

August 6-12



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Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!

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! Haagen Dazs Vanilla, Strawberry and Chocolate with all the toppings.

New Life Masters



Steve Russell Fenton, MO



Steve and his partner, Mark Prosser, had a section top in the **Gold Rush Pairs evening** session to put Steve over. *Kudos to both!*



Judy Wart Bentonville AR



Raye Zeigler St. Louis MO

Last Day to Register, Get Your Labels

Register and ask for your registration gift of *personalized address labels* with your ACBL player number. Labels will be available today or tomorrow.



**Mass Today
In Remembrance of Bob Carteaux**

Father Sommer will celebrate Mass today in remembrance of Bob Carteaux. Mass will be in the Clayton Room at 5 pm.



Awards Desk

Reminder for Section Top Winners for all Pairs Events... We will give Section Top Awards for all Pairs events. Prizes will be awarded from results posted in the *Daily Bulletin*. No prizes will be mailed. The awards table is located in the main hallway. It will be open Friday-Saturday Noon-12:45PM and 6:00-6:45PM, and Sunday 10:00-10:20AM and 30 minutes after the Swiss event.

New Bronze Life Master



Linda Mize Florissant MO

Today's Events Saturday, August 11

2-SESSION STRATIFIED MORNING SWISS TEAM 2 con't	Session 2 of 2	9 AM
2-SESSION BAROMETER PAIRS	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
(Open Qualifier for + BAROMETER Finals)	2 Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
2-SESSION B, C, D OPEN PAIRS	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 4 continued	Sessions 1 & 2 of 4	1 PM, 7 PM
BRACKETED KO 5	Single Sessions	1 PM, 7 PM
Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs <i>preduplicated boards</i>	Single Session	7 PM
1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM		

Today's Speakers: For the Advancing Player **I/N Room**
Karen Walker "Q&A: Bring your Questions, Bidding Dilemmas, & Play Problems" **12:15 PM**

KOs bracketed 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. All stratification by Average MPs in all events. Eligibility for Flighted Events based on highest MP player. Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 300/750/2000. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, A/X = 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. Gold Rush Pairs pays gold for section tops in 300-750. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200. Side Game Series stratified 750/2000/2000+. Can play in 1 or more games of a Side series. Must play in 2 games of same Side Game Series for gold.

Zero Tolerance is in place!



Today's Puzzles

Friday's Solutions
Sudoku 7

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

Sudoku 8

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

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

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

Spring 2013 Nationals
 Mark Your Calendar...to return for national competition
 and St. Louis hospitality March 14-24, 2013.



Today's Cash Concessions



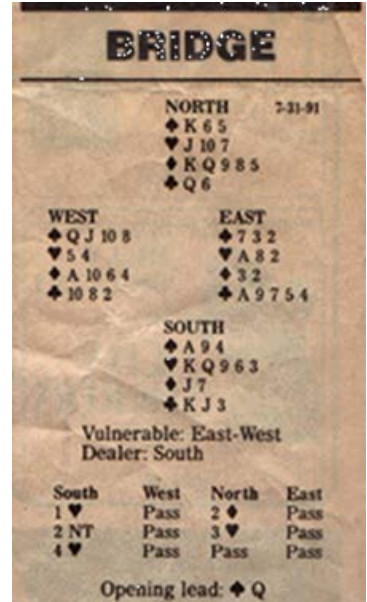
Where Main playing area
When 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Concourse Ballroom

- ◆ Ham and Cheese Half with Condiments \$3
- ◆ Hamburgers with Condiments & Sliced Cheese \$4
- ◆ Individual Bags of Potato Chips & Pretzels \$1
- ◆ Whole Fresh Fruit, including Bananas \$1
- ◆ Assorted Cookies \$1
- ◆ Assorted Soft Drinks \$2.50
- ◆ Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water \$2.50
- ◆ Fresh Fruit Bowl \$3



4th in the Series

Bridge by Phillip Alder 1-13-92



Early in 1970, Control and Kaos, those well-known spy organizations, had to forgo operations after financial cutbacks. Instead of spying, they continued their fight --goodness and niceness vs. evil-- at the bridge table.

The first rubber began well for Control. Maxwell Smart, Agent 86, brought home a grand slam on deal two.

Kaos had a chance to recover ground on hand three, Shtarker becoming the declarer in four hearts after a straightforward auction (The positions have been shifted so declarer can be South.)

Max, West, led the spade queen. Shtarker won in hand and detached a low heart, but then he spotted the problem. If he led a trump immediately, the defense would win that trick and lead another spade. Then when he lost the lead in either minor, they would be able to cash a spade trick. Instead he led the club three, Max signaling with the two and dummy playing the queen.

The Chief paused to consider his play. It looked right to win with the ace and return a spade, but perhaps Shtarker had K-J-3 of clubs. In that case he would get a spade discard. Assessing the situation correctly, the Chief played the club four.

Shtarker led another club, but the Chief won with the ace and returned a spade to dummy's king. Shtarker called for the heart jack, but the Chief put up his ace and led a third spade. Max won that trick and cashed the diamond ace to defeat the game.

"You idiot, Shtarker," cried Siegfried. "Eef only you vin zee first trick in zee dummy, you haf an entry to your hand viz zee spade ace to pitch your loser on zee zird club."



This week's series is based on the work of Audrey Grant and includes topics on conventions and agreements that are in popular use today, such a 15-17 INT openings, five-card majors, and weak two bids. Earlier articles for the Regionals held 2009-2011 have included Blackwood, control showing bids, defensive signals, Forcing NT, Fast arrival, How high game/slam? neg doubles, overcalls, reverses by opener and by responder and splinters.

When the opponents have opened the bidding, we have two ways to come into the auction: an overcall or a double. Each of these comes in a variety of forms, so let's start with one of the most straightforward, the *simple overcall*. By 'simple' we mean a natural, non jump overcall. The standard guideline for overcalls is quite brief:

SIMPLE OVERCALL
7-17 (usually)

That gives us quite a bit of leeway, so let's take a deeper look.

Reasons for Overcalling

There are several reasons for getting into the auction whenever possible.

- 1) *The contract may belong to our side.* Even though the opponents have opened, we may still hold the majority of the strength or better distribution.
- 2) *We may push the opponents to an uncomfortable level.* If the opponents are resting in 2♥ and we bid 2♠, they now have to choose between defending 2♠ and bidding on to 3♥. 3♥ may prove more challenging to make.
- 3) *We take bidding room away from the opponents.* Interfering with the opponents' auction may cause them to bid too much or too little or to reach the wrong contract. The more room we take away the better. If the opening bid is 1♦, an overcall of 1♥ doesn't take away much room, but an overcall of 2♣ takes away responder's opportunity to bid 1♥, 1♠, or 1NT.
- 4) *We may help our side defend.* If we don't win the auction, the more partner knows about our hand, the easier it will be to defend. Our overcall might get partner off to the best opening lead.

Reasons Not to Overcall

There's also a downside to entering the auction.

- 1) *We may get penalized.* When we overcall, responder is well-placed to decide what to do, having heard partner's opening bid. We may become trapped between the two opponents and be doubled for penalty. Even undoubled, we may simply go down instead of letting the opponents go down.
- 2) *We give the opponents more options.* If we overcall, responder can now pass, double, or cuebid. This may allow responder to better describe the hand than if we had passed and let responder bid.
- 3) *We give away information.* If we don't win the auction, declarer may have a better idea how to play the contract. On balance, the advantages tend to outweigh the disadvantages. It's difficult for the opponents to double for penalty at low levels, for example. Most doubles are for takeout. So today's players tend to be aggressive.

Good Suit or Good Hand?

At one time, the main criterion for overcalling was a 'good' five-card or longer suit. The longer and stronger the suit, the less likely the opponents will double for penalty. The better the suit, the more 'lead directing' value if the opponents win the auction. The modern style, however, is to *overcall with either a good suit or a good hand, or both*. For example, suppose we are South and East opens the bidding 1♦.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	♠	A Q J 9 5
	1♦	?		♥	8 3
				♦	9 2
				♣	7 6 5 4

This hand has only 7 high-card points but a good suit. Most players would overcall 1♠. It's only a one-level overcall and we would certainly like to suggest that partner lead a spade if partner ends up as the opening leader. Our overcall may prevent the opponents from bidding and making a 3NT contract.

With this hand, we don't have a good suit but we do have a good hand. Most players would overcall 1♠ to get the partnership into the auction. There's more to gain than to lose.

♠ A Q J 7 6 3
♥ 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ K 10 4

Here we have both a good hand and a good suit. We'd still make a simple overcall of 1♠. The range for a one-level overcall is quite large, about 7-17 points.

♠ J 9 6 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 5 4

This hand has 7 high-card points and a five-card suit, but the suit is poor. Most players would not risk an overcall with this hand. With such a poor suit, the opponents may double us for penalty. If we don't buy the contract, we don't really want to suggest that partner lead a heart. If we pass, the auction isn't over.

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7 6 3
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K 8 3

Five-Card Suit?

If we overcall, partner will expect a five-card or longer suit. We are suggesting a trump suit. If we wanted partner to choose the suit, we would probably make a takeout double.

However, *we might occasionally overcall at the one level with a strong four-card suit*. If the bidding is opened 1♣ on our right, we might choose to overcall 1♥ with this hand. It's unsuitable for a takeout double but we would like to get

♠ 7 4
♥ A K J 10
♦ 9 2
♣ A 9 8 6 3

bidding, perhaps before the opponents find a spade fit. Overcalling a four-card suit is similar to occasionally opening with a four-card major in third or fourth position. Partner and the opponents won't expect it, but it's good to mix things up a little.

The Two Level or Higher

Although we can be fairly free with our one-level overcalls, *partner will expect both a good suit and a good hand for an overcall at the two level or higher*—the values for an opening bid or better. The danger is increased because the opponents will be more willing to defend, perhaps doubled, at a higher level, especially if we've backed them into a corner by taking away their bidding room.

Also, since an overcall covers a wide range, our partner may have to act with some values. That's okay after a one-level overcall since we may be able to escape at the two level. If partner bids after our two-level overcall, we are likely headed for the three level or higher.

Suppose we are South and East opens 1♠. This hand is a sound overcall of 2♥. We have a good suit and would have opened the bidding 1♥ if East had passed. We're unlikely to get into trouble and the deal may belong to our side.

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 10 9 7 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ 7 2

With this hand, an overcall of 2♣ would be very risky. Our suit isn't so great and we have a borderline opening bid at best. Better to pass for now and await developments.

♠ Q 4
♥ J 2
♦ A J 8 5
♣ Q J 7 6 3

After Both Opponents Bid

There's nothing to stop us from overcalling after both opponents have bid, but we should consider the level, listen to the bidding, and consider the vulnerability. *It's safer to overcall if the opponents have found a fit than if they have not.* If they have found a fit, they are more likely to bid higher than to double us for penalty. If they don't have a fit, we may have just given them the option of doubling for penalty.

Suppose we have this hand as South. We'd certainly want to overcall at the one level with 1♠ if we have the opportunity, but what if the auction starts this way: WEST 1♥, NORTH Pass, EAST 2♣, **SOUTH?**

An overcall of 2♠ would be risky, especially if our side is vulnerable. The opponents likely have the majority of strength, given West's opening bid and East's new suit response at the two level. They don't necessarily have a fit, so they might be quite happy to double us for penalty.

♠ A J 10 8 5
♥ J 2
♦ K 7 3
♣ Q J 4

Now suppose the auction begins like this: WEST 1♥, NORTH Pass, EAST 2♥, **SOUTH ?** Now, overcalling 2♠ carries less risk. Although West could still have a strong hand, East's strength is limited to about 6-10 points and the opponents have found a fit. The hand could belong to our side and, even if we are in a poor contract, the opponents are more likely to bid on to 3♥ than to double us for penalty at the two level. We need a lot less to overcall at the two level or higher when we are in the balancing position.

Suppose the auction begins: WEST 1♥, **Pass**, 2♥, Pass, Pass, ? We hold this hand in the 'pass out seat'. We didn't dare overcall 1♠ with such a poor suit and not a very good hand. It's relatively safe to bid 2♠ now, to bid 2♠ now, however. We are in the *balancing position*—if we pass, the auction is over. The strength of both opponents is limited since they have stopped in partscore. We can assume partner has some of the missing strength. If we bid 2♠, we might make it or we might push the opponents higher.

♠ 9 8 6 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q 10 3

Too Strong to Overcall

At one time, we could make a jump overcall with a hand too good for a simple overcall. The modern style, however, is to use jump overcalls to show weak hands with a long suit. Instead, *with a hand too strong for a simple overcall—about 18 or more points—start with a takeout double.*

Partner will assume we are making a normal takeout double, but when we then bid our suit, we will be showing this type of hand. Suppose we are sitting South and East opens 1♦. This hand has 18 HCPs plus 2 length points for the six-card heart suit. That's too much for a simple overcall of 1♥. So, we start with a double. Partner will likely bid 1♠ or 2♣. We then bid 2♥ to show a hand too strong to overcall 1♥. Our 2♥ bid is not forcing, but it is highly invitational.

♠ K 8
♥ A K J 9 7 5
♦ A 5
♣ K 7 2

7-17 points for an overcall and 18+ points for a double is only a guideline. This hand has 17 HCPs plus 1 length point for each five-card suit. The hearts aren't that great, so some players would settle for an overcall of 1♥ rather than starting with a double.

♠ 3
♥ K Q 6 5 2
♦ Q 9
♣ A K Q J 5



Bidding Tip:

With five cards in a minor and four cards in a major plus opening bid strength, respond in the minor and then bid the major. If partner opens 1D and you hold: S AJ76 H 54 D 54 C AK1076 Respond 2C and then bid spades. **DON'T START WITH 1S!** With less than opening bid strength, bid the major first: S KQ76 H 54 D 43 C AJ764 Respond 1S.

Friday's Results

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

Session 1

1 PM

11.0 Tables

A	B	C		
3.19	1	1	George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO	56.48%
2.39	2		Linda Leedy, Zionsville IN; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	56.25%
1.79	3		Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL; Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN	55.79%
2.28	4	2	Roberta Trochtenberg - Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO	54.63%
1.71	5/6	3	Barbara Frith, Chesterfield MO; Fran Axelbaum, St Louis MO	53.47%
0.98	5/6		Denny O'Connor - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	53.47%
1.22	4		Nancy La Master - Frank La Master, Indianapolis IN	53.01%
1.28	5/6	3	Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO	51.85%
0.80	5/6		Cindy Moore, Bloomington IL; Stephen Babin, Normal IL	51.85%
1.24		4	Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Corich, Creve Coeur MO	50.46%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION P

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C	
1			Linda Leedy, Zionsville IN; Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	56.25%	1	1		George Hawley, Florissant MO; Ron Combs, Ballwin MO			56.48%
2	1	1	Roberta Trochtenberg - Joann Sandler, Saint Louis MO	54.63%	2			Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL; Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN			55.79%
3	2	2	Barbara Frith, Chesterfield MO; Fran Axelbaum, St Louis MO	53.47%	3			Denny O'Connor - Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO			53.47%
4	3		Nancy La Master - Frank La Master, Indianapolis IN	53.01%	4			Sue Ritter, Cordova TN; Sandra Nott, Memphis TN			51.62%
	4/5		Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO	51.85%		2	1	Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Corich, Creve Coeur			50.46%
	4/5		Cindy Moore, Bloomington IL; Stephen Babin, Normal IL	51.85%		3	2	Karen Harrison, W Hartford CT; Mary Rassieur, St Louis MO			48.84%

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Open Pairs

Session 2

7 PM

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION M

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL	65.00%	1		Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN	63.75%	
2			Janet Degrazia - Suzanne Jones, Boulder CO	58.33%	2	1	1	James Voelz - Aaron Krieser, Saint Louis MO	57.50%
	1		Ben Finegold, Saint Louis MO; Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor MI	50.83%		2	2	Richard Booker - Robert Harris, Columbia MO	47.50%

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS FINAL

20.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables

A	X		
19.25	1	Fay Teal, Kitchener ON; Barry Harper, Regina SK	60.84%
14.44	2	Richard Bender - Jon Nance, Springfield MO	60.29%
10.83	3	Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO	59.53%
8.12	4	W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; John Seng, Champaign IL	58.77%
9.08	5	1 Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL	58.12%
5.16	6/7	Ted Baldwin - En Xie, Saint Louis MO	57.24%
6.81	6/7	2 Hall Whitaker - E Hale, Rolla MO	57.24%
5.11	8	3 Barbara Denley, Memphis TN; Kathy Love, Olive Branch MS	55.88%
3.85	9	Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO	54.08%
3.85	10	4 Charles Young - Patrick Moos, Peoria IL	53.92%
3.21	11	Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL	53.87%
3.03	12	5 John Pree, Campton Hills IL; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN	53.70%
2.59	6	Eileen Fritsch - Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO	51.03%

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS

Sessions 1

1 PM

A	X		A	X			
1		Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO	62.09%	1	1	Charles Young - Patrick Moos, Peoria IL	63.62%
2		Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO	61.00%	2		Richard Bender - Jon Nance, Springfield MO	63.07%
3	1	Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Aimee Whitelaw, Clayton MO	58.71%	3		Suzanne Siebert - Jane Dickey, Little Rock AR	56.10%
4		Roger Lord - Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO	58.06%	4		Ralph Behrens - Cheryl Davis, Saint Louis MO	55.56%
5		W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; John Seng, Champaign IL	57.41%	5		Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO	55.23%
6	2	Barbara Denley, Memphis TN; Kathy Love, Olive Branch MS	53.59%	6	2	John Pree, Campton Hills IL; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN	55.12%
7	3	Hall Whitaker - E Hale, Rolla MO	53.16%	7	3	Karen Coe - John Coe, Ewing IL	53.59%
8		Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL	52.29%	8	4	Paul Chan - Lily Chan, Columbia MO	52.29%
4		Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL	51.20%	5		Jim O'Brien - Sandra O'Brien, Oconomowoc WI	50.22%

2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS

Session 2

7 PM

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTIONS H I

EAST-WEST

A	X		A	X			
1		Fay Teal, Kitchener ON; Barry Harper, Regina SK	71.02%	1		Ted Baldwin - En Xie, Saint Louis MO	69.17%
2	1	Barbara Denley, Memphis TN; Kathy Love, Olive Branch MS	58.06%	2	1	Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hts MO; Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL	65.03%
3		Richard Bender - Jon Nance, Springfield MO	57.63%	3	2	Hall Whitaker - E Hale, Rolla MO	61.22%
4	2	Eileen Fritsch - Twink Baker, Saint Louis MO	55.77%	4		W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; John Seng, Champaign IL	60.13%
5		Sean Gannon, Decatur GA; Allison Howard, Cookeville TN	54.47%	5		Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO	56.75%
6		Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO; Donna Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO	53.49%	6		Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Krzysztof Jarosz, Edwardsville IL	55.23%
7	3	Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hills MA	53.05%	7		Martha Roth, Coronado CA; Carroll Frogge, Kansas City MO	54.79%
8		Stephen Brauss, Saint Louis MO; Sharon Christenson, Edina MN	52.83%	8		John Burgener, St Louis MO; Dennis Goldston, Colorado Spgs CO	51.74%
4		John Pree, Campton Hills IL; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN	52.29%	3		Jim O'Brien - Sandra O'Brien, Oconomowoc WI	48.69%
5		Paul Chan - Lily Chan, Columbia MO	47.06%	4		Audrey Gehrig, Janesville WI; Joan O'Leary, Pardeeville WI	47.06%

GOLD RUSH PAIRS FINAL

25.0 Tables

B	C		
8.65	1	Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO	61.32%
6.49	2	1 Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO	60.98%
4.87	3	2 William Lobdell, Des Peres MO; Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO	59.91%
3.65	4	3 Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO; Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO	58.70%
2.88	5	4 Rayanna Bramblett, Pebble Beach CA; Grace Fagin, Chesterfield MO	58.35%
2.54	6	5 Sandra Meinz - Marvin Meinz, Chesterfield MO	58.24%
2.16	7	Bee-De Lim, Pls Vrds Est CA; Marsha Zipser, New York NY	57.96%
1.45	6	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO	54.96%

2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750

Session 1

1 PM

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION K

EAST-WEST

B	C	B	C	
1	1	Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO; Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO		64.47%
2		Gary Delestine - Shirley Gibson, Palm Springs CA		60.78%
3		Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO		60.71%
4	2	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO		57.35%
5		Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO		56.25%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION L

EAST-WEST

B	C	B	C	
1	1	Sandra Meinz - Marvin Meinz, Chesterfield MO		62.88%
2		Bee-De Lim, Pls Vrds Est CA; Marsha Zipser, New York NY		60.06%
3		Cliff Barton - Diane Davis, Springfield MO		59.84%
4	2	William Lobdell, Des Peres MO; Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO		59.78%
5	3	Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO; Roberta Kauss, Kirkwood MO		50.75%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION K

EAST-WEST

B	C	B	C	
1	1	Rayanna Bramblett, Pebble Beach CA; Grace Fagin, Chesterfield MO		67.23%
2		Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO		61.93%
3		Audrey Grossman - Martin Grossman, Indianapolis IN		60.80%
4		Mark Stein, Skokie IL; Brian Tanenbaum, Deerfield IL		56.44%
5		Charlotte Jung - Irene Adams, Saint Louis MO		52.65%
2		Robert Daniels, Lake St Louis MO; William Davis, Chesterfield MO		52.27%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION L

EAST-WEST

B	C	B	C	
1		Karen Engle - Tom Engle, Dardenne Prairi MO		65.96%
2	1	Martha Hanley, Chesterfield MO; Susan Shogren, Clayton MO		58.33%
3	2	Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO; Roberta Kauss, Kirkwood MO		56.04%
4		Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK; Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO		55.96%
5		Tomoko Gragg, Springfield IL; Donald Rogers, Mattoon IL		52.88%

EAST-WEST

1	1	Marie Bretzke - Charles Bretzke Jr, Saint Louis MO	59.68%
2		Becky Hubert - Susan Kilo, St Louis MO	58.08%
3	2	Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO	56.17%
4	3	Jan Mackey - Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO	55.98%
5		Rick Kleinheksel, Rockville IN; Mark Greenwell, Newport IN	55.27%
1		Paul Silberman, Mishawaka IN; David Stevens, Charleston IL	62.75%
2		Melinda Hawkins - Phyllis Pettijohn, West Palm Beach FL	58.09%
3	1	Carol Rentz, Bridgeton MO; Camilla Baxter, Lake St Louis MO	57.58%
4		Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK; Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO	54.85%
5	2	Irene Holmes - Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO	53.41%
1		Thomas Strong - James O'Brien, Springfield MO	64.02%
2	1	William Lobdell, Des Peres MO; Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO	60.04%
3	2	Jane Pendley, Tucson AZ; Terry Coe, Tucson AZ	56.63%
4		Bee-De Lim, Pls Vrds Est CA; Marsha Zipser, New York NY	55.87%
5	3	Sandra Meinz - Marvin Meinz, Chesterfield MO	53.60%
1	1	Mark Prosser, Florissant MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO	65.71%
2	2	Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Height MO; Mary Lattan, Carlinville IL	54.25%
3	3	Sara Fabick, Des Peres MO; Ann Gruver, Ballwin MO	52.92%
4		Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO	52.56%
5		Jan Mackey - Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO	50.90%

Friday's Results

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

Single Session

7 PM

23.0 Tables

A	B	C		
4.39	1	1	1	Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL 66.94%
3.29	2			Kam Harrell, Mayflower AR; Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR 63.89%
2.86	3	2		Patricia Lazaroff - Richard Lazaroff, St Louis MO 60.28%
1.88	4/5	3/4	2	Nancy Gellman, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Schettler, St Louis MO 58.61%
1.88	4/5	3/4		Sheri Lindauer, Yorba Linda CA; Melda Richardson, Orange CA 58.61%
1.21	6	5		Marcia Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Gay Kornblum, St Louis MO 57.64%
1.10	6	3		Wendy Olk - Christy Schafly, St Louis MO 56.25%
0.58		4		Irene Hommert, Kirkwood MO; Susan Lloyd, St Louis MO 50.83%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTIONS M N

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Patricia Lazaroff - Richard Lazaroff, St Louis MO	60.28%	1	1	1	Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL 66.94%
2	2		Sheri Lindauer, Yorba Linda CA; Melda Richardson, Orange CA	58.61%	2			Kam Harrell, Mayflower AR; Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR 63.89%
3	3	1	Wendy Olk - Christy Schafly, St Louis MO	56.25%	3	2	2	Nancy Gellman, Creve Coeur MO; Susan Schettler, St Louis MO 58.61%
4			Jeff Kopolow - Ken Schwartz, St Louis MO	55.56%	4	3		Marcia Shapiro, Saint Louis MO; Gay Kornblum, St Louis MO 57.64%
5	4		Linda Langsdorf, St Louis MO; Carolyn Kolman, St. Louis MO	55.14%	5	4		Sharon Sweet, Manchester MO; Ann Ross, Ballwin MO 56.11%
6/7	5/6		Ole Birkelund - Mary Birkelund, Romeoville IL	54.17%	6	5		Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL 55.56%
6/7	5/6		Carol Luckey - Robert Luckey, Augusta MO	54.17%	7	6		Betty Justice, Belleville IL; Pamela Ballard, Swansea IL 55.14%
8	7		Jerry Dutra - Tom McClarren, St Louis MO	52.50%	8	7		Susan Wolff, Saint Louis MO; Betty Goran, St Louis MO 54.17%
9	8		Irvin Drewel, Eureka MO; Diane Hayden, Overland Park KS	51.53%	9	8		Carolyn Vanek, Springfield IL; Marilyn Stoces, Chesterfield 53.47%
		2	Irene Hommert, Kirkwood MO; Susan Lloyd, St Louis MO	50.83%		9		Marilyn Waggoner, Highland; Rose Yarbrough, Collinsville IL 52.92%
		3	Karen Crebs - Clare Chapman, St Louis MO	50.56%				

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

Single Session

7 PM

.0 Tables

A	B	C		
2.53	1	1	1	Dan Waeltermann - Mike Schneider, Florissant MO 66.96%
1.90	2	2		Mary Birkelund - Ole Birkelund, Romeoville IL 58.04%
1.42	3	3	2	Dennis Whitmore - Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO 57.74%
1.07	4	4		Bruce Kannenberg, St. Louis MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO 54.46%
0.80	5	5		Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Hoog, St Louis MO 52.98%

NORTH-SOUTH

SECTION N

EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C		
1	1		Mary Birkelund - Ole Birkelund, Romeoville IL	58.04%	1	1	1	Dan Waeltermann - Mike Schneider, Florissant MO 66.96%
2	2		Bruce Kannenberg, St. Louis MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO	54.46%	2	2	2	Dennis Whitmore - Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO 57.74%
3	3		Jerry Hoog - Mary Lois Hoog, St Louis MO	52.98%	3	3		Carolyn Vanek, Springfield IL; Marilyn Stoces, Chesterfield 52.68%
4	4		Julia Bruner, Beason IL; Judy True, Wood River IL	49.70%	4	4		Cathy Galan, Ballwin MO; Margaret Boveri, Saint Louis MO 49.70%

1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM

Single Session

7 PM

20 Tables

A	B	C		
4.55	1			Eleanor & John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA 108.00
3.94	2	1		Ron Sholes, Springfield IL; Simon Sellers, Barrington IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Jim Heller, Petersburg IL 87.00
2.56	3			John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO; Joan Stein, Milwaukee WI 85.00
2.96	4	2		Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO; Roy Lewis - Daniel Spangler, Saint Peters MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO 84.00
2.22	5	3		Mary Lagu - Avinash Lagu, Carmel IN; Frank La Master - Nancy LaMaster, Indianapolis IN 73.00
1.66	6/7	4		Gilda Singer - Steve Singer, St Charles MO; Nancy Cadwell - Tom Cadwell, Saint Louis MO 69.00
0.95	6/7			Elizabeth Percich - Allyson Wolfe - Denny O'Connor - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO 69.00
2.73		5	1	Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Laurie Caylen, Memphis TN; Brian Cummins, Arlington TN; Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR 67.00
2.05			2	Jane Byram, Chatham IL; Sharon Thomas - Christopher Romaine - Martie Blazis, Springfield IL 58.00
1.54			3	George Halsey - Sharon Halsey, O Fallon IL; Scott Weber - Marianna Weber, Edwardsville IL 53.00

5th in the Series

Bridge by Phillip Alder 1-14-92

BRIDGE

1-14-92

NORTH
 ♠ A 7 6
 ♥ K 6 4 3
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ 8 7 2

WEST
 ♠ K J 10 8 4 3 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 5 3

EAST
 ♠ Q 9 5
 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 5
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ A

SOUTH
 ♠ - - -
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ K Q J 9
 ♣ K Q J 10 9 6 4

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

South West North East
 5 ♣ Pass Pass 2 ♥ Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

The fifth rubber between the espionage experts of Chaos and the government counterespionage organization, Control, started badly for Control. Maxwell Smart, Agent 86, had failed to play the right card to guarantee defeating Simon the Likable's four-heart contract. Max had a chance to level the rubber on the second deal.

After the Chief passed as dealer, Siegfried, the German who runs a prison camp and dog pound somewhere in New Jersey, opened with a weak two-bid in hearts.

This gave Max a problem. Even though his partner was a passed hand, it was still possible that they could make a slam. Yet where were all the spades? He decided to bid the contract he thought he could make: five clubs.

Simon the Likable smiled as he led the heart nine. Max won in hand with the ace and immediately led a low trump. But Siegfried won with the ace and returned a heart. Simon ruffed and cashed the diamond ace: one down.

"Oh, Max!" wailed the Chief when he saw Max's hand.

"Don't tell me I could have made five clubs, Chief."

"You could have made five clubs, Max."

The Romance of Bridge?

Of all the adjectives that can be used to describe contract bridge, "romantic" is not an expected one. In many ways, bridge is an isolating activity. What other partnering game requires one member to essentially sit out each hand while the other plays it alone? Hardly romantic.

And yet, isn't it also a unique relationship formed between partners? With each hand, we trust our own fate to our partner.

Seminal Playwright Harold Pinter and author Lady Antonia Fraser were partners in both bridge and marriage. In her memoir, "*Must You Go?*", Lady Antonia describes the thrill of the playing "strangely brilliant" bridge together, "defeating far better players". The experience inspired her to write a poem for their wedding anniversary: The most (*only?*) romantic poem about bridge we have ever read...



FOR MY PARTNER

You're my two-hearts-as-one
Doubled into game
You're my Blackwood
You're my Gerber
You're my Grand Slam, vulnerable
Doubled and redoubled
Making all other contracts
Tame.

by Antonia Fraser for her husband, Harold Pinter

November 27, 1983

A question for anyone who has partnered at bridge with their real-life partner: how has bridge mirrored and affected your personal relationship? Can bridge truly be romantic?

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THE BRIDGE WORLD

The Other Side of Bridge

Of course, like most activities, playing bridge can have its downside too. People can be cruel, and in some company newcomers or inexperienced players might need a thick skin (or the fortitude to look for a different group to play with). A famous playwright once expressed his opinion of partner's skills by asking when that unfortunate had learned to play. "I know it was today," the writer explained, "but what time today?" When George Plimpton, who was renowned for dabbling in a wide variety of activities with experts--his first book was *Paper Lion*, in which he described his attempt to practice with professional football players--, tried to survive a bridge game with masters, he became so flustered that he could not even distribute the cards correctly. "Look, the #\$\$^\$!&* doesn't even know how to deal" offered one of the group. Even experts are subject to criticism, sometimes lighthearted and sometimes not. Once, when his opponents in a world-championship match took an unusually long time to act, the late Lee Hazen remarked, "I was a young man when this deal began."

Traditionally, the stereotypical characteristic of bridge players is their monomaniacal dedication to the game. A well-known cartoon by Webster shows a fire-fighter on a ladder at a window from which heavy smoke is pouring. A voice from inside the room asks that someone not directly involved in the game be taken first. No doubt there are "bridge widows" much as there are "golf widows," but the term is not heard much, perhaps because women are as likely to become fascinated by bridge as are men. Alfred Sheinwold, who wrote extensively about bridge throughout his lifetime, when asked whether men or women were better players, answered "both." This was not merely a diplomatic exit from a potentially embarrassing situation; it was the truth. By way of explanation, Sheinwold noted that at the very highest levels most of the best players are men; they dominate championship events that are open to both sexes. But at all other levels women are more successful. In particular, most wives play better than their husbands (though very few husbands would admit it, or even believe it).



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

What could be more apt in an election year?



This Week's Events

Zero Tolerance Policy is in place!

Sunday, August 12

SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED B/C/D	2 Sessions, Play Through*	10:30 AM
BRACKETED KO 5 continued	Sessions 3 & 4 of 4	10:30 AM & TBA
2-SESSION FAST PAIRS	2 Sessions**	10:30 AM & TBA**
* finishes by 6 PM	** finishes by 5 PM	

KOs bracketed by MPs 1st round , thereafter by record; open to teams of 4, 5, or 6 players. Swiss Teams also may have 4 to 6 players; a player must play at least 50% of the matches . All stratification by Average MPs in all events. Eligibility for Flighted Events based on highest MP player. Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 750/2000/2000+. Strata-Flighted events: A = 3000+, A/X = 0-3000; B/C/D = 300/750/2000. Gold Point Events in ALL CAPS. 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs pays gold for section tops in 300-750. Under 200 MP events stratified: 20/100/200. Players can play in 1 or more games of a Side series; must play in 2 games of same Side Game Series for gold.

The Court Martial Trial of Oswald Jacoby

by Myron L. Gordon,
Senior Judge, Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointed for life by President Lyndon B. Johnson to term beginning 1967

Oswald Jacoby was surely one of the brightest stars in the history of bridge. However, many of his admirers do not know that he was prosecuted and stood trial for his conduct in connection with card games. I was the lawyer who defended him.

The time was 1944; the place was Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Lieutenant Commander Jacoby was on duty there as a member of the Navy's intelligence section. Admiral Chester Nimitz was the commander of all the Naval forces in the Pacific theater of operations during World War II. Jacoby and I were both under his jurisdiction. It was Admiral Nimitz's decision to order Jacoby to face a military court martial on two charges: (1) the crime of gambling and (2) conduct unbecoming an officer and gentlemen.

The charge of gambling stemmed from Jacoby's arranging poker games for naval officers who had returned to Pearl Harbor after long periods of bombing Japanese controlled islands in the Pacific. Jacoby would readily plead guilty to the gambling charge, but he refused to accept the validity of the accusation of "conduct unbecoming". There was never any suggestion or slightest hint that Jacoby had cheated anyone in the games. He won more frequently because of his inherent skill in playing cards. Although gambling is technically prohibited by Navy regulations, everyone wholly ignores that restriction. I have never heard of any other prosecution for gambling. Both officers and enlisted personnel regularly play card games for money and they would be shocked to learn it was punishable.

"Conduct unbecoming an officer" is an ambiguous charge, and generally relates to acts which bring disgrace to the Navy. Most servicemen would laugh at the thought that playing cards for money is some type of disgraceful conduct.

The court martial proceedings were held before seven high-ranking officers, five of whom were admirals or generals. All were regular career Navy men, although Jacoby (and I) were reserve officers. It was an imposing tribunal and a bit heavy for this 27-year-old lieutenant (senior grade). I met regularly with Jacoby during the weeks before the trial. I found Jacoby very intent upon his insistence on fighting the "conduct unbecoming" charge with vigor. We found it helpful to call officers familiar with naval prosecutions who would be available to attest their legal opinion that Jacoby's demeanor had no proximity to unbecoming conduct. We also sought out officers who had participated in the games who would comment that the games were wholesome and honest.

The trial lasted two full days. The prosecutors' evidence was that the games involved high stakes and that some players lost large sums. There was testimony that Jacoby organized the poker games, a fact that Jacoby admitted when he gave his testimony, but he went on to explain that it was arranged because the other players requested it. Jacoby acknowledged that as a professional actuary he had a good grasp of the game, that the "pots" were sometimes sizeable, and that he won more often than he lost.

The members of the court martial retired after hearing all the evidence and arguments of counsel. They returned a unanimous verdict finding him guilty of gambling and imposed a fine of \$200.00. They acquitted him of the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer.

Jacoby was delighted with the result. The punishment was very light and it demonstrated that these seasoned officers on the court were experienced in the way military personnel spent some of their leisure time and money. To put it another way, the judges used their common sense.

Another regulation of the Navy is that the judges in a court martial are to exercise their judgment without fear of any reprisal as to their own careers. Nevertheless, Admiral Nimitz was so disturbed by the verdict that he entered a formal reprimand in the record of each of the seven members of the court.

My client thanked me for my legal services and, as my fee, presented me with an autographed copy of his book entitled *Jacoby on Poker*. My more thrilling "fee" consisted of getting to play bridge with him five or six times during the weeks we were together preparing for the trial.