

# Information At-A-Glance!

## Welcome from...

### Your Tournament Team



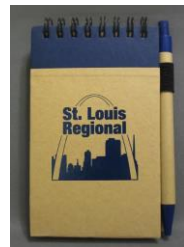
Mike Carmen, Tournament Chair & Speakers



Rick Beye, Head Director  
St. Louis, MO

## Registration Gift

Let us know you're here! The Registration desk opens 45 minutes before each session mornings, afternoons, and evenings. It's located in the main hallway. It closes 15 minutes before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. When you register, pick up your gift.



## Daily Hospitality

### Free Coffee & Complimentary Parking

Complimentary Coffee Service will be provided during each session (Morning, Afternoon and Evening) for 1½ hours each time on a daily basis beginning Monday afternoon in the main playing area. Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee will be provided. Parking exit passes are available at the Director's table in the Main Ballroom. One pass is good for entire tournament.

### Awards



Mark Boswell

### Bidding Boxes



John Antognoli

### Caddies & Publicity



Debbie Romero

### Electronic Daily Bulletin



Jennifer Luner

### Hospitality



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### Partnerships & Registration



Linda Seibert

### Photos & Website



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### President



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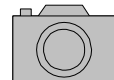
## Partnership Desk

Looking for a Partner? Or Teammates? The Partnership Desk, located in the main hallway, opens 45 minutes before each session mornings, afternoons, and evenings. (Same desk for all players.) 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.



## Convention Card Reminder

Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership **must be identical** and include the first and last names of each partner.



## Photographer

**Attention Winners!** Unit 143 photographers will snap pictures of new Life Masters, I/N winners, and event winners in the main hallway near the Photography poster for 20 minutes immediately **after** each morning and afternoon session starting Monday. Please stop by! Or take a photograph with your smartphone and email to [dolanmary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dolanmary@sbcglobal.net). Include winner names (left to right) and event date.

## ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES



We will use electronic scoring devices in all Pairs games & non-bracketed Swiss Team events this week. If you need assistance in using one, just ask your friendly director.

## Your Directing Staff



Bradley Bartol  
Indianapolis, IN



Melody Euyler  
Temple, TX



Tom Marsh  
San Antonio, TX



John Nichol  
Indianapolis, IN



Joan Paradeis  
Wichita Falls, TX



Chris Patrias  
St. Louis, MO



Peter Wilke  
Milwaukee, WI

Say the magic word, *Please!* when you call.

Try, "Caddy, please, or "Director, please" and keep your hand raised... and we Thank You!

### New Life Masters...

Let us know the details of **what event put you over and where you're from!** Tell the head director or drop your news in our **News Basket at the Registration Desk.**



### Playing Cards Looking *Old & Tired*???

If you feel a board you have played has particularly old or dirty playing cards, please notify the Director of your section and ask for them to be replaced prior to being put back into play.



To establish an atmosphere that promotes enjoying bridge, we support the ACBL's policy of **courteous behavior**. For tournaments to be fun, please **report conduct that is unacceptable** by **calling the director immediately**, keeping in mind that we must be tolerant of others.

You do **not** have to tolerate: badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, loud or disruptive arguing, profanity, threats, or violence; negative comments concerning opponent's or partner's play or bidding; gloating, gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.

Likewise, please **report especially outstanding or refreshing conduct** on a player memo form (available from any director) for things such as: being a good "host" or "guest" at the table, greeting others in a friendly manner, or praising the bidding and/or play of opponents.

## Zero Tolerance Policy

*Be cool! Bridge is fun.*

## Reduced Entry Fee\$

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



## Awards Table

First Overall I/N trophies for event winners in Flights A, B, and C are awarded in the I/N playing room immediately after the event (preferable) or see I/N directors. **Trophies will not be mailed.**

## **NEW** ACBL Live: for Results & Daily Bulletin

To receive instant notification of **your results** via email or text message after each session. You also will receive the **Daily Bulletin** for this tournament. Sign up now:

- ✓ Log into your [MyACBL Portal](#)
- ✓ Go to Privacy Settings (Located under "Membership")
- ✓ Change privacy preferences to SUBSCRIBE for General Email Communication and/or SUBSCRIBE for Cell Phone Text Communication

Results available online at: <https://live.acbl.org>.

## Players with Non-ACBL MPs

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

## Hotel Information

We are less than 1 mile from the airport at the **Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport**  
9801 Natural Bridge Rd.  
**St. Louis, MO, 63134**  
Phone: 314-429-1100, Toll free: 888-340-2594  
Fax: 314-429-3625



Special bridge rate and Marriott Rewards program credit. High-speed internet is available free in all rooms in the Tournament Block and in the hotel lobby, plush bedding, flat-screen TV, ergonomic work area, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fitness center, complimentary in-room coffee/tea, toll-free phone calls, shoeshine, gym, and business center. Complimentary Wireless in lobby and public areas. An ATM is on site. Free Airport shuttle. Smoke-free. Pets allowed. Check in is 4 PM, check out time is Noon.



## Lost and Found

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



## First Aid/Medical Service

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



## Area Restaurants

Come by the Partnership desk for information on area Restaurants.



## Ground Transportation

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

## Bookseller

Phillip McPeck will be the book seller located in the main hallways during the Regional beginning Monday evening.



## 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 visible or 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. Violations will result in an automatic penalty.



## NO Smoking Policy

This is a **NO SMOKING** tournament and hotel. You may smoke outside the hotel entrances. Please use provided receptacles. Hospitality breaks will be provided.

## Special Request

As a courtesy to our fellow players with allergies, **please** refrain from wearing heavy colognes and fragrances. Thanks for your cooperation.



## Area Attractions



Our top area attractions are the **Gateway Arch National Park**, the **Clydesdales & Brewery tour**, the **MO Botanical Garden**, and the **St. Louis Art Museum** and the **St. Louis Zoo**.

**Arch** trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:10 am to 8:50pm, ticketed. The **New Museum at the Gateway Arch** is now open. Visit [www.gatewayarch.com](http://www.gatewayarch.com) for info on parking & tickets.

Free **AB brewery** tours: Mon-Sat: 10 am - 5 pm, Sun: 1 - 5 pm.

The **MO Botanical Garden** is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. near I-44; hours are 9 am - 5 pm. with admission fee; free walking tours daily at 11am and 1pm.

**St. Louis Art Museum** (in Forest Park) hours are Tu - Sun 10 am - 5pm., Fri 10 am - 9pm, free admission. The **St. Louis Zoo** is free and is open Mon-Th 8AM - 5PM, Fri-Sun 8AM - 7PM.

## EERO'S Food & Bar Service



**Eero's** is a contemporary American restaurant using local, sustainable ingredients and serving locally-sourced craft beers and regional whiskeys. Breakfast M-F 6:30 - 11:00 AM, Sat-Sun 7 - 11 AM; Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM daily; Dinner 5:00 - 10 PM daily. **Full bar** available from 2 PM - 1 AM daily, with food available at the bar 2 - 11 PM. **RenEssentials** brews **Kaldi's** coffee daily from 6:30 AM - 9 PM.



## Recorder Forms & Appeals

Recorder forms are available from the Head Director. Milt Zlatich 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. To appeal a ruling, start with the director who delivered the original ruling.



## Slow Play

Failure to finish on time can chase players away from the game and is extremely distressing to waiting players. Bridge is a timed event. When a pair has fallen being it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost whether at fault or not, regardless of the reason. All Players are expected to develop this good habit. Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

# Information At-A-Glance *for I/N Players!*



## Welcome to our I/N Players!

Welcome to the St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional I/N stands for Intermediate/Novice (or Intermediate/Newcomers). We are happy to see you here and hope these Information at-a-Glance fact sheets help make your tournament an enjoyable experience.

Our tournament offers a number of I/N games: a free, single-session game for players with 0-20MP on Monday afternoon and 299er pairs games at 2PM and 7PM Monday and then three each day at 9:30AM, 2PM, and 7 PM Tuesday through Saturday. Follow the I/N arrows to the I/N rooms, as the playing site will change each day.

Your Unit 143 Board of Directors



## Daily Bulletin

The Daily Bulletin will be available **only online** this year. Check the Unit 143 website, [www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org) for the link. The Daily Bulletin contains the schedule for the day, results from the previous day, and articles and a wealth of information relating to the tournament.



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## Hospitality



Be sure to come to the main ballroom for coffee through the day and evening. Hospitality is also offered in the main ballroom Tuesday through Saturday before the 9:30 AM games. Lunch is available for purchase in the main ballroom Tuesday through Sunday, Evening hospitality is offered in the main hallway after each evening session, Please join us for food and drink!



## Guest Speakers

Guest speakers offer an opportunity to learn from a highly regarded player on a variety of bridge topics. Speaker, topic, and start time will be posted outside your playing site. Check the Daily Bulletin for that day's speaker, topic, time, and location.

## New Life Masters...

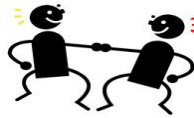


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## Partnership Desk

The partnership desk will not only match you with a partner but will also match you and your partner with another pair to play in a team event. The partnership desk is located in the main hallway and opens 45 minutes before the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. You'll be paired with someone as close as possible to your level of expertise. Our partnership chair is Linda Seibert and she will be assisted by Phyllis Siegel and others.

For partners and or teams, email [unit143phsip@gmail.com](mailto:unit143phsip@gmail.com) or call 314-810-6487. Also, throughout the week, cards are available to fill out and post on the partnership board. If you need a partner or a team, fill out a card and post it on the board. If you are looking for a partner or a team, you can browse the board and find a good match.



## Winners Pictures

**Attention Winners!** Trophies are awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> overall winners in each I/N strata (A, B, and C). Bring your trophy for a photo in the main hallway after each morning and afternoon session. If you win an evening event, have your photo taken the next day. Or use your smartphone to take and email your pic to [dolanmary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dolanmary@sbcglobal.net). Include your names (lt to rt), your ACBL numbers, and the event name and date.

## More Types of Events

In addition to regular pairs events, you may also want to play in Gold Rush Pairs on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Additional means of earning gold points are the Bracketed Swiss games. Two-session Bracketed Swiss Team games are schedule for Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday and take place in the main ballroom playing area.

Bracketed Swiss events are structured so that teams only play against other teams in their same bracket (brackets are based on total number of masterpoints of team members. There are gold point winners in each bracket. If there are 7 teams in a particular bracket, then three of those teams will earn gold. The Sunday bracketed Swiss will be the largest event and give you the best chance to earn gold.



## Unit 143 Fall 299er Tournament

St. Louis Bridge Center, 1270 N. Price, Olivette 63132

- Open to players with <300 ACBL masterpoints. For reservations, information, or help with partners, contact Linda Seibert at 314-810-6487 or email [299reservation@gmail.com](mailto:299reservation@gmail.com). For session details, go to the tournament calendar at [ACBL.org](http://ACBL.org) or the Unit 143 website at [www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org).

### Schedule of I/N, Gold Rush Pairs, and Bracketed Swiss Events

#### Monday, August 13

299er Pairs, Single Session 2PM, 7PM

#### Tuesday, August 14

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30AM, 2PM, 7PM

\*Gold Rush Pairs, 2-Session 9:30AM and 2PM

#### Wednesday, August 14

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30AM, 2PM, 7PM

Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session 9:30AM and 2PM

#### Thursday, August 14

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30AM, 2PM, 7PM

\*Gold Rush Pairs, 2-Session 9:30AM and 2PM

#### Friday, August 13

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30AM, 2PM, 7PM

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#### Saturday, August 13

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30AM, 2PM, 7PM

Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session 9:30AM and 2PM

#### Sunday, August 13

Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session 10:00AM

playthrough

\* Must play in **both sessions** of Gold Rush Pairs to earn **Gold Masterpoints**