

Gateway to the West Regional

Information At-A-Glance!

Welcome

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

Your Tournament Team



Mike Carmen, Tourn. Director & Speakers



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Registration

Personalized Address Labels

Let us know you're here! The Registration desk opens 45 minutes before each session morning, afternoons, and evenings. It's located in the main hallway. It closes 15 minutes before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. When you register, you may ask for your registration gift of *personalized address labels with your ACBL player number*. Your labels will be available the day after you register.



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 morning, afternoon, and evening session in the main playing area. Each time you leave the parking lot you will need a ticket to open the gate. Pick up your *exit ticket* at the Director's table in the Main Playing area.



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers a terrific after-session snack for all. Join us for after the evening session to snack and chew over the session.

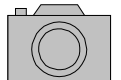
Session	Registration	Partnership	Complimentary Coffee	Complimentary Parking
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	5:45 PM - 6:15 PM	5:45 PM - 6:15 PM	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Partnership Desk

Looking for a Partner? Or Teammates? The Partnership desk opens 45 minutes before each session morning, afternoons, and evenings. It is located in the main hallway. It will close 5 minutes before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. The same desk is used for ALL players in any event.

Convention Card Reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each partner.



Photographer

Attention Winners! Carl Clyne will photograph all New Life Masters, I/N winners, and all event winners in the main hallway near the Photography poster immediately after each session starting Tuesday evening.

New Life Masters...

Let us know the details when you achieve the rank and where you're from! Drop your news in our Inbox.



Zero Tolerance Policy

Be cool! Bridge is fun.

We are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. The ultimate purpose of the Zero-Tolerance 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.

Say the magic word, *Please!* when you call. Try, "Caddy, please, or "Director, please." ...and, we Thank YOU!



Reduced Entry \$Fee\$

The Intermediate/Novice pair game fee is \$10/player/session. Student Discounts: Our Regional offers a 50% discount on each full session at each Regional event for full-time students ages 25 and under with ID proof. Be sure to inform the director when purchasing the entry.



Awards Desk

There are First Overall trophies for **ALL** Intermediate/Novice events. We will give Section Top Awards for all **Pairs** events. 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 Tuesday 6:00- 6:45PM, Wednesday-Saturday Noon-12:45PM and 6:00-6:45PM, and Sunday 10:00-10:20AM and 30 minutes after the Swiss event. You will 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 Masterpoints

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



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.



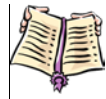
Lost and Found

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 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, cameras, PDAs, audible pagers, or any similar communication equipment MAY NOT be operated or operable in the playing area during a session of play.** If you are expecting an emergency call, you may leave your phone at the director's station.



Smoking Policy

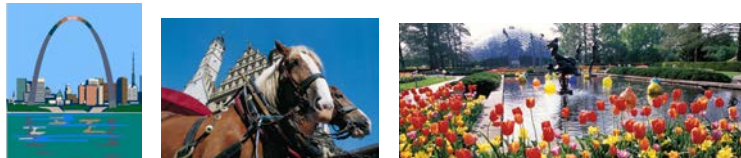
This is a **NO SMOKING** tournament and hotel. You may smoke outside the hotel entrances. Please use provided receptacles. Hospitality breaks will be provided.

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 Home Page for a link for your friends and family for 25 things to do in St. Louis while you're playing bridge. Top attractions, besides the Cardinals who are in town Tuesday-Thursday, are the Gateway Arch, the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales & brewery tour, and the MO Botanical Garden. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:15 am to 9:10 pm. Brewery tours at the corner of 12th and Lynch St. MO Botanical Garden hours are 9 am – 5 pm; now featuring China's Lantern Festival 2012.



Hotel Coffee, Restaurant, & Bar

Starbucks coffee shop is available in main lobby 6:30 – 11AM
Daily Dinner Buffet in *Norah's Crafted Food & Spirits* opens at 4:30PM to include a garden salad, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad and Chef's selection of a sandwich for \$12 + tax/gratuity.
Lobby Bar drinks and 13-item bar menu 2PM - 1 AM.



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

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.

See a great play? Have an amusing anecdote? Know someone who passed a bridge milestone while at our Regional? Contact the *Daily Bulletin* editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the **In Basket** if you have. New Life Masters, give us your home town and the event that put you over. We also recognize birthdays and anniversaries you are celebrating here with us this week.



Bridge Pads

We will be using the BridgePad™ scoring system this week. It is easy to use, just ask your Director if you have a question or a problem using it. The session's final results are published almost immediately following the completion of the final board.



August 6-12



91°/67°

Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



Your Gateway Tournament Chair

Welcome from Mike Carmen

On behalf of the members of Greater St. Louis Unit, 143, welcome to our Gateway to the West Regional. We have a superb staff of Directors headed by Chris Patrias, so we know the games will run smoothly, and many local volunteers are working hard to make sure that everyone has a great time.

Thanks for attending!

The St. Louis Regional is produced by:

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Welcome from Our President

Welcome to our tournament! We feel so privileged that you have chosen to spend the week playing bridge with us here in St. Louis. We are very proud of our tournament and our city. Enjoy your time at the bridge table and in our excellent restaurants. We are pleased with the support of our local players. Have fun, tell your friends, and hope to see you again next year.

Steve Zenk
Unit 143 President



Late Night Hospitality



St. Louis offers tasty hospitality for all. Join us for a snack after the evening session. Tonight's Chat & Snack is Fudge Brownies and Jumbo Cookies.

Eddie Kantar's



DAILY BRIDGE TIPS

- 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.
- Do not use Blackwood prematurely holding two or more losers in an UNBID suit. You hold: S. KQ987 H. Q107 D. AKJ7 C. 2 Auction: Partner 1C, You 1S, Partner 3S, You ??? Cuebid 4D. Do not bid 4NT until you hear a heart cuebid, a suit in which you have two or more quick losers.



I/N Games to Feature Pre-Duplicated

Unit 143 is proud to offer preduplicated boards for all Intermediate/Novice pair games. This means you don't have to duplicate boards from hand records...and you still will be able to see the hands with hand records available after the session. Preduplicated hands are not rigged, we promise! "Computer-dealt hands" are, in reality, a true random deal. Did you know that to create a random deal manually, players must give the deck a thorough shuffle at least **7 times** to guarantee the cards are mixed!



I hate @#*&*#!#*computer-dealt hands!

Tonight's Events

I/N PAIRS *preduplicated boards*
BRACKETED KNOCK OUT 1
SIDE SERIES 1 Open Pairs

Single Session
Session 1 of 4 Sessions
Session 1 of 4 Sessions

7 PM
7 PM
7 PM

Tuesday Speakers

For the Advancing Player
Karen Walker
TBA

Balancing Over 1-Level Bids
Check the message board for Speaker & Topic

Lambert Room
12:15 PM
6:15 PM

KOs matched by MPs 1st round, thereafter by record; open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players. Unless other-wise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 750/2000/2000+. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200. All stratification is by Average MPs in all events.

Zero Tolerance is in place!



This Week's Events

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Tuesday, August 7

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Open Pairs continued	Sessions 2-4 of 4	9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 1 continued	Sessions 2-4 of 4	9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 2	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Wednesday, August 8

2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 1	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
REGIONAL 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 STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED CHARITY SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Thursday, August 9

2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 1 continued	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM, 7 PM
REGIONAL 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
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Friday, August 10

2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 4	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Saturday, August 11

2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2 continued	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
2-SESSION BAROMETER PAIRS (Open Qualifier for + BAROMETER Finals)	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION B, C, D OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 3 & 4 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
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Sunday, August 12

SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED B/C/D	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
BRACKETED KO 5 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	10:30 AM & TBA
2-SESSION FAST PAIRS	2 Sessions**	10:30 AM & TBA**

* finishes by 6 PM

** finishes by 5 PM

KOs matched by MPs 1st round, thereafter by record; open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players. Swiss Teams also may have 4 to 6 players; a player must play at least 50% of the matches. 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 750/2000/2000+. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, A/X = 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs pays gold for section tops in 300-750. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200. Players can play in 1 or more games of a Side series; must play in 2 games of same Side Game Series for gold.