

August 14-20



High 91°



Low 67°

Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serious hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the tonight's evening session. **Tonight's Chat & Snack: Tortilla Chips with Chili Con Queso**, salsa, sliced jalapenos, assorted Pepsi® and Coke® soft drinks, and a keg of Kraftig Light®.



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THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Total Eclipse of the Sun -b 941 AD & 2017 AD

from *Southern Illinois Tourism* by Pat White

We've been hearing about this summer's Total Eclipse of the Sun for a month now. Astronomers and mathematicians tell us that on Monday, August 21, 2017, the sun will be fully darkened by the shadow of the moon. Online are maps of the path this eclipse will take, explanations and photos of both solar and lunar partial and total eclipses, and information on the best places to see the event (including warning about wearing special solar glasses to protect your eyes.)

We know the eclipse will cross the US from Oregon to South Carolina. The last time there was a total solar eclipse along this particular path was 11/21/941. Yes, really, 941. The Mississippi River valley was populated by the people who lived at what we know as Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and areas south in St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Jefferson, IL and eastern Union, MO counties. What a difference 11 centuries makes! In 941, the sun rose fully or almost fully eclipsed. Can you imagine what that must have been like when the Mississippian people woke up to see a completely black sun rising? With no warning, did they think the world was ending? Perhaps this was a chance to understand life and resurrection. Maybe the 'hole in the sky' was a way to get to heaven.



Second Biggest Attendance for 2017 Youth Bridge Camp!



2017 Youth Bridge Camp

Reflecting an ever-growing diversity of backgrounds, 45 youth ages 10-15 attended the ninth annual Youth Bridge Camp June 25-July 1 in Carlinville, IL this year. Coming from 16 different states (CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NY, TN, TX, and WI), the campers included 26 returnees (some for their 5th year!) and 19 attending for the first time. Youth Bridge Camp has averaged over 40 campers for the past seven years.

Youth Bridge Camp is a 7-day summer sleepaway camp providing bridge lessons and ACBL-sanctioned tournaments, as well as indoor and outdoor recreation for youth players of all experience levels. Four levels of instruction – Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts and Spades – were offered, taught by Phyllis Siegel, Wanda Cole (of Indianapolis), Andrew Carver and Michael Huston (of Joplin) respectively. An average day included lessons and play, interspersed with typical camp activities, including archery, miniature golf, black light dodgeball, ping-pong, nine square and swimming in the pool or lake. Special evening activities included trivia, a scavenger hunt, game night and a talent show.

bAs in past years, Unit 143 offered a full scholarship to the camp as part of its educational efforts, and Ben Turio was the recipient. Unit 143 members Amy Stabenow and Steve Reiss were Camp Directors for their second year. In addition to Siegel and Carver, other Unit 143 members to participate included George Marvin and Rick Armstrong. For more information on NEXT year's camp, contact Steve Reiss (streiss@earthlink.net) or pick up a flyer at the display in the main hallway. *See participant reactions, siederbar*

New Life Master

Glenda Klingsick
Edwardsville, IL
KO #1 made the semis for 6 Gold



Today's Events

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS continued

199er Pairs

REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 PAIRS cont.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO 3 continued

THURSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

PRIME TIME SWISS TEAM

1-SESSION EVENING SWISS TEAM

Session 2 of 2

Single Sessions

Sessions 3 & 4 of 4

Sessions 3 & 4 of 4

2 Sessions

2 Sessions

Single Session

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1 PM, 7 PM

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1 PM & 7 PM

7 PM

For the Advancing Player
Chris Compton

Tom Marsh, National Director

Today's Expert Guest Speakers
"Finding the Opponents' Honors:
through bidding inferences and counting"
"Ask the Director"

I/N Room
12:15 PM

6:15 PM

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+; I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200; Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed from Bottom Up; Barometer Pairs: Flt A unlimited; Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2500. All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events. Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player. Bracketed KO's/Swiss may be handicapped.

ZERO TOLERANCE IS IN PLACE!

Many players are deficient in slam bidding, usually because of improper learning and copying the bad habits of others. Some players even believe that all slam tries begin with *Blackwood* — hardly; it is just one of the available tools. This lesson explains the proper way to try for a suit slam, and an improved version of the Blackwood convention known as “key-card” Blackwood.

General Approach

Before soaring into the slam zone your first task is to locate the best trump fit, a combined holding of at least eight cards in a suit. This is done with your normal methods, although you must be careful that each bid you make is *forcing* — you wouldn't want partner to pass at a low level.

Once you have agreed on a desirable trump fit, you then must decide how high to bid. The next player to bid should proceed as follows:

- Revalue your hand and assess the point-count situation. If the partnership total may reach 33 points (distribution included), a slam is possible.
- If slam is out of range, bid game in your suit (or 3 NT if desirable with a minor-suit fit). This is a sign-off attempt.
- If slam is possible, bid an *unbid* or enemy-bid suit beyond 3 NT (or 3 ♠ if hearts is the agreed suit). This is a control-bid and it is forcing.

In casual discussion, a control-bid is often called a “cue-bid.”
Technically, however, a bid is a cue-bid only if the named suit was shown by an opponent.

Control-Bids

The control-bid is the cornerstone of accurate suit slam bidding. It is like ringing a bell to announce, “I am interested in slam in our agreed trump suit.” Normal procedure is to bid a suit in which you hold first-round control.

The initial control-bid implies the ace in the suit bid.

What comes next? Let's cross to the other side of the table. Here is what you should usually do when partner announces slam interest by making a control-bid:

- If you have minimum values or don't like your hand, return to the trump suit at the cheapest level. This discourages partner.
- If you have better than minimum values or like your hand, *make a control-bid* of your own. This encourages partner.

Carefully compare examples 1-3; then compare examples 4-6.

Examples 1

♠ A K 8 6 5		♠ Q J 9 3				
♥ 2		♥ K J 8	West	North	East	South
♦ A K 10 9		♦ Q 4 2	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
♣ 5 4 3		♣ A 9 8	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	

West announces slam interest with 4 ♦. East has a minimum for his jump raise so he discourages by bidding 4 ♠.

Example 2

♠ A K 8 6 5		♠ Q J 9 3				
♥ 2		♥ A K 8	West	North	East	South
♦ A K 10 9		♦ Q 4 2	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
♣ 5 4 3		♣ Q 10 9	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass


This time East does not have an absolute minimum so he cooperates by showing the ♥ A. West returns to 4 ♠ implying his slam interest is mild and East passes.

Example 3

♠ A K 8 6 5		♠ Q J 9 3				
♥ 2		♥ A K 8	West	North	East	South
♦ A K 10 9		♦ Q 4 2	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
♣ 5 4 3		♣ A 9 8	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass

Here East has a tiptop maximum so he continues to bid beyond 4 ♠ to reach the laydown slam. Note that 5 ♦ shows second-round control (king or singleton) since first-round control was already shown.

Example 4


♠ A Q 8 6 5		♠ 3				
♥ A 8 2		♥ K Q 9 6 5 4	West	North	East	South
♦ Q 10 8		♦ 4 3	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
♣ 4 3		♣ A K 7 2	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass

East indicates slam interest with 4 ♣. West has a bare minimum opening bid so he discourages by returning to 4 ♥.

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Suit Slam Bidding

by Richard Pavlicek

♠ AKQ65 ♥ A82 ♦ Q108 ♣ 43		♠ 3 ♥ KQ9654 ♦ 43 ♣ AK72	<i>West</i> 1 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠ 5 ♥	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 ♥ 4 ♣ 5 ♣ Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass
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West now has a better hand so he continues with 4 ♠ (a control-bid since hearts are agreed). East shows second-round control in clubs. West signs off in 5 ♥ because he has no diamond control; nor does East.

Example 6

♠ AKQ65 ♥ A832 ♦ 10 ♣ 543		♠ 3 ♥ KQ9654 ♦ 43 ♣ AK72	<i>West</i> 1 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠ 6 ♥	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 ♥ 4 ♣ 5 ♣ Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass
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West's singleton prevents the opponents from winning two diamonds so he takes the final push to slam.

Implied Trump Fit


If a player has shown a balanced hand and later bids an unbid suit beyond 3 NT, this is a control-bid implying a fit in partner's last bid suit.

Generally, a control-bid can be made only *after* a suit is raised, but there are several logical exceptions to this:


♠ AQ8543 ♥ K83 ♦ A6 ♣ Q6		♠ K62 ♥ AQ42 ♦ KQJ ♣ 832	<i>West</i> 1 ♠ 3 ♠ 5 ♦	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 NT 4 ♥ 5 ♠	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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East's 4 ♥ could not be a natural bid to play; it shows the ♥ A and implies a "good raise to 4 ♠." The slam probe fizzles when neither player has club control.

A cue-bid in the enemy suit beyond 3 NT shows the ace, singleton or void and implies a fit in partner's last bid suit.

♠ Q6 ♥ K1098532 ♦ AK3 ♣ 10		♠ AK4 ♥ QJ ♦ 9872 ♣ AJ74	<i>West</i> 1 ♥ 3 ♥ 4 ♦ 6 ♥	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 NT 4 ♣ 4 ♠	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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East's 4 ♣ bid agrees hearts by inference, then two more control-bids lead to the excellent slam.

♠ AK974 ♥ K82 ♦ AJ94 ♣ 2		♠ J82 ♥ A10 ♦ Q8653 ♣ K93	<i>West</i> 1 ♠ 4 ♣	<i>North</i> Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 2 ♦ 4 ♠ _{bb}	<i>South</i> 3 ♣
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West's 4 ♣ cue-bid is a "strong diamond raise" with club control. East, discouraged by the ♣ K, signs off in 4 ♠.

Key-Card Blackwood

The best of the many ace-asking conventions is "key-card" Blackwood. The basic concept is to count the *king of trumps* — always an important card — just like an ace. Thus, there are *five* key cards, and your partnership needs at least four of them to warrant bidding a slam. The following rules determine which suit is the key suit:

- If one suit is raised, that suit is the key suit.
- If two suits are raised, the higher suit is the key suit.
- If no suit is raised, the *last suit* bid by your side is the key suit.

There are several variations used to respond to key-card Blackwood. I present the method I feel is best and that which I use with my favorite partners. It is easy to learn.

Key Cards	Response
0 or 3	5 ♣
1 or 4	5 ♦
2 or 5	5 ♥

Note that each response has *two* possibilities. It is presumed that asker can tell which based on the previous bidding and his own hand.


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♠ 6		♠ A Q 5 4	West	North	East	South
♥ A J 8 7 3		♥ Q 5 4 2	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
♦ K Q J 10 3		♦ A 9	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
♣ K Q		♣ J 6 2	Pass			

East shows 2 or 5 key cards (clearly 2) so West signs off. Standard bidders may bid this poor slam (only 26 percent).

♠ A Q 10 9 3		♠ K 7 6 2	West	North	East	South
♥ Q		♥ 5 4	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
♦ K Q 4 2		♦ A J 8 7 3	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
♣ K J 5		♣ A 8	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
			6 ♠			


The key suit is *spades* (higher of two agreed suits). East shows 0 or 3 key cards (surely 3) and West comfortably bids six.

Here is how I show a void:

Key Cards	Response
1 plus a void	5 ♠
2 plus a void	5 NT
3 plus a void	6 of the void*
	* or 6 of trump suit if void is higher ranking

♠ A K Q 10 8 2		♠ J 9 7 3	West	North	East	South
♥ K 4 2		♥ —	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♥
♦ K J 10		♦ A Q 7 3	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
♣ 3		♣ 9 8 7 5 4	6 ♠			

East shows 1 key card plus a void (surely in hearts from the enemy bidding).

♠ A 4		♠ K 8	West	North	East	South
♥ —		♥ K J 8 7	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
♦ K J 10 8 4 3		♦ A Q 9 5 2	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
♣ A 9 8 7 2		♣ K 3	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
			6 ♦	Pass	7 ♦	

West shows 3 key cards plus a void in a major (West cannot bid 6 ♥ because it is beyond 6 ♦). East can see no losers.

Asking for Kings

If the 4 NT bidder can account for all five key cards and he is interested in a grand slam, he may rebid 5 NT. This asks for kings, but the key-suit king is *not* counted.

Experts also have ways to ask about the key-suit queen, but that is beyond the scope of this lesson.

What is Full Disclosure?

You're bidding along and suddenly you get a question from your opponent: "What does your bid mean?" Or online, you get a system message that your bid has been questioned and there's that little box for you to type your answer. Although it may appear to you that they are asking you something that is none of their business, actually, it is.

At the bridge table there can be few secrets. The opponents are entitled to the very same information that your partner has. If you have an **agreement** with partner about a certain bid, the opponents are entitled to know what that agreement is, and it's your responsibility to tell them.

And when you answer your opponents you must answer promptly, clearly and completely. For instance, it may surprise you to know that not everyone has heard of, for instance, the Flannery convention or knows what it means. But it's true. So when you're questioned about your 2D bid, "Flannery" isn't the right answer. And although there's not a whole lot of room to explain, it can be done with just a few more words by saying "11-15, with 5 (sometimes 6) hearts at 4 spades." This is what **Full Disclosure** means. If you have an **agreement** with partner, the opponents are entitled to that information also. This not the time to be coy or to give bits and pieces of information, this is the time for **Full Disclosure!**

But what if you make a bid and you have no agreement with partner? Do you still have to explain your bid and more or less tell them what you hold in your hand? Of course, not. And you should not guess or suppose. If you have no agreement with partner on a bid your answer to your opponent's question is **No Agreement**. It's as simple as that!

By answering your opponents quickly and completely when questioned, your game will go faster, smoother and give YOU a reputation as a bridge player in the know.

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by Richard Pavlicek

Wednesday's Results

2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

37.0 Tables

OVERALLS

10.80	1	Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO; Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO	65.54%
8.10	2	Gary Hargrove, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Edwards Jr, Florissant MO	65.39%
6.08	3	Ken Deutch - Kenneth Eiger, Saint Louis MO	60.06%
4.56	4	Ann Lemp - John Levis, Saint Louis MO	59.08%
4.28	5	Mary Joan Woods, Saint Louis MO; Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO	58.93%
3.21	6	Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Manchester MO	58.01%
3.13	7	Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL; Thomas Stringer, Saint Louis MO	57.21%
2.40	8	Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	56.70%
2.16	9	Vicki Valley, Edwardsville IL; David Stein, Carlyle IL	56.55%
1.96	10/11	Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO; Michael Kelly, Washington MO	56.40%
1.88	10/11	John Hagedorn - Kathy Hagedorn, Saint Louis MO	56.40%
1.90	12/13	Joan Clark - George Bowman, Vero Beach FL	55.95%
1.60	12/13	Josh Rich, Alton IL; Raymond Laythe, Waterloo IL	55.95%
2.15	14	Allen Whited - Alice Whited, Decatur IL	55.36%
1.75	15	Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	54.32%
1.27	16	Sue Higginbotham, Frontenac MO; Nathan Higginbotham, Saint Louis MO	54.29%
2.00	17	Mary Ann Shepard - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO	54.25%
1.11	18/19	Janet Little, Wood River IL; Kathy Bold, Edwardsville IL	53.72%
1.45	18/19	Gary Moll, Lighthouse Pt FL; Lyle Mall, Saint Louis MO	53.72%
1.04	10	Monika Burris, Gladstone MO; Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	53.51%

Winners!

Dan & Michael



1st in B: The Kens Deutch & Eiger



Linda & Phillip Helm

2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

Afternoon Session

1 PM

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL; Thomas Stringer, Saint Louis MO	58.76%
2	2	Dan Evers, Mount Vernon IL; Linda Key, O Fallon IL	56.25%
3	3	John Gillis Jr, Saint Louis MO; Carol Manning, Gates Mills OH	55.27%
4	4	Nancy Erwin - Sheryl Alexander, Evansville IN	54.17%
5	5	Kay Omanson - Ann Brown, Louisville KY	53.11%
3	3	Mary Kernan, Saint Louis MO; Sheron Meyer, Belleville IL	50.60%

SECTION K		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Manchester MO	62.16%
2	2	Suzanne Martin, Saint Charles MO; Steven Hakanson, Berkely MO	61.69%
3	3	Gary Hargrove, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Edwards Jr, Florissant MO	59.65%
4	2	Monika Burris, Gladstone MO; Jane Pettinger, Kansas City MO	58.51%
5	5	Ann Lemp - John Levis, Saint Louis MO	54.17%

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Mary Joan Woods, Saint Louis MO; Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO	63.99%
2	2	Josh Rich, Alton IL; Raymond Laythe, Waterloo IL	60.12%
3	3	Ken Schwartz - Martha Ludewig, Saint Louis MO	57.14%
4	4	John Hagedorn - Kathy Hagedorn, Saint Louis MO	55.36%
5	5	Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	54.46%
2	2	Jerry Dutra, Saint Louis MO; Jane Miller, Chesterfield MO	50.89%

SECTION L		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO; Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO	64.88%
2	2	Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO; Barbara Frith, Chesterfield MO	55.65%
3	3	Martha Smith - Suzy Seldin, Saint Louis MO	52.98%
4	1	Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	51.49%
5	2	Stephen Myers, Manchester MO; Linda Myers, Ballwin MO	51.19%

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Ken Deutch - Kenneth Eiger, Saint Louis MO	63.10%
2	2	Mary Ann Shepard - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO	55.65%
3	3	Lauretta Weimer, Fenton MO; Wallace Burton, Festus MO	55.06%
4	4	Allen Whited - Alice Whited, Decatur IL	52.08%
5	5	Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO; Mary Jermak, Chesterfield MO	51.79%

SECTION M		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Michael Pierce, Saint Louis MO; Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO	58.33%
2	2	Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO; Michael Kelly, Washington MO	56.85%
3	1	Les Bell - Philippa Bell, Wildwood MO	54.17%
4	2	Chris Newman - Grace Fagin, Chesterfield MO	53.27%
5	5	Vicky Stringer, Saint Louis MO; Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO	52.08%
3	3	Joan Clark - George Bowman, Vero Beach FL	50.89%

2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

Evening Session

1 PM

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Gary Hargrove, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Edwards Jr, Florissant MO	71.13%
2	2	Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL; Donna Swick, Newton IL	57.14%
3	3	Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO; Michael Kelly, Washington MO	55.95%
4	4	Martha Smith - Suzy Seldin, Saint Louis MO	53.57%
1	1	Mary Kernan, Saint Louis MO; Sheron Meyer, Belleville IL	39.29%

SECTION K		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Monte Lamb, Hinsdale IL; Thomas Stringer, Saint Louis MO	55.65%
2/3	2/3	Margaret Randle - Carole Kimsey, Kansas City MO	53.27%
2/3	2/3	John Uihlein, Ballwin MO; William Logan Jr, Springfield IL	53.27%
4	4	Tommy Fleming - Raye Zeigler, Saint Louis MO	52.68%

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Ann Lemp - John Levis, Saint Louis MO	63.99%
2	2	Janet Little, Wood River IL; Kathy Bold, Edwardsville IL	55.95%
3	1	Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Manchester MO	53.87%
4	2	Mary Menousek, Kirkwood MO; Linda Patterson, Des Peres MO	53.27%
	2	Gloria Zupanci - James Zupanci, Edwardsville IL	48.21%

SECTION L		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Judy Freeman - Karen Brucks, Arlington Hgts IL	58.93%
2	2	John Hagedorn - Kathy Hagedorn, Saint Louis MO	57.44%
3	3	Paul Bridges, Swansea IL; Linda Badgley, Edwardsville IL	52.08%
4	1	Jerry Dutra, Saint Louis MO; Jane Miller, Chesterfield MO	51.19%

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO; Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO	66.20%
2	1	Sue Higginbotham, Frontenac MO; Nathan Higginbotham, Saint Louis MO	57.99%
3	2	Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	57.14%
4	4	Stephen Myers, Manchester MO; Linda Myers, Ballwin MO	54.08%

SECTION M		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Allen Whited - Alice Whited, Decatur IL	58.63%
2	2	Ken Deutch - Kenneth Eiger, Saint Louis MO	56.42%
3	3	Mary Ann Shepard - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO	52.85%
4	4	Jane Perkins - Peggy Kincaid, Evansville IN	51.45%

NORTH-SOUTH		7 B	
1	1	Vicki Valley, Edwardsville IL; David Stein, Carlyle IL	63.10%
2	1	Joan Clark - George Bowman, Vero Beach FL	61.01%
3	2	Richard Lazaroff - Patricia Lazaroff, Saint Louis MO	54.17%
4	4	Nancy Galvin - Walter Galvin, Saint Louis MO	52.08%

SECTION N		EAST-WEST	
1	1	Gary Moll, Lighthouse Pt FL; Lyle Mall, Saint Louis MO	58.04%
2	1	Mary Joan Woods, Saint Louis MO; Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO	53.87%
3	3	Zack Bettis Jr - Karen Bettis, Ballwin MO	53.57%
4	4	Nancy Erwin - Sheryl Alexander, Evansville IN	52.68%

Short summary of a bridge tournament: We play cards. We get points. We eat!



Overheard: Do you play any dangerous sports? Why yes, sometimes I disagree with my bridge partner!

Arguing with your bridge partner is like reading the Software Licensing Agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click 'I agree.'

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Hand of the Century

Source: ABF ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

and made a seemingly impossible contract through a sensational piece of card reading. In fact, his play was declared by some bridge journalists as the Hand of the Century.

Some years ago, Helgemo was playing in the US with Edgar Kaplan

Dealer: W Vul: All	North ♠ 973 ♥ 9762 ♦ K1086 ♣ 92	East ♠ QJ105 ♥ A1053 ♦ 3 ♣ QJ64
West ♠ 84 ♥ KQJ84 ♦ 5 ♣ K10753	South ♠ AK62 ♥ — ♦ AQJ9742 ♣ A8	
West 2♥ ¹ All Pass	North Kaplan Pass	East 4♥
		South Helgemo 6♦



Geir Helgemo, Norway

Dealer W Vul: All

West lead the heart king, ruffed. Helgemo drew the outstanding trumps with the Ace. He needed three spade tricks to make his contract but after the preempt he didn't want to bank on a 3-3 spade break by playing the AK. Instead he advanced the ♠2, West followed with the ♠4 and dummy's ♠7 drew the ♠J from East, who immediately returned the ♠5, which Helgemo ducked around to dummy's 9. He could now discard dummy's losing club on the long spade in his hand. Had East not returned a spade, Helgemo was planning to cross to dummy and run the ♠9.

How did Helgemo come up with this play? When the first round of spades was played, West played low without thought. Holding, say 10xx, he would at least have momentarily considered taking the trick. Secondly, East won the trick with the Jack. Helgemo correctly assumed East had the ten from West's play so why would East try to false card with a holding of J10x? It was more likely that he in fact held QJ10x and that a declarer of Helgemo's ability would get the hand right.

Thirdly, why did East return a spade instead of a club, with those two rags in dummy – because he wanted Helgemo to make a decision about the spade suit immediately. Commentators at the time said Helgemo displayed three important talents necessary to play the spade suit the right way on this hand – imagination, psychology and guts!

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Wednesday's Results

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS 1: WED-THU - final results tomorrow

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS OVERALL

22.0 Tables / Based on 107 Tables

	A	X		
31.06	1		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK	67.81%
23.30	2		Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO	61.64%
17.47	3		Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	60.29%
13.10	4		Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	58.21%
10.35	5		Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	57.59%
8.87	6		Susan Perez, Maryland Hgts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	57.23%
7.77	7		E Bruce Neikirk, Louisville KY; Dorsey Brown, Prospect KY	56.93%
10.40	8	1	Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO; Loughery Hawkins, Creve Coeur MO	56.81%
6.21	9		Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Springs FL	56.63%
7.80	10	2	Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	56.32%
5.18	11		En Xie - Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO	56.18%
4.78	12		Noel Helmink - Randy Helmink, Avon IN	54.26%
5.85		3	Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Stephen Zenk, Saint Louis MO	52.36%
4.39		4	Barbara Azzam - Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO	51.78%
3.47		5	Krzysztof Jarosz - Dorota Jarosz, Grantham NH	50.76%
2.97		6	Judith Shepherd, Paducah KY; Mary Parker, Minnesott Bch NC	49.13%

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS

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NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS P N	EAST-WEST		
A	X				
1		65.14%	1	Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	63.82%
2	1	64.93%	2	Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO	63.03%
3		61.15%	3	En Xie - Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO	60.18%
4		57.98%	4	Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	59.01%
5	2	56.86%	5	Roger Anderson - Sharon Anderson, Eagan MN	57.64%
6		55.48%	6	1 Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	57.19%
7		55.15%	7	Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Emory Whitaker, Macon GA	53.28%
8		54.06%	8	Susan Perez, Maryland Hgts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	53.13%
9		53.43%	9	2 Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Stephen Zenk, Saint Louis MO	52.31%
	3	53.22%	3	Sidney Levin, Saint Louis MO; Mark Stein, Skokie IL	49.88%
4		48.65%	4	Judith Shepherd, Paducah KY; Mary Parker, Minnesott Bch NC	48.26%

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS

7PM

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS I J	EAST-WEST		
A	X				
1		70.48%	1	Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO	60.24%
2		61.33%	2	Rosanne Schabinger, Mt Prospect IL; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	60.02%
3		57.41%	3	Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	56.75%
B 4	1	56.75%	4/5	Billie Brown - William Lea Jr, Evansville IN	54.90%
5		56.32%	4/5	C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO; Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO	54.90%
6		55.88%	6/7	1/2 Dianne Glick - Alice Kerckhoff, Saint Louis MO	52.40%
7	2	55.45%	6/7	1/2 Dennis Balfe, University City MO; Stephen Zenk, Saint Louis MO	52.40%
8		54.25%	8	En Xie - Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO	52.18%
9		52.61%	9	Milton Zlatic - Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO	51.31%
	3	49.13%	3	Jeff Kopolow - Jackie Schroeder, Saint Louis MO	51.09%
4		48.80%	4	Judith Shepherd, Paducah KY; Mary Parker, Minnesott Bch NC	bb 50.00%



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Wednesday's Results

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO 2

FINAL

Bracket 1 12 Tables

38.52 1 Tom Knies, Brentwood MO; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jonathan Weinstein, Saint Louis MO; Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS
 26.96 2 Alan Popkin - Nancy Popkin - Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Karen Walker - James Ward, Champaign IL; William Doroshow, Skokie IL
 15.41 3/4 Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Dennis Rose, Boaz KY; Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN
 15.41 3/4 Ronnie Frank - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Chestnut Hill MA; James Nunn, Chesterfield MO

Bracket 2 13 Tables

15.51 1 Donald Chase, O Fallon MO; Delano Sylvester - Janet Vontz - Mike Vontz, Lake St Louis MO
 10.86 2 Mel Volmert - Timothy Luce, Springfield MO; Tom Cadwell - Robert McDill, Saint Louis MO
 6.20 3/4 Don McLean - Gayle McLean - Louann Yates, Saint Louis MO; Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO
 6.20 3/4 Elizabeth Zalar - Sandra Stults - Mark Schollenberger, Springfield IL; Mark Beattie, Sherman IL

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO 3

Teams Remaining

Bracket 1 9 Tables

Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Rockford IL; James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
 vs
 Ron Smith - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Christian Jolly, Charlotte NC; Marie-France Benoit, Gatineau QC
 Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Cookie Potter, Sunset Beach CA; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL
 vs
 Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL

Bracket 2 9 Tables

Helen Walz, Madison IN; Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY; Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO; Therese Koller, Pueblo CO
 vs
 Leonard Kaufman - Mary Allen - Charles Young - Patrick Moos, Peoria IL
 Jerome Shen - Doug O'Leary - Beryl Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO
 vs
 Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO; Chris Buck - Leon McCarty, Hurdland MO

REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 Pairs

Session 1 of 4

1 PM

22.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.26	1			John Coe - Karen Coe, Edmond OK	68.78%
5.50	2	1		Charles Ries - George Juenger, Saint Louis MO	60.99%
3.52	3			Brenda Hoffman, Saint Louis MO; Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO	59.56%
4.13	4	2		Henry Stern Jr - Katherine Samuels, Saint Louis MO	59.48%
3.09	5	3		Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Meter, Wildwood MO	58.99%
2.22	6			Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL; Emil Strotheide, Saint Louis MO	58.63%
2.91	7	4	1	Joseph Butkiewicz, Chesterfield MO; Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO	58.15%
1.74		5		Kathleen Kelly - Robert Murphy, Englewood CO	56.96%
1.31		6		Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Sandra Stevens, Paige TX	56.54%
2.18			2	Beverly A'Hearn, Sarasota FL; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL	55.65%
1.64			3	Mike Murphy, Kirkwood MO; Barrett Taussig, Saint Louis MO	53.09%
1.23			4	Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO	52.91%
1.23			5	Patricia Mendel - Judith Milton, Saint Louis MO	52.37%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G		EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL; Emil Strotheide, Saint Louis MO	58.63%	1	1	Anne Agovino, Chesterfld MO; Elizabeth Meter, Wildwd MO	58.99%	
2	1		Beverly A'Hearn, Sarasota FL; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL	55.65%	2	2	Judy Putzel - Elizabeth Percich, Saint Louis MO	56.35%	
3	2		Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO; Melvin Patterson, Omaha NE	54.46%	3	3	1	Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO	52.91%
4	3		Roseann Stice, East Alton IL; Doris Schwartz, Chesterfield MO	52.38%	4			Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hgts MO; Alan Lemley, St Louis MO	52.38%
	2		Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Paul Radzom, Saint Louis MO	50.79%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H		EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			John Coe - Karen Coe, Edmond OK	68.78%	1			Brenda Hoffman, Saint Louis MO; Dolores Hill, Chestereld MO	59.56%
2	1		Charles Ries - George Juenger, Saint Louis MO	60.99%	2	1	1	Joseph Butkiewicz, Chesterfld MO; Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO	58.15%
3	2		Henry Stern Jr - Katherine Samuels, Saint Louis MO	59.48%	3	2		Kathleen Kelly - Robert Murphy, Englewood CO	56.96%
4	3		Donna Compton - Kay Moran, Dallas TX	53.23%	4	3		Kathy Rolfe, Lake Winnebago MO; Sandra Stevens, Paige TX	56.54%
5			Kenneth Bland - Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO	52.56%	5			Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO; Gail Hawkins, Creve Coeur MO	55.45%
6	4	1	Patricia Mendel - Judith Milton, Saint Louis MO	52.37%	6			Norman Goldman - Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO	53.19%
	5		Michelle Golden, Sarasota FL; Jim Hutter, Broomfield CO	51.59%		4	2	Mike Murphy, Kirkwood MO; Barrett Taussig, Saint Louis MO	53.09%
	2		Irene Hommert, Kirkwood MO; Marcee Silverstein, Clayton MO	47.23%					

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs

Session 2 of 4

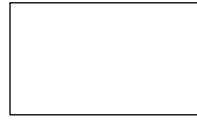
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8.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.60	1			Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO; Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hgts MO	60.71%
2.70	2			Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO; Kae Williams, Wildwood MO	59.26%
2.03	3			Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO	56.61%
1.55	4			Melvin Patterson, Omaha NE; Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO	56.55%
1.14	5			Kenneth Bland - Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO	55.66%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H		EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO; Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hgts MO	60.71%	1			Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO; Kae Williams, Wildwood MO	59.26%
bbbbbbbbbb	2		Melvin Patterson, Omaha NE; Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO	56.55%	2			Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO	56.61%
3			Kenneth Bland - Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO	55.66%	3			Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Robert Vetter, Saint Charles MO	51.59%
4			Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass, Saint Louis MO	54.76%	4			Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL; Emil Strotheide, St Louis MO	51.32%

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Wednesday's Results

Wednesday 199er Pairs

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13.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.98	1	1		Crystal Beuerlein - Amy Galvin, Saint Louis MO	59.18%
2.24	2			Bill Orrick, House Springs MO; Gregory Smith, Saint Louis MO	58.11%
1.93	3	2		Maureen Curran, Saint Charles MO; Maureen Hoffman, Clayton MO	56.66%
1.45	4	3		Nancy Gulick - Becky Fouke, Saint Louis MO	56.47%
1.08	5	4		Brenda Gay, Grover MO; Bonnie Brewbaker, Saint Louis MO	56.42%
0.81	6	5		Nancy Bartel, Saint Louis MO; Priscilla Lunsford, Chesterfield MO	56.22%
1.53		6	1	Joyce Edwards, Glen Carbon IL; Arlinda Pitman, Edwardsville IL	56.16%
1.15			2	Joan Wentz - Al Wentz, Edwardsville IL	54.36%
0.86			3	Marylee Beuerle, Town & Country MO; Courtney Wilderman, Florissant MO	50.52%
0.65			4	Susan Jansen - Elizabeth Sasser, Saint Louis MO	50.47%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION J		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1		1			Crystal Beuerlein - Amy Galvin, Saint Louis MO	59.18%
2	2		2	1		Brenda Gay, Grover MO; Bonnie Brewbaker, Saint Louis MO	56.42%
3	3		3	2		Nancy Bartel, Saint Louis MO; Priscilla Lunsford, Chesterfield MO	56.22%
4			4	3	1	Ann Ross, Ballwin MO; Marilyn Morton, Warson Woods MO	55.52%
5	4		5	4		Barbie Freund - Judith Glaser, Saint Louis MO	52.88%
6	5					Carol Wagner, Ballwin M	
O; Suzette McPhail, Chesterfield MO			51.88%	6		David Poos, Crestwood MO; Bob Schaefer, Chesterfield MO	55.48%
	1		Marylee Beuerle, Twn & Cntry MO; Courtney Wilderman, Florssnt	50.52%	2	Joan Wentz - Al Wentz, Edwardsville IL	54.36%
	2		Susan Jansen - Elizabeth Sasser, Saint Louis MO	50.47%			

Wednesday 199er Pairs

7 PM

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.98	1	1		Mary Volmert, Chesterfield MO; Meg Griffin, Manchester MO	65.00%b
1.49	2	2		Joe Fleagle - Chris Fleagle, Chesterfield MO	63.75%
1.11	3	3		Maureen Curran, Saint Charles MO; Dolores Baechle,	61.25%
0.84	4	4		Richard Ahrens - Patricia Ahrens, Saint Louis MO	58.33%



Meg Volmert & Mary Volmert



Joe & Chris Fleagle

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1	1	1			Mary Volmert, Chesterfield MO; Meg Griffin, Manchester MO	65.00%
2	2		2			Maureen Curran, Saint Charles MO; Dolores Baechle,	61.25%
					1	Victoria Keys - David Keys, Chesterfield MO	47.92%

WEDNESDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS

7 PM



Winners!

12 Tbl	A	B	C		
3.34	1			Dennis Rose, Boaz KY; Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN	92.00
3.03	2	1		Nancy Tiller, Battlefield MO; Bernita Webster - Jill Nance - Carol Pinegar, Springfield MO	89.00
1.88	3			John Dicks - Shirley Dicks - Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO; Jennifer Luner, Saint Louis MO	84.00
2.27	4	2		Jason Clevenger - Andrew Carver - Wojciech Golik, Saint Louis MO; Vernon Carver, Edwardsville IL	75.00
1.70		3		Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO; Aaron Krieser, Saint Louis MO; James Voelz, Fort Wayne IN	71.00
1.12	4/5			Mark Schollenberger - Sandra Stults - Elizabeth Zalar, Springfield IL; Mark Beattie, Sherman IL	57.00
1.59	4/5	1		Harold Gebhardt, Edwardsville IL; Susan Penseau, Collinsville IL; Richard Maxedon, Fairview Hgts IL; David Mindrup, Glen Carbon IL	57.00



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This Week's Events

Zero Tolerance Policy Is In Place

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLICATED BOARDS

I/N 199er Pairs Games (Single sessions) Everyday
Expert Guest Speakers before each session Monday - Saturday

Friday: 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs* **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Must play in both sessions of Gold Rush Pairs. Only play vs. other 0-750 players.*

Pays Gold for Section Tops (300-750) & Overalls.

Sunday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions **10:00 AM & 2:00 PM**

Regional Side Game Series (Single Sessions)

Series 3: Friday & Saturday **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Can play in 1 or more games of a series. Must play at least 2 games of same series for overall gold.

Knockout Teams (4-Session events)

Wednesday-Thursday Knockout 3, continues today **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Friday-Saturday Knockout 4 **Both days 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5 **Sat. 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM, Sun. 10:00 AM & TBA**

Swiss Teams (Stratified, unless noted)

Single Session Evening Swiss: Wednesday – Saturday (Wednesday Charity) **7:00 PM**

2-Session Morning Swiss: Wednesday – Thursday, continues today **9:00 AM**

2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday – Saturday **9:00 AM**

2-Session Prime Time Stratified Swiss: Thursday **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

NEW 2-Session Bracketed Swiss (0-3000): Sunday, Play through, finishes by 5:30 PM **10:00 AM**

NEW 2-Session A/X/Y Swiss (0-4000/6000/6000+): Sunday, Play through, finishes by 5:30 PM **10:00 AM**

Pairs (All 2-Session events, except Saturday AM Charity)

Thursday Stratified Open Pairs **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Friday A/X Pairs (0-2500, 2500+) **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (Charity Game) single session **9:00 AM**

Saturday Barometer Pairs, 2 sessions (Qualifying) **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Saturday BCD Pairs (0-300, 300-750, 750-2500) **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

Sunday Fast Pairs, 2 sessions over by 5 PM **10:00 AM**

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+

I/N 199er Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200

Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed from Bottom Up

Barometer Pairs: Flt A Unlimited

Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2500

All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events.

Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player.

Bracketed KO's/Swiss may be handicapped.



'Why are you so glum?'
'The doctor told me I can't play bridge.'
'Aha. So he's played with you, too?'