

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

Missouri Bragging Rights Matches

Charity Pairs Series

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

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 treat: Chat & Snack:** We all scream for Ice Cream! Vanilla, Strawberry Haagen Dazs and Chocolate with toppings.



St. Louis vs. Kansas City

Join us after the evening session to watch the final 16 boards on Vugraph here & live on BBO!

Commentators:

Mike Huston & Barry Harper

Saturday at 9 pm broadcast LIVE & FREE on BBO Vugraph.

Watch the postings in the main hallway throughout the day for scores after each quarter for the four brackets.

Many thanks to Bill Bunn for organizing the event.

New Life Masters...

None Reported!?????



Today's Events

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|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Saturday Speakers: For the Advancing Player | | |
| Jade Barrett "Learning Curve" | | Lambert Room |
| Barry Harper "Alerts: A Dash of Rules & A Pinch of Ethics" | | 12:15 PM |
| | | 6:15 PM |

KOs matched by random draw every round, guaranteed to finish in four rounds, and open to teams of 4,5, or 6 players. Swiss Teams also may have 4 to 6 players. Unless other-wise 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 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 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 morning and afternoon sessions today, and one hour prior to morning session 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



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.



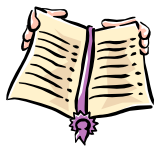
Lost and Found

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 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, 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

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

- ◆ Saturday 11:30 am - 1:00pm
- ◆ Sunday 11am - 5pm Swiss Team Play

What

⇒ Saturday Special

⇒ Ham and Cheese Half with Condiments @ \$3.00

⇒ Hamburgers with Condiments & Sliced Cheese @ \$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 Solutions
Sudoku 7

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

Sudoku 8

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

Sudoku 9 Very Challenging

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

Sudoku 10 Very Challenging

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

Work is for people who
Don't play bridge

When you learn to play these cards
we'll get you better ones

Woulda'
Coulda'
Shoulda'



More
Bridge
T-Shirt
Humor

Meet Your Directors

Chris Patrias, Head Director

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



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.



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.



More Bridge Quips

- ❖ A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer. Alfred Sheinwold
- ❖ How many Bridge players do you need to change a light bulb? Four. One to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better.
How can you tell if someone is a lousy bridge player? He has 5 smiling Kibitzers watching him play. Isn't it a shame how 99% of bridge players give the whole game a bad name.
- ❖ How many bridge partner jokes are there? Just two, all the rest are true.
When a wise partner holds his tongue, he says more than then when he speaks.
- ❖ What's the difference between my partner and a trampoline? I have to take off my shoes before 1 jump on a trampoline.
- ❖ If you cannot annoy your partner, there is little point in playing Bridge.
- ❖ A suggestion from Tournament Director Harry Goldwater that barring obvious consequences, a lead out of turn should generally be accepted. The rationale being that if a player does not know whose lead it is probably does not know the right lead either!
- ❖ There is only one thing worse than playing bridge -- and that is not playing bridge.
- ❖ There is a fine line between wanting to play bridge every day and mental illness.

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

Control Showing Bids

by Eric Rodwell

The Blackwood convention only tells us *how many* aces and kings partner holds. *If we need to know which aces and kings partner holds, we must use control-showing bids.* Control-showing bids also help us deal with voids and singletons.

CONTROLS IN A SUIT CONTRACT

First round: Ace or void
Second-round: King or singleton

Control-Showing Process

Showing controls takes a different approach to slam bidding than Blackwood. Instead of asking partner about the number of aces held, we show an ace—or some other control—that we hold. In turn, partner is expected to show a control, and the auction continues until the partnership discovers whether there are enough controls to bid a slam.

Recognizing a Control Bid

How do we know when we're into a control-showing situation in a 2/1 auction? Once the partnership has agreed on **WHERE**, the only remaining question is **HOW HIGH**: Game or Slam? If we aren't interested in slam, we simply stop in game in the agreed trump suit. So:

SHOWING CONTROLS AFTER 2/1

Once the trump suit has been agreed, the bid of another suit is a control-showing bid with interest in slam.

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|----------------|----------------|--------|-----------|--|
| OPENER | RESPONDER | OPENER | RESPONDER | Playing 2/1, responder's 2♦ bid is a marathon bid (★), forcing to game. After responder raises to 3♠, the trump suit has been agreed. Opener has enough to take the partnership to slam, but using Blackwood right now won't help. |
| ♠ A K 10 8 7 5 | ♠ Q J 3 | 1♠ | 2♦ ★ | |
| ♥ 9 8 2 | ♥ J 7 3 | 2♠ | 3♠ | |
| ♦ K 4 | ♦ A Q J 10 8 3 | ? | | |
| ♣ A K | ♣ Q | | | |

Responder will show one ace, and whether opener stops in 5♠ or continues to 6♠, the partnership is too high. The defenders can take the first three heart tricks. *Before taking over the captaincy and using Blackwood, opener should be reasonably sure the partnership has at least second-round control in every suit.* Opener knows that's the case in spades, diamonds, and clubs, but needs to find out whether responder has either first- or second-round control in hearts. So opener initiates a control-showing sequence:

| | | |
|--------|------------------------|---|
| OPENER | RESPONDER | |
| 1♠ | 2♦ ★ | With no interest in slam, opener would simply bid 4♠ once spades have been agreed upon. So opener's 4♣ bid is a control-showing bid. Responder cooperates with a control-showing bid of 4♦. Opener doesn't have a control in the heart suit, so opener returns to the agreed trump suit, 4♠. Responder also doesn't have a control in the heart suit and doesn't want to venture beyond game, so responder passes and the partnership stops safely at the game level. |
| 2♠ | 3♠ | |
| 4♣ * | 4♦* *= control bids | |
| 4♠ | Pass | |

Stopping the Process

How does responder know opener's 4♠ bid isn't a further control-showing bid? The partnership needs a way to stop below slam when it doesn't have the required controls, so *the trump suit is not included when showing controls.* A return to the trump suit says, "I have nothing further to show." It doesn't necessarily end the auction. Partner may still have more to say, but it does allow the partnership to stop in a game contract. There are other ways to stop the control-showing process. With enough information, either player may simply jump to the slam level. Or either player may switch to the Blackwood convention by bidding 4NT.

STOPPING THE CONTROLSHOWING PROCESS

- The partnership can stop the control-showing process by:
- Returning to the agreed trump suit.
 - Jumping to slam.
 - Bidding Blackwood

Why use Blackwood after the partnership has been showing controls?

- Controls in the trump suit are not included in the control-showing process. Blackwood may still be needed to confirm that the partnership has enough controls.
- There may be some ambiguity between first- and second-round controls. Blackwood can be used to clarify the situation.

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

Control Showing Bids

by Eric Rodwell

Let's modify the earlier hands to see how effective control-showing can be.

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

After the trump suit has been agreed with responder's raise to 3♠, opener makes a move toward slam with the 4♣ bid. Responder cooperates by bidding 4♥. That's exactly what opener wanted to hear. There's no longer a concern that the opponents can take the first two heart tricks, so opener bids Blackwood to confirm that the partnership isn't missing two aces, and confidently goes to slam when responder shows an ace. *Control-showing bids followed by Blackwood will often work when an early jump to Blackwood needs to be avoided.*

Guidelines for Controls

The control-showing process can be challenging. It requires both partners to be on the same wavelength. Here are some useful agreements:

- Once the control-showing process is initiated, partner is expected to cooperate below the game level, even with a minimum hand.
- Controls are rarely shown if they take the partnership beyond game.
- Both first- and second-round controls can be shown.
- Controls are typically shown 'up the line.'
- Controls are not shown in the agreed trump suit. Blackwood must be used to check on the total number of aces and kings held by the partnership.

Let's take a closer look in this issue at the first two guidelines.

Cooperation

If partner makes a move toward slam with a control-showing bid, do we *have* to cooperate? Obviously if we have extra values, we want to help get to slam. We might even take charge and use Blackwood. After all, if partner is interested in slam and we are also interested, what's stopping us?

However, if we don't have extra values, do we have to make a control-showing bid once partner starts the process? In general, *we cooperate with partner below the game level when we have something useful to show, even when we have no extra values.*

| OPENER | RESPONDER | OPENER | RESPONDER |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| ♠ A 9 8 7 3 | ♠ K Q | 1♠ | 2♥ ★ |
| ♥ Q 4 3 | ♥ A K 9 8 7 6 5 | 3♥ | 4♣* |
| ♦ A J 3 | ♦ 9 4 2 | 4♦* | 4NT |
| ♣ Q 5 | ♣ A | 5♥ | 5NT |
| | | 6♣ | 6♥ |
| | | Pass | *= control bids |

After agreeing on hearts as the trump suit, responder shows interest in slam with a control-showing bid of 4_. Although opener has no extra values, showing the ♦A doesn't take the partnership beyond game. It turns out that a diamond control is exactly what responder was looking for. Now responder can safely use Blackwood to check for aces. When the partnership has all the aces, responder can even make a try for a grand slam by asking about kings. When opener shows none, responder settles for a small slam.

Avoid Control-Bidding Beyond Game

With rare exceptions, avoid making a control-showing bid that takes the partnership beyond game. When bidding beyond game, the default action is to bid Blackwood to check for aces and kings.

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

If opener continues the control-showing process by bidding 4♠, the partnership will get too high. So opener simply returns to 4♥, leaving any further move to responder. Here, responder passes, knowing that the partnership doesn't have a control in diamonds.

To be continued tomorrow, with More About Showing Controls.

Friday Results

SIDE SERIES 4 CHARITY Open Pairs continued Session 3 of 4

9 AM

10.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|-----|-----|---|---|--------|
| 4.67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Carol Layton - Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO | 63.10% |
| 3.50 | 2 | | | David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI | 61.01% |
| 2.46 | 3/4 | 2/3 | | John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO | 58.33% |
| 2.46 | 3/4 | 2/3 | | Janice Franz - Ann Caparros, Springfield IL | 58.33% |
| 1.98 | 5 | 4 | 2 | Craig Hillyer, Shelbyville IL; Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL | 55.95% |
| 1.49 | 6 | 5 | 3 | Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO | 55.06% |
| 1.11 | | | 4 | Bernie Fromm, Kansas City MO; Lareta Corbin, Lake Quivira KS | 50.60% |

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION J

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|---|--|--------|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Carol Layton - Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO | 63.10% | 1 | | David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; W McFall, New Berlin WI | 61.01% | | | |
| 2 | 2 | | John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO | 58.33% | 2 | 1 | Janice Franz - Ann Caparros, Springfield IL | 58.33% | | | |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO | 55.06% | 3 | 2 | 1 Craig Hillyer, Shelbyville IL; Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL | 55.95% | | | |
| 4 | 4 | | Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL | 53.87% | 4 | | Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN | 54.76% | | | |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 B Fromm, Kansas City MO; Lareta Corbin, Lake Quivira KS | 50.60% | | | |

SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

Sessions 1 of 4

1 PM



21.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|---|---|---|--|--------|
| 4.70 | 1 | 1 | | Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL | 66.25% |
| 3.53 | 2 | | | Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK | 65.09% |
| 2.64 | 3 | | | Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL | 60.59% |
| 3.64 | 4 | 2 | 1 | Bob Borengasser, Tempe AZ; Betty Politte, Barnhart MO | 58.43% |
| 2.48 | 5 | 3 | | Ron Combs, Ballwin MO; Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO | 57.31% |
| 1.86 | 6 | 4 | | D Atteberry, Mattoon IL; Mark Daily, Charleston IL | 57.06% |
| 1.87 | | 5 | | Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO | 56.73% |
| 2.73 | | 6 | 2 | Jane Wolff, St Louis MO; Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO | 56.23% |
| 2.05 | | | 3 | Jonell Comerford - Leo Comerford, Charleston IL | 54.45% |
| 1.54 | | | 4 | Martin Bullock - Gay Lynn Bullock, Stillwater OK | 53.05% |
| 1.15 | | | 5 | Martha Hanley, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO | 51.09% |
| 1.24 | | | 6 | Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO; Beverly Dixson, Kirkwood MO | 50.94% |

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION J

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 | | | Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK | 65.09% | 1 | | Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL | 60.59% |
| 2 | 1 | | D Atteberry, Mattoon IL; Mark Daily, Charleston IL | 57.06% | 2 | 1 | Ron Combs, Ballwin MO; Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO | 57.31% |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Martin Bullock - Gay Lynn Bullock, Stillwater OK | 53.05% | 3 | 2 | Wallace Burton, Festus MO; Edward Freiter, Humble TX | 52.83% |
| 4 | | | James Fowlkes - Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC | 52.12% | 4 | 3 | Robert Riggs - Nancy Cadwell, Saint Louis MO | 52.38% |
| | 3 | 2 | Linda Mize, Florissant MO; Karla Hahn, Saint Louis MO | 47.71% | | 4 | 1 Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO; Beverly Dixson, Kirkwood MO | 50.94% |
| | 4 | 3 | Judith Renken, Ballwin MO; Margery Goldberg, Saint Louis MO | 47.22% | | | 2 R Millham, Wildwood MO; C Pretsch, Saint Charles MO | 50.41% |

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION K

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|---|--|--------|
| 1 | 1 | | Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL | 66.25% | 1 | 1 | Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; G Spitzer, Saint Louis MO | 56.73% |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Bob Borengasser, Tempe AZ; Betty Politte, Barnhart MO | 58.43% | 2 | 2 | 1 Jane Wolff, St Louis MO; Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO | 56.23% |
| 3 | | | David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; William McFall, New Berlin WI | 54.76% | 3 | 3 | 2 Jonell Comerford - Leo Comerford, Charleston IL | 54.45% |
| 4 | 3 | | E Hale, Rolla MO; Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO | 53.36% | 4 | 4 | Carol Umbach, Havana IL; Vicki Standley, Freeport IL | 52.43% |
| | 4 | 2 | Martha Hanley, Chesterfield MO; Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO | 51.09% | | | 3 Gary Owens, Chesterfield MO; R Struebing, Saint Charles MO | 49.78% |
| | | 3 | Mary Rassieur, St Louis MO; Patti Disbrow, Saint Louis MO | 47.91% | | | | |

SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

Sessions 2 of 4

7 PM

8.0 Tables

| | A | B | C | | |
|------|-----|-----|---|---|--------|
| 2.73 | 1 | 1 | | Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO | 69.94% |
| 2.05 | 2 | | | Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK | 61.61% |
| 2.12 | 3/4 | 2/3 | 1 | Roberta Millham, Wildwood MO; Catherine Pretsch, Saint Charles MO | 58.33% |
| 1.70 | 3/4 | 2/3 | | Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO | 58.33% |
| 1.09 | 5 | 4 | | Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO; Alfred Fisher, Saint Louis MO | 58.15% |
| 1.59 | | 5 | 2 | Robert McDill, St Louis MO; Mary Turner, Columbia MO | 56.55% |
| 1.19 | | | 3 | Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO; Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO | 52.98% |

FRIDAY EVE SIDE SERIES TWO OF FOUR SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION N

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | A | B | C | | |
|---|---|---|--|--------|-----|-----|---|--------|
| 1 | 1 | | Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO | 69.94% | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 R Millham, Wildwood MO; C Pretsch, Saint Charles MO | 58.33% |
| 2 | | | Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK | 61.61% | 1/2 | 1/2 | Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO | 58.33% |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Robert McDill, St Louis MO; Mary Turner, Columbia MO | 56.55% | 3 | 3 | Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO; Alfred Fisher, Saint Louis MO | 58.15% |
| | 3 | | Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA | 47.92% | | | | |
| | | 2 | Linda Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Sally Lair, Canyon TX | 42.86% | | | | |

Friday's Results

2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS

21.5 Tables

A B C

2 Sessions

1 PM & 7 PM



| | | | | |
|-------|---|---|--|--------|
| 11.20 | 1 | 1 | Bill Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO; Charles Bishop, Kansas City MO | 59.09% |
| 8.40 | 2 | | Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL | 59.07% |
| 6.30 | 3 | | John Seng, Champaign IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO | 59.06% |
| 4.73 | 4 | | Ralph Behrens - Cheryl Davis, Saint Louis MO | 58.26% |
| 4.65 | 5 | 2 | Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO | 57.34% |
| 3.20 | 6 | | Norman Athy, Saint Louis MO; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO | 55.60% |
| 2.80 | 7 | | Ann Economidy, Albuquerque NM; Anne Leverone, Saint Paul MN | 55.35% |
| 3.71 | | 3 | 1 James Voelz - Scott Davis, Saint Louis MO | 54.32% |
| 2.78 | | 4 | 2 Cindy Smith - Arthur Preedy, Columbia MO | 54.26% |
| 2.09 | | 5 | 3 Robert Olson, Leawood KS; Alan Spohn, Olathe KS | 53.27% |
| 2.45 | | 6 | Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL; William Eaton, Edwardsville IL | 52.21% |
| 1.57 | | 4 | Judy Etchison - J Scott Etchison, Plano TX | 50.96% |

FIRST SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | | Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL; William Eaton, Edwardsville IL |
| 2 | | | Randy Helmink - Noel Helmink, Avon IN |
| 3 | | | Dalton Darnell - Marcia Darnell, Murray KY |
| 4/5 | 2 | | Marvin King - Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO |
| 4/5 | | | Dorothy Sealy, Chesterfield MO; Suzi S - Moore, Ballwin MO |

SECTION H

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 | | | 55.01% |
| 2 | | | 53.16% |
| 3 | | | 52.51% |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 51.96% |
| 2 | | | 51.96% |

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| | | | John Seng, Champaign IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO |
| | | | Ralph Behrens - Cheryl Davis, Saint Louis MO |
| | | | N Athy, Saint Louis MO; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO |
| | | | James Voelz - Scott Davis, Saint Louis MO |
| | | | W Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO; C Bishop, Kansas City MO |

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | | Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield M |
| 2 | | | Paul Pressly, Olathe KS; Stephen Stewart, Shawnee Msn KS |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | Cindy Smith - Arthur Preedy, Columbia MO |
| 4 | | | Ann Economidy, Albuquerque NM; Anne Leverone, Saint Paul MN |
| 3 | | | George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO; Jo-Ellyn Ryall, Saint Louis MO |

SECTION I

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 | | | 63.51% |
| 2 | 1 | | 62.64% |
| 3 | 2 | | 58.61% |
| 4 | 3 | | 55.45% |
| 1 | | | 54.25% |

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL |
| | | | Chris Buck - Leon McCarty, Hurdland MO |
| | | | Dave Bigler - Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN |
| | | | Ann Caparros - Janice Franz, Springfield IL |
| | | | Sally Sellwood - Nancy Shaver, Springfield IL |

FRIDAY OPEN PAIR 2 OF 2 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | | William Karnaze Jr, Lees Summit MO; Charles Bishop, Kansas City |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Robert Olson, Leawood KS; Alan Spohn, Olathe KS |
| 3 | | | Stephen Brauss - Mark Ehret, Saint Louis MO |
| 4 | | | Richard Riezman - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO |

SECTION J

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 | 1 | | 64.90% |
| 2 | | | 58.17% |
| 3 | | | 57.69% |
| 4 | 2 | | 55.97% |

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| | | | Mark Daily, Charleston IL; D Atteberry, Mattoon IL |
| | | | Ann Economidy, Alb NM; Anne Leverone, Saint Paul MN |
| | | | Randy Baker - En Xie, Saint Louis MO |
| | | | Debra Romero, Clarkson MO; Mark Boswell, Chesterfield MO |
| | | | Cindy Smith - Arthur Preedy, Columbia MO |

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Carole Benkelman, Ballwin MO; Linda Evans, Chesterfield MO |
| 2 | | | Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL |
| 3 | 2 | | Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO |
| 4 | | | Nancy Wilson - Fred Wilson, Carmel IN |
| 3 | | | Ann Caparros - Janice Franz, Springfield IL |
| 2 | | | Craig Hillyer, Shelbyville IL; Eric Bizzell, Beecher City IL |

SECTION K

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--------|
| 1 | | | 58.44% |
| 2 | | | 57.61% |
| 3 | | | 54.05% |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 52.43% |
| 1 | | | 50.98% |
| 2 | | | 50.39% |

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| | | | Ralph Behrens - Cheryl Davis, Saint Louis MO |
| | | | John Seng, Champaign IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO |
| | | | Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Lee Magee, Prairie Village KS |
| | | | James Voelz - Scott Davis, Saint Louis MO |



I'd like a review of the bidding with all the original inflections.

Friday Results

1-SESSION STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM

Single Session

7 PM

27 Tables

| | A | B | C | |
|------|---|---|---|---|
| 5.61 | 1 | | | Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Nanette Noland, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV 114.00 |
| 4.21 | 2 | | | Lee Hastings, St Louis MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; Elaine Said, Nashville TN 95.00 |
| 3.16 | 3 | | | Stephen Apodaca, Santa Fe NM; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Miguel Reygadas, Polanco Mexico 86.00 |
| 4.40 | 4 | 1 | | Stephen Babin, Normal IL; Randall Motchan - Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL; Bobbie Straker, Pekin IL 85.00 |
| 1.78 | 5 | | | William McFall, New Berlin WI; David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY 84.00 |
| 3.34 | 6 | 2 | 1 | Leo Comerford - Jonell Comerford, Charleston IL; Paul Hartke - Lois Hartke, Effingham IL 82.00 |
| 2.48 | | 3 | | Sasanka Ramanadham, Birmingham AL; Mark Gilje - Jason Clevenger, Saint Louis MO; Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL 80.00 |
| 2.51 | | 4 | 2 | David Bishop - Jane Wolff, St Louis MO; Jane Ettelson - Chuck Ettelson, Saint Louis MO 66.00 |
| 1.88 | | 5 | 3 | Gary Moll, Saint Louis MO; Marian Solari, Kirkwood MO; Nancy Hinkson, St Louis MO; George Wilson, Festus MO 61.00 |
| 1.41 | | 6 | 4 | Pat King, O'Fallon MO; James King, O Fallon MO; Alan Broddon - Suzanne Broddon, Saint Louis MO 59.00 |

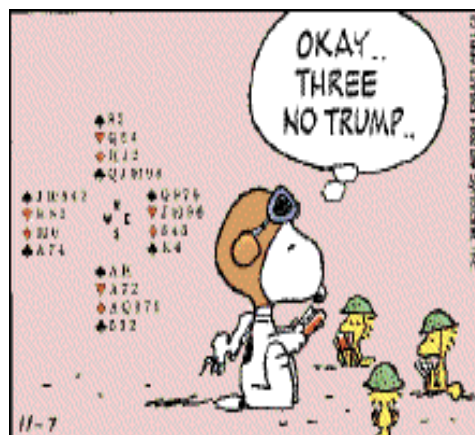
Warning: Tournament Bridge is Highly Addictive with No Known Cure!

Symptoms:

- ❖ adrenaline rushes
- ❖ heart palpitations
- ❖ huge smiles
- ❖ frequ3nt urges to give high fives
- ❖ occasional bouts of depression, quickly followed by a competitive fire in the belly
- ❖ a temporary forgetting of trouble in the real world
- ❖ uncontrollable desire to find out when the next tournament is

Continued attendance at our tournaments may result in:

- ❖ new friendships
- ❖ winner's trophies and prizes
- ❖ bridge clothing
- ❖ increased fun in your life
- ❖ better bridge
- ❖ masterpoint fever
- ❖ bridge books in your library



If 3NT is a viable option - then bid it. Paul Soloway

Friday's Results

BRACKETED KO 4

FINALS

12 Tables **BRACKET 1**

- 40.72 1 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
- 28.50 2 Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO; Gary Cohler, Miami FL; James Ward, Champaign IL; William Doroshov, Skokie IL
- 16.29 3/4 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
- 16.29 3/4 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

13 Tables **BRACKET 2**



- 18.10 1 Beryl Shapiro - Mary Adrignola, Ballwin MO; Paul Ellebracht, Saint Ann MO; Charlotte Jung, Saint Louis MO;
- 12.67 2 Patricia Shine - Linda Powers, Chesterfield MO; Gail Hawkins, Ballwin MO; Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO
- 7.24 3/4 Frank La Master - Nancy La Master, Indianapolis IN; Avinash Lagu - Mary Lagu, Carmel IN
- 7.24 3/4 Frances Schenk - James Jackson - Edward Ashworth - Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA

9 Tables **BRACKET 3**

- 8.64 1 John Robey, Winchester TN; Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; F.Eric Thompson, Lake St Louis MO; Richard Oberwortmann, Tullahoma TN
- 6.05 2 Stewart Rubenstein - Christina Parker - Brian Rubenstein, Newton MA; Charles Parker, Saint Louis MO
- 3.46 3/4 Diana Drisko - Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO; Robert Adler, Creve Couer MO
- 3.46 3/4 Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL; Karen Anderson, Batavia IL; Margie Tayloe, Salem MO; Mary Butts, Dixon MO

BRACKETED KO 5

Sessions 1 & 2 of 4

1 PM, 7 PM

12 Tables

BRACKET 1

Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL; Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; Leonard Gross - Hugh Williams, Carbondale IL

vs

Charles Lynn Jr - Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO; Marilyn Davis Hennon, Overland Park KS; Beckie Stasi, Shawnee Mission KS

Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Barry Harper, Regina SK; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO

vs

Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Joseph Godefrin - H R 'Foxy' Hall, Sarasota FL

12 Tables

BRACKET 2

Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Cookie Potter, Saint Louis MO; Kevin Dwyer, Fort Myers FL; Charles Jeffrey Jr, Safety Harbor FL; Kenny Horneman, Charlottesville VA

vs

Paul Lindauer Jr, Varna IL; Carl Jones, Chicago IL; Donald Chase, O'Fallon MO; Franklin Jay Coleman, Hutsonville IL

William Finkenstadt - Sheryl Finkenstadt, St Peters MO; Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Marguerite Burpo, Saint Charles MO

vs

Paul Chan - Lily Chan - Connie Pugh, Columbia MO; Thomas Ahmann Sr, Mexico MO

12 Tables

BRACKET 3

Eileen Fritsch - Elizabeth Freeman - Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO; Raye Zeigler, St Louis MO

vs

Patricia Miller - Roger Miller, Aurora CO; Tom Barrett, Denver CO; EllaMargaret Cron, Centennial CO

Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO; Roseann Stice, East Alton IL; Glenda Piek, Edwardsville IL

vs

Doug O'Leary, St Louis MO; David Drennan, Granite City IL; Martha Rowe - Beth Curtis, Saint Louis MO

12 Tables **BRACKET 4**

Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Alan Lemley - Mark Ziegelman, Saint Louis MO; Suzanne Martin, Saint Charles MO

vs

Steve Singer - Gilda Singer, St Charles MO; Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO; Janet Vontz, Lake St Louis MO

Ralph Britton, Wentzville MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO; David Fricke, St Charles MO; William Maack, Ofallon MO

vs

Robert Harris - Richard Booker, Columbia MO; Mike Arnheim - Dorothy Santner, St Louis MO

Friday's Results

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

26.0 Tables

A B C



Congrats!
Mark & Karen
First Overall

| | | | | | |
|------|---|-----|---|---|--------|
| 4.79 | 1 | 1 | | Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Karen Pahuski, St Louis MO | 65.72% |
| 3.59 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Marilyn Simmons - Ballard Simmons, Jr, Fulton MO | 59.47% |
| 2.69 | 3 | 3 | | Linda Golicki - Gail Sunder, Wilmington NC | 58.90% |
| 2.02 | 4 | | | Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Paul Radzom, St Louis MO | 58.52% |
| 1.52 | 5 | 4 | | Patricia Lazaroff - Richard Lazaroff, St Louis MO | 57.58% |
| 1.14 | 6 | | | Karen Kaul, Des Peres MO; Russ Hammersmith, Saint Louis MO | 56.44% |
| 1.10 | | 5/6 | 2 | Maryann Zimmermann - Paul Zimmermann, St Louis MO | 55.68% |
| 1.13 | | 5/6 | | Ruth Sobel, Olivette MO; Helene Mirowitz, St Louis MO | 55.68% |
| 0.83 | | | 3 | Marsha Grazman - Carole Simon, St Louis MO | 53.79% |
| 0.62 | | | 4 | Jayne Costanzo, Glen Carbon IL; Marilyn Stoces, Chesterfield MO | 53.41% |
| 0.47 | | | 5 | Mike Schneider - Dan Waeltermann, Florissant MO | 52.65% |

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Marilyn Simmons - Ballard Simmons, Jr, Fulton MO | 59.47% | |
| 2 | 2 | | Linda Golicki - Gail Sunder, Wilmington NC | 58.90% | |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | Maryann Zimmermann - Paul Zimmermann, St Louis MO | 55.68% | |
| 4 | 4 | | Judy Milton, Saint Louis MO; Joyce Lewin, Chesterfield MO | 53.98% | |
| 5 | | | Dianne Mardis - Alan Broddon, Saint Louis MO | 53.60% | |

SECTION M

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--------|--|
| 1 | | | Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Paul Radzom, St Louis MO | 58.52% | |
| 2 | | | Karen Kaul, Des Peres MO; R Hammersmith, Saint Louis MO | 56.44% | |
| 3 | 1 | | Ruth Sobel, Olivette MO; Helene Mirowitz, St Louis MO | 55.68% | |
| 4 | | | Dixie Thomas - Dorothy Thomas, Huntsville MO | 55.49% | |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | Marsha Grazman - Carole Simon, St Louis MO | 53.79% | |
| | 3 | | Clarence Mettenburg - Mary Mettenburg, Mount Pleasant IA | 51.52% | |
| | 4 | | Jo Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Mary Lois Gavin, Bridgeton MO | 50.00% | |

EAST-WEST

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | | Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Karen Pahuski, St Louis MO | 65.72% | |
| 2 | 2 | | Patricia Lazaroff - Richard Lazaroff, St Louis MO | 57.58% | |
| 3 | | | Elaine Booker, Arnold MO; James Nash, Saint Louis MO | 55.30% | |
| 4 | 3 | | Carolyn Andrews, Ballwin MO; Joseph Butkiewicz, Chesterfield MO | 55.11% | |
| 5 | | | Gloria Graf, St Louis MO; Janet Prater, Overland Park KS | 54.36% | |
| | 4 | 1 | Jayne Costanzo, Glen Carbon IL; Marilyn Stoces, Chesterfield MO | 53.41% | |

SECTION N

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--------|--|
| 1 | | | Deloris Halterman - Dorothy Cater, Moberly MO | 56.06% | |
| 2 | | | Patricia Reed, Largo FL; Shirley Ahrens, Chesterfield MO | 55.30% | |
| 3 | 1 | | Alan Snead, Ballwin MO; Richard Jones, Shawnee Msn KS | 54.92% | |
| 4 | 2 | | Kerry Howard - Mike Howard, St Louis MO | 54.55% | |
| 5 | 3 | | Cheryl Prante, O'Fallon MO; Joan Tobin, Lake St Louis MO | 54.36% | |
| | 4 | | Ken Schlueter - Regina Schlueter, Ferguson MO | 53.79% | |
| | 1 | | Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO; Cathy Galan, Ballwin MO | 47.73% | |

EAST-WEST

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

13.0 Tables

A B C



Kudos!
First in C
Bob & Marlo

| | | | | | |
|------|---|---|--|--|--------|
| 3.06 | 1 | 1 | | Scott Weber - Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL | 61.36% |
| 2.30 | 2 | | | Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Paul Radzom, St Louis MO | 60.04% |

NORTH-SOUTH

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 1 | | | Scott Weber - Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL | 61.36% | |
| 2 | | | Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Paul Radzom, St Louis MO | 60.04% | |
| 3 | 2 | | Katie Boles, Manchester MO; Virginia Frederick, Fenton MO | 53.60% | |
| 4 | | | K Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO; D Mardis, Saint Louis MO | 52.84% | |
| 5 | 3 | | David Nothstine - Mae Jean Nothstine, Ft Myers FL | 52.08% | |
| | 4 | | Linda Stortz - Linda Litton, Columbia MO | 51.14% | |
| | 1 | | Martin Worn - Debbie Worn, St Charles MO | 46.97% | |

SECTION M

EAST-WEST

| A | B | C | | | |
|---|-----|---|--|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Robert Niehaus - Marlo Niehaus, Chesterfield MO | 57.95% | |
| 2 | 2 | | Robin Kespohl, Columbia ; Judy Zimmermann, Fulton | 57.01% | |
| 3 | 3 | | Jo Ann Froehlich - Carolyn Andrews, Ballwin MO | 54.55% | |
| 4 | 4/5 | | Dixie Thomas - Dorothy Thomas, Huntsville MO | 53.22% | |
| | 4/5 | 4 | Helene Mirowitz, St Louis MO; Ruth Sobel, Olivette | 53.22% | |
| | | 2 | Marti Brummett - Dick Brummet, Leawood KS | 50.57% | |

Gateway to the West Regional

AND NOW YOU KNOW THE STORY...



NORTH
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ A K Q J 10 9
 ♦ -----
 ♣ A K Q J

WEST EAST
 ♠ J 9 8 7 6 ♠ -----
 ♥ ----- ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
 ♦ 8 7 6 ♦ A K Q J 10 9
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 ♣ -----

SOUTH
 ♠ 10 5 4 3 2
 ♥ -----
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Dealer West | | | |
| SUGGESTED BIDDING | | | |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| P | 7♥ | X | P |
| All Pass | | | |
| Declarer: | | North | |
| OPENING LEAD: ♦ A by East | | | |

Suggested Auction

When things look too good to be true, they usually are. If you ever pick up a hand like that held by North, you should probably be suspicious . . . especially after you have read the story about the hand. Still, if you were dealt this hand, you'd probably expect to take all the tricks with hearts as the trump suit, even if partner has nothing. Open with what you think you can make, a grand slam in hearts. If you are a duplicate player, you might want to take your time and open with a strong two-bid. If partner has the ♦ A, you would want to reach the slightly higher-scoring contract of 7NT/

As North, you might be surprised to hear East double your 7♥ contract. Perhaps East has the ♦ A and is expecting to take a trick with it. You might even redouble.

East will be quite surprised to hear North bid a grand slam in hearts. The astonishment shouldn't prevent East from making a penalty double, since East knows the heart suit is breaking badly for declarer . . . very badly. If that wasn't the case, of course, there would be no story behind the hand.

Suggested Opening Lead

East has an easy choice of leads against a heart contract. East would start with the ♦ A, not caring too much whether or not it wins a trick.

Play of the Hand

As you are likely to have discovered by now, if you have played the hand, it is a disaster for North-South. In a heart contract, North can take no more than six tricks. East keeps leading diamonds at every opportunity and North never gets a trick with any of the high cards in spades or clubs. In fact, North-South can't make even a game contract. Seeing all the hands, the best the partnership can do is make a contract of 3♣ or 4♣. Not what one would expect with all those high cards.

Defense

There's nothing that needs to be said on the defenders' behalf. Before congratulating each other on the large penalty they are likely to collect, perhaps it's time for the complete story . . .

The Story Behind the Hand

This is the notorious 'Mississippi Heart Hand' and it dates from the days of whist. During the days when Whist was all the rage, bets were placed on the outcome. Gambling with cards had become a passion among card players, which created the profession of card shark. A similar hand to the one below was reported by Hoyle in 1747, an era when players were also placing bets on different players. The hand below was first described and published by Mr. Thomas Matthews in 1804. It represents a hand which Mississippi card sharks on the riverboats would sucker innocent victims to lose their money and/or to bet their money on fixed hands. It was also a manner during the Civil War period among the Yankee players to dupe the Southerners, who would place heavy bets on the outcome. In any case, such hands became very popular among card professionals and card cheaters during the era of Bridge Whist.

South, the declarer and/or sucker, would bid game, if not slam, on his holding. However, as the cards lie, South is unable to make a game contract, much less a slam in any denomination. The best South can do is to take 9 tricks in a Spade contract or 10 tricks in a Club contract. Of course, the lead by West would always be a Diamond. The sucker bet would be made on the guideline set forth by Bridge Whist, that any contract could be doubled and redoubled ad infinitum, or until the card professionals thought would be the upper limit of the paying ability of the victim.

It is reported that a Mr. Charles M. Schwab had to pay a minimum of \$10,000 when playing South as the victim. Schwab donated the Schwab Cup to the bridge community, which, beginning in 1962, is the prize of the World Pair Olympiad. It was first presented by Mr. Charles M. Schwab in 1933 for the contest between the United States and England. This cup, originally presented to the winner of this match by Mr. Schwab, was later donated to the World Bridge Federation by the Culbertson heirs.

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 |
| KC vs. ST. LOUIS TEAMS | | |
| 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!



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