



## August 12-18, 2019

# Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



**Your Gateway Tournament Chair  
Welcome from Mike Carmen**

On behalf of the members of Greater St. Louis Unit 143, welcome to our Gateway to the West Regional. We have a superb staff of Directors headed by Rick Beye. So, we know the games will run smoothly, and many local volunteers are working hard to make sure that everyone has a great time.

*Thanks for attending!*

**Free Newcomers Event Monday**  
*Only for Players with 0-20 Master Points*



**Bruce Greenspan, ABTA Master Bridge Teacher**  
Member of NABC Celebrity Speaker Program

**10 AM – 12 NOON: Free Lesson**  
➤ “Bid Better, Play Better”  
➤ Coffee and Pastries Served

**1:00 PM – 4:15 PM: Free & Stress-Free Duplicate Game with Relaxed Rules**

➤ Awards Black Masterpoints & Trophies for Winners

Bruce will direct this game, assisted by Phyllis Siegel. If you need a partner, contact Phyllis at 314-810-6487 or [unit143pship@gmail.com](mailto:unit143pship@gmail.com). Lesson is open to all. This is a wonderful way to introduce your social bridge friends to duplicate bridge and to improve your own game. If you attend the morning lesson and like it, it's not too late to call your friends to come and play Monday afternoon.

### I/N Games and Golden Opportunities

There will be Intermediate/Newcomer single-session **499er Pairs** Games with lower entry fees and trophies for winners Monday afternoon and evening and every morning, afternoon Tuesday through Saturday. Win Gold in three prime time 2-session **Gold Rush Pairs** events held Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and the **Bracketed Swiss** Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday (play only vs. teams in your own bracket), winners in every bracket. Expert Celebrity Guest speakers will talk at 1:45 PM before I/N Pairs Games Tuesday – Saturday.

### Welcome from Our Unit President



On behalf of ACBL Unit 143 and District 8, I extend to you warmest greetings and hope you have a memorable time at the **Greater St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional**.

We want you to have such a great time that you will come back again and again!

Every day of the tournament there are events that you can enjoy and will challenge you at your skill level from beginners through experts. Expert lectures are held every day Monday through Saturday before the afternoon sessions. On Monday, there is a free lesson by Bruce Greenspan for newcomers from 10 AM to Noon followed by a free game at 1 PM for players with 0-20 master points.

The Renaissance Hotel is a great place to stay and is providing great hospitality including coffee, donuts, and post-afternoon game session food specialties. Lunch can be purchased on site.

If you run across a Unit 143 board member, please introduce yourself and let us know what you think of our tournament. We are always open to suggestions and even complements!

Mark Boswell, Unit 143 President

♥ **PARTNERSHIPS: Phyllis Siegel, 314-810-6487, [unit143pship@gmail.com](mailto:unit143pship@gmail.com)**

### ***NEW to SCHEDULE***

#### ➤ **START TIMES**

✓ 10 AM, 2:30 PM, & 7:30 PM

✓ **Most Main Events Now Daytime, 10 AM & 2:30 PM PLUS**

➤ **A 3-session Evening KO: M-Tu-W**

➤ **Two 4-session Prime Time KO's: Tu/W & F/Sa**

➤ **Four 2-session Bracketed Swiss: W, Th, Sat, & Sun**

➤ **Zip Swiss Team Event Saturday Evening**

**Tournament 1 mile from Airport, free shuttle available      Free parking**  
**Special bridge rate at the Renaissance Hotel at 9801 Natural Bridge Rd. 888-340-2594**

**Great Midwestern Hospitality      Registration Gifts      Free Coffee for All Session Starts**  
**Donuts and Pastries Each Morning Tu-Sat & Tasty Post-Afternoon Sessions Mon-Sat**



**Monday, August 12**

0-20 Pairs (Black Points), Single-Session (Free)..... 1:00 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 1, Game 1 ..... 2:30 pm  
Stratified Swiss, Single-Session (Charity Game) .....2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session .....7:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 1, Game 2..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Knockout (3-session), Round 1 ..... 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, August 13**

499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 10 am  
Regional Side Game Series 1, Game 3..... 10 am  
Gold Rush Pairs, 2-Session (0-300, 300-750)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
A/X Pairs, 2-Session (0-2500, 2500+)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Knockout 1 (4-session) Rounds 1 & 2..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 1, Game 4 ..... 2:30 pm  
Stratified Swiss, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Evening Regional Side Game Series, Game 1..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Stratified Swiss, Single-Session ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Knockout (3-session), Round 2 ..... 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, August 14**

499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 10 am  
Regional Side Game Series 2, Game 1 ..... 10 am  
Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session ..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Knockout 1 (4-session) Rounds 3 & 4 ..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 2, Game 2 ..... 2:30 pm  
Evening Regional Side Game Series, Game 2..... 7 :30 pm  
Evening Stratified Swiss, Single-Session ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Knockout (3-session), Round 3..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, August 15**

499er Pairs, Single-Session..... 10 am  
Regional Side Game Series 2, Game 3..... 10 am  
Gold Rush Pairs, 2-Session (0-300, 300-750)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
A/X Pairs, 2-Session (0-2500, 2500+)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session ..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 2, Game 4..... 2:30 pm  
Evening Regional Side Game Series, Game 3 ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Stratified Swiss, 2-Session, Session 1 of 2 ..... 7:30 pm

**Friday, August 16**

499er Pairs, Single-Session..... 10 am  
Regional Side Game Series 3, Game 1.....10 am  
Gold Rush Pairs, 2-Session (0-300, 300-750).....10 & 2:30 pm  
A/X Pairs, 2-Session (0-2500, 2500+)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Knockout 2 (4-session) Rounds 1 & 2..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session .....2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 3, Game 2..... 2:30 pm  
Stratified Swiss, Single-Session (Charity Game) ..... 2:30 pm  
Evening Regional Side Game Series, Game 4..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Stratified Swiss, 2-Session, Session 2 of 2 ..... 7:30 pm

**Monday Hospitality**

Following the Monday afternoon session

**Jumbo Cookies and Brownies Night**



Get your pairs results delivered to your email and/or mobile device immediately following the game.

To receive **FAST Results & the Daily Bulletin** – *You must have played in an event to get email.* To sign up for the first time: Email your ACBL# (typed in subject line) to:

[FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com](mailto:FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com) OR Text your Last Name and ACBL# to: 312-800-1790

**Saturday, August 17**

499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 10 am  
Regional Side Game Series 3, Game 3 ..... 10 am  
Barometer Pairs, 2-Session (Qualifying)..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
BCD Pairs, 2-Session ..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
Knockout 2 (4-session) Rounds 3 & 4..... 10 & 2:30 pm  
499er Pairs, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Regional Side Game Series 3, Game 4..... 2:30 pm  
Stratified Swiss, Single-Session ..... 2:30 pm  
Evening Regional Side Game Series, Game 5..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Zip Swiss Teams, Stratified, Single-Session..... 7:30 pm  
Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2500

**Sunday, August 18 (Playthrough, over by 5:30 pm)**

Bracketed Swiss, 2-Session, (0-3000) ..... 10 am  
A/X/Y Swiss, 2-Sess, (0-4000/4000-6000/6000+) ..... 10 am

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2500/2500+  
I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-100/100-300/300-500  
Bracketed Swiss: Bracketed from Bottom Up  
Barometer Pairs: Flight 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.

**Gold points can only be earned in 2-Session (or more) Events or by playing individually in at least 2 games of the same Regional Side Game Series.**

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For players who have authorized ACBL emails, ACBL Live Results & Daily Bulletins will be delivered electronically early in the morning to everyone who played in the previous 48 hours... assuming the ACBL database has your correct email address. If you don't have email or didn't play, you can access all Daily Bulletins from the Unit 143 website, [www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org).



THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.  
the police officers & firefighters fund

**1<sup>st</sup> of Two Charity Events:**

**Monday Swiss Team @ 2:30 PM**

Unit 143 again has selected **BackStoppers**, who provide a safety net with no strings attached, to receive the funds raised during the Monday Afternoon single-session Swiss Team held at 2:30 PM and the Open Pairs event at 2:30 PM Friday. BackStoppers, started in 1959, provides financial assistance and support to spouses and dependent children of all police officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs in our area who have lost their lives or suffered a catastrophic injury performing their duty.

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## 21 Rules of Being a Good Partner

by Marty Bergen

July 2012

Before the tournament even begins, here is great advice for all players on how to be a good partner. Before you sit down to discuss what you are playing, you should start your partnership off on the right note. Half the battle of winning is being a good partner.

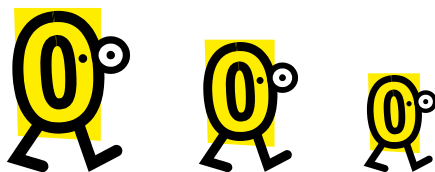
"I have always believed that your attitude toward your partner is as important as your technical skill at the game. " Rixi Markus, one of the all-time great players.

Always observe the following:

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner. " *Punch* (British magazine).
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.
3. Never "result" (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time).
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.
5. Remember -- you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.
11. Remember that bridge is only a card game.
12. Have a good time, and make sure that your partner does also.  
"Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, or show how stupid your partner is... or to prove any of the several hundred other things bridge players are so often trying to prove." Bridge legend Charles Goren.
13. Trust your partner; do not assume he has made a mistake.
14. Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live.
15. Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same." Bridge columnist Frank Stewart. Think twice before verbally analyzing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment.
16. When you voluntarily choose to play bridge with someone, it is not fair to get upset when partner does not play any better than usual.
17. Never side with an opponent against your partner. If you cannot support your partner, say nothing.
18. If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with him, do everyone a favor and play with someone else. That is clearly much better than being a martyr. However, be careful before burning bridges -- another player's grass may not be.
19. Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what he will have, not what you would have.
20. Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make his life easiest.
21. Sympathize with partner if s/he makes a mistake. Let your partner know that you like her/him, and always root for her/him 100%.

## Information At-A-Glance!

Read through this information once, and know it will be here at the end of the Daily Bulletin each day if you need it.



### Zero Tolerance Policy

*Be cool! Bridge is fun.*

We are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. The ultimate purpose of the Zero-Tolerance 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.



Say the magic word, *Please!* when you call. Try, “**Caddy, please,** or “**Director, please.**” ... and we Thank You!

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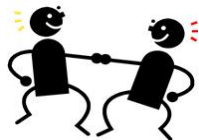
To receive instant notification of your results via email or text message:

- 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
- This is where you may update your current email contact information.
- **Check your spam or junk folder first.**
- If you have played in an event, but are not receiving results send an email to: [FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com](mailto:FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com) and say something like, “I am not receiving the Bulletin from the St. Louis Regional.

## Registration Gift

Let us know you're here! The Registration desk **opens 45' 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 welcome gift.

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### Partnership Desk

Looking for a Partner? Or Teammates? The Partnership Desk **opens 45 minutes before** each session mornings, afternoons, and evenings. It is located in the main hallway. It will **close 15 minutes before** each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. The same desk is used for ALL players in any event.

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### 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.

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### 1:45 PM Guest Celebrity Speaker Daily

Come and brush up on your bridge. Check the Daily Bulletin for the name of the day's celebrity guest speaker, topic, and location.

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### New Life Masters...

Let us know the details of what event put you over and where you're from! Drop your news in our News Basket in the main hallway and get your picture taken!

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### WINNER'S CIRCLE Photographer

**Attention Winners!** Did you make Life Master today? Or did you win an event today? We'd love to take your picture. There are several ways to do this.

Meet at the photo area across from the registration desk where we will take your photo with your partner or teammates for **30 minutes after the 10:00 games, for 30 minutes after the 2:30 games, and for 30 minutes after the evening games.** Be sure to provide your full name and ACBL #, and the event you won.

If you can't get to the photo area, or you leave before we finish playing, you can have someone take a picture with a cell phone and either text it to Maureen Curran 314-780-2531 or email [mcurran46@gmail.com](mailto:mcurran46@gmail.com). She will need the following info when you send her a photo:

- **First & Last Name of people in photo listing from left to right, with your ACBL Player #s**
- **Name of the Event You Won**

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## Awards

First Overall I/N trophies for A, B, & C winners are awarded in the I/N playing room; please see the Director and remember to get your picture taken.

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## Twice-a-Day Midwestern Hospitality



Free Donuts and pastries each morning Tuesday – Sunday. Tasty Post-Afternoon Session Hospitality Monday - Saturday. Daily offerings are published in the Daily Bulletin.



## Free Coffee & Complimentary Parking



Complimentary Coffee Service will be provided at **session starts (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 on the hotel lot is free to all bridge payers; take a ticket. You won't be charged. **Pick up an exit pass** at the Director's table in the main playing area. Often, the gates may be open following a session.

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## ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES & **HAND RECORDS**

We will use electronic scoring devices in all Pairs games and Swiss team events this week. If you need assistance in using them, just ask your director. Hand Records will be available near the front of the room or in the main hallway after each session.

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## 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.

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## Reduced Entry Fee\$

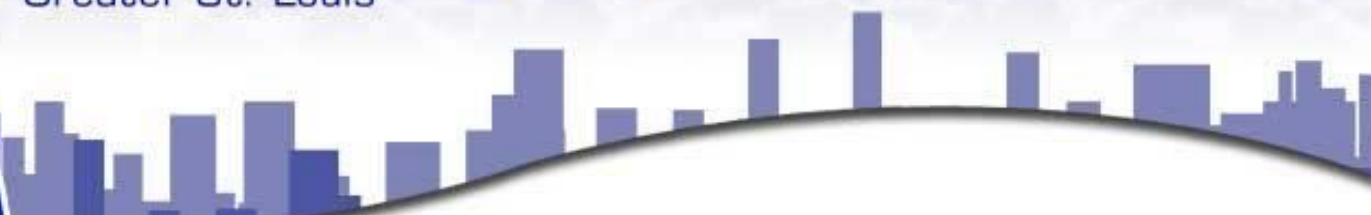
Intermediate/Novice pair game fee is \$10/player/session. Student Discounts: Our Regional offers a 50% discount on each full session for full-time students ages 25 and under with ID proof. Be sure to inform the director when purchasing the entry.

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## 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.

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### Area Restaurants

The bar in the lobby is open for sandwiches and drinks, and but if you want to go offsite, stop by the Registration Desk for a look at our **restaurant guide**. Information on an extensive list of Restaurants, sorted by near-by St. Louis neighborhood.

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### Cash Concessions

Grab it and go sandwiches, snacks, and beverage items will be for sale **Tuesday through Sunday** in the main ballroom from **12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** and until **5:00 PM on Sunday** during the Bracketed Swiss.

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### Hotel Information

We are less than 1 mile from the airport at the **Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport, shuttle available, 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. An ATM is on site. Free Airport shuttle and free parking. Smoke-free. Pets not allowed. Check in is 3 pm, check out time is Noon.

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### 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 – 10 :30 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. **Kaldi's** coffee is available daily from Eero's, or the bar beginning at 6:00 AM.

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### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Bookseller

Book seller, Phil McPeck, located in the main hallways during the Regional beginning Monday evening.

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### 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.

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### Special Request

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

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### 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.

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## STL Area Attractions



Our top area attractions are the **Gateway Arch**, the **Clydesdales & AB Brewery tour**, the **MO Botanical Garden**, and the **St. Louis Art Museum**. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8:10 am to 8:20pm, ticketed.

The **Gateway Arch Monument**: enter through the *new west* entrance. The new Ticket Center in the lobby is open! Purchase tickets inside the west entrance or advance tickets online or through the call center, [www.gatewayarch.com/buytickets](http://www.gatewayarch.com/buytickets) or call 877-982-1410. The north and south legs of the Gateway Arch are now exit only; the north leg is currently closed due to construction. Activities: tram ride, documentary movie the new museum and The Arch Store.

Free **Anheuser-Busch brewery tours**: Mon-Sun: Complimentary tour lasts about 45 minutes. 1st tour 10am, last tour 5pm; tours and biergarten: 314-577-2626, 9:30-5pm.

The **MO Botanical Garden** 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 Cardinals** are out of town this week, playing two in KC, Tu-Wed, and four in Cincinnati, Thurs.-Sun.

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## 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.

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## Tournament Feedback

Please let us know what you liked and didn't like about our tournament. All information and suggestion help us improve the next one. Talk to a Tournament Committee member or a Unit 143 board member, they all have grey nametags identifying them.

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