

## Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serous hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. Tonight's treat: Chat \& Snack: Popcorn Night with assorted Coke ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Pepsi ${ }^{\circledR}$ products and a keg of Bud Light ${ }^{\circledR}$.
 THE BACKSTOPPERS Inc.
the police officern of firefighters fund

## Charity Swiss Team Tonight at 7 PM

 Tonight's Single-Session Swiss Team Game will benefit Back Stoppers. We are supporting them to express our appreciation for a life given on behalf of others. Unit 143 presents the gift at our October Sectional. Thank you for your participation! BackStoppers provides needed support and financial assistance to the spouses and children of all local and county police officers, firefighters, publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs and volunteer fire protection units, who have lost their lives performing their duty.Free Dinner for 2<br>From the Restaurant Committee

We will be giving away a dinner for 2 at Outback Steakhouse during the afternoon event today... compliments of the restaurant committee of Lee Hastings, Linda Seibert, Jay Shah, and Jeff Kopolow. Be sure to check out the green Restaurant Guide for discounts or something free at some of our area restaurants.

## Gold Rush Pairs Today (and again on Friday) <br> The ACBL is offering this new gold pairs game at tournaments for 0-300 and 300-750 players; these games are scored over the two sessions, not as two separate games. You will only play against other $0-750$ MP players. Gold points paid to section top <br> 

 and overall winners. Players are competing in a $0-750$ game, but the $0-300 \mathrm{MP}$ player can win gold points by placing in the overalls (as there are no gold points given for finishing overall in the 0-300 games.) You must play in both sessions. See you at 1PM and 7PM.
## Daily Grin



- A player who can't defend accurately should try to become declarer (or dummy).
-Alfred Sheinwold
o Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.
-Alfred Sheinwold.
o I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you can never be sure that the bidding will get back around to you again.
-Oswald J acoby at 77
o We had a partnership misunderstanding. I assumed my partner knew what he was doing.


## Today's Events

## 2-SESSION MORNING SWISS TEAM 1 REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 Pairs TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO 2 continued WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO 3 <br> 2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS <br> 2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/300-750 <br> Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <br> 1-SESSION EVENING CHARITY SWISS TEAM

Today's Speakers: For the Advancing Player

## Karen Walker

Barry Harper

Session 1 of 2
9 AM
Single Sessions 1-2 of 4
1 PM \&7 PM
Sessions 3 \& 4 of 4
Sessions $1 \& 2$ of 4
2 Sessions
2 Sessions
Single Sessions
Single Session

## "Sandwich-Seat Bids" <br> "Top 10 Tips"

1 PM \& 7 PM
1 PM \&7 PM
1 PM \& 7 PM
1 PM \& 7 PM
1 PM, 7 PM
7 PM

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

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2000/2000+, I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200, Strati-flighted Swiss: Flight A/X: 03000/3000+, Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2000. Barometer Pairs: Flight A Unlimited, All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events. Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player. Knockouts may be handicapped.

## Wednesday's Puzzles

Yesterday's Solution

## Sudoku 1

| 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 |

## Sudoku 2

| 7 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 7 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 9 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 5 |

Sudoku 3 -Demanding

|  |  |  | 8 |  | 5 | 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  | 1 |
| 7 |  | 5 |  | 4 |  |  |  | 9 |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 7 |  | 2 |
|  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 6 | 4 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 |  | 9 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
|  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 |  |

Sudoku 4 - Demanding

| 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 |  |  |  | 7 |  | 6 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 | 5 |
|  | 1 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  | 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 |  | 4 | 3 |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |
|  | 9 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 5 |  |
|  | 5 |  |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |

16. When responding to an opening bid with two four-card majors, respond $1 \uparrow$ and give partner a chance to rebid 14. If partner doesn't rebid 1a, assume partner does not have four spades and bid accordingly.
You hold: AJxx KQxx Jx xxx
Partner You
$1+1 \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{*}$
2? ?
Rebid 2NT and limit your hand to 11-12 HCP. Do not rebid 2^. Partner does not have four spades.

## Today's Cash Concessions

Where Main playing area
When 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Concourse Ballroom
Turkey Club Half with Condiments @ \$3.00 BBQ Pork Sandwich with Condiments @ \$4.00 Bags of Potato Chips \& Pretzels @ \$1.00 Whole Fresh Fruit, including Bananas @ \$1.00
Assorted Cookies and Cookie Bars @ \$1.00
Assorted Soft Drinks @ \$2.50
Assorted Bottled Juices \& Bottled Water @ \$2.50
Fresh Fruit Bowl @ \$3.00


## 52 FACTS OF BRIDGE LIFE - continued Good Advice To Give Your Partner By Eddie Kantar

Tips 1-20 are bidding tips. Today we cover 11-16.
11. A 2 NT response to a takeout double shows 10-12 HCP and is not forcing. A 1NT response to a takeout double shows 6-9 HCP similar to a 1 NT response to an opening bid. Notrump responses to a takeout double guarantee at least one stopper (hopefully two), in the opponents' suit.
You hold: $\mathrm{KJ} \mathrm{Jx}_{\mathrm{x}} \vee \mathrm{xx}$ Q10x Jxxx (or AJxx)
West North East South (you)

1. Dbl. Pass?

With the Jxxx, respond 1NT. With the AJxx, respond 2NT. You don't need stoppers in the other suits. Partner is supposed to have them for the double.
12. If you play 'five-card majors', a short diamond should only be opened with 4-4 in the majors, three diamonds and two clubs. The incidence of a 1 opening bid with this exact distribution is less than $3 \%$. Translation: When partner opens $1 \star$, assume partner has four or more diamonds.
13. After partner opens the bidding and second hand overcalls 1NT to show the strength of an opening 1NT bid, double for penalty if you have 9 or more HCP. Bidding a suit denies the strength to double.
You hold: 10 x KJxx AJxxx J10
North East South (you) West

1. 1NT?

Double. You have them outgunned. You should be able to defeat 1NT easily. If you bid $2 \star$, you are showing fewer than 9 HCP with at least five diamonds, usually six.
14. It is dangerous to count extra points for short suits or long suits before the bidding starts.
If partner bids your short suit, that reduces, not increases, the value of your hand. If one of your opponents bids your long suit, that decreases, not increases, the value of your hand. If you let the bidding develop, you will see whether your long or short suits are working for or against you.
You hold: A Axx $\bullet$ x Qxxxx $\leqslant x x$
What is this hand worth? If partner opens $1 \boldsymbol{\vee}$, it is a minus 6 -point hand. If partner opens 1a, it is a 9-point hand ( 3 points for the singleton with four-card support). If LHO opens $1 *$ and partner overcalls $1 \boldsymbol{\Downarrow}$, the $Q$ has lost it's value not to mention the fifth diamond. You are now looking at a minus 4-point hand! Be patient with distributional evaluations until you hear the bidding.
15. It is dangerous to use Blackwood holding a void. If you are missing two aces and partner shows one ace, you won't know which it is. It is usually better to cuebid when interested in a slam. Also, when responding to Blackwood, do not count a void as an ace. With one ace (or three) and a void, jump to the six level of the void suit if it is lower ranking than the trump suit. If the void suit is higher ranking than the trump suit, jump to the six level of the trump suit. With two aces and a void, respond 5NT.

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## Welcome

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


## Your Directing Staff



## Registration

## Convention Card Holder

Let us know you're here! The Registration desk opens 45' 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, pick up your registration gift of a convention card holder.

## Daily Hospitality



## Complimentary Parking \& Free Coffee

As part of our daily hospitality, we are pleased to offer you Complimentary Coffee Service will be provided during each session Morning. Afternoon, and Evening session for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours on a daily basis beginning Monday evening. Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee will be provided. 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.

## 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! Unit 143 photographers will snap pictures of all New Life Masters, I/N winners, and all event winners in the main hallway near the Photography poster for $20^{\prime}$ immediately after each session starting Tuesday evening.

## NEW TO USING ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES?

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


Here's Rick Beye explaining how they work. There is one scoring device on each table. After the auction, North enters the contract into a device that looks like an oversized calculator. When play is completed, North enters the result, and then hands the device to one of the opponents to verify that it is accurate. After the opponent OKs the score, it is sent via radio signal to a computer that is compatible with ACBLscore. When the final score of the session is entered, the complete results are available for printout - just as though the data had been entered by hand.

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.

## Reduced Entry Fee\$



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 event winners. We will give Section Top Awards for all Pairs event - a 24 oz. insulated clear acrylic (BPA free) cool cup with straw. 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.) 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 $60^{\circ}$ prior to morning sessions Friday and Saturday. The prize table will close promptly 15 ' prior to the sessions 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. No prizes will be mailed.

## 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 less than 1 mile from the airport 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. Highspeed internet is available in all rooms at $\$ 12.95 /$ day with flat-screen TV with HBO, Indoor and outdoor swimming pools, complimentary in-room coffee/tea, toll-free phone calls, shoeshine, gym and business center. 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 tne Regional.

## Turn Them OFF! <br> Please and Thank You!!!

Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-In- Charge of the tournament or event,
 cell phones, cell phones, 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 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, the Clydesdales \& brewery tour, the MO Botanical Garden, and the 21 newEast building galleries at the St. Louis Art Museum which opened June 29. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:20 am to 9:10 pm. Brewery tours: Mon-Sat: $9 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}-$ Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm . The MO Botanical Garden hours are $9 \mathrm{am}-5$ pm. Art Museum hours are Tu-Sun 10am - 5pm. Fri 10-9.
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cratetef food sp spits Hotel Food \& Beverages
Norah's Crafted Food \& Spirits is an American-style restaurant, featuring a dinner buffet including soup \& salad for $\$ 14$. Opens at 4:30 PM Tuesday through Saturday.
Lobby Bar brews Starbuck's coffee daily from 6:30 AM - Noon. Full bar available from 2:00 PM - 1:00 AM, food available at the bar.

## 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.

Did you see a great play? Have an amusing anecdote? Know someone who passed a bridge milestone while at our Regional? Contact Daily Bulletin editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the In Basket if you have news for the Bulletin. We love to bring you your news and photos.

New Life Masters, give us your home town \& the event that put you over. We also love to recognize birthdays, engagements, and anniversaries you are celebrating here with us this week.

## Intermediate/Novice Players Page

## The Forcing 1NT Response

If the partnership has agreed to play two-over-one game force (2/1), then a new suit response at the two level is a marathon bid, forcing to at least game. That can create a challenge for responder when the opening bid is $1 \boldsymbol{\square}$ 14 and responder has 11 or 12 points.

| EAST | WEST NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 84 | 14 |  |  | Pass |
| - AJ 4 |  |  |  |  |
| - K Q 1074 |  |  |  |  |
| + 852 |  |  |  |  |

Suppose responder, East, has this hand. In standard methods, East is too strong to bid 1NT
? and would respond $2 \star$. The 2 response is forcing, but not forcing to game. Playing $2 / 1$, however, the 2 response would be forcing to game. With only 10 high-card points, responder isn't strong enough to commit the partnership to the game level. To get around this dilemma, the range for a 1 NT has to be expanded from 6-10
points to 6-11.

## The Forcing 1NT Response

Allowing responder to have as many as 11 points for the response of 1 NT creates another challenge for the partnership. In standard methods, opener would pass a 1NT response with a balanced hand of about 13-14 points. If responder has 11 and perhaps a 5 card suit, the partnership could miss a game with a combined total of 25 or 26 points.

To meet this challenge, when playing 2/1, a response of 1 NT to an opening bid of 1 or 1 is forcing -opener must bid again. The 1NT response is forcing for only one round; it is not forcing to game. The use of the forcing 1NT is not a big change from standard methods. Most of the time, the auction will go the same way in either system:

| WEST | EAST | WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - AQ873 | - K 4 | $1 \uparrow$ |  |  | Pass |
| - K64 | - Q 873 | 1NT | Pass |  |  |
| - KJ63 | - Q 5 | 2 |  |  | Dace |
| + 5 | + 97642 |  |  |  |  |

West opens the five-card major suit. With only 7 high-card points, East isn't strong enough to do anything but respond 1NT. West now shows the second suit. East give preference back to opener's first suit, and the partnership stops in a spade partscore. Even though the partnership is in a seven-card fit, it's a good spot, probably better than 1NT or 2 on the 4-3 fit. Playing $2 / 1$ or standard -or almost any other methods- the partnership would reach the same contract.

## The Better Minor Rebid

The forcing 1NT response will make a difference on some hands.
\& AQ873 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
$\bullet$ K64 14 Pass 1NT Pass

- KJ6 ?
* 53

Suppose opener has this hand. With a minimum balanced hand and no second suit to show, opener would pass the non-forcing 1NT response with this hand. Playing 2/1, opener can't pass because the 1NT response is forcing. What does opener rebid? With a minimum balanced hand and no side four-card suit, opener bids a three-card minor:
2\& with both three-card minors, or 2 - as on this hand - with only a doubleton club. This is similar to an opening
bid of $1 \$$ or $1 *$, which could be based on a three-card suit. Although this might seem a bit strange, since 1NT could be the best spot, the forcing 1NT response will often get the partnership to a better contract than standard methods.
WEST EAST WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

* AQ873 4 K2 1* Pass 1NT Pass
- K64 『 Q83
- KJ6 - Q 10753
\& 53 \& 964
2 is a better contract than the 1NT contract that would be reached in standard methods when opener passed the 1NT response.



## Intermediate/Novice Players Page

The Forcing 1NT Response
by Eric Rodwell
2 is a much better spot than 1NT! It is not forcing; it says, "I just want to play 2 "
The Three-Card Limit Raise
The forcing 1NT provides an easy way for responder to show three-card support for opener's major with an invitational hand, about 11-12 points:

| WEST | EAST | WEST |  | EAST | SOU |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - KQ873 | - AJ2 |  | 14 | Pass | 1NT | Pass |  |  |
| - 42 | $\bullet$ | Q 873 | 24 |  |  | Pass | 34 | All Pass |
| - K 5 |  | J 962 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

In standard methods, East would start with a 2 response, since an immediate limit raise to $3 \uparrow$ would show fourcard support. This would create a rebid challenge for West and perhaps lead to confusion later in the auction. Using 2/1,

East starts with a forcing 1NT. After West's $2 \boldsymbol{q}$ rebid, East jumps to 34 to show an invitational hand of about 10-12 points with specifically three-card support. West passes with a minimum and the partnership stops in a reasonable spot.

## Showing a Weak Raise

The forcing 1NT can also be used to differentiate between a sound raise and a weak raise of opener's major. With about 8-10 HCP, responder raises to the two level right away. With a weak raise, about 5-7 HCP, responder bids 1NT and then gives preference to the major:

| WEST | EAST | WEST | NORTH EAST SOUTH |  |  | Pass | All Pass |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - A 5 | - J 64 |  | $1 \stackrel{1}{ }$ | Pass | 1NT |  |  |
| - KJ873 | - 942 |  | 24 | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ |  |  |
| - 73 | - | 95 |  |  |  |  |  |
| + AK85 | + Q J 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

After East's weak-sounding preference to $2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$, West isn't tempted to bid again. If East had raised to $2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ right away, West might have moved toward game.

## When Forcing 1NT Is Off

If the partnership has agreed to play the forcing 1NT response, there are three situations when it doesn't apply:
When Opener Bids 14 or 1
When the opening bid is $1 \&$ or $1 \star$, responder has room to bid hearts or spades at the one level. With no major, responder can show a balanced hand of about 11-12 points by jumping to 2NT, invitational. With a balanced hand of 13-15 points, responder can jump to 3NT. So there's little need to use a response of 1NT as forcing. After an opening bid of $1 *$ or 1 , a response of $1 N T$ shows about 6-10 points and is non-forcing.

| WEST | EAST | WEST NORTH | EAST S | UTH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - A 1075 | ¢ J 63 | 14 | Pass | 1NT | All pass |
| - A Q 83 | - K 105 |  |  |  |  |
| - 85 | - K | Q 10 |  |  |  |
| + A94 | + 8752 |  |  |  |  |

East doesn't need to raise clubs with poor four-card support. Instead, East responds 1NT, showing 6-10 HCP. West knows the partnership doesn't have a major suit fit, since responder didn't bid $1 \mathbf{v}$ or $1 \uparrow$. Opener is happy to play a partscore in 1NT.
WEST EAST WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
\& A5 \& K76 1\& Pass 2Nt All Pass

- A832 $\quad$ K94
- KQ104 J 3
\& 842 \& A 10753
East can jump to 2NT to show a balanced hand with invitational values, 11-12 HCP. There's no need for a forcing 1NT when East has 11-12 points. With a minimum, West passes and the partnership is in the best spot.


## 2. Responder is a Passed Hand

If responder passed initially, opener knows that responder has fewer than 13 points. So, opener can pass a1NT response with a minimum opening bid and a balanced hand. This is especially useful if opener has made a 'light' opening bid-with fewer than 13 points-in third or fourth position. There's no need for the partnership to get too high. So, a 1NT response is only invitational when responder is a passed hand.

WEST EAST WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

## Intermediate/Novice Players Page

The Forcing 1NT Response
by Eric Rodwell

| $\uparrow$ | KJ4 | Q 72 | Pass | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ | Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bullet$ | 42 |  | $\bullet$ | AJ863 | 1NT | All Pass |

After West passes, East opens light in third chair with 11 high card points. When West responds 1NT, East doesn't have to bid again. The partnership can stop in 1NT, which is high enough.

## 3. Right-Hand Opponent Overcalls

When an opponent overcalls, it is more practical to treat responder's notrump bids as natural, showing some strength in the opponent's suit and suggesting notrump as a place to play. A 1NT response shows about 6-10 points and is invitational after an overcall. The overcall gives responder other options with a hand unsuitable for bidding notrump. Responder can pass with a marginal hand, waiting for opener to bid again with extra strength. Responder can make a negative double or a cuebid. Responder can bid a new suit at the two level, which is no longer forcing to game, only forcing for one round.

| WEST | EAST | WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 732 | - K Q 10 | $1 \checkmark$ |  | 14 |  | 1NT | All Pass |
| - AK962 | - 54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - A54 | - Q 863 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Q 9 |  | 1084 |  |  |  |  |  |

East makes a natural 1NT response after the 14 overcall, West doesn't have to take the partnership any higher.


## 7 PM

Judy Wagner \& 66.07\% Barb Constance $60.71 \% \quad 1^{\text {st }}$ Overall 57.74\% 56.55\% 56.25\% 55.36\% 51.79\%

## TUESDAY EVENING 199ER I/N PAIR GAME

11.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.79 | 1 | 1 |  | Judith Wagner - Barbara |
| 2.09 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Cathy Paulsmeyer, Ches |
| 1.57 | 3 | 3 |  | David Dierkes - Vicky S |
| 1.18 | 4 | 4 | 2 | Debb Keniley - Joile Ma |
| 0.98 | 5 |  |  | Jerry Burch - Kathleen B |
| 0.72 | 6 | 5 |  | Aloys Faenger, St Louis |
| 0.79 |  |  | 3 | Mary Lutz, Chesterfield |


| NORTH-SOUTH |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| A | B | C |  |
| 1 | 1 |  | Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | C Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis MO |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | Debb Keniley - Joile Mackney, St Louis MO |
| 4 |  |  | Aloys Faenger, St Louis MO; Jim Bowers, Saint Louis MO |

Cathy Paulsmeyer \& Mary Joan Woods $2^{\text {nd }}$ Overall

## REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 1 Pairs FINAL

| A | B | C |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $66.07 \%$ | 1 | 1 |  | David Dierkes - Vicky Stringer, St Louis MO | $57.74 \%$ |
| $60.71 \%$ | 2 |  |  | Jerry Burch - Kathleen Burch, Goodyear AZ | $56.25 \%$ |
| $56.55 \%$ | 3 |  |  | J Schroeder, Maryland Hgts MO; A Mallow, S Huntington NY | $54.46 \%$ |
| $55.36 \%$ | 4 | 2 | 1 | Mary Lutz, Chesterfield MO; Peggy Lynch, Kirkwood MO | $51.79 \%$ |
|  |  | $3 / 4$ | 2 | Linda Cassens, Edwardsville IL; Sandra Drda, Edwardsville IL | $50.89 \%$ |
|  |  | $3 / 4$ |  | Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO; Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO | $50.89 \%$ |

Overalls results are missing - will publish tomorrow
REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs
Session 2 of 4

## Apologies!


13.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3.49 | 1 |  |  | Mike Albert - Kathleen Owen, Omaha NE | $61.42 \%$ |
| 3.03 | 2 | 1 |  | Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO | $61.17 \%$ |
| 2.27 | 3 | 2 |  | Nancy Cadwell - Tom Cadwell, Saint Louis MO | $61.11 \%$ |
| 1.47 | 4 |  |  | John Russell, North Barringto IL; Barbara Westholm, Pensacola FL | $54.96 \%$ |
| 1.10 | 5 |  |  | Stephen Brauss, Saint Louis MO; Sharon Christenson, Edina MN | $53.98 \%$ |
| 1.70 | 6 | 3 |  | Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL; Homer Nash Jr, Saint Louis MO | $53.72 \%$ |
| 1.51 |  | 4 |  | George Jones, Maryland Hgts MO; George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO | $53.48 \%$ |
| 2.43 |  | 5 | 1 | Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE; Gil Kreul, Omaha NE | $53.43 \%$ |
| 1.08 |  | 6 |  | Sanford Becker - Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO | $52.63 \%$ |
| 1.82 |  |  | 2 | Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Barbara Macpeek, Ballwin MO |  |
| 1.37 |  |  | 3 | Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO | $51.96 \%$ |
| 1.03 |  |  | 4 | Sharon Thomas - Martie Blazis, Springfield IL | $51.26 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  | $50.50 \%$ |  |

## NORTH-SOUTH <br> SECTION J <br> EAST-WEST

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# Tuesday's Results 




Judy Eaton \& Jerry Spencer 1st in A
REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs
Session 4 of 4

M Carmen, Saint Louis MO; K Safranski, Chesterfield MO Ann Wilkerson, Saint Louis MO; Don McLean, St Louis MO Curtis Hastings - Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO
Sanford Becker - Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO J Costanzo, Glen Carbon IL; Donna Docter, Edwardsville IL
59.42\%
54.52\%
54.03\% 52.66\% 50.48\% Ann Ruwitch, Saint Louis MO; Gayle McLean, St Louis MO P Tfmenstein, Chesterfield MO; M Swihart, Saint Louis MO

Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis MO Stephen Brauss, Saint Louis MO; Sharon Christenson, Edina MN

EAST-WEST


| A |  | B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $58.55 \%$ | 1 |  |
| $54.86 \%$ | 2 | 1 |
| $53.66 \%$ | 3 |  |
| $52.92 \%$ | 4 | 2 |
| $51.09 \%$ |  | 3 |
| $48.21 \%$ |  |  |
| SECTION L |  |  |
| A | B | C |
| $61.98 \%$ | 1 | 1 |
| $61.51 \%$ | 2 | 2 |
| $53.04 \%$ | 3 | 3 |
| $51.66 \%$ | 4 |  |
| $50.00 \%$ |  |  |

EAST-WEST

Charles Keltner, Highland IL; Robert Riggs, Saint Louis MO Hall Whitaker - William Morgan, Rolla MO
9.0 Tables

|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2.88 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Gil Kreul, Omaha NE; Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE | $60.65 \%$ |
| 2.16 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO |  |
| 1.77 | 3 |  |  | Curtis Hastings - Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO |  |
| 1.54 | 4 | 3 | 3 | Phyllis Tirmenstein, Chesterfield MO; Maureen Swihart, Saint <br> Louis MO | $58.56 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  | George Hawley - Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO | $57.18 \%$ |
| 1.68 | 5 | 4 |  | Hall Whitaker - William Morgan, Rolla MO |  |
| 1.18 |  | 5 | 4 | Jason Patton, Fenton MO; William Lobdell, Des Peres MO | $56.71 \%$ |
| 1.32 |  |  | 5 | Missy Ramey, St Louis MO; Susan Corley, Saint Louis MO | $53.86 \%$ |
| 0.92 |  |  |  | $52.94 \%$ |  |


| NORTH-SOUTH |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| A | B | C | SECTION I |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Gil Kreul, Omaha NE; Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Phyllis Tirmenstein, Chesterfield MO; M Swihart, Saint Louis MO |
| 4 |  |  | Anne Beaurivage - Jack Conway, Lincoln NE |

EAST-WEST

TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
22.0 Tables

| A |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11.20 | 1 | B |
| 8.40 | 2 |  |
| 6.30 | 3 |  |
| 4.73 | 4 |  |
| 4.26 | 5 |  |
| 4.14 | 6 |  |
| 2.80 | 7 |  |
| 5.90 |  | 1 |
| 4.43 |  | 2 |
| 3.32 |  | 3 |
| 3.96 |  | 4 |
| 1.97 |  | 5 |
| 2.97 |  | 6 |

C
Mike Albert - Kathleen Owen, Omaha NE
Larry Westholm - Barbara Westholm, Pensacola FL
Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO 59.81\%
En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Randy Baker, St Louis MO 5
Bonnie Melchior - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR 59.02\%

Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM 58.72\%
John Seng, Champaign IL; John Russell, North Barringto IL 58.11\%
John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO 55.92\%
Jo Ann Moore, Saint Louis MO; Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO 53.06\%
Gloria Spitzer - Sanford Spitzer, Saint Louis MO 49.45\%
1 Mary Dolan - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO 49.16\%
Mary Butler, Saint Louis MO; Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO 49.15\%
2 Judy Thompson - Gwyn Groseclose, Springfield MO 48.80\%
3 Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO; Doris Fairgrieve, St Louis MO
47.41\%

4 Suzanne Martin, Saint Charles MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO 46.02\%

## TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH
SECTIONS J K

| A | B | C |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  | Bonnie Melchior - Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR |
| 2 |  |  | Mike Albert - Kathleen Owen, Omaha NE |
| 3 |  |  | Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO |
| 4 |  |  | M Hennon, Overland Park KS; Charles Lynn Jr, Kansas City MO |
| 5 |  |  | John Seng, Champaign IL; John Russell, North Barringto IL |
| 6 | 1 |  | Jo Ann Moore, Saint Louis MO; Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | Mary Dolan - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO |
| 8 |  |  | Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; Fred Lambert, Kansas City MO |
| 9 |  |  | S Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO; D Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO |
|  | 3 | 2 | Anita Woodard - Kenneth Woodard, Lubbock TX |
|  | 4 | 3 | Judy Thompson - Gwyn Groseclose, Springfield MO |


| EAST-WES |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | B | C |  |
| $64.81 \%$ | 1 |  |  |
| $61.00 \%$ | 2 |  |  |
| $60.78 \%$ | 3 |  |  |
| $60.46 \%$ | 4 | 1 |  |
| $58.82 \%$ | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| $56.97 \%$ | 6 |  |  |
| $53.38 \%$ | 7 |  |  |
| $53.05 \%$ | 8 |  |  |
| $51.74 \%$ | 9 |  |  |
| $50.00 \%$ |  | 3 |  |
| $49.67 \%$ |  | 4 | 2 |



## Jo Ann Moore \& Helene Siegrried, $1^{\text {st }}$ in B

## MONDAY-TUESDAY BRACKATED KO 1

## BRACKET 1

13 Tables
46.12 11 Jack Bryant - Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Rod Beery, St Peters
32.282 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Robert Porter, Henderson NV; Jan Zadroga, Todz Poland; Kazimierz Omernik, Gdynia Poland
18.45 3/4 Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL
18.45 3/4

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

## BRACKET 2

14 Tables
20.311 Jeff Morasco, Ft Lauderdale FL; Laird Schaub, Rutledge MO; Chris Buck - Leon McCarty, Hurdland MO
14.222 Linda Powers - Patricia Shine, Chesterfield MO; Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO; Gail Hawkins, Ballwin MO
8.12 3/4 Stephen Zenk - Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO
8.12 3/4 Daniel Spangler, Saint Peters MO; David Drennan, Granite City IL; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO; Edward Wang, Ch

## BRACKET 3

10 Tables
9.431 Kathy Bost - Sharon Ohsfeldt - Ken Kishishita, Germantown TN; Helen Easley, Memphis TN
6.602 Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO
3.77 3/4 Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO; Mark Ziegelman - Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO; Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO
3.77 3/4 Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO; Douglas Larson, Saint Louis MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO

| $\begin{gathered} \text { 1-SES } \\ 18 \mathrm{Tal} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | ENING SWISS TEAM Single Session | 7 PM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | C |  |  |
| 4.25 | 1 |  |  | Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL | 109.00 |
| 3.49 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO; Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO; Mark Ziegelman - Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO | 84.00 |
| 2.62 | 3 | 2 |  | David Stevens, Charleston IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Gunnar Berg, Posen IL; John Weber, Watseka IL | 81.00 |
| 1.72 | 4/5 | 3/4 |  | Elizabeth Zalar - Mark Schollenberger - Jeff Ehrlich - Sandra Stults, Springfield IL | 71.00 |
| 1.72 | 4/5 | 3/4 |  | Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL; Krzysztof Jarosz - Dorota Jarosz, Edwardsville IL; Gail Baughman, O'Fallon IL | 71.00 |
| 1.94 |  | 5 | 2 | Camilla Baxter, Lake St Louis MO; Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO; Patricia Corich, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO | 66.00 |
| 1.45 |  |  | 3 | L Keith Graves - Karen Graves, Saint Charles MO; Linda Langsdorf, St Louis MO; Joyce Lewin, Chesterfield MO | 61.00 |

## TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY BRACKATED KO 1

BRACKET 110 Tables
Vickie Lanes, Columbia MO; Michael Bossert - Sara Bossert, Pflugerville TX; Mary Rackers, Jefferson City MO vs
Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Cookie Potter, Sunset Beach CA; Kevin Dwyer, Tampa FL; Tim Verbeek, 3971Ma Netherlands
Anthony Astrologes, Florissant MO; Marvin Shapiro - Norman Athy - Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO vs

Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO; John Burgener, St Louis MO; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO BRACKET 29 Tables
Dennis Rose, Boaz KY; Ronald Brockman - Jim Kallaher - Martha Kallaher, Paducah KY vs
Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; Ray Sigler, Trenton IL; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL
William Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Lin Chen - J Chen, Murphysboro IL; Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL vs
Stewart Rubenstein, Newton MA; Christina Parker, Newton Centre MA; Deanna Nesbit, Indianapolis IN; Wanda Cole, Greenfield IN
BRACKET 312 Tables
John Robey, Winchester TN; John Rempel, Wichita KS; Tom Cadwell, Saint Louis MO; Robert McDill, St Louis MO
vs
Amy Stabenow - Steve Reiss, Saint Louis MO; Sandra Meinz - Marvin Meinz, Chesterfield MO
Janet Vontz, Lake St Louis MO; Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO; Donald Chase, O Fallon MO; R Michael Montigne, Sahuarita AZ vs
Marian Solari - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO; Betty Ponzar - Tony Ponzar, Barnhart MO

# This Week's Events <br> zoro Tolerance Polley Is in Placol 

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLCATED BOARDS
Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Pairs Expert Guest Speakers before I/N Pairs Games

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Tuesday thru Saturday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions
Wednesday \& Friday: 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs*
ust play in both sessions of Gold Rush Pairs. Only play vs. other 0-750 players.
Pays Gold for Section Tops (300-750) \& Overalls.
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## Regional Side Game Series (Single sessions)

| Series 2: Wednesday \& Thursday | 1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM |
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| Series 3: Friday \& Saturday | 1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM |

Series 3: Friday \& Saturday
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
Can play in 1 or more games of a series.
Must play in at least 2 games of same series for gold.

## Knockout Teams (4-Session events)

Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout 2
Wednesday-Thursday Knockout 3
Friday-Saturday Knockout 4
Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5

1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM, 10:30 AM \& TBA

## Swiss Teams (Stratified, unless noted)

Single Session Evening Swiss: Tuesday - Saturday (Wednesday Charity)
2-Session Morning Swiss: Wednesday - Thursday
2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday - Saturday
2-Session Thursday Swiss
2-Session Strati-Flighted Sunday Swiss, Play through, finishes by 6:00 PM

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

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)
Wednesday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)
Thursday Stratified Open Pairs
Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)
Friday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)
Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (New Charity Game)
Saturday Barometer Pairs (Qualifying)
Saturday BCD Pairs
Sunday Fast Pairs (finishes by 5:00 pm)

1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
9:00 AM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
10:30 AM \& TBA


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    1 Frederick Eriksen, Murray NE; Gil Kreul, Omaha NE
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