Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial-killer and a bridge partner? You can reason with the serial killer.
- We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.
- Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.
- Overheard at the bridge club: We had a 75% game last night! Three out of four opponents thought we were idiots.
- Want to be an expert? Rule 1: Never take a finesse to make your contract when you can go down on a squeeze play!



# Today's Puzzles

Yesterday's Solutions  
Sudoku 7

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

Sudoku 8

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

Sudoku 9 Very Challenging

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

Sudoku 10 Very Challenging

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



## Saturday's Brain Teasers

1 - What number is missing from this sequence?  
**8 5 4 9 1 \_ 6 10 3 2 0**

2 - These words can all have a letter added and then be rearranged to make a new 5-letter word. The letters added spell a 9-letter word. What are the new words? **HERB BANG KEEN SUIT QUAD WHEY CELL TOIL WILD**

## Meet Your Directors

Chris Patrias, Head Director

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



Peter & Mike



## Zero Tolerance Policy

*Be cool! Bridge is fun.*



We are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. 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 an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited; the director has the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

## Photographer



**Attention Winners!** Look for Carl Clyne for photos of New Life Masters, I/N and all event winners in the main hallway near the Photography poster from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 5:30– 6:30 p.m.,.

## Bridge Pads



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

## Director & Caddy Calls

Please have fun this week and add the word "director or caddy."



## Recorder Forms



Recorder forms are available from the Recorder. 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

Bulletins will be available in the main hallway each morning. Bulletins and daily results can be found at [www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org). Results will be posted online 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 at our Regional?** Put a message in the basket if you have news for the Bulletin. New LMs, please give us your hometown & the event that put you over.



# Today's Methods for the Advancing Player



Daily Feature:

## Defensive Signals

Our article today is again taken from a series based on **Audrey Grant Standard Bridge**

Today we're going to take a look at standard defensive signals - a key aspect of the game. Every card we play as a defender gives partner some information about our hand, starting with the opening lead. If we lead the ♠Q, for example, we are typically showing the ♠J and denying the ♠K, since we lead the top of touching cards.

If we lead the ♠2, we are typically showing a four-card suit, since we lead fourth best. Partner would also know we don't have a sequence in the suit, since we would have led the top of our touching cards if we held a sequence. If we are leading the ♠2 against a suit contract, partner can also assume that we don't hold the ♠A, since we rarely lead away from an ace against a suit contract.

So we are already exchanging a lot of information on defense through the cards we lead. However, there are three basic 'signals' with which we are expected to be familiar:

- Attitude
- Count
- Suit Preference

Attitude tends to be our primary signal, and it's also the first signal alphabetically. So let's start there.

### Standard Attitude Signals

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	DUMMY	
	♥ A 6 5	
PARTNER		US
♥ 4		♥ Q 9 3

Partner leads the ♥4. If declarer plays low from dummy, we must play the ♥Q, third hand high, trying to win the trick for our side. The play of the ♥Q isn't a signal, although it does give partner some information. It tells partner that we don't hold the ♥J, since we would play the ♥J - **only as high as necessary** - if we held both the ♥Q and ♥J.

However, if declarer plays dummy's ♥A, we have a choice of cards that we can play. This is where we can make an attitude signal. The standard agreement is:

#### ATTITUDE SIGNAL

- A high card is encouraging.
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So we can play the ♥9 to encourage partner to lead the suit again, or we can play the ♥3 to discourage partner from leading the suit. Which signal should we send? That depends on the particular deal. We have to make a defensive plan based on our hand, what we see in the dummy, what information we have from the auction, and what we know from the cards played so far. The point is that the attitude signal is a tool. We still must decide how best to apply it.

When making an attitude signal, we do the best that we can. If we want to make an encouraging signal when we hold ♥Q32, we have to play the ♥3 - the highest card we can afford. If we want to make a discouraging signal with ♥987, we have to play the ♥7, our lowest card. It's up to partner to look at the other cards in the suit to determine which signal we are trying to send. It won't always be clear cut.

However, we should try to make the clearest possible signal. If we want to make an encouraging signal when holding ♥Q874, we should play the ♥8, not the ♥7. We play the highest card we can afford.

### Attitude Discards

We can also send an attitude signal when discarding. Suppose declarer is drawing partner's trumps or running a long suit, and we have to make a discard. We can discard a high card in a suit that we would like partner to lead, or a low card in a suit we don't want partner to lead.

Defending is a complex business. **When choosing a signal, we must consider what information will be most useful to partner.** We don't want to give an encouraging signal simply because we hold strength in a suit. It may be more important to give a count signal (see later), to help partner know which suit to hold on to when declarer is taking tricks. We might also want to conceal our strength or weakness from declarer.

So we have to assess each situation, and hope that our partner is on the same wavelength. Partner should trust us to give the appropriate signal at the appropriate time, and we must likewise trust partner.

However, unless we have some other agreement, attitude signals take priority. Partner should assume high card says we like the suit; a low card says we don't.

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The standard agreement for giving a count signal is:

<p><b>COUNT SIGNAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-low shows an even number</li> <li>• Low-high shows an odd number</li> </ul>
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For example, consider this layout:

DUMMY	
♦KQJ106	
US	PARTNER
♦972	♦A84
DECLARER	
♦53	

When declarer leads a low diamond toward dummy, it's obvious that we don't want to encourage partner to lead the suit. So the situation becomes one of count, not attitude. We play the ♦2, starting a low-high to show an odd number. We don't actually have to finish the low-high to show an odd number. As soon as partner sees the ♦2, the lowest outstanding diamond, partner knows we have an odd number.

It can't be five, since there are only thirteen cards in the suit, but it could be one or three. Partner may have to rely on the auction or other considerations to decide which is more likely. If partner assumes that we have three diamonds, that leaves declarer with exactly two diamonds. Partner doesn't have to take the ♣A on the first round of the suit, but can wait until the second round. This might be a good idea if there is no other entry to dummy. Declarer gets one diamond trick, but no more.

### Count Discards

When we have the opportunity to discard, we may give partner a count signal in a suit, rather than attitude. This may be necessary to help our partner decide which cards to keep when declarer is running a long suit. Partner will have to recognize that the situation calls for count rather than attitude. Not always easy!

### Remainder Count

Suppose declarer is playing in a heart contract and this is the club suit:

DUMMY	
♣ 106	
PARTNER	US
♣ KJ82	♣ Q754
DECLARER	
♣ A9	

Partner leads the ♣2, we play the ♣Q, and declarer wins the ♣A. If we gain the lead, we'd lead back the ♣4, our original fourth best - also low from three remaining cards. If we have to discard a club before the suit is led again, we'd discard the ♣4, **low from three remaining cards**. Partner would then 'know' that there is only one club trick to take before declarer can ruff.

DUMMY	
♣1063	
PARTNER	US
♣ KJ82	♣Q74
DECLARER	
♣A95	

If this were the club layout, we would return the ♣7 on regaining the lead, top of our remaining doubleton. Similarly, if we had to discard a club, we would play the ♣7, **high from our remaining doubleton**. Partner could then know there are two club tricks to take before declarer can ruff.

### Suit Preference Signals

**When it is clear that neither attitude nor count apply, then we can send partner a suit preference signal.**

<p><b>SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high card shows preference for the 'obvious' higher-ranking suit.</li> <li>• A low card shows preference for the 'obvious' lower-ranking suit.</li> </ul>
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This is easier to understand by looking at an example.

WEST NORTH		EAST SOUTH	
		1♥	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
NORTH (DUMMY)			
♠K1083		♥J1063	
♦4		♣K1062	
EAST (US)			
♠AQ62		♥A	
♦J9732		♣87	

Against the opponent's 4♥ contract, partner leads the ♦A, and a singleton diamond comes down in dummy. This isn't an attitude situation. Even if we like diamonds, there's not much point in partner continuing the suit, since declarer will ruff in dummy. It's also not a situation that calls for a count signal. West is unlikely to be interested in how many diamonds we hold.

After winning the ♦A, partner is going to have to decide what to do next. This is where we can help out with a suit preference signal. On the ♦A, we should play the ♦J, a high card, showing preference for the higher-ranking of the 'obvious' suits. What are the 'obvious' suits? Spades and clubs. We eliminate the diamond suit and the trump suit in this case.

Assuming partner is on the same wavelength and leads a spade after we play the ♦J, we get two spades and the ♥A to defeat the contract. If partner leads anything else, declarer will be able to discard a spade loser on the extra club winner in dummy after drawing trumps. If the spade and club suits were exchanged, we would play the ♦2, showing preference for the lower ranking suit, clubs. If we had no preference for either suit, we'd play a middle diamond, leaving partner to decide how best to continue.

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*This series is based on Grant Standard, a set of conventions and agreements that are in popular use today, such as 15-17 1NT openings, five-card majors, and weak twobids. A summary chart of Grant Standard and the corresponding convention card can be found at [www.AudreyGrant.com](http://www.AudreyGrant.com). The site also has Grant Basic, a simpler set of agreements.*

*Earlier articles in this series appeared in the Bridge Bulletin and can also be found under 'Articles' at [www.AudreyGrant.com](http://www.AudreyGrant.com).*

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**What's Standard?** by David Lindop

## Defensive Signals

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### ATTITUDE SIGNAL

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Us PARTNER

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DECLARER

\_ 5 3

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DUMMY

\_ 10 6 3

PARTNER Us

\_ K J 8 2 \_ Q 7 5 4

DECLARER

\_A 9

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DECLARER

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If this were the club layout, we would return the \_7 on regaining the lead, top of our remaining doubleton. Similarly, if we had to discard a club, we would play the \_7, **high from our remaining doubleton**. Partner could then know there are two club tricks to take before declarer can ruff.

### Suit Preference Signals

**When it is clear that neither attitude nor count apply, then we can send partner a suit preference signal.**

This is easier to understand by looking at an example.

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1\_

Pass 3\_ Pass 4\_

Pass Pass Pass

Against the opponent's 4\_ contract, partner leads the \_A, and a singleton diamond comes down in dummy. This isn't an attitude situation. Even if we like diamonds, there's not much point in partner continuing the suit, since declarer will ruff in dummy. It's also not a situation that calls for a count signal. West is unlikely to be interested in how many diamonds we hold.

After winning the \_A, partner is going to have to decide what to do next. This is where we can help out with a suit preference signal. On the \_A, we should play the \_J, a high card, showing preference for the higher-ranking of the 'obvious' suits. What are the 'obvious' suits? Spades and clubs. We eliminate the diamond suit and the trump suit in this case. Assuming partner is on the same wavelength and leads a spade after we play the \_J, we get two spades and the \_A to defeat the contract. If partner leads anything else, declarer will be able to discard a spade loser on the extra club winner in dummy after drawing trumps.

If the spade and club suits were exchanged, we would play the \_2, showing preference for the lowerranking suit, clubs. If we had no preference for either suit, we'd play a middle diamond, leaving partner to decide how best to continue.

### COUNT SIGNAL

- High-low shows an even number.
- Low-high shows an odd number.

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### SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL

- A high card shows preference for the 'obvious' higher-ranking suit.
- A low card shows preference for the 'obvious' lower-ranking suit.

NORTH (DUMMY)

\_ K 10 8 3

\_ J 10 6 3

\_ 4

\_ K 10 6 2

WEST (PARTNER) EAST (US)

\_ 9 5 4 \_ A Q 6 2

\_ 8 4 \_ A

\_ A K 10 8 5 \_ J 9 7 3 2

\_ 9 5 4 \_ 8 7 3

SOUTH (DECLARER)

\_ J 7

\_ K Q 9 7 5 2

\_ Q 6

\_ A Q J

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# Friday's Results

## SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued Session 2 of 3

9 AM

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1	1		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, Freeport IL	61.00%
2.27	2	2		Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay D Shah, St Louis MO	57.00%

## SIDE SERIES 2 Open Pairs

### EVENT FINAL

47.50 Tables / Based on 29 Tables

9.56	1/2			Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK	124.15%
9.56	1/2			Britain Beezley, Oklahoma City OK	124.15%
5.54	3/4			Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO	122.10%
5.54	3/4			Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO	122.10%
6.95	5/6			Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO	118.52%
6.95	5/6			Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO	118.52%
3.49	7/8			William Malesevich, Mayville WI	116.98%
3.49	7/8			Donald Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI	116.98%

## SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

### Sessions 1 of 4

1 PM

17.5 Tables

	A	X	C		
4.25	1	1		Hall Whitaker - William Morgan, Rolla MO	68.07%
3.19	2			James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	67.18%
2.51	3	2		Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO	65.84%
1.88	4	3		Ann Ruwitch, Saint Louis MO; Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO	60.61%
2.28	5	4	1	Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO	59.38%
1.31	6	5		Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL	58.90%
0.91		6		Nancy La Master - Frank La Master, Indianapolis IN	57.35%
1.71			2	Jean Srenco - Helen Shopmaker, Saint Louis MO	52.41%
1.28			3	Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO; Raye Zeigler, St Louis MO	50.67%
0.96			4	Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	47.02%

#### NORTH-SOUTH

#### SECTION P

#### EAST-WEST

A	X	C		A	X	C		A	X	C	
1	1		Hall Whitaker - William Morgan, Rolla MO	68.07%	1		James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	67.18%			
2	2	1	Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO	59.38%	2	1	Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO	65.84%			
3	3		Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL	58.90%	3	2	Ann Ruwitch, Saint Louis MO; Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO	60.61%			
4	4		Nancy La Master - Frank La Master, Indianapolis IN	57.35%	4		Jane Schaffer - Daniel Schaffer, Saint Charles MO	55.26%			
5			Jeannine Owen, Saint Louis MO; James Hammond, Kirkwood MO	55.82%	5		Denny O'Connor - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	54.40%			
6			Katherine Samuels - Edward Samuels, St Louis MO	51.80%	6	3	1	Jean Srenco - Helen Shopmaker, Saint Louis MO	52.41%		
7			Alan Charters, Kitchener ON; Jacqueline Andrews, Winter Park FL	50.65%	7	4		Margaret High, Marion IL; Vivienne Hertz, Carbondale IL	50.83%		
	2		Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	47.02%	5	2		Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO; Raye Zeigler, St Louis MO	50.67%		

## SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

### Sessions 2 of 4

7 PM

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1			Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO; Jack Wolf, Houston TX	65.42%
2.28	2	1	1	Amy Stabenow - Steve Reiss, Saint Louis MO	61.67%
1.71	3	2		Christopher Shaw Jr, Carlinville IL; John Weber, Watseka IL	54.58%
1.03	4			Britain Beezley - Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK	54.17%
1.28		3		Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO; John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL	52.92%
1.48		4	2	Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO	51.67%

#### NORTH-SOUTH

#### SECTION P

#### EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C	
1			Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO; Jack Wolf, Houston TX	65.42%	1	1	1	Amy Stabenow - Steve Reiss, Saint Louis MO	61.67%		
2	1		Christopher Shaw Jr, Carlinville IL; John Weber, Watseka IL	54.58%	2	2		Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO; John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL	52.92%		
	2	1	Mitchell Fish - Lynda Fish, Belleville IL	49.17%							



If 3NT is a viable option - then bid it. Paul Soloway

# Friday's Results

## BRACKETED KO 4

## EVENT FINAL

### BRACKET 1

- 12 Tables
- 42.88 1 Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Lee Hastings, St Louis MO; Elaine Said, Nashville TN
- 30.02 2 Edmund Wu - Steve Smolen - Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO
- 17.15 3/4 Ken Gee - Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Charles Malcolm, Topeka KS; Earl Knipfel, Moose Jaw SK
- 17.15 3/4 Jack Bryant - Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO

### BRACKET 2

- 9 Tables
- 16.42 1 **Gloria Spitzer - Linda Leinicke - Brian Berglund, Saint Louis MO; Brian Berglund, Santa Barbara CA; Reinald Kozikowski, Chesterfield MO – pictured below**
- 11.49 2 Emil Strotheide, Saint Louis MO; Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL; William Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL
- 6.57 3/4 David Shipman, Columbia MO; Marilyn Davis Hennon, Overland Park KS; Charles Lynn Jr, Kansas City MO; Gregory Jecker, Stilwell KS
- 6.57 3/4 Vickie Lanes - J Ann Bouchard - Jeanie Pearson, Columbia MO; Mary Rackers, Jefferson City MO

### BRACKET 3

- 13 Tables
- 11.22 1 **Stephen Russell, Fenton, Mark Prosser - Kevin Clarkin - Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin**
- 7.85 2 Cindy Smith - Arthur Preedy - Mel Dodd - Jane Dodd, Columbia MO
- 4.49 3/4 Brian Gelles - Janet Gelles, Fairview TX; Sharon Tomnitz - Corinne Roberts, Dallas TX
- 4.49 3/4 Randall Holden, Richmond VA; Toby Kahn, Louisville KY; Karsten Grove - Ilse Arndt Grove, South Bend, IN



Winners Bracket 3

## BRACKETED KO 5

## Sessions 1 & 2 of 4

1 PM, 7 PM

### FRI-SAT KO - BRACKET 1

#### 9 Tables

**Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Justina McKee, Fernwood MS; Jane Teel - Robert Teel Jr, Birmingham AL; Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR**

vs

**Valentin Kovachev - Lynne Rosenbaum, Glencoe IL; Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL**

**Gary Cohler, Miami FL; Karen Walker - James Ward, Champaign IL; William Doroshov, Skokie IL**

vs

**Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Tom Kniest, University City MO; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Chuck Said, Nashville TN**

### FRI-SAT KO BRACKET 2

#### 10 Tables

**Richard Bender - Francis Kunkler - Mel Volmert - Bernardo Flasterstein, Springfield MO**

vs

**Stephen Brauss - Mark Ehret, Saint Louis MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO**

**Ron Sholes - Carole Sholes, Springfield IL; Dariel Richardson, Rochester IL; Barry Badgett, Chatham IL**

vs

**Don McLean - Gayle McLean - Brenda Hoffman - Donald Nies, St Louis MO**

### FRI-SAT KO BRACKET 3

#### 10 Tables

**Floyd McWilliams - Joyce McWilliams, Paris IL; Egon Diekhoff - Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO**

vs

**Steve Singer - Gilda Singer, St Charles MO; Mary Ann Mitchell - Mary Smith, Eureka MO**

**James Reid Brazier - Linda Brazier, Moro IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL; Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL**

vs

**James Nunn, Chesterfield MO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO**

## BRACKETED KO 2 Winners Bracket 2



Jerome Shen, Rosemary Bamberg, Lin Leinicke, Bob Bainter

## BRACKETED KO 3 Winners Bracket 2



Sasanka Ramanadham, Rich Brummer, Ron Diehl, Andrew Carver

## BRACKETED KO 4 Winners Bracket 2



Brian Berglund Jr. Brian Berglund Sr. Ren Kozikowski, Lin Leinicke, Gloria Spitzer

# Friday's Results

## 2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+

## EVENT FINAL

15.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables

	A	X		
17.85	1		Paul Pressly, Olathe KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS	57.53%
13.39	2		Jack Spear - Nancy Spear, Shawnee Mission KS	57.37%
10.04	3		Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	56.73%
7.53	4		Donald Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI	55.93%
9.35	5	1	George Bogacki, Wildwood MO; Carole Quist, Florissant MO	55.61%
5.10	6		Mic Weiss - Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO	54.49%
7.01	7	2	Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes, San Francisco CA	54.09%
5.26	8	3	Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO	51.85%
3.57	9		Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	51.68%
3.94	10	4	Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO	51.52%
3.12	11	5	Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO; Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL	51.36%

## 2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+

## 2 Sessions

## 1 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	X	
1		Nell Schneider, Chesterfield MO; Dalton Darnell, Murray KY
2		Jack Spear - Nancy Spear, Shawnee Mission KS
3		John Russell, North Barrington IL; Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO
4	1	Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO
5/6	2/3	George Bogacki, Wildwood MO; Carole Quist, Florissant MO
5/6	2/3	D Atteberry - William Morgan, Mattoon IL

### SECTION O

	A	X	
59.13%	1		Sandy Bigg - En Xie, Saint Louis MO
58.81%	2		Don Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI
55.45%	3		Paul Pressly, Olathe KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS
54.97%	4		Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL
54.33%	5		Susan Rechter - Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO
54.33%	6		Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO

### EAST-WEST

	A	X		
60.26%	1		John Pree, St Charles IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL	
57.53%	2		Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO	
56.57%	3			
55.45%	4			
53.04%	5			
51.28%	6			

## 2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+

## 2 Sessions

## 7 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	X	
1		Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL
2	1	Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes, San Francisco CA
3	2	George Bogacki, Wildwood MO; Carole Quist, Florissant MO
4/5		R Dian Barker, Alton IL; David Kahane, Evansville IN
4/5	3	Stephen Zenk, Maryland Hts MO; Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL
6		Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN; Gerald Mindell, Chicago IL

### SECTION O

	A	X	
62.66%	1		Paul Pressly, Olathe KS; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS
61.70%	2		Mic Weiss - Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO
56.89%	3		Jack Spear - Nancy Spear, Shawnee Mission KS
52.56%	4		Ann Cressman, Laguna Niguel CA; Janet Wickersham, Sierra Madre CA
52.56%	5		Don Croysdale, Menomonee Falls WI; William Malesevich, Mayville WI
52.08%	6		Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO

### EAST-WEST

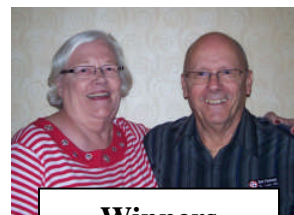
	A	X		
58.49%	1		Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO	
58.17%	2			
55.93%	3			
55.61%	4			
54.33%	5			
52.24%	6			

## GOLD RUSH PAIRS

## EVENT FINAL

26.0 Tables

	B	C		
8.90	1		<b>Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO; Beverly Dixon, Kirkwood MO</b>	62.28%
6.68	2	1	Marie Bretzke - Charles Bretzke Jr, Saint Louis MO	61.37%
5.01	3		Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Maureen Swihart, Saint Louis MO	59.20%
3.82	4	2	William Maack, Ofallon MO; Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO	57.25%
3.80	5	3	Susan Shogren, Clayton MO; Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO	57.16%
2.54	6	4	Gary Moll, Saint Louis MO; Marian Solari, Kirkwood MO	56.52%
2.23	7	5	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO	55.75%
1.98	8	6	Nancy Montague, La Porte TX; Ronald Montague, la Porte TX	55.53%



**Winners  
Bev Dixon &  
Bob Pedrotti**

## GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

## 2 Sessions

## 1 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

B	C	
1		Jo-Ellyn Ryall, Saint Louis MO; Julia Pollard, Hendersonville NC
2	1	Linda Stortz - Linda Litton, Columbia MO
3	2	Gary Moll, Saint Louis MO; Marian Solari, Kirkwood MO
4		Ann Atcheson, Fairfax VA; Hatchie Greene, Saint Louis MO
5		Roberta Kauss, Kirkwood MO; Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO

### SECTION I

### EAST-WEST

	B	C		
55.34%	1		Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO; Beverly Dixon, Kirkwood MO	66.76%
55.07%	2		Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Maureen Swihart, Saint Louis MO	57.70%
53.44%	3	1	Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Martha Hanley, Chesterfield MO	55.07%
53.17%	4		Mary Fort - Susan Hall, Saint Louis MO	54.89%
51.72%	5	2	Nancy Montague, La Porte TX; Ronald Montague, la Porte TX	53.35%
		3	Darlene Londeree - Susan Soha, Columbia MO	52.72%

### NORTH-SOUTH

B	C	
1	1	William Maack, Ofallon MO; Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO
2	2	Marie Bretzke - Charles Bretzke Jr, Saint Louis MO
3		Roberta Trochtenberg - Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO
4		Sally Landrum - Earl Landrum, Marion IN
5	3	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO

### SECTION J

	B	C	
60.96%	1		Susan Shogren, Clayton MO; Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO
60.42%	2	2	Fay Wuest, Chesterfield MO; Nancy Keefer, Saint Louis MO
58.33%	3	3	Mary Macchesney - Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO
57.07%	4		Michael Mastio, Kansas City MO; Lynne Wenski, Lenexa KS
56.61%	5		Barbara Newman, Nashville TN; Don Turner, Mt Juliet TN

### EAST-WEST

	B	C		
57.61%	1			
54.80%	2			
51.54%	3			
50.63%	4			
49.91%	5			

## GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

## 2 Sessions

## 7 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

B	C	
1	1	Darlene Londeree - Susan Soha, Columbia MO
2		Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO; Beverly Dixon, Kirkwood MO
3	2	Nancy Montague, La Porte TX; Ronald Montague, la Porte TX
4	3	Susan Corley, Saint Louis MO; Martha Ramey, St Louis MO
5		Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO

### SECTION I

	B	C	
57.97%	1		Marie Bretzke - Charles Bretzke Jr, Saint Louis MO
57.79%	2		Linda Mize - Mary Hawley, Florissant MO
57.70%	3	2	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO
52.45%	4	3	William Maack, Ofallon MO; Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO
50.72%	5		Lannon Corley, Chesterfield MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO

### EAST-WEST

	B	C		
62.32%	1			
55.71%	2			
54.89%	3			
53.53%	4			
50.82%	5			

### NORTH-SOUTH

B	C	
1	1	Susan Shogren, Clayton MO; Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO
2		Suzy Seldin, Saint Louis MO; Martha Smith, Kirkwood MO
3	2	Fay Wuest, Chesterfield MO; Nancy Keefer, Saint Louis MO
4		Barbara Newman, Nashville TN; Don Turner, Mt Juliet TN
5		Rosemary Bamberg, Florissant MO; Carol Jablonow, Saint Louis MO

### SECTION J

	B	C	
56.70%	1		Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Maureen Swihart, Saint Louis MO
55.71%	2	1	Gary Moll, Saint Louis MO; Marian Solari, Kirkwood MO
52.72%	3	2	Betty Ponzar, Barnhart MO; Tony Ponzar, Festus MO
51.90%	4	3	Lori Moore - Cindy Moore, Bloomington IL
51.81%	5		Ann Atcheson, Fairfax VA; Hatchie Greene, Saint Louis MO

### EAST-WEST

	B	C		
60.69%	1			
59.60%	2			
59.06%	3			
56.88%	4			
55.80%	5			

3 Alan Lemley - Mark Ziegelman, Saint Louis MO

50.45%

# Friday's Results

## Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

21.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.13	1	1		Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO	66.37%
3.10	2	2		Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO; Arthur O'Mara, St Charles MO	64.58%
2.32	3	3		Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Gavin, St Louis MO	63.39%
1.74	4	4		Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO; Chris Newman, Chesterfield MO	59.82%
1.31	5	5		Irvin Drewel, Eureka MO; Diane Hayden, Overland Park KS	58.93%
1.56	6	6	1	Robert Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; John Oefelein, Chesterfield MO	58.04%
1.17			2	Nancy Gellman, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Schettler, St Louis MO	55.65%
0.98			3	Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL	55.36%
0.66			4	Larry Graves - Karen Graves, Saint Charles MO	54.17%
0.49			5	Michael Schneider - Dan Wreltermann, Florissant MO	52.38%

## Single Sessions

1 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1	1		Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO; Arthur O'Mara, St Charles MO
2	2		Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Gavin, St Louis MO
3	3		Irvin Drewel, Eureka MO; Diane Hayden, Overland Park KS
4	4	1	Nancy Gellman, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Schettler, St Louis MO
		2	Larry Graves - Karen Graves, Saint Charles MO

### SECTION M

A	B	C	
	1	1	64.58%
	2	2	63.39%
	3	3	58.93%
	4	4	55.65%
			54.17%

### EAST-WEST

1	R Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; John Oefelein, Chesterfield MO	58.04%
2	Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL	55.36%
	S Lindauer, Yorba Linda CA; Melda Richardson, Orange CA	53.27%
	Michael Schneider - Dan Wreltermann, Florissant MO	52.38%

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1	1		Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO; Chris Newman, Chesterfield MO
2	2		Shirley Ryan, St Charles MO; Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO
3	3		Patricia Mendel, St Louis MO; Judy Milton, Saint Louis MO
4	4		Glenda Klingsick, Edwardsville IL; Janet Little, Wood River IL
		1	Irene Holmes, Saint Louis MO; Karen Lammert, St Louis MO

### SECTION N

A	B	C	
	1	1	59.82%
	2	2	55.36%
	3	3	54.46%
	4	4	51.49%
			44.64%

### EAST-WEST

	Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO	66.37%
	Dawn Wood, Glen Carbon IL; Charlotte Sikes, Bethalto IL	55.95%
	Helene Mirowitz, St Louis MO; Thelma Peskind, Olivette MO	55.65%
	Martie Blazis - Sharon Thomas, Springfield IL	53.57%
	Gay Kornblum, St Louis MO; Marcia Shapiro, Saint Louis MO	47.92%

## Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

12.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.06	1	1		<b>James Zupanci - Gloria Zupanci, Edwardsville IL</b>	69.05%
2.30	2			Scott Weber - Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL	64.82%
1.72	3			Martie Blazis - Sharon Thomas, Springfield IL	61.43%
1.97	4	2		Nancy Burke - Ann Wilkerson, Saint Louis MO	59.92%
1.47	5	3		Melda Richardson, Orange CA; Sheri Lindauer, Yorba Linda CA	59.22%
1.11	6	4		Candy Butz - Sheron Meyer, Belleville IL	56.01%
0.83		5		Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO	55.84%
0.62		6		Carol Luckey - Robert Luckey, Augusta MO	55.65%
1.12			1	<b>Toni Messinger - Richard Messinger, Alton IL</b>	54.51%
0.84			2	David Dierkes, St Louis MO; Tom McGinnis, Webster Groves MO	52.38%

## Single Sessions

7 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1			Scott Weber - Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL
2			Martie Blazis - Sharon Thomas, Springfield IL
3	1		Melda Richardson, Orange CA; Sheri Lindauer, Yorba Linda CA
4	2		Katie Boles, Manchester MO; Virginia Frederick, Fenton MO
5	3		Donna Jett, Carmel CA; Bonnie Kent, Yorba Linda CA
		1	David Dierkes, St Louis MO; Tom McGinnis, Webster Groves MO

### SECTION M

A	B	C	
	1	1	64.82%
	2	2	61.43%
	3	3	59.22%
	4	4	55.27%
	5	5	53.15%
			52.38%

### EAST-WEST

	James Zupanci - Gloria Zupanci, Edwardsville IL	69.05%
	Nancy Burke - Ann Wilkerson, Saint Louis MO	59.92%
	Candy Butz - Sheron Meyer, Belleville IL	56.01%
	Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO	55.84%
	Carol Luckey - Robert Luckey, Augusta MO	55.65%
	Toni Messinger - Richard Messinger, Alton IL	54.51%



The Zupancis (above) won Flights A & B  
The Messengers (below) Won Flight C



## PREEMPTIVE BIDDING TIPS

- Do not open with a beneath game preempt holding two aces or one ace and two kings. You are too strong defensively.
- Vul. vs not, your suit should contain 3 of the top 5 honors or 2 of the top 3 honors.
- After you preempt, and partner bids a new suit beneath the game level, you cannot pass. A new suit is forcing. Don't get cold feet!
- After opening 3C and hearing partner respond 3D, show a major suit stopper if you have one. S. QJ4 H. 3 D. 42 C. AJ108743. Bid 3S to show a spade stopper. The 3S response does not show a real suit. A 3C or 3D opening bid is not supposed to conceal a four card major.
- Although most three bids show 7 card suits, if you have 7-4 distribution, with a long major, think about opening four. S. AQJ10543 H. 4 D. Q1086 C. 3
- This hand is a clear 4S opening bid. The fourth card in the four card suit is usually worth an extra trick.
- If partner responds 3NT to your three level preempt, that ends the auction. It's not on your head to take it out. Partner may have a solid suit perhaps with a singleton or void in your suit. Do not cross partner's intentions!
- Preempt as often as possible consistent with the vulnerability. It drives the opponents mad.
- After you preempt, partner is in charge and takes ALL sacrifices. Reread this one.

# Friday's Results

**2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2 Session 1 of 2**

**Event final results tomorrow**

**1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM**

**Single Session**

**7 PM**

24 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.16	1			Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL	97.00
3.87	2	1		En Xie - Randy Baker, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo - Jackie Baker, St Louis MO	95.00
2.90	3	2		Petie Hunter, Edwardsville IL; Terry Francis, Glen Carbon IL; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL; Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO	86.00
2.18	4			Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO; John Burgener, St Louis MO; Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO	85.00
1.63	5			John Kinst, Batavia IL; John Seng, Champaign IL; Rajan Mehta, Bloomington IN; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL	81.00
1.22	6			Jeannine Owen - Karla Hahn, Saint Louis MO; James Hammond, Kirkwood MO; Dorothy Sealy, Chesterfield MO	74.00
2.43		3	1	Mary File - Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL; Susan Pensoneau, Collinsville IL; Allen Tess, Alpharetta GA	69.00
1.60		4		Julie Behrens - Jo Ann Moore, Saint Louis MO; Phyllis Tirmenstein, Chesterfield MO; David Shanahan, St Ann MO	67.00
1.20		5		Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL; Donald Hauser - Regina Hauser, Florissant MO; Gail Baughman, O'Fallon IL	63.00
1.82			2	William Allendoerfer - Glenda Klingsick, Edwardsville IL; William Riley, Alton IL; Raymond Laythe, Saint Louis MO	49.00

## BRIDGE: Snoopy's Finest Card Game (Trump That, Red Baron!)

By Alan Truscott  
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Most bridge players are not aware that Snoopy and his creator, Charles M. Schulz, were bridge enthusiasts. Members of the public did not understand the bridge that appeared occasionally in the strips, but they put up with this little quirk in the makeup of the beloved cartoonist, who died in February. In May 1997 four consecutive strips featured bridge hands, and the American Contract Bridge League made Snoopy and Woodstock honorary life masters. Schulz was delighted. His strip that appeared on Nov. 7 centered on the bridge deal shown in the diagram



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The same layout appears in Ely Culbertson's "Gold Book," first published in 1936, allowing a pleasant speculation. Did the bridge exploits of World War I's greatest fictional flyer find their way into the archives of the great bridge authority two decades later? Or was it the other way round?

In the first frame Snoopy, in flying gear, is sitting on a doghouse decorated with suit symbols. In the second he is engaged in a game with three small helmeted friends. The third shows the diagram, and Snoopy correctly interprets his partner's mumbled bid as a raise to three no-trump.

The reader is left to guess that a spade is led and can see that South has eight tricks. If he routinely attempts to set up a ninth trick in clubs he will almost surely fail. The defenders will establish spades and make at least five tricks in the black suits.

At this point duty calls. "Sorry, men," Snoopy says. "We'll finish that hand when I return."

He and the doghouse take to the air, and he boldly faces a barrage of anti-aircraft fire. He is in great danger but succeeds in returning to base.

"Flying Ace Snoopy reporting, *mon capitaine*," he says.

The *capitaine*, one infers, is not pleased.

"Yes, sir. Everything went bad," says Snoopy. "Perhaps the captain could tell me what I did wrong."

The chastened flyer returns to the bridge game, where the troops have been patiently waiting.

"He said I should have led a low heart to the queen."

**This Week's Events**

**Sunday, August 15**

<b>MARY HRUBY SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A</b>	<b>2 Sessions, Play Through</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>MARY HRUBY SWISS STRAT-FLIGHTED B/C/D</b>	<b>2 Sessions, Play Through</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>FAST PAIRS</b>	<b>2 Sessions</b>	<b>10:30 AM &amp; TBA*</b>
		<b>* finish by 6 PM</b>

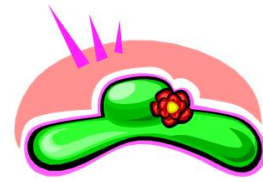
Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 300/750/2000. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200.

**Zero Tolerance Policy is in place!**

*Come back and join us Next August. We'll be right here again next year August 6-12, 2012. Please put us on your tournament calendar.*

**The Hat Lady Returns!**

**The Luddites Were Right**



Hi Y'all!!! The Hat Lady noticed that everyone playing bridge was behaving with less that she hung up her hat and went to graduate school. She just popped in to the St. Louis and put a word in your ear about the electronic score keepers.

Back in the day, the Hat Lady touched on the changes coming over the world in general, and the bridge world in particular, regarding machines. Luddites are those who abhor and avoid the encroachment of our world by gadgets. They are finding, to their dismay that there are fewer and fewer places to hide from it. Even Bin Laden's cave had a VCR. It is easy to avoid sitting North at a club game. When playing in a tournament, however, sometimes those who do not like, understand or are comfortable with gadgets have to use them. Decorum dictates that anything that cannot be avoided must be done with as much grace as possible. So stop whining, please.

To the East-Wests among us, since each of you have at least one finger that works, deferring the mashing of the "next" button to your partner annoys poor North (after the fiftieth or so wrong guess). Please just *press it already*. It is perfectly all right to say in advance of the offer of the machine, "My partner likes to do this", tipping off the ever anxious-to-please North who the gadget may be offered to next time.

As these gadgets have gained popularity, the Hat Lady knows that we have all seen the benefit: quicker team assignments, easier matchpoint results, no more tally slips or crowding around the sheets on the wall to see final results. As to the fact that they eliminated the use of caddies for everything except team games: the Hat Lady will say nothing. (The Luddites were right.)

Y'all play nice now,  
 The Hat Lady

*P.S. And y'all come back and see us March 14-24, 2013 for the Spring Nationals!*

Editor's Note: **The Hat Lady** is our own Unit 143 member Marie Sander.

