# August 11-17 <br> $\Theta_{9^{2 / E R}}$ Daily Bulletin Welcome to the Gateway to the West Reyional! 

## 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 <br> 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 sectio 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 liu yuiu puilis 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 7PM.

## OUTBACK

## 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 Lighte.

## Today's Events

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

Friday Speakers: For the Advancing Player


## Friday’s Puzzles

Thursday's Solution
Sudoku 5

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

Sudoku 6

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

Sudoku 7 Moderate

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|  |  |  | 7 |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |
|  | 4 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |  |
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Sudoku 8 Demanding

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| 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |

15 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

- Italian Hoagie Half with Condiments $\$ 3$
- 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 <br> Pass |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | 1 S | Pass | 2 H |
| Pass | 3 C | Pass | 3 NT |
|  | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

3 NT X
SAQ 62
None Vul
H 43
D 6543
CJ 76
S 987
H Q 1065
SKJ 1054
HA82
DAJ 97
D Q 10
CK 4
C953

Lead: S 9
S 3
HKJ 97
DK 82
CAQ1082
South opened the bidding 1C and North responded 15 . South next made a reverse bid, or more appropriately a perverse bid, of 2 h , 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 2 H bid and should rebid two clubs (one notrump is also a possibility in some systems) which North will pass.

## Information At-A-Alance!

## Welcome

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

Your Tournament Team


Your Directing Staff


Judy Cotterman Charles McCracken Bob Wallace

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


## 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 by hand.


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 $30^{\prime}$ before afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday - Saturday. The awards table will also open $30^{\prime}$ before morning sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday, the awards table will be open for $30^{\prime}$ 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
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 $\$ 9.95$ or $\$ 14.95 /$ day with flat-screen TV with HBO, Indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fitness center, complimentary in-room coffee/tea, toll-free phone calls, shoeshine, gym and business center. An ATM is on site. Airport shuttle. Smoke-free. Pets not allowed. Check in is 3 pm , 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.

## E:

## 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.

## ST. LOUIS GATEWAY TO THE WEST REGIONAL

 For 1 year only: July 13-19, 2015

Summer NABC Aug. 6-12 Chicago, IL

## 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 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 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: $10 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$, Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm . The MO Botanical Garden hours are $9 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$. with admission fee; free walking tours daily at 11 am and 1 pm. Art Museum hours are Tu-Sun 10am - 5pm. Fri 10am - 9pm, no admission.

## norah's

Prafted 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 $5 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$ daily. Lobby Bar brews Starbuck's coffee daily from 6:30 AM - Noon. Full bar available from $2 \mathrm{pm}-1$ 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.

## $[8]$ Daily Bulletins \& Results

Daily 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.
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: $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ Hand Play

## 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 $\text { هـ } 77 \underline{6}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOU } \\ & \text { aK104 } \end{aligned}$ | If the 6 is played from dummy, follow LOW with the four. But, if the JACK is led from dummy, cover with the KING. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { YOU } \\ & \text { \&A92 } \end{aligned}$ | DECLARER <br> -Q853 | If declarer leads low from his hand, follow LOW with the two. But, if the QUEEN is led from declarer, cover with the ACE. |

Now let's look at all 4 hands:

A92 \begin{tabular}{l}
A76

 

If declarer leads this suit from dummy or hand, he should lose 3 tricks. When he leads low from dummy <br>
(or hand), the next defender plays low. If declarer leads an honor from either hand, the next defender
\end{tabular}

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:

マK86 | Declarer leads the |
| :--- |
| gets only one 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:

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\begin{aligned}
& * \text { AK109 } \quad \text { anything in partner's hand, don't cover. } \\
& \bullet \quad \text { If dummy had } \leqslant \text { AK9, then covering is okay (hoping to promote partner's 10). }
\end{aligned}
$$

-Q8765

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

10742 2 KJ9 K65 | 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 $\boldsymbol{\wedge} \mathbf{1 0 4 2}$. Dummy plays low and you hold any of the following:

| A) $₫ A J 7$ | PLAY THE ACE |
| :--- | :--- |
| B) $₫$ K85 | PLAY THE KING |

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Defense: $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ Hand Play
C) $\uparrow$ AQ PLAY THE ACE
D) $\mathbf{~ J} 765$ 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 $\boldsymbol{\wedge} 874$ and plays low. Win your $\uparrow A$ if you have it.
F) Partner leads the $\downarrow$ and dummy has $\uparrow 976$ and plays low. Win your $\uparrow$ 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 $\vee 4$ and dummy has $\boldsymbol{\vee} 865$.
G) AK7 Win the King -- not the Ace.
H) KQ10 Play the Queen -- not the King
I) QU109 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 $\downarrow 4$ and dummy has $\downarrow$ Q87 and plays low. You should insert the Jack from $\uparrow$ KJ3 or $\uparrow$ AJ3.
K) Partner leads the 2 and dummy has $\uparrow$ K105. You should play the $\uparrow 9$ 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 $\boldsymbol{*}$ KQ82. Play the $\mathbf{~}$ 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 1 NT , $\mathrm{s} /$ 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.

## 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 <br> 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 

| Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs Afternoon Session |  |  |  |  | 1 PM |
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| 15Tbls | A | B | C |  |  |
| 3.33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Mona Powers, St Louis MO; Diana Stoneman, Chesterfield MO | 66.86\% |
| 2.50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Barbara Cook - F Thomas Ott, St Louis MO | 61.74\% |
| 1.87 | 3 |  |  | Marianne Witschy, O'Fallon MO; Virginia Bates, Lancaster PA | 58.90\% |
| 1.23 | 4/5 |  |  | Sharyn Kessler, Naples FL; Marie Heubel, Chesterfield MO | 57.77\% |
| 1.23 | 4/5 |  |  | Margie Horowitz, Boca Raton FL; Charlene Bry, St Louis MO | 57.77\% |
| 1.34 | 6 | 3 | 3 | Gail Fischmann, Frontenac MO; Renee Hartstein, St Louis MO | 56.63\% |
| 1.00 |  | 4 |  | Caroline Gunter, St Louis MO; Marcia Broddon, Saint Louis MO | 54.73\% |
| 0.76 |  | 5 | 4 | Geri Steckel - Joan Banstetter, St Louis MO | 51.52\% |
| 0.56 |  | 6 |  | Curtis Wehling - Judy Wehling, Glenview IL | 50.00\% |
| 0.62 |  |  | 5 | Bruce Kennenberg, St Louis MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO | 49.62\% |


|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION O |  | EAST-WEST |  |  |  |
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| A | B | C | A | B C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | James Cooper, Manchester MO; Jackie Jackson, Balwin MO | 61.36\% | 1 | 1 |  | Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO 67.42\% |  |
| 2 |  |  | Jerry Dutra, St Louis MO; Jane Miller, Chesterfield MO | 59.66\% | 2 | 2 | 1 | Debb Keniley, St Louis MO; Patricia Clark, Villa Ridge MO | 63.64\% |
| 3 |  |  | Carolyn Bower - Laurie Stern, St Louis MO | 58.52\% | 3 | 3 | 2 | Carolyn Kolman, St. Louis MO; Susie Knopf, Saint Louis MO | 60.98\% |
| 4 | 2 |  | Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO; Robert Sterneck, Chesterfield MO | 53.03\% | 4 |  |  | Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO; Dale Burian, Imperial MO | 58.14\% |
| 5 |  |  | David Diehm - Carolyn Diehm, Marshall MO | 51.89\% | 5 |  |  | Mary Franey, Chesterfield MO; Karen Crebs, St Louis MO | 53.41\% |
|  | 3 |  | Ann Ross, Ballwin MO; Marilyn Morton, Warson Woods MO | 51.70\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 |  | Chris Newman, Chesterfield MO; Sue Higginbotham, Frontenac MO | 51.52\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2 | Mary Joan Woods - Marcia Buterin, St Louis MO | 50.38\% |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | NORTH-SOUTH | SECTION P |  | WE |  |  |  |
| A | B | C | A | B C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  | Mary Ann Shepard - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO | 60.48\% | 1 | 1 |  | Glenda Stone - Bernadette Cleary, Marshall MO | 59.61\% |
| 2 | 1 |  | Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO; Fritz Gebhard, St Louis MO | 60.05\% | 2 | 2 |  | Henri Lewin, Bolingbrook IL; Rick Armstrong, St Louis MO | 56.98\% |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Marylee Beuerle, Town \& Country ; Courtney Wilderman, Florissant | 55.16\% | 3 |  |  | Estella Lau, St Louis MO; Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO | 56.51\% |
| 4 |  |  | Sharyn Kessler, Naples FL; Marie Heubel, Chesterfield MO | 54.55\% | 4 | 3 | 1 | Carol Blinder, St Louis MO; Mary Horwitz, Saint Louis MO | 55.24\% |
| 5 |  |  | Jack Maram - Ken Obrecht, St Louis MO | 53.09\% | 5 | 4 |  | John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; Patricia Koncki, O'Fallon MO | 55.17\% |
| 5 |  | 2 | Gail Fischmann, Frontenac MO; Marilyn Reznik, St. Louis MO | 51.81\% | 6 |  |  | Marianne Witschy, O'Fallon MO; Virginia Bates, Lancaster PA | 54.08\% |
| 6 | 4 |  | Tom McGinnis, Webster Groves MO; Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield | 51.11\% |  |  | 2 | Mona Powers, St Louis MO; Diana Stoneman, Chesterfield MO | 51.10\% |


| Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9.5 Tables |  |  |  |  |
|  | A | B | C |  |
| 2.66 | 1 |  |  | Judith Wagner - Ba |
| 2.00 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Rick Armstrong, St |
| 1.50 | 3 |  |  | Regina Schlueter - |
| 1.33 | 4 |  |  | Karl Lovegreen, Bal |
| 0.93 | 5 |  |  | George Halsey - Sha |
| 0.67 | 6 |  |  | Linda Helm - Phillip |
| 1.43 |  | 2 |  | Dennis Whitmore, |
| 1.19 |  | 3 | 2 | Vicky Stringer - David |
| 0.89 |  | 4 | 3 | Dale Liefer - Debor |
| 0.67 |  |  | 4 | Timothy Poor - Mic |
|  | NOR | H-SO |  | SECTION P |
| A B | C |  |  | A |
| 1 |  | Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL |  |  |
| 21 | 1 | Rick | g, S | is MO; Craig Cooke, MO |
| 3 |  | Regin | ter | Schlueter, Ferguson MO |
| 42 | 2 | Dale | Debo | Liefer, Ballwin MO |

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs

| REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs continued |  |  |  |  | 1PM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14.0 Tables |  |  |  |  |  |
| A | B | C |  |  |  |
| 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



## REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 2 Pairs continued

| 4.0 Tables |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | 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\% |
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Kathleen Lewin, Bolingbrook IL; Dixie Horsey, Salem IA
Devon Sherwood, Springfield MO; R Dian Barker, Alton IL
Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO

7 PM
56.94\%
$51.39 \%$

$1^{\text {st }}$ Overall: Kathleen Lewin \& Dixie Horsey

## WEDNEDAY-THURSDAY KO 3

## FINAL

## Bracket 110 Tables

33.991 Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Justin Lall, Plano TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL
23.792 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
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 211 Tables


16.171 Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; C Roland Boehm, Florissant MO
11.322 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 311 Tables

12.031 Marilyn Benjamin - Ann Lazerson, Glen Carbon IL; Joanne Vollmer, St. Libory IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL
8.422 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


## THURSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS FINAL

| 23.0 Tables |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | 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\% |
| 4.70 | 7 | 3 | 1 | Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO 57.14\% |
| 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\% |
| 2.19 |  | 6 |  | Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO 54.25\% |
| 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\% |

## 1 PM

## NORTH-SOUTH

NORTH-SOUTH
A
Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC Monika Plumb, Carbondale IL; Margaret Chitty, Wildomar CA Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO
1 Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO NORTH-SOUTH

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SECTION I | EAST-WEST |  |  |
| B $\quad$ C |  |  |  |
| $63.40 \%$ | 1 | 1 |  |
| $61.33 \%$ | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| $59.04 \%$ | 3 |  |  |
| $55.88 \%$ | 4 | 3 |  |
| $55.45 \%$ | 5 | 4 |  |
| $54.36 \%$ |  |  | 2 |
| SECTION J | EAST-WEST |  |  |

## Thursday's Results

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James Mooney, Dade City FL; Leo Birmingham, Whitney Point NY En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO
Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO; Donna Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL; Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO
Dianna Nerren - Jo Grissom, Hickman KY
Karen Pahuski, Saint Louis MO; Mary Smith, Eureka MO

| B $\quad$ C |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $59.69 \%$ | 1 |  |  |
| $55.41 \%$ | 2 | 1 |  |
| $51.96 \%$ | 3 |  |  |
| $51.63 \%$ | 4 |  |  |
| $50.22 \%$ |  | 2 |  |
| $40.85 \%$ |  | $3 / 4$ | $1 / 2$ |
|  |  | $3 / 4$ | $1 / 2$ |

Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO
66.67\% Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO. Suzanne Broddon, Clayton MO 58.39\% Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL $54.68 \%$ Greg Potter - Linda Hughes, Edmond OK 53.59\% George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO 53.05\% Jane Crawford - Jane Grieser, Springfield IL Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO $\quad 52.72 \%$

## THURSDAY STRATEFIED OPEN PAIRS

## NORTH-SOUTH SECTION I

Byron Southern, Little Rock AR; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, German Valley IL William Lea Jr - Billie Brown, Evansville IN
Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO Bud Hawkins, Mt Vernon IL; William McLaughlin, Centralia IL

NORTH-SOUTH
Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Ted Baldwin, Saint Louis MO Fred Sandegren, O'Fallon MO; James Faulkner, Quincy IL
Jane Crawford - Jane Grieser, Springfield IL
Angela Reed - Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK
George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO

EAST-WEST
B C

| B |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $69.17 \%$ | 1 |
| $61.98 \%$ | 2 |
| $61.76 \%$ | 3 |
| $53.81 \%$ | 4 |

$61.76 \%$
$53.81 \%$
52.29\%

SECTION J
B C
B ${ }_{59.80 \%}^{\text {C }}$
59.80\%
$55.88 \%$
$52.72 \%$

$58.37 \%$
$52.72 \%$
$48.37 \%$
$48.04 \%$
$48.04 \%$
46.95\%
46.84\%

## 7 PM

En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Susan Kilo, St Louis MO $\quad 63.51 \%$ Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO $\quad 52.07 \%$ Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO $50.44 \%$ John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL; Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO $49.02 \%$ Sanford Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Alan Broddon, Clayton MO $\quad 47.71 \%$ Margaret Hoaen, Pickering ON; Vera Miller, Bonita Springs FL $47.60 \%$

Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Rita Ellington, Charlte NC 64.81\% Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis ; Anthony Astrologes, Bridgeton 59.37\% Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield 58.82\% Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO $57.84 \%$ Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO 54.90\% David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO 54.68\% Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO 52.61\%

## PRIME TIME THURSDAY SWISS

| 38 Tables |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| A |  |
| 16.80 | 1 |
| 12.60 | 2 |
| 9.45 | 3 |
| 10.33 | 4 |
| 5.60 | 5 |
| 4.80 | 6 |
| 3.97 | $7 / 8$ |
| 3.97 | $7 / 8$ |
| 7.75 | 9 |
| 3.05 | 10 |
| 2.80 | 11 |
| 5.81 |  |
| 4.36 |  |
| 3.89 |  |
| 2.77 |  |
| 2.77 |  |
| 2.92 |  |
| 2.19 |  |

Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Hugh Williams, US; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS
Bob Bainter - Cookie Arneson, Saint Louis MO; Monica Mitchell - Kathy Storey, Hot Springs AR
Richard Brummer - Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; David Stevens -Randal Malone, Charleston IL
John Burgener, St Louis MO; Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Robert Carstedt, Wichita KS; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO
Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Bryan Gerard, Bellevue WA; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL
Nancy Popkin - Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Karen Walker - NateWard, Champaign IL; William Doroshow, Skokie IL; Alan Popkin St Louis MO
Carol Hamilton - John Dicks - Shirley Dicks, Saint Charles MO; Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO
154.00
154.00

Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Laird Schaub, Rutledge MO
Ron Sholes - Dan Punzak, Springfield IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL
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, OFallon MO Ronnie Frank - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; James Nunn, Chesterfield MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA
susan Corley, Saint Louis MO• Betty Goran, St Louis MO; Patricia Steiner - Ann Lemp, St Louis MO
Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; Steve Singer Gilda Singer, St Charles MO
Mel Volmert, Springfield MO; David Rasmussen, Nixa MO; Phyllis Tirmenstein, Chesterfield MO; Jo Ann Moore, Saint Louis MO Steven Rod, Mt Pleasant IA; James McClure, Mt Pleasant IA Martin Grossman - Audrey Grossman,
Barbara MacPeek - Michael Kelly, Ballwin MO; Joseph Butkiewicz William Davis, Chesterfield MO
3 Steven Rod, Mt Pleasant IA; James McClure, Mt Pleasant IA Martin Grossman - Audrey Grossman, Indianapolis IN

## THURSDAY EVENING SWISS TEAM

FINAL
7 PM
10 Table
A B

George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO; George Jones, Maryland Hgts MO; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL2.272 Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Martha Leary, Urbana IL; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN


## Gateway to the West Regional

## This Week's Events <br> zoro Tolerance Pollcy is in Places

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

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Tuesday thru Saturday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
Friday: 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs*
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*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
1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5
Swiss Teams (Stratified, unless noted)
Single Session Evening Swiss: Tuesday - Saturday (Wednesday Charity) 2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday - Saturday
2-Session Strati-Flighted Sunday Swiss, Play through, finishes by 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM

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

| Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) | 1:00 PM \& 7:00 PM |
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| Friday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) | $1: 00 \mathrm{PM} \& 7: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (Charity Game) | $9: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ |
| Saturday Barometer Pairs (Qualifying) | $1: 00 \mathrm{PM} \& 7: 00$ PM |
| Saturday BCD Pairs | $1: 00$ PM \& 7:00 PM |

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2000/2000+
I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200
Strati-flighted Swiss: FIt 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 $K-x-x-x-x$ or $A-K-x-x-x-x$ opposite $x-x-x-x$ or equivalent holdings, the chance of no loser is $89 \%$ (either a 2-1 break or the queen 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 | AUCTION | SS $=2$ key cards, plus the queen of trumps. As 2H showed five hearts, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SA J 8 6 | S9 | 1S 2H | West knows that ten or more trumps are held. West therefore 'shows' the |
| HAJ743DK3 | HK 8652 | 4H 4NT | HQ and East can bid the grand slam with confidence. |
| C6 | D A 8 | 5S 7H |  |
|  | CAKJ43 | Pass |  |

