

August 17-23

Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



Your Gateway Tournament Director

Welcome from Mike Carmen

On behalf of the members of Greater St. Louis Unit 143, welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional. We have a superb staff of Directors headed by Chris Patrias, so we know the games will run smoothly, and many local volunteers are working hard to make sure that everyone has a great time. Thanks for attending! The St. Louis Regional is produced by:
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Daily Bulletins & Results

Bulletins will be available in the main hallway beginning Monday night and 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 The Daily Bulletin editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message on the tournament Bulletin Board if you have news for the Bulletin. We love to bring you your news and photos. New Life Masters, please give us your home town & the event that put you over.

Partnership Desk

Looking for a Partner? Or Teammates?

The Partnership Desk opens one hour before each session morning, afternoons, and evenings. It is located in the main hallway. It will close 15 minutes before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. The same desk is used for ALL players in any event.

Photographer

Attention Winners! New Life Masters, I/N winners and all event winners will be photographed in the main hallway near the Photography poster from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and 11:00 – 11:30 p.m. *starting Tuesday morning.* We really want to publicize your success, so be sure to stop by.

Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serous hospitality for all. Join us for snack after the evening session. **Tonight's treat: Chat & Snack** on Dry Snacks, Beer Keg, & Soft drinks.

Daily Hospitality

Complimentary Parking & Free Coffee

As part of our daily hospitality, we are pleased to offer you free coffee *while it lasts* at the start of each session in the main playing area.

Each time you leave the lot you will need a ticket to open the gate. Pick up your ticket at the Director's table in the Main Playing area.

Welcome from Our President

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

Tonight's Events

Monday, August 17

KNOCK OUT 1
Series 1 Open Pairs

Session 1 of 4 Sessions
Session 1 of 4 Games

7:30 PM
7:30 PM

Schedule for the Entire Week - See back page

Tuesday Speakers: Karen Walker "THE Essential Bridge Skill: Counting the Hand - Part 1"

12:45 PM

Part 2 Wednesday

12:45 PM

TBA

Check the message board

6:45 PM

KOs matched by random draw every round and guaranteed to finish in four rounds. Compact KO teams limited to 4 members. Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 2000/750/300. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, 0-3000; B/C/D = 0-300/750. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200.

Entry Fee\$



The entry fee is \$12/player/session for all events. 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.



Prize Desk

There will be First Overall trophies for ALL Intermediate/Novice events. We will give Section Top Awards for any Pairs event. Prizes will be awarded from results posted in the Daily Bulletin. The only exception will be awards for the Sunday events; they must be picked up within one hour of the end of the event. **No prizes will be mailed.** The prize table is located in the main hallway. It will be open one hour prior to the afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday through Saturday, and one hour prior to morning sessions Wednesday through Saturday. The prize table will close promptly 15 minutes 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.

Players with Non-ACBL Masterpoints

Players with non-ACBL Masterpoints must inform the director before entering any Flighted, Stratified, or Bracketed event. Failure to do so may result in disqualifications and loss of any MPs won.

Hotel Information

We are at the:
Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport
9801 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO, 63130
Phone: 314-429-1100
Fax: 314-429-3625
Toll free: 888-340-2594 You get the special bridge rate and your Marriot Rewards credit.
High-speed internet is available in all rooms with free in-room coffee. An ATM is on site. 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 info on area restaurants, address, and phone numbers.

Ground Transportation



Contact front desk or doorman for hotel shuttle or taxis or call 314-993-TAXI. The region's light rail connects downtown to the airport; there is a convenient MetroLink stop at the airport.

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.



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.

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 and the A-B Clydesdales.



Hotel Restaurant

Starbucks coffee is available in main lobby.
Daily Dinner Specials in the Main Dining Room

Tuesday

Grilled Chicken Breast with Honey Dijon Sauce
Horseradish Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Carrots

Wednesday

Pan Seared Salmon with
Jasmine Rice
Sautéed Spinach

Thursday

6 oz. Strip Steak with Marsala Sauce
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans

Friday

Pasta Primavera with Grilled Chicken
Garlic Bread

Saturday

Pork Chop with Sweet Molasses
Sweet Potato Mash
Brussels Sprouts

\$15.95 per person, plus tax



Cash Concessions

Where

- Main playing area

When

- Tuesday thru Saturday 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Sunday 11am – 4pm Swiss Team Play-through

What

- Hot and cold sandwiches @ \$3.00 to \$4.00
- Individual Bags of Potato Chips @ \$1.00
- Whole Fresh Fruit/Including Bananas @ \$1.00
- Cookie @ \$1.00
- Assorted Soft Drinks (Heavy Diet Coke) @ \$2.50
- Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water @ \$2.50
- Fresh Fruit Bowl @ \$3.00

A Safety Net, No Strings Attached

Unit 143 has selected **BackStoppers** to receive the funds from we have designated the funds from the 4-session Series Game held at 9 AM Wednesday through Saturday mornings. We are supporting them to express our appreciation in a tangible way for a life given on behalf of others.

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.

The BackStoppers provides assistance to counties served by Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C in Missouri and Illinois State Police District 11 in Illinois. The donation will be presented at the Unit 143 October Sectional.

Today's Puzzles

Tentaizu

Tentaizu is Japanese for “celestial map. In each of the grids on this puzzle, stars are hiding in 10 of the 49 squares. Your task is to determine the positions of the 10 stars. A number in a square indicates how many stars lie next to the square – in other words, how many adjacent squares (including diagonally adjacent squares) contain stars. No square with a number in it contains a star, but a star may appear in a square with no adjacent numbers.

Tentaizu Example

1	*			*	3	*
						*
	1			0		
		*	2			*
	3	*			*	3
		*		1		
			1			1

Tentaizu 1

*	3			*	2	*
*	*		1			
*		2		1	0	
2			*			
*		1		1		1
	1		1			*
				*	2	

Sudoku - Medium

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



Zero Tolerance Policy



Be cool! Bridge is fun.

We are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. The following policy outlines what is expected of all players during our Regional in the playing area before and after each session.

The ultimate purpose of the Z-T 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. Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety)

The following lists some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

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.

Meet Your Directors

Chris Patrias, St. Charles, MO
Director in Charge

- Rick Beye
- Donna Coker
- David Cotterman
- Judy Cotterman
- Michael Flader
- Ron Johnston
- Charles MacCracken
- Richard Mueller
- Tom Whitesides

for pair events only...

Regional Scoring Goes Hi-Tech

The Bridgemate Pro Scoring system is being used in all the pairs events in St. Louis. The results of each board are entered into the Bridgemate at the table. After East or West has verified the score, the information is immediately transmitted to the Director's computer. The system calculates the score for you. There are no more table tallies.



Recorder Forms

Recorder forms are available from the Head Director. Milt Zlatic is the District 8 Recorder.

This Week's Events

Tuesday, August 18

SERIES 1 Open Pairs	Sessions 2-4 of 4	9 AM, 1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #1 continued	Sessions 2 & 3 & 4	9 AM, 1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #2	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM & 7:30 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19

CHARITY SERIES 4 Open Pairs	Session 1 of 4	9 AM
COMPACT KO #1	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
SERIES 2 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #2 continued	Sessions 3 & 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #3	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM & 7:30 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7:30 PM

Thursday, August 20

CHARITY SERIES 4 Open Pair	Session 2 of 4	9 AM
COMPACT KO #1	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
SERIES 2 Open Pairs	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #3 continued	Sessions 3 & 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #4	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM & 7:30 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7:30 PM

Friday, August 21

CHARITY SERIES 4 Open Pair	Session 3 of 4	9 AM
COMPACT KO #2	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #4 continued	Sessions 3 & 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #5	Sessions 1 & 2	1 PM & 7:30 PM
OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7:30 PM
Zip KO	Single Session	Late Night

Saturday, August 22

CHARITY SERIES 4 Open Pairs	Session 4 of 4	9 AM
COMPACT KO #2	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
BRACKETED KO #5 continued	Sessions 3 & 4	1 PM & 7:30 PM
OPEN PAIRS STRATI-FLIGHTED A, B/C/D	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM
FLIGHT A UNLIMITED: Qualifying with Barometer Final		
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM & 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 23

STRATI-FLIGHTED SWISS A	Single Session	10:30 AM & TBA*
STRAT-FLIGHTED SWISS B/C/D	Single Session	10:30 AM & TBA*
FAST PAIRS	2 Sessions	10:30 AM & TBA*
		* finish by 6 PM

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