

August 9-15



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Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.
the police officers & firefighters fund

Charity Open Pairs Series

Unit 143 has selected BackStoppers to receive the funds we raise from the 4-session Series Game held; the final session is tomorrow morning at 9 AM. We are supporting them to express our appreciation in a tangible way for a life given on behalf of others.

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.



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 and Condiments, Beer, and soft drinks.

Erratum: The 6-Day Residential Youth Bridge Camp has space for both 24 boys *and* 24 girls. For more information: cshaw@yahoo.com

New Life Masters! None as yet...



Tomorrow

Missouri Bragging Rights Matches St. Louis vs. Kansas City

Final segment on Vugraph here & live on BBO



FLIGHT A

KANSAS CITY

Linda Eakes, Donald Stack, Lee Magee, Paul Presley, & Stephen Stewart

ST. LOUIS

Lee Hastings & Mark Ehret, Rod Van Wyk & Arbha Vongsvivut

FLIGHT B

KANSAS CITY

Steven Erickson, Gregory Barnes, Richard Troth, Mark De Garcia

ST. LOUIS

Sasanka Ramanadham, Andrew Carver, Matt Diehl, & Ron Diehl

FLIGHT C

KANSAS CITY

Rajeev Bansal, Mary Mertz, Michael Hughes, & Roy Coplen

ST. LOUIS

Judy Renken, Doris Schwartz, Carol Jablonow, & Dianne Glick

FLIGHT D

KANSAS CITY

Robert Post, Betty Conlan, Dennis Reed, & Dorothy Johnson

ST. LOUIS

Beth Meteer, Mopsi Hanley, Sandi Meinz, & Marv Meinz

Today's Events

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued	Session 3 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION SWISS TEAM 2	Sessions 1 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 4 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 5	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM	Single Session	7 PM

Saturday Speakers: For the Advancing Player

Karen Walker
Mike Huston

"Troubles with Redoubles"
"Finessing"

Lambert Room
12:15 PM
6:15 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. Zero Tolerance is in place!

Entry Fee\$



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



Prize Desk

There are 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 30 minutes prior to the afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday evening through Saturday, and one hour prior to morning sessions Friday and 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, which includes the time period set for scoring corrections.

Players with Non-ACBL Masterpoints

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

Hotel Information

We are at the:
Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport
9801 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO, 63130
Phone: 314-429-1100
Fax: 314-429-3625
Toll free: 888-340-2594
Special bridge rate and Marriott Rewards program credit. High-speed internet is available in all rooms at \$12.95/day with complimentary in-room coffee/tea, toll-free phone calls, and shoeshine. An ATM is on site. Check in is 3 p.m., check out time is Noon.



Lost and Found

Check with a Director at the head table in the main playing area or with the Front Desk as some items found may be turned in to Hotel Security.



First Aid/Medical Service

For immediate care in case of an emergency, contact any director, or Unit Board Member, or Hotel employee and an EMT will be summoned.



Restaurants

Come by the Partnership desk for information on area restaurants, 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, Clydesdales & brewery tour, and the MO Botanical Garden. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:20 am to 9:10 pm. Brewery tours: Mon-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm - Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm. The Garden hours are 9 am - 5 pm.



Hotel Restaurant

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

Friday

Pasta Primavera with Grilled Chicken
Garlic Bread

Saturday

Pork Chop with Sweet Molasses Sauce
Sweet Potato Mash
Brussels Sprouts

\$15.95 per person, plus tax & tip

Cash Concessions

Where

- Main playing area

When

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

What

Friday Special

Italian Hoagie Half with Condiments @ \$3.00

Individual Cheese Pizzas @ \$4.00

- ♦ 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 (Diet Coke) @ \$2.50
- ♦ Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water @ \$2.50
- ♦ Fresh Fruit Bowl @ \$3.00



Bookseller

Britain Beasley will be located in the main hallways during the Regional.

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.



Today's Puzzles



Yesterday's Solution
Sudoku 5

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

Sudoku 6

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

Sudoku 7 Demanding

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

Sudoku 8 Demanding

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

Meet Your Directors

Chris Patrias, Head Director

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



Daily Bulletins & Results

Bulletins will be available in the main hallway each morning. Bulletins and daily results can be found at www.unit143.org. Results will be posted online late, late, late each night. Daily Bulletins will be uploaded each morning.

Did you see a great play? Have an amusing anecdote? Know someone who passed a bridge milestone while at our Regional? Contact The Daily Bulletin editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the basket 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



Zero Tolerance Policy



Be cool! Bridge is fun.

We are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. 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.

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.

Friday the 13th



The fear of Friday the 13th is called *friggatriskaideka-phobia*, *frigga*, meaning "Friday" and *triskaidekaphobia*, or *paraskevidekatriaphobia*, a word derived from the concatenation of the Greek words *Paraskeví* (Παρασκευή, meaning "Friday"), and *dekatreís* (δεκατρείς, meaning "thirteen"), attached to *phobia* (φοβία, from φόβος, φόβος, meaning "fear"). The word was derived in 1911 and first appeared in a mainstream source in 1953. Any month's 13th day will fall on a Friday if the month starts on a Sunday. According to the *Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute* in Asheville, North Carolina, an estimated 17 to 21 million people in the United States are affected by a fear of this day.

From Wikipedia



More
Bridge
T-Shirt
Humor

I didn't misplay that hand
I took a view

Bridge: A test of your skill
Versus opponent's luck

A bad day playing bridge
Beats a good day at work

I only play bridge on
Days that end in "Y"



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

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

The Blackwood Convention

by Eric Rodwell

When the partnership has decided **WHERE** it belongs, the next decision is **HOW HIGH**. If there is enough combined strength to think about a slam, the partnership must consider controls.

CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

Small slam: First-round control in 3 suits; at least second round control in the 4th
Grand slam First-round control in every suit.

In a suit contract, aces and voids are first-round controls; kings and singletons are second-round controls. The Blackwood convention is the most popular way to find out about aces and kings held by the partnership, but it is often overused.

The Blackwood Convention

Once a trump suit has been agreed, a bid of 4NT asks how many aces partner holds. In standard Blackwood, partner responds:

5♠	Three aces
5♥	Two aces
5♦	One ace
5♣	Zero or all four aces

If the partnership is missing two aces, it can stop at the five level in the agreed trump suit. If only one ace is missing, a small slam can be bid in the agreed trump suit. *If the partnership holds all the aces and there is the possibility of a grand slam, a subsequent bid of 5NT asks about kings.* The responses are:

6NT	Four Kings
6♠	Three kings
6♥	Two kings
6♦	One king
6♣	Zero kings

When to Use Blackwood

The player using Blackwood assumes captaincy of the partnership. Based on partner's responses, the captain will decide whether to bid a slam. To use Blackwood, the captain should be fairly certain:

- A trump suit has been agreed.
- There is likely to be enough combined strength for a slam.
- All that needs to be known is the number of aces and/or kings held by the partnership.

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ A Q J 7 6	♠ K 4	1♠	2♥★
♥ J 9 5 2	♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 3	3♥	4NT
♦ K Q J	♦ 5	5♦	5♥
♣ 2	♣ A K Q	Pass	

Once opener raises hearts, the decision on **WHERE** is resolved, and it is only a matter of **HOW HIGH**. With 17 high-card points plus 3 length points for the seven-card heart suit, responder knows the partnership has enough combined strength to be in the slam zone. The only consideration is whether the partnership has enough controls. Responder uses Blackwood to ask about aces. When opener shows only one ace, responder knows the partnership is missing two aces and signs off in 5♥.

Opener has a hand worth 17 points—14 high-card points plus 3 dummy points for the singleton club. However, even with extra values, opener shouldn't override responder's decision to stop in 5♥. By using Blackwood, responder has assumed the captaincy of the partnership. Responder knows how many aces the partnership holds; opener does not. *So 5♥ is a signoff, not an invitation.*

Let's change opener's hand a little:

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ A Q J 7 6	♠ K 4	1♠	2♥★
♥ J 9 5 2	♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 3	3♥	4NT
♦ A 7 3	♦ 5	5♥	6♥
♣ 2	♣ A K Q		

Now opener has 2 fewer high card points, but they are the 'right' points. When opener shows two aces, responder can confidently bid the small slam.

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

The Blackwood Convention

by Eric Rodwell

Let's change opener's hand again:

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ A 10 8 7 6	♠ K 4	1♠	2♥★
♥ A 9 5	♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 3	3♥	4NT
♦ A 7 3	♦ 5	5♥	7♥!
♣ 2	♣ A K Q		

The same total high-card points in opener's hand, but responder can bid a grand slam when opener shows three aces. There are thirteen top tricks: two spades, seven hearts, one diamond, and three clubs. Responder could actually bid 7NT rather than 7♥!

When to Avoid Blackwood

Blackwood doesn't handle all situations involving controls. *We should avoid automatically using Blackwood with:*

- Two or more cards in an unbid suit with no ace or king.
- A void.
- A slam-invitational hand.

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ K 10 8 7 5	♠ A Q	1♠	2♥★
♥ A 9 5	♥ K Q J 8 7 6 3	3♥_	?
♦ 10 5	♦ Q 7		
♣ A Q 3	♣ K 4		

After opener agrees on hearts, responder has enough strength to consider slam, but if responder bids 4NT and opener shows two aces, what does responder do now? The partnership is missing only one ace, but if responder bids 6♥, the defenders will likely take the first two diamonds. However, if one of opener's aces were the ♦A and the other the ♥A or ♣A, 6♥ would be an excellent contract.

The problem is with responder's diamond holding. With no control in the unbid diamond suit, responder has to be cautious. In general, to take over the captaincy and use Blackwood we should be reasonably sure the partnership has at least second round control in every suit. That's not easy to do, although we'll look at how we might address this issue in the next article. However, we can usually make the assumption that partner holds either first- or second-round control in a suit partner has bid. Not always perfect, but a reasonable approach. It's an unbid suit in which we hold no control that we are most concerned about.

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ A K 10 8 7 5 2	♠ Q J 3	1♠	2♥★
♥ K 4	♥ Q J 8 7 6	2♠	3♠
♦ K Q J	♦ 9 7	?	
♣ -----	♣ A K		

Opener has enough that slam is likely once a trump suit is determined, but using Blackwood is not the best approach. Responder's reply to Blackwood would show one ace, and opener would still not know what to do. If responder has the ♦A or ♥A, the partnership belongs in 6♠. If responder has the ♣A, as on the actual deal, the defenders can take the first two tricks with the ♦A and ♥A.

The problem is that opener holds a void in clubs. Opener doesn't need to know about the ♣A. Opener wants to know about *specific* aces, the ♦A and ♥A. We'll address away to handle tomorrow, but another approach might be for opener to simply jump to slam and hope for the best. Given no information to help, the defenders may not take the ♣A quickly enough, and declarer may be able to discard both hearts on the ♣A-K.

The point is that *jumping to slam holding a void is likely to be at least as effective as bidding Blackwood!*

OPENER	RESPONDER	OPENER	RESPONDER
♠ Q 7 6 5 2	♠ A 4	1♠	2♥★
♥ A 4 2	♥ K J 8 7 6 3	3♥	?
♦ 9 3	♦ A 6		
♣ A Q J	♣ K 8 5		

Here responder has 17 points—15 high-card points plus 2 length points for the six-card heart suit. That's too much to settle for game since the partnership has at least 30 combined points—opener has 13 or more.

Responder also has first- or second round control in all the suits. It's tempting to launch into Blackwood.

If responder bids 4NT, opener will show two aces. The partnership holds all the aces, but that doesn't make 6♥ a good slam. Declarer will likely have to lose a spade trick and a diamond trick, and might also lose a trick to the ♥Q. The problem is that responder isn't strong enough to assume captaincy and commit the partnership to slam based on the response to Blackwood. Instead, responder wants to show interest in slam and get opener involved in the decision.

Thursday's Results

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs

Session 2 of 4

9 AM

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.43	1			James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	66.67%
3.32	2			Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL; Leonard Gross, Carbondale IL	61.61%
3.35	3	1		Mary Lagu - Avinash Lagu, Carmel IN	58.33%
2.20	4/5	2/3		Edward Samuels - Katherine Samuels, St Louis MO	55.95%
2.20	4/5	2/3		Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO	55.95%
2.31		4	1	Susan Frazee - Bill Frazee, Memphis TN	52.68%
1.73		5	2	Kay Cohen, Saint Louis MO; Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO	52.08%
1.30			3	Thomas Brossard - Frank Rassieur, St Louis MO	51.49%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION J

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1/2	1/2		Edward Samuels - Katherine Samuels, St Louis MO	55.95%	1			James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	66.67%
1/2	1/2		Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA; Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO	55.95%	2			Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL; Leonard Gross, Carbondale IL	61.61%
3			Bobbie Holmes, Saint Louis MO; Donna Overbey, Florissant MO	55.36%	3	1		Mary Lagu - Avinash Lagu, Carmel IN	58.33%
4	3	1	Kay Cohen, Saint Louis MO; Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO	52.08%	4	2	1	Susan Frazee - Bill Frazee, Memphis TN	52.68%
					3	2		Mary Fort - Susan Hall, Saint Louis MO	47.02%

SIDE SERIES 2 FINAL

4 Sessions

65.00 Tables / Based on 36 Tables

11.50	1/2	Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR	128.43%
11.50	1/2	Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO	128.43%
8.83	3/4	William Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO	125.01%
8.83	3/4	Charles Bishop, Kansas City MO	125.01%
5.38	5/6	Noel Helmink, Avon IN	120.77%
5.38	5/6	Randy Helmink, Avon IN	120.77%
7.06	7	Rochelle Popkin, Saint Louis MO	119.59%
5.25	8	Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO	119.45%
5.14	9	Norman Athy, Saint Louis MO	118.45%
4.12	10/11	Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	117.70%
4.12	10/11	Dave Bigler, Hobart IN	117.70%

SIDE SERIES 2 Open Pairs

Afternoon

1 PM, 7 PM

41.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
7.74	1			Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO	66.28%
6.52	2	1		Charles Bishop, Kansas City MO; William Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO	64.13%
4.35	3			Randy Helmink - Noel Helmink, Avon IN	63.31%
3.27	4			Norman Athy - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	61.11%
4.89	5	2		Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO; Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO	60.25%
3.67	6	3		Patricia Miller, Aurora CO; Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO	58.90%
2.75		4		Dave Bigler - Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	58.13%
4.70		5	1	Diane Scott - Noreen Bryant, Clinton IN	57.38%
1.55		6		Vicki Standley, Freeport IL; Carol Umbach, Havana IL	56.72%
3.53			2	William Bunn, Brentwood MO; Catherine Pretsch, Saint Charles MO	56.59%
2.64			3	Lannon Corley - Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	55.74%
1.98			4	Lois Kanefield - Louise Mandel, Saint Louis MO	54.67%
1.87			5	Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	53.41%
1.31			6	Lois Frank - Audrey Friedman, Saint Louis MO	52.93%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION I

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			John Maloney - Carl Brueckner Jr, Champaign IL	56.95%	1	1		Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO; Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO	60.25%
2	1		Daniel Richardson, Rochester IL; Ron Sholes, Springfield IL	54.09%	2	2		Dave Bigler - Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	58.13%
3	2		Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO; Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO	53.57%	3	3		Vicki Standley, Freeport IL; Carol Umbach, Havana IL	56.72%
4	3	1	David Riddle - Thomas Frank, Indianapolis IN	52.02%	4	4		A Hirson, Twn And Cntry MO; George Juenger, Saint Louis MO	56.38%
5	4	2	Mark Brightfield, Berkeley MO; Doris Fairgrieve, St Louis MO	51.03%	5			Mark Ehret - Beth Curtis, Saint Louis MO	55.86%
6	5		Dorothy Sealy, Chesterfield MO; Gwen Schneider, Saint Louis MO	49.14%	6			Daniel Schaffer - Jane Schaffer, Saint Charles MO	54.71%
						5		Hugh Williams - Leonard Gross, Carbondale IL	53.68%
							1	Linda Mize - Mary Hawley, Florissant MO	51.19%
							2	Carol Windland, Glen Carbon IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL	48.25%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION J

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Randy Helmink - Noel Helmink, Avon IN	63.31%	1			Norman Athy - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	61.11%
2			Donna Overbey, Florissant MO; Bobbie Holmes, Saint Louis MO	58.22%	2	1	1	Diane Scott - Noreen Bryant, Clinton IN	57.38%
3			Michael Huston, Joplin MO; John Seng, Champaign IL	57.95%	3			James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC	56.45%
4	1	1	Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	53.41%	4	2		Scott Davis - Cheryl Davis, Saint Louis MO	54.20%
5	2	2	Lois Frank - Audrey Friedman, Saint Louis MO	52.93%	5	3		Paul Rezabek Jr, Hazelwood MO; Richard Watsek, Godfrey IL	50.71%
6	3	3	Ruth Naber, Maryland Hts MO; Jack Miller, Saint Louis MO	52.83%	6	4	2	Nancy Cadwell - Dianne Glick, Saint Louis MO	50.05%
		4	Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO; E Hale, Rolla MO	51.63%			3	Becky Groeninger - Sara Ratterree, Springfield IL	47.99%
							4	Susan Frazee - Bill Frazee, Memphis TN	45.09%

Bridge Humor

- ❖ Too bad, pard! That was an unlucky grand. The Ace of Trumps was off side.
- ❖ You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trump, and you're the declarer.
- ❖ A well-balanced player makes up for his inadequacy in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.
- ❖ Overheard at the bridge Snack 'n Chat last night: We had a 75% game last night. Three out of four opponents were idiots.
- ❖ During History lesson, the teacher briefly went through the Kings and Queens who rule. "But" the teacher continued "There is a higher category of power. Can anybody tell me what it is? One child blurted out, 'Aces!'
- ❖ Don't let worries get you down, Play Bridge instead!
- ❖ I never drink alcohol while playing bridge. It interferes with my suffering.

Thursday's Results

SIDE SERIES 2 Open Pairs

Evening

1 PM, 7 PM

23.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1	1		Richard Watsek, Godfrey IL; Paul Rezabek Jr, Hazelwood MO	63.94%
2			Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO; Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR	62.15%
3	2		Leon McCarty - Chris Buck, Hurdland MO	61.97%
4	3		William Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO; Charles Bishop, Kansas City MO	60.88%
5	4		Mary Eldridge, Elm Grove WI; Kathleen Lucas, Milwaukee WI	60.47%
6	5		Dave Bigler - Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	59.57%
10	6		Richard Haacke, Olivette MO; Mary Weyerich, Saint Louis MO	56.86%
18	11	1	Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	51.09%
19	12		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, Freeport IL	51.06%
20	13	2	Ruth Naber, Maryland Hts MO; Jack Miller, Saint Louis MO	50.56%
21	14	3	Robert Harris - Richard Booker, Columbia MO	50.31%
22			Michael Gilbert - Susan Gilbert, Sarasota FL	49.94%
23	15	4	Becky Groeninger - Sara Ratterree, Springfield IL	49.73%
	16		Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO; Margery Goldberg, Saint Louis MO	48.90%
	17		Emily Jane Gaer, Van Buren AR; Connie Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR	47.92%
		5	Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO	46.62%
		6	Linda Mize - Mary Hawley, Florissant MO	46.31%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION J

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Richard Watsek, Godfrey IL; Paul Rezabek Jr, Hazelwood MO	63.94%	1	1	William Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO; Charles Bishop, KC MO	60.88%
2	2		Dave Bigler - Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	59.57%	2		John Oxley, Saint Joseph MO; Elizabeth Jankord, Manhattan KS	57.90%
3	3		Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO; Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO	56.44%	3		Michael Huston, Joplin MO; John Seng, Champaign IL	57.18%
4			Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	56.37%	4	2	Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO; Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO	55.12%
	1		Daisy Spitzer, St Louis MO; Charles Ries, Saint Louis MO	51.09%	3	1	Robert Harris - Richard Booker, Columbia MO	50.31%
	2		Becky Groeninger - Sara Ratterree, Springfield IL	49.73%	2		Jane Byram, Chatham IL; Christopher Romaine, Springfield IL	45.44%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION K

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Mary Eldridge, Elm Grove WI; Kathleen Lucas, Milwaukee WI	60.47%	1		Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO; Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR	62.15%
2	2		Franklin Jay Coleman, Hutsonville IL; Christopher Shaw Jr, Carli IL	53.92%	2	1	Leon McCarty - Chris Buck, Hurdland MO	61.97%
3	3		Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, Freeport IL	51.06%	3		Noel Helmink - Randy Helmink, Avon IN	57.46%
4	4	1	Ruth Naber, Maryland Hts MO; Jack Miller, Saint Louis MO	50.56%	4	2	Richard Haacke, Olivette MO; Mary Weyerich, Saint Louis MO	56.86%
5			Michael Gilbert - Susan Gilbert, Sarasota FL	49.94%	5	3	Daniel Richardson, Rochester IL; Ron Sholes, Springfield IL	54.24%
	2		Linda Mize - Mary Hawley, Florissant MO	46.31%		1	Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO	46.62%
						2	Lannon Corley - Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	46.11%

Hand of the Day: 7 Clubs Bid and Made!

Board 1 from the final match of Knockout #3, Bracket 3 was played and reported by Toby Kahn, formerly of St. Louis, now from Louisville, KY. The play was relatively straight-forward, but the auction was amazing and not for the feint of heart, ...er clubs!

Auction

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	6♥
7♣	All Pass		

Of course, a ♥ lead beats the contract, but the Opening Lead:

♠Q

<p>West</p> <p>♠ QJ9432</p> <p>♥ KJ1063</p> <p>♦ -----</p> <p>♣ Q8</p>	<p>North</p> <p>♠ K105</p> <p>♥ Q972</p> <p>♦ 5</p> <p>♣ KJ962</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ -----</p> <p>♥ 5</p> <p>♦ AKQ10962</p> <p>♣ A10543</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ A876</p> <p>♥ A84</p> <p>♦ J8743</p> <p>♣ 7</p>

Thursday's Results

2-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM

FINAL

9 AM

33 Tables

	A	B	C		
15.05	1			Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS	154.00
11.29	2			Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO	138.00
10.33	3	1		Cheryl Davis - Scott Davis, Saint Louis MO; Norman Goldman - Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO	123.00
6.35	4			Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	122.00
5.02	5			John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Lee Hastings, St Louis MO	121.00
4.30	6			Ken Gee - Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY	116.00
7.75	7	2		Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO; Ralph Rotter Jr, Granite City IL; Emil Strotheide, Saint Louis MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO	113.00
4.54	8/11	3/5		John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Doug O'Leary, St Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO	110.00
2.90	8/11			Anthony Astrologes, Florissant MO; Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR	110.00
5.85	8/11	3/5	1/2	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay D Shah - Judy Pass, St Louis MO; Jan Pass, Saint Louis MO	110.00
5.85	8/11	3/5	1/2	Donald Macchesney - Mary Macchesney - Jeanne Redington - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO	110.00
2.95		6		Frances Schenk - Dana Hastings - Edward Ashworth - James Jackson, Baton Rouge LA	102.00
2.58		7		Stephen Babin, Normal IL; Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Barbara Meiners, Hot Springs AR; Bobbie Straker, Pekin IL	99.00
3.76			3	Don McLean - Gayle McLean - Donald Nies, St Louis MO; Lois Marshall, Saint Louis MO	97.00
2.82			4	Barbara Frith, Chesterfield MO; Fran Axelbaum, St Louis MO; Roberta Trochtenberg - Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO	95.00
2.07			5/6	Shirley Ringland, Chesterfield MO; Katie Klingler - Martha Rowe - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO	86.00
2.07			5/6	Helene Siegfried - Gretchen Smith, St Louis MO; Barbara Stewart - Linda McHoney, Chesterfield MO	86.00

1-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM

Single Session

7 PM

26 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.46	1			Stephen Brauss - Dennis Spencer - Norman Athy - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	99.00
4.10	2			Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO	92.00
3.07	3			John Burgener, St Louis MO; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO	90.00
2.30	4			Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Judy Putzel - En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Jackie Baker, St Louis MO	86.00
4.25	5	1	1	Paul Hartke - Lois Hartke, Effingham IL; Leo Comerford - Jonell Comerford, Charleston IL	85.00
1.30	6			Tom Brown, Sunrise Beach MO; Linda Spangler, Ft Worth TX; Britain Beezley - Shelba Parmley, Oklahoma City OK	77.00
3.19		2		George Hawley, Florissant MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO; Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO; Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO	68.00
2.39		3		Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay D Shah, St Louis MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO	64.00
2.27		4	2	Mitchell Fish - Lynda Fish - Brandy Fish, Belleville IL; Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL	61.00
1.70		5	3	Steve Singer - Gilda Singer, St Charles MO; Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO; Janet Vontz, Lake St Louis MO	59.00
1.28			4	Linda Brazier - James Reid Brazier, Moro IL; Roseann Stice, East Alton IL; Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL	56.00

BRACKETED KO 3 Final

1 PM, 7 PM

BRACKET 1

12 Tables

43.32	1	Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA		
30.32	2	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL		
17.33	3/4	Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Tom Kniest, University City MO; Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Tom Oppenheimer, Ballwin MO		
17.33	3/4	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Ken Gee - Barry Harper, Regina SK; Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN		

Thursday's Results

BRACKETED KO 3 Final

1 PM, 7 PM

BRACKET 2

16 Tables

- 21.88 1 Cookie Potter, Saint Louis MO; Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA; Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Charles Jeffrey Jr, Safety Harbor FL
- 15.32 2 Jason Clevenger, Saint Louis MO; Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Matthew Diehl, Ballwin MO; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL
- 8.75 3/4 Bob Bainter - Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO; Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO
- 8.75 3/4 Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO



BRACKET 3

Kudos to Rose, Chuck, Sammy & Dennis!

14 Tables

- 14.29 1 **Charles Swart**, Portland OR; **Dennis Balfe**, UCity MO; **Rose Etzkorn**, Saint Louis MO; **Sammy House**, Ballwin
- 10.00 2 Phyllis Costello - Toby Kahn, Louisville KY; Jonathan Goldberg, Saint Louis MO; David Goldfarb, Houston TX
- 5.72 3/4 Loren Bannister, Saint Louis MO; James Homire Jr, Robertsville MO; James Keating, Saint Peters MO; Alf Stole, Bridgeton MO
- 5.72 3/4 Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO; Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; George Hawley, Florissant MO; Laura Scholten, Saint Charles MO



BRACKET 4

Congrats to JoE, Rich, Kevin, & Steve!

12 Tables

- 10.00 1 **Jo-Ellyn Ryall**, St Louis MO; **Richard Welc**, St Louis MO; **Kevin Clarkin**, Florissant MO; **Stephen Russell**, Fenton
- 7.00 2 Mike Mitra, Lake St Louis MO; Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO; William Maack, Ofallon MO; David Fricke, St Charles MO
- 4.00 3/4 Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay D Shah - Judy Pass - Gretchen Smith, St Louis MO
- 4.00 3/4 Paul Hartke - Lois Hartke, Effingham IL; Leo Comerford - Jonell Comerford, Charleston IL

BRACKETED KO 4 Advancers

Sessions 1 & 2 of 4

1 PM, 7 PM

BRACKET 1

12 Tables

- Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; James Ward, Champaign IL; William Doroshow, Skokie IL
- vs
- John Russell, North Barrington IL; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Elaine Said, Nashville TN; Lee Hastings, St Louis MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY
- Chuck Said, Nashville TN; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Linda Eakes, Leawood KS; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL
- vs
- Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico; Jim Jacobson, Sioux City IA; Craig Huston, Portland OR

BRACKET 2

13 Tables

- Frank La Master - Nancy La Master, Indianapolis IN; Avinash Lagu - Mary Lagu, Carmel IN
- vs
- Patricia Shine - Linda Powers, Chesterfield MO; Gail Hawkins, Ballwin MO; Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO
- Frances Schenk - James Jackson - Edward Ashworth - Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA
- vs
- Beryl Shapiro - Charlotte Jung, Saint Louis MO; Mary Adrignola, Ballwin MO; Paul Ellebracht, Saint Ann M

BRACKET 3

9 Tables

- Stewart Rubenstein - Christina Parker - Brian Rubenstein, Newton MA; Charles Parker, Saint Louis MO
- vs
- Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL; Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Margie Tayloe, Salem MO; Mary Butts, Dixon MO
- John Robey, Winchester TN; Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; F.Eric Thompson, Lake St Louis MO; Richard Oberwortmann, Tullahoma TN
- vs
- Diana Drisko - Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO; Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO

Thursday's Results

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

Afternoon Session

1 PM

29.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
5.32	1	1	1	Mary Morgan - Marilyn Fox, St Louis MO	63.64%
3.99	2	2		Mike Murphy, Saint Louis MO; Suzy Schoonmaker, Chaesterfield MO	63.60%
2.99	3			Jay Winter - Janet Rose, Edwardsville IL	63.33%
2.24	4	3		Alan Snead, Ballwin MO; Richard Jones, Shawnee Msn KS	62.88%
1.68	5	4	2	Wendy Olk - Susan Schettler, St Louis MO	62.27%
1.26	6	5		David Sterneck, Chesterfield MO; Jeff Kopolow, St Louis MO	60.23%
1.66		6		Ken Schlueter - Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO	58.70%
1.16			3	Eugene Weisman - Roxanne Weisman, St Louis MO	58.56%
0.66			4	Cathy Galan, Ballwin MO; Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO	55.15%
0.60			5	Amy Galvin, St Louis MO; Ann Irving, Des Peres MO	53.41%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION M

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Mike Murphy, St Louis MO; Suzy Schoonmaker, Chaesterfield MO	1	1		Ken Schlueter - Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO	58.70%
2			Suzanne Broddon - Marcia Broddon, Saint Louis MO	2	2	1	Eugene Weisman - Roxanne Weisman, St Louis MO	58.56%
3	2		Betty Politte, Barnhart MO; Tony Ponzar, Festus MO	3			Alan Broddon, Saint Louis MO; Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO	57.95%
4	3		Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO; Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO	4	3		Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO; Chris Newman, Chesterfield MO	56.46%
5	4	1	Amy Galvin, St Louis MO; Ann Irving, Des Peres MO	5	4	2	Cathy Galan, Ballwin MO; Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO	55.15%
6/7		2	Dan Waeltermann - Mike Schneider, Florissant MO	6			Janet Prater, Overland Park KS; Gloria Graf, St Louis MO	52.88%
6/7			Jane Walsma - Mark Walsma, Manchester MO	5	5		Helene Mirowitz, St Louis MO; Ruth Sobel, Olivette MO	52.12%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION N

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1	1	Mary Morgan - Marilyn Fox, St Louis MO	1	1		Alan Snead, Ballwin MO; Richard Jones, Shawnee Msn KS	62.88%
2			Jay Winter - Janet Rose, Edwardsville IL	2	2	1	Wendy Olk - Susan Schettler, St Louis MO	62.27%
3	2		David Sterneck, Chesterfield MO; Jeff Kopolow, St Louis MO	3	3		Joan Marion - Marvin Marion, Chesterfield MO	57.11%
4			Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur; Eugene Hartenberger, St Louis	4			Marie Bretzke - Charles Bretzke Jr, Saint Louis MO	55.73%
5	3		Carolyn Andrews, Ballwin MO; Joseph Butkiewicz, Chesterfield MO	5	4		David Nothstine - Mae Jean Nothstine, Ft Myers FL	51.91%
6			Carol Luckey - Robert Luckey, Augusta MO	6			Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Wallace Burton, Festus MO	50.13%
	4	2	David Dierkes, St Louis MO; Jean Margul, Frontenac MO					

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

Evening Session

7 PM

14.0 Tables



**Stupendous!
Tied for First Overall
in Flights A&B**

← Linda & Janet
Dan & Barbara →



	A	B	C		
2.79	1/2	1/2		Linda Badgley , Edwardsville IL; Janet Little , Wood River IL	63.07%
2.79	1/2	1/2		Barbara MacPeek , Ballwin MO; Dan Waeltermann , Florissant MO	63.07%
1.79	3	3		Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO; Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO	62.88%
1.35	4	4		David Nothstine - Mae Jean Nothstine, Ft Myers FL	56.82%
1.01	5	5		Isabelle Montupet, St Louis MO; Ulrike Schlafly, Saint Louis MO	56.44%
1.12	6	6		Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Dianne Mardis, Saint Louis MO	53.79%



**Kudos!
First in Flight C
Richard & Toni**

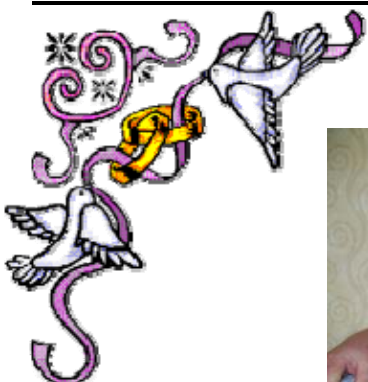
1.21		1	Toni Messinger - Richard Messinger , Alton IL	52.27%
0.91		2	Martin Worn - Debbie Worn, St Charles MO	50.76%
0.68		3	Crystal Beuerlein, St Louis MO; Amy Galvin, St Louis MO	50.38%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION M

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Linda Badgley, Edwardsville IL; Janet Little, Wood River IL	1	1		Barb MacPeek, Ballwin MO; Dan Waeltermann, Florissant MO	63.07%
2	2		Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Dianne Mardis, Saint Louis MO	2	2		Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO; Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO	62.88%
3	3		Jerry Hoog, St Louis MO; Mary Lois Gavin, Bridgeton MO	3	3		David Nothstine - Mae Jean Nothstine, Ft Myers FL	56.82%
4	4		Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO; Chris Newman, Chesterfield MO	4	4		Isabelle Montupet, St Louis MO; Ulrike Schlafly, St Louis MO	56.44%
5			Gail Sunder - Linda Golicki, Wilmington NC	5			Jay Winter - Janet Rose, Edwardsville IL	53.22%
6	1		Martin Worn - Debbie Worn, St Charles MO	6	5	1	Toni Messinger - Richard Messinger, Alton IL	52.27%
	2		Crystal Beuerlein, St Louis MO; Amy Galvin, St Louis MO			2	Cathy Galan, Ballwin MO; Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO	46.40%



Love at the Regional...

**Congratulations to
Betty Politte & Tony Ponzar**

Who became engaged this week!

Wishing you a lifetime of happiness,
especially at the bridge table.

This Week's Events

Saturday, August 14

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued	Session 4 of 4	9 AM
2-SESSION SWISS TEAM 2 continued	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 5 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
MISSOURI BRAGGING RIGHTS A/B/C/D	Sessions 1 & 2 of 2	1 PM, 7 PM
OPEN PAIRS STRATI-FLIGHTED A*, B/C/D**	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
*FLIGHT A UNLIMITED: Qualifying with Barometer Final		
**Strat B/C/D 300/750/2000		
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM

Sunday, August 15

MARY HRUBY SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A	2 Sessions, Play Through	10:30 AM
MARY HRUBY SWISS STRAT-FLIGHTED B/C/D	2 Sessions, Play Through	10:30 AM
FAST PAIRS	2 Sessions	10:30 AM & TBA*
		* finish by 6 PM

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

Zero Tolerance Policy is in place!

Thoughts on Bridge – continued

Perhaps the best one-sentence description of how bridge players feel about their game is playwright George S. Kaufman's parody of a famous remark: "I'd rather be **South** than be President." But what causes that feeling?

Ten Rewards of Bridge... here are the second 5

MENTAL CHALLENGE - Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind. Your mind can rust, you know, but bridge prevents the rust from forming. *- Omar Sharif*

MULTIPLICITY OF REWARDS - Bridge is simultaneously fascinating and fun. In pursuit of winning you meet the elusiveness of perfection and the perverseness of chance. In preparation, you have the opportunity to develop and refine your system as linguistic science. *- Michael Neuschatz*

PLEASURE - Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. Anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. *- Malcolm Forbes*

UNIVERSALITY - No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table. *-Martina Navratilova*

VARIETY - Bridge presents all the challenges we know of. It is a human game, yet it is an intellectual game. If I sit down to play, I am likely to run into some sort of situation that I've never seen before.

- Edgar Kaplan