

August 14-20  High 90°  Low 70° Daily Bulletin
Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.
the police officers & firefighters fund

Charity Stratified 1-Session Open Pairs at 9 AM Saturday... set your alarm! See you there.



No 5:00 PM Mass Tomorrow

Because of dwindling attendance, we will not hold Saturday afternoon Mass onsite this year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THIRD IN A SERIES OF 5

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Total Eclipse of the Sun - 941 AD & 2017 AD

from *Southern Illinois Tourism*

Rusty Weisman, an archaeologist at the MO Dept. of Transportation, has researched and lectured on beliefs about astronomical events like eclipses. "They are not something archaeologists can really dig up -they are not directly preserved in the archaeological record - so we can only approach them indirectly through inference," he said. "But it is possible to look at the beliefs of descendant people for some ideas about what the Missippians might have believed." Another source he noted is prehistoric rock art, some of which may be been created along the paths of eclipses to communicate or mark these events. "There is an unusual concentration of 'ogee' petroglyphs and pictographs in the Mississippi River Valley south of Cahokia.

New Life Masters!



None to report

Calling all 0-750MP Players

Gold Rush Pairs Today

The ACBL offers this gold pairs game at tournaments for 0-300 and 300-750 MP players; these games are scored over the two sessions, not as two separate games. You will only play against other 0-750 MP players. Gold points paid to section top and overall winners. Players are competing in a 0-750 game, but the 0-300 MP players can win Gold points by placing in the overalls (as there are no gold points given for finishing overall in the 0-300 games.) You must play in both sessions. The best things about this event: it's a one-day event and the level of the competition is not prohibitive. See you at 1 & 7PM.



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serious hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. **Tonight's Chat & Snack treat: Hot Dogs Night** with condiments, including relish, diced onion, and sauerkraut, assorted Pepsi® and Coke® soda products, and a keg of Kraftig Light®.

Adult Bridge Boot Camp #7

7th Adult Boot Camp October 23-26, 2017

A Learn & Play Adult Bridge Camp for 0-499 NLMs, focusing on the needs of the intermediate player, and those newer to Duplicate. Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL Contact Mary Beth Shaw, 217-825-7248, or mary.lattanshaw@gmail.com; also information is posted on the Unit 143 website.



PLEASE TAKE CONVERSATIONS TO THE HALLWAYS SO THOSE PLAYING ARE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE.

Today's Events

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS 2	Session 1 of 2	9 AM
199er Pairs	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
2-SESSION FRIDAY A/X PAIRS 0-2000/2000+	2 Sessions	1 PM & 7 PM
FRIDAY-SATURDAY SIDE SERIES 3 Pairs	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO 4	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
1-SESSION EVENING SWISS	Single Session	7 PM

For the Advancing Player

Karen Walker
Surprise Speaker

Today's Expert Guest Speakers

"Q & A: Bring your questions, bidding and play problems"
"TBA - announced at afternoon session"

I/N Room

12:15 PM
6:15 PM

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+; I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200; Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed from Bottom Up; Barometer Pairs: Flt A unlimited; Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2500. All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events. Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player. Bracketed KO's/Swiss may be handicapped.

ZERO TOLERANCE IS IN PLACE!

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

Notrump Slam Bidding

by Richard Pavlicek

This lesson pertains to two related areas: slam bidding in notrump (6 NT or 7 NT), and investigating a *suit* slam after your side has already bid notrump. It is essential to have a firm understanding of the available tools. You should be familiar with the point-count requirements of 33-36 points to bid a slam (any six-bid) or 37+ points to bid a grand slam.

Quantitative Bidding

An important aspect of bidding is the quantitative nature of notrump bids once your partner has already bid notrump (as a natural bid) and no major suit is agreed. These bids are summarized below:

Quantitative Notrump Bids	
2 NT	Invitational to game
3 NT	Sign-off
4 NT	Invitational to slam
5 NT	Forcing to slam
6 NT	Sign-off

The point-count system is very accurate when balanced hands are concerned. This can simplify the bidding of many strong hands:

♠ A K 7		♠ Q J 6 3	West	North	East	South
♥ K J 4		♥ Q 9 3	3 NT	Pass	6 NT	All Pass
♦ A K 3		♦ 10 8 2				
♣ A Q J 5		♣ K 8 3				

The bidding may not be elegant, but there is no better auction. Opener shows 24-26 HCP and responder adds his own 8 HCP to determine that 33 HCP are held. The only thing easier than the bidding is the play.

It is interesting to note that if you replace the ♠ J with the two, reducing the total to 32 HCP (without a 5-card suit), the slam then becomes inferior — you would need a 3-3 spade break which is only a 36% chance. A similar case exists if you replace the ♣ J or the ♥ J with a low card of the same suit.

Natural 4 NT Bid

Many players are brainwashed by Blackwood — whenever they hear 4 NT they answer aces — because they learned bridge by *copying the bad habits of others*. Unfortunately, the natural (quantitative) 4 NT bid is crucial to accurate bidding. If you belong to the “Blackwood camp” I suggest you repeat *100 times*:

4 NT is **not** always Blackwood.

Even experts do not exactly agree when 4 NT should be natural. Here is the rule I use, based on 36 years of bridge playing:

4 NT is natural if your side has made a natural notrump bid and no *major* suit is agreed.

Conversely, 4 NT is Blackwood if your side has never bid notrump naturally, or if a major suit is agreed. *Exception: An overcall of 4 NT after an enemy bid is a special case (it is for takeout).*

♠ 8 4		♠ A K Q 2	West	North	East	South
♥ K Q 5 3		♥ A 2	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
♦ K J 6 2		♦ 8 5 3	1 NT	Pass	4 NT	All Pass
♣ A 7 4		♣ K Q J 3				

The 1 NT rebid shows 12-14 HCP and 4 NT is invitational to slam. Opener uses good judgment to pass.

♠ A J 2		♠ K Q 8 4	West	North	East	South
♥ K Q 8 6		♥ 4 3	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
♦ K Q 4		♦ A J 6 2	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
♣ A K 8		♣ J 10 2	6 NT	All Pass		

Responder first uses Stayman to check for a spade fit, then invites slam with 4 NT. Opener, having shown 20-22 HCP, has the tiptop maximum so he accepts.

♠ K 8 3		♠ A 10 4	West	North	East	South
♥ A K J 9 8		♥ 2	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
♦ 2		♦ K Q J 10 9 4	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
♣ A K 9 3		♣ J 5 2	4 NT	Pass	6 ♦	All Pass

Opener invites with 4 NT. Responder is low on point count but high on playing strength, so he accepts the invitation by bidding slam in his self-sufficient suit.

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4 NT Discouraging

In examples 2-4, the natural 4 NT bid was made by the *partner* of the original notrump bidder; hence it was a slam invitation. A different meaning should be apparent from the other side of the table:

If the original notrump bidder retreats to 4 NT, it discourages slam (assuming no major raise).

♠ K Q J 7		♠ 4		West	North	East	South
♥ K 5 2		♥ A Q 8 4	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
♦ A Q J 7		♦ 8 6 2	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass
♣ A 4		♣ K J 9 7 6	4 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Responder first uses Stayman and then bids 4 ♣ (natural) to try for slam. Opener's bid of 4 NT suggests minimum values and no club fit. If opener wished to encourage slam, he could bid an unbid suit (a control-bid), 5 NT (pick a slam) or 6 ♣.

♠ K J 10 8		♠ 2		West	North	East	South
♥ K Q J		♥ A 8 4	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
♦ A 8 7 4		♦ K 9 6 3	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦	Pass	Pass
♣ A 5		♣ K J 10 8 2	4 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass


Opener's heavy values in the major suits make slam unlikely so he discourages with 4 NT. Note the importance of being able to stop in 4 NT rather than 5 ♦.

Forcing 5 NT Bid

The classic meaning of a 5 NT response to a notrump opening bid is to invite a grand slam. Opener is supposed to bid 6 NT if minimum, or 7 NT if maximum. Since I can't remember the last time I used this bid, I will not waste your time with an example. (If you get these hands a lot, I recommend you play money bridge for *big bucks*.)

A far more practical use of 5 NT occurs when both notrump and a suit have been bid:

5 NT "Pick a Slam"
5 NT is forcing and asks partner to pick a slam, provided your side has bid notrump, at least one real suit has been shown, and no major suit is agreed.

♠ K 10 9 6		♠ A Q J 4		West	North	East	South
♥ A K 9 3		♥ 8 2	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
♦ A 4		♦ Q 8 6 2	3 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass	Pass
♣ K Q J		♣ A 8 2	6 ♠	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass

After using Stayman responder has the strength to bid 6 NT, but that would preclude playing in 6 ♠ if opener also held four spades. The problem is neatly solved with 5 NT.

♠ A Q J 4		♠ K 8 2		West	North	East	South
♥ 10 2		♥ A K 9 7 4	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦*	Pass	*Jacoby transfer
♦ K Q 10 3		♦ A 8 4	2 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass	Pass
♣ Q J 10		♣ K 3	6 NT	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass

After transferring to his five-card major, responder next bids 5 NT (forcing) to ask opener to choose between 6 ♥ and 6 NT. Opener lacks heart support so he bids the slam in notrump.

The Gerber Convention

In situations where 4 NT would be natural it may be possible to ask for aces with the Gerber 4 ♣ bid. The following rule dictates when 4 ♣ is Gerber.

If partner has bid notrump as a natural bid, a jump bid of 4 ♣ is Gerber to ask for aces.

Important: The Gerber bid must be a jump. Hence, on some auctions there is no ace-asking bid available.

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The responses to Gerber are by steps, as in regular Blackwood:

Responses to Gerber	
0 or 4 aces	4 ♦
1 ace	4 ♥
2 aces	4 ♠
3 aces	4 NT

♠ 4
♥ K 7 4
♦ A K J 9 8 6 4
♣ K 2



♠ K Q 8
♥ Q J 9
♦ 10 5 2
♣ A Q 9 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opener asks for aces with 4 ♣ and discovers that two are missing. Opener could sign off in 5 ♦ but prefers to play 4 NT to try for a better score at matchpoints.

♠ A K 8
♥ Q J 6 5
♦ A 2
♣ Q 7 6 2



♠ 4
♥ A K 9 4
♦ K J 8 5 4 3
♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♥	All Pass

After finding the heart fit with Stayman, responder has enough distributional points to warrant a slam bid; but it is possible that two aces are missing so he uses Gerber to check for aces.

Gerber in Action:

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣?	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♣?	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
7 ♣?	Pass	Pass*	*resigned, not wanting to play eight clubs

♠ A K 8 4 3
♥ A J 5
♦ J 3
♣ A J 10



♠ —
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A Q 10 6 5
♣ K Q 9 5 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	6 ♣	All Pass

Not Gerber. Since 4 ♣ is not a jump, it is a *natural* bid (forcing). Opener's 4 ♥ is a control-bid showing the ♥ A, so responder is encouraged to bid the slam.

Asking for Kings

If the Gerber bidder continues to 5 ♣ at his next turn, it guarantees that all the aces are held and that a grand slam is possible. This asks for kings in the same manner that 4 ♣ asked for aces, except the bidding is one level higher. (Note that 4 NT by Gerber bidder is always a sign-off in notrump.) Over 5 ♣ the Gerber responder is allowed to bid a grand slam directly with an exceptional hand instead of answering how many kings.

♠ A J 9 7
♥ A J 8
♦ K 3
♣ A J 8 7



♠ K
♥ K 7
♦ A Q 8 6 5 4 2
♣ K 6 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	7 NT	All Pass

Responder's 4 ♣ bid is Gerber. Opener shows the three missing aces, so responder asks for kings with 5 ♣. The 5 ♥ response shows one king. Responder now can count 13 tricks barring a 4-0 diamond break.

WARM-UP DEFENSIVE TIPS

from Eddie Kantar

- 1 Never, but never forget you are playing with a partner. It pays to consider what things may look like from partner's point of view, particularly when you are privy to information that partner isn't.
- 2 You cannot defend properly unless you remember the bidding.
- 3 You cannot defend properly unless you know what system the opponents are playing.
- 4 You cannot defend properly unless you watch the cards, particularly the little fellows.
- 5 You cannot defend properly unless you count.
- 6 You cannot expect your partner to defend properly if you make faces or show other signs of disapproval.
- 7 Keep one goal in mind: DEFEAT THE CONTRACT. Do not worry about overtricks unless you are defending a doubled contract or are playing tournament bridge.

Thursday Results

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS 1, WED-THUR

FINAL

9 AM

24 Tables			
A	B	C	
11.90	1		Jack Bryant - Ralph Behrens - Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO 192.00
8.93	2		Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO; Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO 167.00
6.69	3		Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Susan Wolff - En Xie, Saint Louis, MO; Virgil Stets, Lincoln NE 159.00
5.02	4		Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Colby Verna, Lacan IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL 153.00
3.97	5		Susan Perez, Maryland Hats MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI 152.00
6.86	6	1	Mel Volmert - Timothy Luke, Springfield MO; Robert Murphy - Kathleen Kelly, Englewood CO 148.00
5.15	2		Nancy Tiller, Battlefield MO; Carol Vinegar - Bernita Webster -Jill Nance, Springfield MO 131.00
3.86	3	1	Thomas Keplin, Lexington KY; Alice Faintish, Crozet VA; Stanford Zelda - Joyce Zelda, Kansas City MO 130.00
2.59	4/5	2/3	Stuart Ray - Connie Noel - Ann Brown - Kay Omanson, Louisville KY 128.00
2.59	4/5	2/3	John Hagedorn - Kathy Hagedorn - Caroline Gunter, St Louis MO; Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO; Dan Waeltermann, StCharles MO 128.00

REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 PAIRS

FINAL

38.00 Tables / Based on 19 Tables			
8.88	1/2		Karen Coe, Edmond OK 119.67%
8.88	1/2		John Coe, Edmond OK 119.67%
5.00	3/4		Robert Murphy, Englewood CO 114.49%
5.00	3/4		Kathleen Kelly, Englewood CO 114.49%
4.55	5/6		Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO 114.15%
4.55	5/6		Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO 114.15%
4.38	7/8		Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO 113.09%
4.38	7/8		Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hgts MO 113.09%
2.85	9/10		Donna Compton, Dallas TX 111.65%
2.85	9/10		Kay Moran, Dallas TX 111.65%

REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 Pairs cont.

Sessions 3 of 4

1 PM

14.0 Tables			
A	B	C	
4.55	1	1	Estella Lau, Saint Louis MO; Jan Potts, Chestfield MO 61.06%
3.41	2		Kenneth Bland - Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO 58.49%
3.13	3	2	1 Nancy Galvin - Walter Galvin, Saint Louis MO 58.17%
2.35	4	3	Kathleen Kelly - Robert Murphy, Englewood CO 57.53%
1.76	5	4	Jo Chorpening, Ellisville MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO 56.41%
1.50	6	5	Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO 55.93%
2.07	6	2	Rochelle Popkin, St Louis; Roberta Glaser, C Cr MO 55.29%
1.55		3	Karen Brucks - Judy Freeman, Arlington Hgts IL 54.49%
1.16		4	Mary Jo Wilson - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO 51.44%
0.87		5	Judith Milton - Judith Glaser, Saint Louis MO 49.68%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION C

EAST-WEST

A	B	C	A	B	C		
1			Kenneth Bland - Katy Mullins, Saint Louis MO	58.49%	1	1	Estella Lau, Saint Louis MO; Jan Potts, Chestfield MO 61.06%
2	1	1	Nancy Galvin - Walter Galvin, Saint Louis MO	58.17%	2	2	Kathleen Kelly - Robert Murphy, Englewood CO 57.53%
3	2		Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO	55.93%	3	3	Jo Chorpening, Ellisville MO; Jay Shah, Saint Louis MO 56.41%
4	3	2	Rochelle Popkin, Saint Louis MO; Roberta Glaser, Creve Coeur MO	55.29%	4	4	1 Karen Brucks - Judy Freeman, Arlington Hgts IL 54.49%
5			Suzi Shymanski Moore - Doug Moore, Ballwin MO	53.53%	5		Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Shelley Sarver, Saint Louis MO 51.92%
6	4	3	Judith Milton - Judith Glaser, Saint Louis MO	49.68%	6	5	2 Mary Jo Wilson - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO 51.44%
						3	Lois Frank - Audrey Friedman, Saint Louis MO 47.76%

REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 Pairs cont.

Sessions 4 of 4

7 PM

10.5 Tables			
A	B	C	
3.98	1	1	John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Doug O'Leary, Saint Louis MO 71.63%
2.99	2	1	Michael Mitra, Chesterfield MO; Sean McCracken, Ballwin MO 60.00%
2.24	3	3	2 Simeon Prager - Michael Sherberg, Olivette MO 58.84%
1.72	4	4	Kay Moran - Donna Compton, Dallas TX 58.42%
1.26	5	5	Jerome Shen - Beryl Shapiro, Saint Louis MO 58.12%
1.23	6	6	Nancy Tiller, Battlefield MO; Carol Pinegar, Springfield MO 54.31%
1.20		3	Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Hoog, Chesterfield MO 51.09%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION M			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		John Antognoli, Clayton MO; Doug O'Leary, Saint Louis MO	71.63%	1	1	1 Michael Mitra, Chesterfield MO; Sean McCracken, Ballwin MO 60.00%	
2	2	1	Simeon Prager - Michael Sherberg, Olivette MO	58.84%	2	2	Kay Moran - Donna Compton, Dallas TX 58.42%	
3	3		Nancy Tiller, Battlefield MO; Carol Pinegar, Springfield MO	54.31%	3	3	Jerome Shen - Beryl Shapiro, Saint Louis MO 58.12%	
4	4		Jason Clevenger - Wojciech Golik, Saint Louis MO	53.36%	4	4	Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO; Therese Koller, Pueblo CO 50.65%	
		2	Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Hoog, Chesterfield MO	51.09%				

THUSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

OVERALLS

7 PM

22.0 Tables			
A	B	C	
14.00	1		Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO 63.75%
10.50	2		Noel Helmink - Randy Helmink, Avon IN 60.26%
7.88	3		Jack Bryant - Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO 58.63%
5.91	4		Paul Chan - Lily Chan, Columbia MO 58.57%
4.90	5		Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK 58.16%
4.00	6		Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Grantham NH 57.35%
3.97	7		Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN 56.64%
4.67	8		Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Virgil Stetz, Lincoln NE 56.23%
6.74	9	1	J Alex Maloney - John Maloney, Champaign IL 55.59%
2.55	10		Chris Benson, Leroy IL; John Seng, Champaign IL 54.75%
2.33	11		Nancy Wilson, Carmel IN; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN 54.43%
5.06	2		Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO 53.59%
3.90	3	1	Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Michael Pierce, Saint Louis MO 52.35%
2.84	4		Elizabeth Meterer, Wildwood MO; Becky Hubert, Saint Louis MO 50.97%
2.25	5		Tommye Fleming, Saint Louis MO; Anne Leverone, Douglas MI 50.04%
2.93	6	2	Ann Lemp - John Levis, Saint Louis MO 49.88%
2.19		3	Beverly A'Hearn, Sarasota FL; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL 48.76%
2.46		4	John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO 48.46%
1.30		5	Mary Dolan - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO 48.19%

THUSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

SECTIONS I J

1 PM

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION I J			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO	66.08%	1		Noel Helmink - Randy Helmink, Avon IN 59.76%	
2			Paul Chan - Lily Chan, Columbia MO	62.88%	2		Denny O'Connor, Saint Louis MO; Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL 57.64%	
3	1		J Alex Maloney - John Maloney, Champaign IL	61.89%	3		Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN 57.07%	
4			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK	55.52%	4		Emory Whitaker, Macon GA; Bob Etter, Sacramento CA 56.33%	
5			Rosanne Schabinger, Mt Prospect IL; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	55.08%	5		Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Grantham NH 56.32%	
6			Nancy Wilson, Carmel IN; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	54.62%	6		Judy Cardin, Bonita Springs FL; Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO 55.71%	
7	2		Elizabeth Meterer, Wildwood MO; Becky Hubert, Saint Louis MO	52.92%	7	1	Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO 54.16%	
8	3		Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	52.71%	8		Chris Benson, Leroy IL; John Seng, Champaign IL 54.09%	
9			Jack Bryant - Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO	52.36%	9		Judy Riehs - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL 53.47%	
	4	1	John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO	48.61%		2	Tommye Fleming, Saint Louis MO; Anne Leverone, Douglas MI 51.81%	
	5		Linda Mize, Florissant MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO	48.17%		3	Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Michael Pierce, Saint Louis MO 51.43%	
		2	Jeff Kopolow - Jackie Schroeder, Saint Louis MO	44.66%		4	Linda Helm - Phillip Helm, Manchester MO 49.97%	
						3	Beverly A'Hearn, Sarasota FL; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL 47.88%	

THURSDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

Session 2

7 PM

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS I J		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1			Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO; Virgil Stetz, Lincoln NE	65.32%	1	Jack Bryant - Milton Zlatic, Saint Louis MO	64.90%
2			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK	60.80%	2	Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO	61.41%
3			Noel Helmink - Randy Helmink, Avon IN	60.75%	3	Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Grantham NH	58.38%
4			Dorsey Brown, Prospect KY; E Bruce Neikirk, Louisville KY	56.22%	4	Sharon Anderson - Roger Anderson, Eagan MN	56.20%
5			Loughery Hawkins, Creve Coeur MO; Alice Kerckhoff, Saint Louis MO	53.51%	5	Chris Benson, Leroy IL; John Seng, Champaign IL	55.40%
6	1	1	Ann Lemp - John Levis, Saint Louis MO	53.33%	6	1 Susan Kilo, Saint Louis MO; Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO	54.47%
7	2	2	Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Michael Pierce, Saint Louis MO	53.27%	7	Paul Chan - Lily Chan, Columbia MO	54.25%
8	3	3	Mary Dolan - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO	52.79%	8	Nancy Wilson, Carmel IN; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	54.23%
9			Harley McCabe - Janet Neel Fleenor, Bowling Green KY	50.61%	9	2 Robert McDill - Tom Cadwell, Saint Louis MO	53.96%
	4		Beverly A'Hearn, Sarasota FL; Harry Rosenberg, Chicago IL	49.63%	3	J Alex Maloney - John Maloney, Champaign IL	49.28%
					4	1 John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; Darlene Trenholm, Saint Louis MO	48.30%
					5	Tommie Fleming, Saint Louis MO; Anne Leverone, Douglas MI	48.26%

2-SESSION PRIME TIME SWISS TEAM

FINAL

50 Tables

A	B	C		
21.00	1		Karen Walker - James Ward, Champaign IL; Tod Moses - Alan Popkin - Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; William Doroshow, Skokie IL	178.00
15.75	2		Cindy Harris - Joe Harris - Jill Burtram - Mary Udell, Albuquerque NM	174.00
11.81	3		Chris Champion - Wendy Turk - Cheryl Schwartz, Colorado Spgs CO; Mary Olson, Annandale MN	169.00
7.29	4/6		Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL	165.00
7.29	4/6		Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Don Stack, Kansas City KS; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jonathan Weinstein, Saint Louis MO	165.00
7.29	4/6		Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY; Dennis Rose, Boaz KY; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN	165.00
5.25	7		Roger Lord - Jacqueline Sincoff - Arthur Seltzer - Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO	153.00
10.78	8	1	John Welte, Ballwin MO; Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Steve Singer - Gilda Singer, Saint Charles MO	150.00
4.20	9		Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL; Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN	146.00
8.09	10	2	Mark Schollenberger - Elizabeth Zalar - Sandra Stults, Springfield IL; Mark Beattie, Sherman IL	144.00
3.50	11		Debra Romero - Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; En Xie - Mark Ehret, Saint Louis MO	141.00
6.06	12	3	Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO; Judy Pass - Helene Siegfried - Dianne Glick, Saint Louis MO	140.00
5.15	13	4	1 Nancy Erwin - Sheryl Alexander - Jane Perkins - Peggy Kincaid, Evansville INq	137.00
3.59	5		Mark Ziegelman - Gloria Spitzer - Ken Schwartz - Linda Leinicke, Saint Louis MO	136.00
3.86	6	2	Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO; Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO; John Kraemer - Jerry Kraemer, Ballwin MO	132.00
2.70	7		Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Roseann Stice, East Alton IL; Doris Schwartz, Chesterfield MO; Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO	130.00
2.40	8		Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL; Dennis Balfé, University City MO; Stephen Zenk - Jonathan Goldberg, Saint Louis MO	126.00
2.16	9		Ronnie Frank - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Chestnut Hill MA; Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO	125.00
2.90		3	Carol Manning, Gates Mills OH; John Gillis Jr, Saint Louis MO; Linda Patterson, Des Peres MO; Mary Menousek, Kirkwood MO	120.00
2.17		4	Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO; Douglas Larson - Kelly White - Paul Radzom, Saint Louis MO	114.00
1.72		5	Robert Griffin, Saint Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hgts MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO	113.00

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO 3

FINAL

Bracket 1

9 Tables

39.00	1	Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Cookie Potter, Sunset Beach CA; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Shan Huang, Toronto ON; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL
27.30	2	Ron Smith - Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Adam Kaplan, Stanford CA; Christian Jolly, Charlotte NC; Marie-France Benoit, Gatineau QC
15.60	3/4	Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Rockford IL; James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
15.60	3/4	Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL

Bracket 2

9 Tables

16.04	1	Leonard Kaufman - Mary Allen - Charles Young - Patrick Moos, Peoria IL
11.23	2	Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO; Chris Buck - Leon McCarty, Hurdland MO
6.42	3/4	Helen Walz, Madison IN; Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY; Marie Smerjac, Castle Rock CO; Therese Koller, Pueblo CO
6.42	3/4	Jerome Shen - Doug O'Leary - Beryl Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO

Thursday199er Pairs Afternoon

1 PM

21.0 Tables

A	B	C		
3.84	1	1	Nancy Bartel - Kathryn Schneider, Saint Louis MO	66.96%
2.88	2		Ann Ross, Ballwin MO; Marilyn Morton, StLouis MO	62.76%
2.16	3		Michael Albers, St Louis; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	61.82%
2.27	4	2	Michael Pinney, Chesterfd MO; Jeffrey Pass, St Louis	59.82%
1.84	5	3	1 Rosemary Galmiche - Audrey Holdsworth, Saint Louis	58.63%
1.28	6	4	Aloys Faenger - Jim Bowers, Saint Louis MO	57.18%
1.38	5	2	Alinda Power, Ballwin MO; Mary Dunger, St Louis	57.14%
1.04	6	3	Joan Wentz - Al Wentz, Edwardsville IL	56.85%
0.78		4	Bob Barley - Lesley Hanson, Saint Louis MO	54.46%
0.58		5	Semon Powell, St Louis; Yvonne Patton, Florissant MO	52.68%

Winners!

Kathy Schneider & Nancy Bartel



NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION K		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1			Ann Ross, Ballwin MO; Marilyn Morton, Warson Woods MO	62.76%	1	Michael Albers, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	61.82%
2	1		Maureen Curran, St Ches MO; Linda Whitaker, Manchester MO	53.06%	2	1 Aloys Faenger - Jim Bowers, Saint Louis MO	57.18%
3			Mary Joan Woods, St Louis MO; Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chestereld MO	52.34%	3	Joan Clark - George Bowman, Vero Beach FL	54.35%
4	2	1	Deborah Matson, Saint Louis MO; Angela Dalton, Kirkwood MO	52.17%	4	2 Mary Volmert, Chesterfield MO; Janice Anderson, Saint Louis MO	54.08%
	3		Terry D'Amato, Saint Louis MO; James Cooper, Manchester MO	51.91%	3	Marlene Isaacs - Barbara Boxer, Saint Louis MO	47.32%
					1	Janet Eveans - Rocky Eveans, Brighton IL	44.22%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION L		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1		Nancy Bartel - Kathryn Schneider, Saint Louis MO	66.96%	1	1 Michael Pinney, Chesterfield MO; Jeffrey Pass, Saint Louis MO	59.82%
2	2	1	Rosemary Galmiche - Audrey Holdsworth, Saint Louis MO	58.63%	2	2 Alinda Power, Ballwin MO; Mary Dunger, Saint Louis MO	57.14%
3	3	2	Bob Barley - Lesley Hanson, Saint Louis MO	54.46%	3	3 Joan Wentz - Al Wentz, Edwardsville IL	56.85%
4			Ruth Bosse, Ellisville MO; Linda Kamler, Chesterfield MO	51.49%	4	4 Semon Powell, Saint Louis MO; Yvonne Patton, Florissant MO	52.68%

Thursday199er Pairs Evening

7 PM

5.5 Tables

A	B	C		
1.98	1		Michael Albers, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	59.25%
1.52	2	1	Robert Tucker, Chesterfield MO; Gerald Greiman, Saint Louis MO	56.52%
1.11	3		Ken Deutch - Bertram Risch, Saint Louis MO	55.34%
1.14	4	2	David Poos, Crestwood MO; Bob Schaefer, Chesterfield MO	54.69%

SECTION L				
A	B	C		
1			Michael Albers, Saint Louis MO; Mark Behling, Fenton MO	59.25%
2	1		Robert Tucker, Chesterfield MO; Gerald Greiman, Saint Louis MO	56.52%
3			Ken Deutch - Bertram Risch, Saint Louis MO	55.34%
4	2		David Poos, Crestwood MO; Bob Schaefer, Chesterfield MO	54.69%

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Some take advantage of the speakers!!!



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DEFENSIVE AGREEMENTS: TEN PLUS

Successful partnerships have lots of agreements for both bidding and defending. Here's a dozen suggestions for Defensive Agreements: notice they are not "conventions" and so are not alerted. You may not agree with all these suggestions; the important thing is to have your own set and follow them. Yours will be a better partnership for doing it.

- 1. Leading Aces in a Suit contract** We won't lead away from a side-suit Ace. Period. We will lead it or lead another suit. We will lead an Ace with AK(x) or with good reason to think declarer or dummy will be short in the suit. E.G. We have Ace – sixth.
- 2. Leading Trump** We won't shy away from leading trump, and will actively lead it when dummy might ruff declarer's losers. Trump is the suit least likely to be a "bad lead" for us.
- 3. Making Bad Leads** Breaking a new suit is our worst error on defense. We will go to great lengths not to lead new or unbid suits.
- 4. Trump Echo** We play high-low from 3 trumps and low-high from two, enabling partner to get a count on declarer's shape -- not because we expect to get a ruff. (It doesn't matter that we tell declarer who has the 3rdtrump).
- 5. Giving Count** We give – and expect – count signals only when it can clearly help us take a trick, not when it helps declarer take an extra trick. Otherwise we give false count.
- 6. Grabbing Tricks** We are patient on defense when declarer will have to eventually play to our strength; we won't lay down Aces to collect declarer's deuces.
- 7. Leading Partner's Bid Suit** We lead partner's bid suit unless there's clearly a better alternative, such as leading trump. With honor doubleton, we lead the honor. With 3 to an honor, we lead low. Without an honor, we lead 2nd highest, and give count on the 2nd round if appropriate.
- 8. Returning Partner's Leads** We (remember and) return partner's leads, unless there's a clearly better lead, such as trump. Especially, we won't mastermind by leading a new suit, unless leading from something totally safe, like King from \heartsuit KQJ.
- 9. Signals** We understand and consistently use our agreed signaling system for count, attitude and suit preference. We mislead declarer with wrong signals whenever possible. We will use upside down attitude only
- 10. Passive vs. Active Defense Style** We are passive on defense unless there's a clear reason to be active. This means we wait for the declarer to come to use far more than we attack her. Passive defense is the best choice most of the time.
- 11. Behavior** We don't talk about our defense or declarer's play while at the table, whether we think it was good or bad. We don't congratulate our partner on her "good defense" when it was declarer's bad play that beat her.

Learn to Play Bridge and Solve Puzzles

Researchers have found some very good reasons to play bridge:

- ♣ Those who play more frequently score higher on cognitive tests.
- ♦ Bridge games offer intellectual and social stimulation on a routine basis.
- ♥ An area in the brain used in playing bridge stimulates the immune system. Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization and sequencing.
- ♠ Any activity from which you derive pleasure prevents the onset of classic depression. Players are less likely to be depressed; hence, they sleep better, tend to exercise more and have a better life in general.
- ♣ Multiple changes in lifestyle (e.g. cognitive training and social activity, two of bridge's chief benefits) can improve memory and thinking in those at risk for cognitive decline.
- ♦ Playing bridge can help older people retain their mental sharpness.
- ♠ The frequency of playing games is associated with greater brain volume in several regions that are affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Warren Buffet and Bill Gates are considered to be two of the smartest entrepreneurs in America. Both are also very accomplished bridge players. Buffett once said that he wouldn't mind going to jail — but only if he had three cell mates who were capable bridge players.

"Bridge is more than just a card game. It's a cerebral sport. Bridge teaches you logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration and partnership skills." Hall of Fame tennis star, Martina Navratilova.

Summarized from an article in the AARP Bulletin:
"A Bridge to Brain Power" March 2015

DEFENSIVE AGREEMENTS: TEN PLUS

Gateway to the West Regional

This Week's Events

Zero Tolerance Policy Is In Place!

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLICATED BOARDS

I/N 199er Pairs Games (Single sessions) Everyday

Expert Guest Speakers before each session Monday - Saturday

Friday through Saturday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Friday: 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs*	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
<i>*Must play in both sessions of Gold Rush Pairs. Only play vs. other 0-750 players. Pays Gold for Section Tops (300-750) & Overalls.</i>	
Sunday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Regional Side Game Series (Single Sessions)

Series 3: Friday & Saturday	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
<i>Can play in 1 or more games of a series. Must play at least 2 games of same series for overall gold.</i>	

Knockout Teams (4-Session events)

Friday-Saturday Knockout 4	Both days	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5	Sat. 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM, Sun. 10:00 AM & TBA	

Swiss Teams (Stratified, unless noted)

Single Session Evening Swiss: Tuesday – Saturday (Wednesday Charity)	7:00 PM
2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday – Saturday	9:00 AM
NEW 2-Session Bracketed Swiss (0-3000): Sunday, <i>Play through, finishes by 5:30 PM</i>	10:00 AM
NEW 2-Session A/X/Y Swiss (0-4000/6000/6000+): Sunday, <i>Play through, finishes by 5:30 PM</i>	10:00 AM

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

Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Friday A/X Pairs (0-2500, 2500+)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (<i>Charity Game</i>) single session	9:00 AM
Saturday Barometer Pairs, 2 sessions (Qualifying)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday BCD Pairs (0-300, 300-750, 750-2500)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday Fast Pairs, 2 sessions <i>over by 5 PM</i>	10:00 AM

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+
I/N 199er Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200
Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed from Bottom Up
Barometer Pairs: Flt A Unlimited
Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2500

All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events.
Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player.
Bracketed KO's/Swiss may be handicapped.



The doctor was checking up on three elderly bridge players who had head injuries from a car accident.

Serene inquired "Doctor, Will I still be able to play bridge?"

The Doctor asked "How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "60!" Serene replied.

Worried, the doctor turned to Wayne "How about you? How many high card points in a deck of cards?"

"Uh, Wednesday!" he shouted.

Even more concerned, the doctor motioned to the other lady. "Well, what do you say, madam? How many high card points in a deck of cards?"

"Forty!" Sheryl replied. "Excellent!" the doctor exclaimed. "How did you get that?"

"Oh, it's pretty simple," she explained. "You just subtract the 60 from Wednesday!"