August 11-17





**Daily Bulletin** 

## **Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!**



**Charity Stratified Open Pairs at 9 AM** Saturday... set your alarm! See you there.



#### No 5:00 PM Mass Tomorrow

Because of dwindling attendance in the past few years. we will not hold Saturday afternoon Mass onsite this year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Daily Grin

- Years ago there were only two acceptable reasons for not leading partner's suit: (1) having no cards in the suit; (2) a death wish. And nothing's changed.
- I think we're all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to become declarer.

## Adult Bridge Boot Camp

October 13 -16, 2014, Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL A Learn & Play Adult Bridge Camp for 0-299ers, focusing on the needs of the intermediate player as well as those newer to Duplicate. Contact Chris Shaw, ccshaw@yahoo.com or 217-854-7331; also information is posted on the Unit 143 website.





Calling all 0-750MP Players

## **Gold Rush Pairs Today**

The ACBL is offering this gold pairs game at tournaments for 0-300 and 300-750 MP players; these games are scored over the two sessions, no as two separate games. You will only play against other 0-750 MP players. Gold points paid to section top and overall winners. Players are competing in 0-750 game, but the 0-300 MP players can win



Gold points by placing in the overalls (as there are no your points given for finishing overall in the 0-300 games.) You must play in both sessions. The best things about this event: it's a one-day event and the level of the competition is not prohibitive. See you at 1PM and



## Free \$20 "Tuck Away"

#### From the Restaurant Committee

We will be giving away 2 "Tuck Away" Cards good for \$20 off the price of dinner at Outback Steakhouse, during the afternoon events today... and look for coupons each worth \$5.00 off dinner for two at Outback; courtesy of Mark Diamond, District Manager/Joint Venture Partner, Outback Steak Houses and the restaurant committee of Lee Hastings and Jeff Kopolow. Be sure to check out the green Restaurant Guide for our area restaurants in the Registration area.



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serious hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. Tonight's Chat & Snack treat: Hot Dogs Night with condiments, including relish, diced onion, and sauerkraut, assorted Pepsi® soda products, and a keg of Bud Light®.

## **Today's Events**

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS TEAM 2 199er Pairs **REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Pairs** FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO 4 2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750 2-SESSION A/X OPEN PAIRS 0-2000/2000+ 1-SESSION EVENING SWISS

Session 1 of 2 **9** AM **Single Sessions** Sessions 1 & 2 of 4 Sessions 1 & 2 of 4 2 Sessions 1 PM & 7 PM 2 Sessions 1 PM & 7 PM **Single Session 7** PM

Friday Speakers: For the Advancing Player I/N Room "Thinking Bridge" **Chris Compton** 12:15 PM Charlie McCracken "Training to Improve Your MP Score" 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: 0-3000/3000+, 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.

Zero Tolerance is in place!

## Friday's Puzzles



Thursday's Solution Sudoku 5

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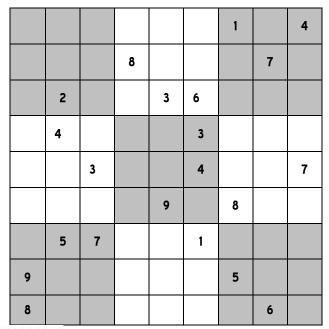
#### Sudoku 6

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

#### Sudoku 7 Moderate

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#### Sudoku 8 Demanding





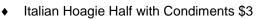
## IN HISTORY

- Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica, 1769
- The first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States, Father John Carroll, was consecrated at Lulworth Castle, England' selected by Pope Pius VI, 1790.
- V-J Day (Victory over Japan) was proclaimed, 1945
- The Berlin Wall was created, 1961.

## **Today's Cash Concessions**

Where Main playing area

When 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Concourse Ballroom



- ♦ Individual Cheese Pizza \$4
- ♦ Individual Bags of Potato Chips & Pretzels \$
- ♦ Whole Fresh Fruit, including Bananas \$1
- ♦ Assorted Cookies and Cookie Bars \$1
- Assorted Soft Drinks \$2.50
- Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water \$2.50
- ♦ Fresh Fruit Bowl \$3



### What Is a Reverse Bid? Not This!

A reader once asked Richard Pavlicek, "What constitutes a reverse bid, and what information does it convey?" This inquiry immediately brought to mind an amusing deal (for East-West, that is) from Boston tournament in July 1990. Before explaining what a reverse bid is, he will show you what it is *not*. Warning! This is painful.

West	North	East	South
Pass			1 C
Pass	1 S	Pass	2 H
Pass	3 C	Pass	3 NT
	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

3 NT X S 9 8 7 H Q 10 6 5 D A J 9 7 C K 4	S A Q 6 2 H 4 3 D 6 5 4 3 C J 7 6	None Vul  S K J 10 5 4 H A 8 2 D Q 10 C 9 5 3
Lead: S 9	S 3 H K J 9 7 D K 8 2 C A Q 10 8 2	

South opened the bidding 1C and North responded 1S. South next made a reverse bid, or more appropriately *a perverse bid*, of 2h, and North showed a preference with 3C. South could have avoided the debacle by passing, but he overbid again with 3NT — after all, he did have a diamond stopper.

East was alert to the occasion. His double, by common agreement, asked for the lead of dummy's first suit. From East's perspective he could not be certain of defeating three notrump, but a spade lead certainly looked like the best start.

And so it was, as West led the spade nine. Declarer was sure East held the king, so he won dummy's ace and led the club jack — perhaps he could salvage something if the finesse worked. West won the king and returned the spade eight, which held, then another spade. East ran all his spades (West discarded two hearts) then shifted to the diamond queen, allowing West to run the entire diamond suit. A field day!

If that wasn't enough, South was forced to discard all but one of his good clubs to keep a heart stopper. His last three cards were the heart K-J and club ace, so West exited with a club and South had to lead hearts from his hand. The bloodbath was complete. South managed to win only two tricks — minus 1700 for his "not a reverse bid"

So what is a reverse bid? After a one-level response, opener's non-jump two-level rebid in a suit higher ranking than his first suit shows a strong hand (about 17 points or more) and is forcing. With the actual hand, South has nowhere near a 2H bid and should rebid two clubs (one notrump is also a possibility in some systems) which North will pass.

## **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





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



#### New Life Masters...

Let us know the details of what event put you over and where you're from! Drop your news in our News Basket in the mail hallway.

#### Registration

#### **Convention Card Holder**

Let us know you're here! The Registration desk opens 45' before each session mornings, 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 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 during each session Morning, Afternoon, and Evening session for 11/2 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 mornings, 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' immediately after each afternoon and evening session starting Monday evening.

## NEW TO USING ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES?



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







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 session for full-time students ages 25 and under with ID proof. Be sure to inform the director when purchasing the entry.





#### **Awards Desk**

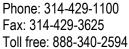
There are First Overall trophies for **ALL** Intermediate/Novice event winners awarded in the playing room. Section top awards for **all Pairs Events** are a BPA-free 24 oz. acrylic cup and straw. Prizes will be available the day after they were earned to allow time for any scoring corrections. You can expedite collecting your Section Top Award by telling us the day, event, section letter and direction. The awards table is located in the main hallway and will be open 30' before afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday - Saturday. The awards table will also open 30' before morning sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday, the awards table will be open for 30' following the conclusion of the pairs games. The awards desk will close 15' prior to each session to allow our volunteers to get to their games. **No prizes will be mailed.** 

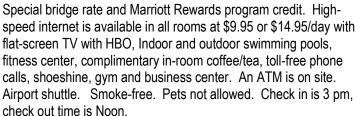
# Players with Non-ACBL Masterpoints

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









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, Unit Board Member, or Hotel employee and an EMT will be summoned.

#### **Area 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**

David Porris will be located in the main hallways during the Regional.



# Turn Them OFF! Please and Thank You!!!

Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-In- Charge of the tournament or event,

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

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## **NO 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 <a href="www.unit143.org">www.unit143.org</a> Homepage for a link for your friends and family to do in St. Louis while you are playing bridge. The top attractions are the Gateway Arch, the Clydesdales & brewery tour, the MO Botanical Garden, and the *new East* building galleries at the St. Louis Art Museum which opened last year. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8 am to 9pm, ticketed. Free brewery tours: Mon-Sat: 10 am - 5 pm, Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm. The MO Botanical Garden hours are 9 am - 5 pm. with admission fee; free walking tours daily at 11am and 1pm. Art Museum hours are Tu-Sun 10am - 5pm. Fri 10am - 9pm, no admission.



## **Crafted Food & Spirits**

Norah's Crafted Food & Spirits is an American restaurant and bar with local, seasonal recipes. Breakfast M-F 6:30 am – 11 am, Sa/Su 7am – 11 am; Lunch 11 am – 2 pm daily; Dinner 5 am -10 pm daily. Lobby Bar brews *Starbuck's* coffee daily from 6:30 AM - Noon. Full bar available from 2 pm – 1 am daily, with 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

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

Contact **Daily Bulletin** editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the **News In Basket** with news for the Bulletin. We love to bring you your news and photos. Winners get your photos taken. **New Life Masters**, give us your home town & 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

Defense: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand Play

by Larry Cohen

#### Defense -- 2nd Hand Play

In this instructional article on defense, our RHO will be leading to the trick (either declarer or dummy is leading to the trick). It won't matter if it is a suit contract or notrump.

The old saying for defense is: "Second Hand Low, Third Hand High." In general, when playing second to the trick, play low. The major exception is "cover an honor with an honor" (which also has exceptions). Don't you just love bridge?

In this brief summary, I think it will be helpful to start with a very common suit combination:

**DUMMY** 

4J76

If the 6 is played from dummy, follow LOW with the four. But, if the JACK is led from dummy, cover with the KING.

YOU

**♦**K104

YOU ◆A92 If declarer leads low from his hand, follow LOW with the two. But, if the QUEEN is led from declarer, cover with the ACE.

**DECLARER ♦**Q853

Now let's look at all 4 hands:

4J76 ◆A92 **★**K104 •Q853

If declarer leads this suit from dummy or hand, he should lose 3 tricks. When he leads low from dummy (or hand), the next defender plays low. If declarer leads an honor from either hand, the next defender

This basic premise: "2nd hand low, but cover an honor with an honor" will cover most situations.

When declarer leads low from either hand, be wary about grabbing an Ace when playing second to a trick. Usually, this is a losing play. Your Ace will capture "air." Aces are meant to capture higher honors. Also, you often remove a guess; declarer leading up to King-Jack (trying to decide who has the Ace and who has the Queen) will be delighted if you grab your ace, removing the guess. Here is a very typical Ace-grab to avoid:

**♥**K86 **♥**J954 **♥**A107 **♥**Q32

Declarer leads the ♥2. If West grabs the Ace, you can see what happens. West should play low, and declarer gets only one trick.

If they are in seven, then feel free to grab your Ace. Every now and then, you will duck an Ace and "go to bed with it." That's okay. If you never "go to bed with an Ace", you are grabbing them too quickly. I'd say that 90% of the time, it is wrong to take an Ace when playing second to a trick.

As far as covering an honor with an honor, there are **exceptions**. Even experts don't always get it right. Here are two common exceptions worth learning:

♦AK109 ♦Q8765

When you see the Jack from declarer, don't cover. What good could it do? If covering won't promote anything in partner's hand, don't cover.

If dummy had ♦AK9, then covering is okay (hoping to promote partner's 10).

The other main exception is: **Don't cover the first honor. Cover the second honor.** For example:

♣QJ9 ♣10742 **♣**K65 **♣**A83

When dummy's Queen is led, East should NOT cover. If he does, declarer will win the Ace and finesse against West's ♣10.

After the Queen wins the trick and the Jack is led next, East should cover.

Second-hand play is tough, but following the basic rules above should be good enough 90+% of the time.

#### **Defense -- 3rd Hand Play**

In this instructional article on defense, our partner will be leading to the trick (either the opening lead at trick one or any trick later in the hand). It won't matter if it is a suit contract or notrump.

The old saying for defense is: "Second Hand Low, Third Hand High." In general, when playing third to the trick (on defense) play high. That covers half the battle, but unfortunately, there are exceptions and special situations. In this brief summary, I think it will be helpful to break it down into 4 situations as follows:

1) Dummy has low cards and partner has led a low card. Or, put another way, you have a card higher than all the cards you've seen so far (your cards are all higher than dummy's cards and higher than the one partner led). In this case, play third hand high: For example:

Partner leads the ♠3 and dummy has ♠1042. Dummy plays low and you hold any of the following:

A) AJ7 PLAY THE ACE B) ♠K85 PLAY THE KING

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C) ♠AQ PLAY THE ACE D) ♠J765 PLAY THE JACK

If partner leads an honor, like a jack or queen, and dummy plays low, and you have the ACE, you will typically win it. For example,

- E) Partner leads the ♠Q and dummy has ♠874 and plays low. Win your ♠A if you have it.
- F) Partner leads the ♠J and dummy has ♠976 and plays low. Win your ♠A if you have it.

Now, a slight exception to rule #1:

- 2) If you have touching honors/cards, play 3rd hand "high", but with the cheapest in the sequence. For example, partner leads the ♥4 and dummy has ♥865.
  - G) ♥AK7 Win the King -- not the Ace.
  - H) ♥KQ10 Play the Queen -- not the King
  - I) ♥QJ109 Play the nine -- the cheapest in the sequence.

You will note that this is the opposite of the card you would play if you yourself were to lead the suit. Why? It has to do with helping your partner place cards. It is a long answer, but trust me -- play the cheapest -- your partner will appreciate it. If you are my partner, and you put up the King as 3rd hand, I will "know" you don't have the Queen--and that will help me out.

3) If dummy has the king, queen or jack -- and you have a higher honor, usually, you will withhold your honor and try to insert a "medium" or "in-between" card (hopefully, you were dealt one).

For example:

- J) Partner leads the ♦4 and dummy has ♦Q87 and plays low. You should insert the Jack from ♦KJ3 or ♦AJ3.
- K) Partner leads the ♦2 and dummy has ♦K105. You should play the ♦9 from AJ9x.
- 4) What if you don't have a card that might win the trick?

If 3rd hand can't beat dummy (let's say dummy's Ace wins the trick, or the opening leader leads a high honor), a **signal** should be given. If you can't win the trick, the size of the small/spot card you play is meaningful. Though some players at certain times might signal count or suit-preference, the most important signal is **ATTITUDE** by far. Here is a summary of how to signal attitude if you can't win the trick (and partner has led to the trick):

#### **Attitude Signal**

This is by far the most important signal. It is used in two very important situations. One is when you discard, but that isn't the subject of this article. The other is when partner leads to the trick--so you are playing third to the trick. That is the subject of this article. If partner or dummy is winning the trick, tell partner your attitude. Play a high spot card if you like it, low if you don't. For example, partner leads a spade and dummy's ace takes the trick. Play the ♠8 if you have ♠KQ82. Play the ♠3 if you have ♠843. \* (Note There are many possible variations to what is shown here. There are many methods I like (such as upside-down). This is just intended as a mainstream summary.).

Do not make attitude signals with cards above the 10. Don't signal with what potentially could be a trick. Of course, you won't always be dealt the right card to signal with.



Partner opens 1NT, showing 15-17 HCP, balanced. Opener is **TWICE as likely** to hold 15 points, compared to 17 points. (4.4% vs 2.3%) Look at it this way: when partner opens 1NT, s/he will have only 15 HCPs about 60% of the time.

The **Rule of 210**: All other things being equal, in a highly competitive auction, the "five level belongs to the opponents" is **NOT** necessarily true. This will help you decide how to compete.

- Holding TWO cards in their suit, double.
- Holding **ONE** card in their suit, **pass**.
- Holding **ZERO** cards in their suit, **bid one more**.

Nothing is guaranteed, but the odds work.

*Yesterday's Quiz*: The actual odds of being dealt a true Yarborough: **1827:1**. For the math, see <a href="https://www.math.ku.edu/~jmartin/bridge/yarborough.pdf">https://www.math.ku.edu/~jmartin/bridge/yarborough.pdf</a>

## Thursday's Results

#### Fast Results: Sign up is easy! Email your ACBL # (typed in subject line) to: FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com OR

Text Your Last Name & ACBL # to (312) 800-1790

Recaps and board summaries along with hand records are currently supported. Login with your ACBL number to access tournament-wide results and personal results www.BridgeFinesse.com/FastResults/D8

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2.6	66	1			Judith Wagner - Barbara Consta	nce, Belle	ville	: IL		67.01%
2.0	00	2	1	1	Rick Armstrong, St Louis MO; C	raig Cook	e, N	<b>/</b> 10		66.95%
1.5	50	3			Regina Schlueter - Ken Schluete	r, Ferguso	on M	Ю		66.38%
1.3	33	4			Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Da	_			ΙМΟ	63.70%
0.9	93	5			George Halsey - Sharon Halsey,	O'Fallon I	L .			57.06%
0.6		6			Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Mand					55.65%
1.4			2		Dennis Whitmore, Manchester			iller	. Kirkwo	
1.1			3	2	Vicky Stringer - David Bishop, St			_ ′		54.84% Craig Cooke &
0.8			4	3	Dale Liefer - Deborah Liefer, Bal					51.27% Rick Armstrong
0.6			·	4	Timothy Poor - Michael Goldwa		ton l	МО		45.34%
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Α	В	NOR'	ΓH-SOUT	Ή	SECTION P A	EAST-WES	ST			
1					ara Constance, Belleville IL	67.01%	1			Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO 63.70%
2	1	1			uis MO; Craig Cooke, MO n Schlueter, Ferguson MO	66.95%	2			George Halsey - Sharon Halsey, O'Fallon IL 57.06% Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Manchester MO 55.65%
3 4	2	2	U		Liefer, Ballwin MO	66.38% 51.27%	4	1		Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood 55.58%
								2	1	Vicky Stringer - David Bishop, St Louis MO 54.84%
									2	Philippa Bell - Les Bell, Wildwood MO 44.81%

#### **REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs**

#### FINAL Results will be available Saturday

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Α	_	С			
3.64	1			Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Jerry Premo, Noblesville IN	70.99%
2.73	2			Dennis Fitton, Mahomet IL; John Seng, Champaign IL	62.98%
2.24	3			Beryl Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Anthony Astrologes, Bridgeton MO	62.18%
3.03	4	1	1	Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO; Fay Wuest, Chesterfield MO	59.46%
2.27	5	2		James Nunn, Chesterfield MO; Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL	57.53%
1.12	6			Kenneth Bland - Nancy Burke, Saint Louis MO	56.25%
1.82		3	2	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO	53.21%
1.28		4		Elaine Hallum - Barbara Rankin, Jonesboro AR	52.88%
1.77		5		Bernard Oetjen - Louise Oetjen, Mc Lean VA	52.24%
0.72		6		Becky Hubert, St Louis MO; Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO	51.60%
1.37			3	Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO; Marda Gatewood, St Louis MO	50.48%
1.15			4	Joyce Sass, Chesterfield MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO	49.84%

### Thursday's Results

			NO	RTH-SOUTH	SECTION L	EAST-	WEST					
P	A	В	С		A	В	С					
1	L	1		George Markus, Cla	yton MO; Ann Ruwitch, Saint Louis MO	57.64	%	1	1	1	George Schaefer - John Wening, Jefferson City MO	61.57%
2	2	2		Ben Finegold, Saint	Louis MO; Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor MI	56.71	%	2	2		Sidney Stanley, Brentwood; Kyle Moore, Nashville TN	56.25%
3	3	3		Richard Dixon, Fron	tenac KS; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL	55.79	%	3	3		Tim Donovan - Michael Roeder, Madison WI	54.86%
4	ļ	4		Doug O'Leary, St Lo	uis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO	53.94	%	4	4	2	Jackie Schroeder - Cliff Schroeder, Maryland Hgts MO	54.40%
										3	Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass St Louis MO\	

#### **REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs continued**

4.0 Tal	bles			
	Α	В	C	
2.12	1	1	Kathleen Lewin, Bolingbrook IL; Dixie Horsey, Salem IA	60.42%
1.59	2		Devon Sherwood, Springfield MO; R Dian Barker, Alton IL	56.94%
1.48	3	2	Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO	51.39%

Α	В	С	
1	1	1	Kathleen Lewin, Bolingbrook IL; Dixie Horsey, Salem IA
2			Devon Sherwood, Springfield MO; R Dian Barker, Alton IL

60.42%

56.94% 51.39**%** 

**7 PM** 



1<sup>st</sup> Overall: Kathleen Lewin & Dixie Horsey

#### **WEDNEDAY-THURSDAY KO 3**

#### JAY-INURSDAY KU S

Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO

#### **Bracket 1** 10 Tables

- 33.99 1 Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Justin Lall, Plano TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL
- 23.79 2 Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL
- 13.60 3/4 Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL

**FINAL** 

SECTION K

13.60 3/4 Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL



#### Roy, Ed, Laura, & Roland

#### **Bracket 2 11 Tables**

- 16.17 1 Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; C Roland Boehm, Florissant MO
- 11.32 2 Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Linda Leinicke, St Louis MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO
- 6.47 3/4 Diane Scott Tana Holt, Clinton IN; Judith Harris Sharon Winters, W Terre Haute IN
- 6.47 3/4 Patti Disbrow Susan Wolff Jonathan Goldberg Susan Rechter, Saint Louis MO; Mary Rassieur, St Louis MO

#### **Bracket 3** 11 Tables

- 12.03 1 Marilyn Benjamin Ann Lazerson, Glen Carbon IL; Joanne Vollmer, St. Libory IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL
- 8.42 2 Douglas Sutton Martha Sutton Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL; Mark Beattie, Sherman IL
- 4.81 3/4 Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Linda Evans, Chesterfield MO; Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Beverly Dixson, Kirkwood MO
- 4.81 3/4 Roberta Meyer, Puryear TN; Garel Fulks, Springville TN; Carolyn Rogers, Germantown TN; Sarah Pentecost, Dresden TN

#### MORNING SWISS: WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY FINAL

20 10	nies			
	Α	В	C	
13.30	1		Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Robert Gardner, GlenviewL; Tod Moses, Saint Louis; Nate Ward Champaign IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL	177.00
9.98	2		Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Susan perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	168.00
8.86	3	1	1 Ken Schlueter - Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO; Janet Wintermute- John Mcmullin, St Louis MO	156.00
6.65	4	2	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL	154.00
4.43	5		Beryl Shapiro - Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Anthony Astrologes, Bridgeton MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Vly MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO	151.00
3.80	6		John Robey, Winchester TN; John Stern, Apple Valley MN; William Bollenberg, Downers Grove IL; John Kinst, Batavia IL	144.00
4.98	7	3	Mark Daily - David Stevens, Charleston IL; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; Deepak Dighe, W Bloomfield MI	140.00
3.74	8	4	William Bunn, Brentwood MO; Doris Schwartz, Chesterfield MO; Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO; Dianne Glick, Saint Louis MO	139.00
3.53		5	2 Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO; Becky Hubert - Susan Kilo, St Louis MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	137.00
2.53		6	Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Leo Birmingham, Whitney Point NY	130.00
2.64			Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO;Alan Lemley - Mark Ziegelman, Saint Louis MO	116.00
1.98			4 Diana Drisko - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO; Charlene Bry, St Louis MO; Linda Seibert, Olivette MO	112.00

#### THURSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS FINAL

25.0 1 a	ibics				
	Α	В	C		
11.55	1			Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC 64.11	%
8.66	2	1		William Lea Jr - Billie Brown, Evansville IN 62.69%	
6.50	3			En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO 60.46%	
5.75	4	2		Byron Southern, Little Rock AR; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR 59.42%	
4.17	5			Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO 59.37%	
3.80	6			Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL 57.24	١%
4.70	7	3	1	Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO 57.14	ŀ%
3.24		4		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, German Valley IL 55.34%	
3.53		5	2	David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO 54.74	١%
2.19		6		Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO 54.25	5%
2.64			3	Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO 54.08%	
2.22			4	Jane Crawford - Jane Grieser, Springfield IL 50.54%	
1.79			5	Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO 49.78%	

#### **THURSDAY STRATEFIED OPEN PAIRS**

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			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION I	EAST-	WEST			
Α	В	С	A	в с					
1			Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC	63.40%	1	1		William Lea Jr - Billie Brown, Evansville IN	63.62%
2	1		Monika Plumb, Carbondale IL; Margaret Chitty, Wildomar CA	61.33%	2	2	1	David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO	54.79%
3	2		Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO	59.04%	3			Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Anthony Astrologes, Bridgeton	54.36%
4	3		Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO	55.88%	4	3		Byron Southern, Little Rock AR; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR	49.67%
5	4	1	Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	55.45%	5	4		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, German Valley IL	48.69%
		2	Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO	54.36%			2	Bud Hawkins, Mt Vernon IL; William McLaughlin, Centralia IL	44.66%
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION J	EAST-	-WEST			

## Thursday's Results

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1	1		James Mooney, Dade City FL; Leo Birmingham, Whitney Point NY	59.69%	1	4		Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO	
2			En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO	57.41%	2	1		Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Suzanne Broddon, Clayton MC	
3	_		Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO; Donna Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO	51.96%	3			Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs	
4	2		John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL; Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO	51.63%	4	_		Greg Potter - Linda Hughes, Edmond OK	53.59
		1	Dianna Nerren - Jo Grissom, Hickman KY	50.22%		2		George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO	53.05
		2	Karen Pahuski, Saint Louis MO; Mary Smith, Eureka MO	40.85%		3/4	1/2	Jane Crawford - Jane Grieser, Springfield IL	52.72
						3/4	1/2	Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO	52.72
HUI	RSI	DAY	STRATEFIED OPEN PAIRS					7 PM	
			NORTH-SOUTH SECTION I	EAST-WE	TST				
A	В	C	A SECTION 1	B C	201				
1	1	_	Byron Southern, Little Rock AR; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR	69.17%	1			En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO	63.519
2	2		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, German Valley IL	61.98%	2			Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield M	
3	3		William Lea Jr - Billie Brown, Evansville IN	61.76%	3			Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis M	
4	4	1	Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO	53.81%	4	1		John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL; Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO	49.029
		2	Bud Hawkins, Mt Vernon IL; William McLaughlin, Centralia IL	52.29%		2	1	Sanford Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Alan Broddon, Clayton MO	
							2	Margaret Hoaen, Pickering ON; Vera Miller, Bonita Springs F	
			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION	IJ	EAS	T-WEST		50
A	В	C	A	в с					
1			Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL	59.80%	1			Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlte N	IC 64.819
2			Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Ted Baldwin, Saint Louis MO	55.88%	2			Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis ; Anthony Astrologes, Bridgeton	
3	1		Fred Sandegren, O'Fallon MO; James Faulkner, Quincy IL	52.72%	3	1	1	Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfiel	
4	2	1	Jane Crawford - Jane Grieser, Springfield IL	48.37%	4			Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO	57.849
5			Angela Reed - Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK	48.04%	5			Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO	54.90
	3		George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO	46.95%		2	2	David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis N	
		2	Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO	46.84%		3		Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO Alan Lemley, Saint Louis M	IO 52.619
16 90	A	В	C Look Persont Soint Louis MO: Donald Florida Indiana	alia INI. Dad	Von W	7 v 1 v A 1	on II . Mi	ilton Zlotio St.L. ovic MO	172.00
16.80 12.60			Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Donald Florida, Indianap						172.00
			Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; F						164.00
9.45		1	Bob Bainter - Cookie Arneson, Saint Louis MO; Monic						162.00
10.33 4 1 5.60 5		1	Richard Brummer - Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; David	S; Robert Carstedt, Wichita KS; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO					159.00 158.00
4.80			Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Bryan Gerard, Bellev						156.00
3.97			Nancy Popkin - Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Karen W						154.00
3.97 3.97			Carol Hamilton - John Dicks - Shirley Dicks, Saint Cha						154.00
7.75		2						O	144.00
3.05		<ol> <li>Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; L.</li> <li>Ron Sholes - Dan Punzak, Springfield IL; James McKinney,</li> </ol>							
2.80									143.00 137.00
5.81	11	John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO;Roger Lord - Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO; Dan Waeltermann, St Charles MO; Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO; Donald Chase, OFallor					134.00		
4.36		4	Ronnie Frank - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; James N						131.00
3.89		5	2 Susan Corley, Saint Louis MO; Betty Goran, St Louis						130.00
2.77		6/7	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; St						124.00
2.77		6/7	Mel Volmert, Springfield MO; David Rasmussen, Nixa						124.00
2.92			3 Steven Rod, Mt Pleasant IA; James McClure, Mt Pleas						123.00
2.19			4 Barbara MacPeek - Michael Kelly, Ballwin MO; Joseph						112.00
	<b>.</b>		FRENING CRAIGO TEAR					<b>=</b> D14	
			EVENING SWISS TEAM	FINAL				7 PM	
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2.02	A 1	В	C Coorgo Marrin Marriand Uts MO: Coorgo Jones Ma	miland Hat-		Diele	nd Divers	Frantanas KC, Bassann Sties, Bathalta II	02.00
3.03			George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO; George Jones, Ma				-		92.00
2.27			Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski,				-	, Urbana IL; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	88.00
2.43	3	1	Diane Scott - Tana Holt, Clinton IN; Judith Harris - Sha	aron Winter	rs, W T	erre F	laute IN		81.00
1 12	4 / =		Educard Margulias Highland Dark II - Davis O'l came Ct		1-1	٠	ali Claud	tan MO. David Duanana Cuanita City II	60.00



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#### This Week's Events Zero Tolerance Policy is in Place/

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLCATED BOARDS

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Pairs Mon-Sat Expert Guest Speakers before I/N Pairs Games in 199er Room

Tuesday thru Saturday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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

10:30 AM & 2:30 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 in at least 2 games of same series for gold.

#### **Knockout Teams (4-Session events)**

Friday-Saturday Knockout 4 continuing Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5

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)

7:00 PM

2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday - Saturday

9:00 AM

2-Session Strati-Flighted Sunday Swiss, Play through, finishes by 6:00 PM

10:30 AM

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

Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)

Friday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (Charity Game)

9:00 AM 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

**Saturday Barometer Pairs (Qualifying)** 

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

**Saturday BCD Pairs** 

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2000/2000+ I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200

Strati-flighted Swiss: Flt A/X: 0-3000/3000+ Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2000

Barometer Pairs: Flt A Unlimited

#### All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events.

Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player.

Knockouts may be handicapped.

#### **The Trump Queen**

by Ron Clinger, RonKlingerBridge.com August 1, 2014

When 10 trumps are held with the ace and king but no queen and no jack, the chance of no loser (the 2-1 break) is 78%. When 10 trumps are held including the ace, king and jack, such as A-J-x-x-x opposite K-x-x-x or A-K-x-x-x opposite x-x-x-x or equivalent holdings, the chance of no loser is 89% (either a 2-1 break or the gueen onside if trumps are 3-0).

In both cases the chance of a trump loser is very low. Therefore, if you know the partnership holds at least 10 trumps, it pays you to show the trump queen in your RKCB replies.

WEST	EAST	<b>AUCTION</b>		
SAJ862	S 9	1S	2H	
HAJ743DK3	HK8652	4H	4NT	
C 6	D A 8	5S	7H	
	C A K J 4 3	Pass		

5S = 2 key cards, plus the queen of trumps. As 2H showed five hearts, West knows that ten or more trumps are held. West therefore 'shows' the HQ and East can bid the grand slam with confidence.