

August 14-20  Hi 96°F  Low 75°F Daily Bulletin

Eclipse Monday  **Gateway to the West Regional**

Thanks, Pat, for our Photo Collages!



Pursuing creative excellence is not a one-time job. For Pat Corich, it's a way of life! Great job done early mornings all week. We loved seeing all our faces in your collages! Thanks, too, to photographers Mary Dolan, Jane & Chuck Ettelson, and Phyllis Siegel who roamed the rooms and halls and got us to smile!!! With love, Your Editor



**August 13-19, 2018**

**Come back and join us same week next August.**



**Last Chance for Registration Gift & To Pick Up Your Section Top Awards**

Today from 10:00 – 10:20 AM before the Swiss Team session begins, and 30 minutes after the sessions end, will be the **last opportunity to pick up your convention card holder and section top awards. No prizes will be mailed.**

**THANK YOU**

**Caddies & Directors!**



THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.  
the police officers & firefighters fund

**Charity Pairs Series Raises \$1K This Week**

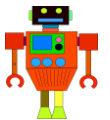
BackStoppers will receive the \$1000 that you helped us raise in the Saturday morning Charity Open Pairs Game and the Tuesday Swiss.

**8th Annual Backstoppers Charity Pro Am Game: Bidding Ends at 10 AM Today!**

Sunday, September 10, 1 PM, St. Louis Bridge Center

**Bid on a Pro! Poster in Main Hallway**

Moved to the Bridge Center to accommodate generous demand. Since 2010, this event has raise **over \$50,000** as a safety net for the spouses and dependent children of police officers, firefighters, and EMTs who have lost their lives or suffered a catastrophic injury performing their duty. 2010 \$3.5k, 2011 \$4.8k, 2012 \$6.3k, 2013 \$7.1k, 2014 \$7.4k, 2015 \$9.6k, 2016 \$12.7k. Thanks, Chuck Starovasnik & Barbara Reed!



**Robbie the Robot**

Last Christmas I was overjoyed when Mabel bought me something I have always wanted but could not afford: *my own robot!* I named it "Robbie" and spent hours studying the manuals and learning to use it. Everything worked great, but there was one thing that puzzled me. The instructions said nothing about the three buttons on Robbie's chest.

The first button said "Genius." I pressed it and was totally dumfounded as Robbie spoke, "In the General Theory of Relativity, what is the relationship between inertial and gravitational mass?"

Say what? You've got to be kidding! I could see Mabel must have spent some big bucks on this thing. I quickly moved along to the second button which said "Normal" and pressed it. Robbie paused for a few moments and then asked, "In Euclidean Geometry what are the five platonic solids?" Darn! I learned that in high school, but I just couldn't remember them all. Oh, well; I was *almost* normal. I noticed the third button was labeled "Useless" and out of curiosity I pressed it. Wow! My eyes lit up fast as Robbie began, "You hold ace fifth, king-jack fourth..."

**Today's Events**

<b>199er Pairs, Single Sessions</b>	<b>2 Sessions</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; 2:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY FAST PAIRS finish by 5:00 PM</b>	<b>2 Sessions</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; TBA over by 5pm</b>
<b>SATURDAY-SUNDAY KNOCKOUT 5, cont.</b>	<b>Sessions 3 &amp; 4 of 4</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; TBA</b>
<b>2-Session BRACKETED SWISS (0-3000) </b>	<b>Play Through</b>	<b>10:00 AM over by 5:30 PM</b>
<b>2-Session A/X/Y SWISS (0-4000/6000/6000+) </b>	<b>Play Through</b>	<b>10:00 AM over by 5:30 PM</b>

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

## Competing & Sacrificing

by Richard Pavlicek

Competitive auctions bring excitement to the bridge table. You will usually get a poor score if you fail to compete; or if you compete too much. Knowing exactly how high to bid on every deal is an impossible task — even experts have to guess sometimes. This lesson explains some important guidelines to follow to improve your competitive bidding.

### Partscore Competition

When neither side has the clear majority of high-cards — each side holds 18-22 HCP — it is common for both sides to be in the bidding. The continuing problem is whether to keep bidding or to sell out to the opponents. If your side has already raised a suit, generally you should compete for *as many tricks as your side has trumps*. I would fine-tune this strategy by suggesting two rules:

Compete to the three level with a nine-card trump fit, or with an unbalanced hand.

♠ A 2  
♥ K J 8 7 6  
♦ K Q 4  
♣ 8 4 3



♠ 9 4 3  
♥ Q 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ A J 10 5

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♥	

East competes to 3♥ because he knows his side holds nine trumps. If East did not bid 3♥, West should pass 2♠.

♠ A K 9 7 6  
♥ Q 8  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ 5 4 3



♠ Q 5 4 B  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ A Q 8 6

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West and East each have balanced hands and minimal trump length so it is wise to sell out. Note that 3♥ is likely to fail.

Compete to the four level with a 10-card trump fit or with exciting shape such as 5-5 or 6-4.

♠ A 8 3  
♥ J 3 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A J 8 6 5



♠ K 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ Q 8 6 3  
♣ Q 9 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♣			

West expects a 10-card club fit because a minor-suit raise typically shows five.

♠ 9 7 6  
♥ Q 10 8 3  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ K J 8



♠ 3 B B s B  
♥ K 4  
♦ K J 8 7 4 3  
♣ A 9 7 6

West	North	East	South
3♦	1♠	2♦	2♠
	3♠	4♦	

East competes to 4♦ because of his 6-4 shape. If this goes down one, it is likely that 3♠ would have made.

If your side has *not* raised a suit, the strategy is more liberal:

Compete to the three level if you expect an eight-card fit, or to the four level with a nine-card fit.

♠ A 9 8 7 6  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ K Q 10 2  
♣ 2



♠ 5 2  
♥ J 9 7 5  
♦ J 9 8 4  
♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1 NT	2♣
2♦	3♣	3♦	

East competes to 3♦ because he knows of the diamond fit. Note that West would not know of the fit without East's raise.

♠ K Q J 9 7 6  
♥ A 2  
♦ 5 4 2  
♣ K 3



♠ 4  
♥ 9 7 3  
♦ A J 8 7 3  
♣ Q 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1 NT	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West should not bid 3♠ because he has already shown six and East would have competed to 3♠ with a doubleton.

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### Competitive Game Tries

If partner has raised your suit And your right-hand opponent bids, it is impractical to use a bid in the raised suit as a game try — else how could you compete? Most good partnerships have these agreements:

**Any bid in the raised suite is competitive (not a game try.)**

♠ 3 2 ♥ A K J 10 8 ♦ K 10 6 5 ♣ 3 2		♠ A J 7 6 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ Q 9 7 2 ♣ J 7	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">West</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">North</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">East</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">1 ♥</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">2 ♣</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">2 ♥</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">3 ♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">3 ♥</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♣	3 ♥			
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A new suit bid is a game try.  
 This is *forcing* and it may not be a real suit. Partner should return to the raised suit with a minimum; or bid game with a maximum.

The new-suit game try is artificial and should be alerted to the opponents.

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West improvises 3 ♣ (artificial) to try for game, because 3 ♥ would be competitive. East has a maximum so he accepts.

♠ A J 7 3 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A J 10 2		♠ K Q 9 8 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 9 2 ♣ K 7 5 3	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">West</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">North</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">East</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">1 ♣</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">1 ♠</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">2 ♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">2 ♠</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">3 ♦</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">3 ♥</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">3 ♠</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠	3 ♦	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠			
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East must bid 3 ♥ (artificial) to try for game, and West rejects by returning to the agreed trump suit.

### High Level Decisions

When both sides have a trump fit, the bidding sometimes gets to the four or five level very quickly — usually because of extreme distribution around the table. Assuming the high cards are about evenly divided (18-22 for each side), it is difficult to gauge which side can make what. In many cases, *each side* can make its contract if the distribution is wild enough.

What to do? I would be guessing like anyone else, but experience has shown the following general advice to be sound:

In a “pressure situation” tend to bid one level higher than you normally would if necessary to buy the contract.

If the enemy competes further, let them play it. (Double only if you expect a two-trick set.)

♠ 3 ♥ K Q 9 7 5 ♦ K Q 9 7 2 ♣ A 3		♠ 8 4 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ A 8 6 4 ♣ J 8 4 2	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">West</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">North</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">East</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">1 ♥</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">1 ♠</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">2 ♥</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">4 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 5px;">5 ♥</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥			
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5 ♥															

West normally would bid 4 ♥ so the push to 5 ♥ is justified under pressure. This time 5 ♥ will be set, but there is a good chance the opponents would have made 4 ♠.

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West normally would compete to 4 ♣ (based on the known 9+ card fit and not having raised clubs) so he wings it to 5 ♣ under pressure. Note that 5 ♣ will make if the spade finesse works; and if it loses, the opponents probably could make 4

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### Sacrifice Bids

Until now it was assumed the high cards were about evenly divided. Another case is a "sacrifice bid," a *deliberate overbid* when opponents have most of the high cards and you expect them to make game.

When making a sacrifice bid, you should expect to be doubled and the penalty should be lower than the score your opponents would have made. Sacrifice bids are most attractive at *favorable* vulnerability (only the opponents are vulnerable) since you can afford to be set three tricks (minus 500) if the opponents have a game. At *equal* vulnerability, you can afford to be set two tricks. At *unfavorable* vulnerability sacrifice bids are almost nonexistent.

When considering a sacrifice bid, it is usually impossible to know exactly how many tricks you can win; or even if the opponents can make their contract. Some guesswork is required. Here are several tips.

Sacrifice bids are likely to be profitable when you have a 10-card or greater trump fit and an unbalanced hand.

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East expects a 10-card fit so he takes the sacrifice, which is likely a gainful venture (down three) despite West's terrible hand. If one of East's diamonds were a spade, he should pass because then his hand would be balanced.

Do not sacrifice if you have made a weak bid — it is up to your partner to decide whether or not to sacrifice.

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Despite the favorable vulnerability, West should not bid 5 ♥ because he has made a weak bid. East becomes the captain and also passes because of the balanced shape. There is a good chance to beat 4 ♠.

Once you decide to sacrifice, do so immediately. Do not wait for the opponents to reach their final contract.

None Vul		♠ J 10 2 ♥ A J 10 6 4 ♦ J 10 7 2 ♣ 4	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">West</td> <td style="width: 25%;">North</td> <td style="width: 25%;">East</td> <td style="width: 25%;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3 ♦</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Dbl</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5 ♦</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	3 ♦	Dbl	5 ♦	
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East anticipates the opponents will bid game in spades or clubs so he exerts the maximum pressure (routine at any vulnerability except unfavorable). Note the opponents can make at least 5 ♠.

If the opponents bid over your sacrifice (instead of doubling), it is usually wise to pass. Be content that you pushed them up.

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Once the sacrifice is taken in 4 ♠, the best chance for a good score is to pass and hope you can defeat 5 ♥ (no matter what the vulnerability). If you bid on to 5 ♠ it would defeat the purpose of the 4 ♠ bid.

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# SATURDAY'S RESULTS

## FRI-SAT MORNING SWISS TEAM 2

## FINAL

17 Tables					
A	B	C			
9.45	1		John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Susan Perez, Maryland Hgts MO; James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI		151.00
7.09	2		Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO; Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO		141.00
5.64	3	1	Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass - Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN		117.00
4.23	4	2	Estella Lau - Carol Layton, Saint Louis MO; Jan Potts, Chestefield MO; John Bondurant, Memphis TN		108.00
2.93	5/6	3/4	Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Roseann Stice, East Alton IL; Mark Ziegelman - Ken Schwartz, Saint Louis MO		105.00
2.93	5/6	3/4	Leon McCarty - Chris Buck, Hurdland MO; Robert Murphy -Kathleen Kelly, Englewood CO		105.00
2.34	5	2	Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO; Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO; Jerry Hoog, Chesterfield MO; David Stein, Carlyle IL		100.00
1.76		3	Stuart Ray - Connie Noel - Kay Omanson - Ann Brown, Louisville KY		85.00

## 1-SESSION STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS, CHARITY GAME FINAL

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION F		EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1	1		Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO	57.92%	1	1	Alice Faintich, Crozet VA; Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO	56.67%	
2	2	1	John Levis - Barbie Freund, Saint Louis MO	57.50%	2	2	Donna Compton - Kay Moran, Dallas TX	55.42%	
		2	Lauretta Weimer, Fenton MO; Wallace Burton, Festus MO	47.92%			1	Mary Jo Wilson - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO	52.92%
6.0 Tables									
A	B	C							
4.67	1	1	Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO	57.92%					
3.50	2	2	John Levis - Barbie Freund, Saint Louis MO	57.50%					
2.63	3	3	Alice Faintich, Crozet VA; Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO	56.67%					
1.97	4	4	Donna Compton - Kay Moran, Dallas TX	55.42%					
1.61		2	Mary Jo Wilson - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO	52.92%					
1.20		3	Lauretta Weimer, Fenton MO; Wallace Burton, Festus MO	47.92%					

## REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 3

## FINAL

35.75 Tables / Based on 17 Tables			
8.27	1/2	Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	120.08%
8.27	1/2	Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN	120.08%
5.32	3	Rose Morrison, Saint Louis MO	119.01%
4.27	4/5	Linda Mize, Florissant MO	118.14%
4.27	4/5	Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hgts MO	118.14%
2.70	6	Gail Hawkins, Creve Coeur MO	113.77%
4.01	7/8	J Ann Bouchard, Columbia MO	113.45%
4.01	7/8	Jeanie Pearson, Columbia MO	113.45%
1.91	9	Tammy Keltner, Highland IL	111.65%

## REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 3

## Session 3 of 4

## 1 PM

15.5 Tables				
A	B	C		
4.93	1		Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO; Peggy Stewart, Ballwin MO	69.40%
3.70	2		Beryl Shapiro - Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO	69.26%
3.79	3	1	Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Jeff Eisenberger, Chesterfield MO	63.16%
3.03	4		Milt Van Reed, Terre Haute IN; Joanna Hebermehl, Paris IL	63.13%
2.84	5	2	Kathleen Kelly - Robert Murphy, Englewood CO	59.23%
2.30	6	3	Mary Fort - Susan Hall, Saint Louis MO	58.25%
1.60		4	Robert Harris - Richard Booker, Columbia MO	54.61%
1.20		5	Elaine Sigler - Ray Sigler, Highland IL	53.58%
1.36		6	Christopher Shaw Jr, Carlinville IL; William Logan Jr Springfield IL	51.92%
1.73		2	Beth Curtis - Allan Curtis, Saint Louis MO	49.84%
1.29		3	Michael Morrice, Saint Louis MO; Jayne Costanzo, Glen Carbon IL	49.62%
0.97		4	Raymond Laythe, Waterloo IL; Estella Lau, Saint Louis MO	47.77%

## REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 3

## Session 4 of 4

## 7 PM

5.5 Tables				
A	B	C		
3.03	1		Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN	68.64%
2.27	2		Matthew Dyer - Barry Holt, Chicago IL	56.39%
1.70	3		Mark Ehret - Nancy Keefer, Saint Louis MO	55.60%
1.28	4		Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	54.17%bbbbbbbbbbbbbb
SECTION H				
A	B	C		
1			Richard Brummer, Effingham IL; Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet TN	68.64%
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3			Mark Ehret - Nancy Keefer, Saint Louis MO	55.60%
4			Allison L Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL; Allyson Wolfe, Saint Louis MO	54.17%
1			Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN; Mike Arnheim, Saint Louis MO	52.50%

## Meet The Maloney Family

The Maloney family is from Champaign, IL. Grandfather and grandson, Alex and John, played together on Thursday and won gold in Open Pairs, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in B Tuesday afternoon in their section. They were joined by son and daughter-in-law and played team game on Friday.





# SATURDAY'S RESULTS

## 2-SESSION SATURDAY BAROMETER PAIRS

13.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables

22.75	1	James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	73.41%
17.06	2	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	65.38%
12.80	3	Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	64.63%
9.60	4	Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	61.14%
7.58	5	Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS	60.57%
6.50	6	Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	60.54%
5.69	7	William Muir - Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO	59.08%
5.06	8	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX	58.32%
5.13	9	Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL	57.55%
4.14	10	Milton Zlatic - Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO	56.73%
3.79	11	En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO	56.54%

## OVERALLS

1 PM

## A/X Open Pairs Qualifier

### NORTH-SOUTH

1	Deborah Avery, Champaign IL; Martha Leary, Urbana IL
2	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM
3	William Muir - Victoria Muir, Kansas City MO
4	Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
5	En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO
6	Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS
7	Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO; Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO
8	Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN
9	Jill Burtram - Mary Udell, Albuquerque NM

### SECTIONS K L

60.46%
59.91%
59.59%
56.97%
56.10%
55.12%
53.16%
52.72%
52.29%

### EAST-WEST

1	Elizabeth Wachowicz - Zenon Wachowicz, Buffalo Grove IL	60.68%
2	Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO	58.39%
3	Jon Nance - Richard Bender, Springfield MO	57.84%
4	Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	55.77%
5	James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	55.66%
6	Linda Trent, Fullerton CA; Thomas Dressing, Buffalo Grove IL	53.92%
7	Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	53.81%
8	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX	53.59%
9	Judy Riehs - David Langer, Buffalo Grove IL	52.72%

### NORTH-SOUTH

1	James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
2	Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO
3	Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL
4	Milton Zlatic - Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO
5	Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN

### SECTION K

68.91%
57.21%
56.57%
56.25%
52.88%

### EAST-WEST

1	Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	59.29%
2	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	58.17%
3	Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS	56.41%
4	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO	55.29%
5	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX	55.13%

## BAROMETER Finals

7 PM

### NORTH-SOUTH

1	James Melville, Springfield IL; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
2	Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO
3	Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL
4	Milton Zlatic - Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO
5	Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN

### SECTION K

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### EAST-WEST

1	Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV	59.29%
2	Cindy Harris - Joe Harris, Albuquerque NM	58.17%
3	Chuck Malcolm - Marti Malcolm, Olathe KS	56.41%
4	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; C Lee Hastings, Saint Louis MO	55.29%
5	Barry Margolin, Arlington MA; Bryan Morgan, Dallas TX	b55.13%

## 2-SESSION SATURDAY B, C, D OPEN PAIRS

19.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

	A	B	C	
9.19	1			Terry Goodykoontz, Tolono IL; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL
6.89	2			Veena Uberoi, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Berger, Chesterfield MO
5.17	3	1		Gary Hargrove, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Maxedon, Fairview Hgts IL
3.88	4			J Alex Maloney - John Maloney, Champaign IL
3.06	5			Jay Shah, Saint Louis MO; R Dian Barker, Alton IL
3.06	6			Van Stone, Geneva IL; John Pree, Campton Hills IL
2.76	7	2		Janet Wintermute - Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO
2.14	8			Robert Griffin, Saint Louis MO; Egon Diekhoff, Maryland Hgts MO
2.07	9	3		Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Lisa Eisenstein, Chesterfield MO
1.67	10			Therese Koller, Pueblo CO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO
1.88		4		Anne Smith - Larz Smith, Colleyville TX
1.68		5		Regina Schlueter - Ken Schlueter, Ferguson MO
1.05		6		Linda Mize, Florissant MO; Karen Pahunski, Saint Louis MO

## OVERALLS

61.22%
58.35%
58.06%
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55.47%
55.46%
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## 2-SESSION SATURDAY B, C, D OPEN PAIRS

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1 PM

## 2-SESSION SATURDAY B, C, D OPEN PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS I J		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			Veena Uberoi, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Berger, Chesterfield MO	63.07%	1	Jay Shah, Saint Louis MO; R Dian Barker, Alton IL
2	1		Janet Wintermute - Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO	58.88%	2	Terry Goodykoontz, Tolono IL; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL
3			J Alex Maloney - John Maloney, Champaign IL	56.13%	3	Doris Schwartz, Chesterfield MO; Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO
4			Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO; Steven Hakanson, Berkely MO	56.00%	4	Gary Hargrove, Walnut Creek CA; Richard Maxedon, Fairview Hgts IL
5	2		Anne Smith - Larz Smith, Colleyville TX	54.96%	5	Don McLean, Saint Louis MO; Alice Faintich, Crozet VA
6	3		Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL	53.40%	6	Leon McCarty - Chris Buck, Hurdland MO
7	4		Sean McCracken, Ballwin MO; Michael Mitra, Chesterfield MO	52.59%	7	Walter Galvin - Nancy Galvin, Saint Louis MO
8	5		Delaine Boyd, Manchester MO; Michael Kelly, Washington MO	51.56%	8	Therese Koller, Pueblo CO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO
6			Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Michael Pierce, Saint Louis MO	50.65%	3	Michael Schneider, Wentzville MO; Dan Waeltermann, Saint Charles MO
					4	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Lisa Eisenstein, Chesterfield MO

7 PM

64.54%
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# SATURDAY'S RESULTS

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY KO 4

## FINAL

### Bracket 1 9 Tables

40.39 1 Stephen McConnell, Evanston IL; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Dick Bruno, Des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX  
 28.27 2 Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Jonathan Weinstein, Saint Louis MO; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS; Don Stack, Kansas City KS  
 16.16 3/4 Karen Walker - James Ward, Champaign IL; Tod Moses - Nancy Popkin - Alan Popkin, Saint Louis MO; William Doroshow, Skokie IL  
 16.16 3/4 Kimberly Whipple, Boca Grande FL; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL; Cookie Potter, Sunset Beach CA; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Shan Huang, Toronto ON

### Bracket 2 11 Tables

16.60 1 Linda Key, O Fallon IL; Charles Keltner, Highland IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL; Joanne Vollmer, Saint Libory IL  
 11.62 2 William Davis - Craig Cooke, Chesterfield MO; Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO  
 6.64 3/4 Dorota Jarosz - Krzysztof Jarosz, Grantham NH; Barbara Azzam - Farid Azzam, Chesterfield MO  
 6.64 3/4 John Welte, Ballwin MO; Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Steve Singer - Gilda Singer, Saint Charles MO

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY KO 5

## Cancelled

## Saturday 199er Pairs Afternoon 1 PM

14.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.98	1	1		Jack Brennan, Chesterfield MO; Eugene Gabianelli, Saint Louis MO	63.07%
2.24	2	2		Mary Menousek, Kirkwood MO; Linda Patterson, Des Peres MO	59.47%
1.68	3			Lisa Lampen, Saint Louis MO; Carolyn Coffin, Chesterfield MO	58.90%
1.31	4	3		Carol Wagner, Ballwin MO; Suzette McPhail, Chesterfield MO	58.14%
0.94	5			Judy Neel - Anita Castagna, Belleville IL	57.20%
1.04	6			Ken Deutch - Diane Deutch, Saint Louis MO	56.44%
0.86		4/5		Bertram Risch, Saint Louis MO; Reuben Rigel, Wildwood MO	56.25%
0.86		4/5		Mary Smith, Kirkwood MO; Elizabeth Mayer, Webster Groves MO	56.25%
0.55		6		Deborah Matson, Saint Louis MO; Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO	55.68%

## Saturday 199er Pairs Evening

## 7 PM

5 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.86	1			William Thompson, Ballwin MO; Kelly White, Saint Louis MO	66.10%
1.52	2	1		Bob Schaefer, Chesterfield MO; Ken Obrecht, Saint Louis MO	63.60%
1.14	3	2		Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO; Deborah Matson, Saint Louis MO	62.90%
0.78	4			Barbie Freund - Judith Glaser, Saint Louis MO	52.12%

## SATURDAY EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM

## FINAL

11 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.92	1			Susan Perez, Maryland Hgts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL	87.00
2.94	2			Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Rockford IL; Rosanne Schabinger, Mount Prospect IL; Susan Finkelman, Glenview IL	59.00
2.61	3	1	1	Jerry Kraemer - John Kraemer, Ballwin MO; Jerry Cline, Chesterfield MO; Marilyn Bogacki, Wildwood MO	56.00
1.96	4	2		Chuck Ettelson - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; Michael Sherberg - Simeon Prager, Olivette MO	55.00



## The Great American Eclipse

# Everything You Need to Know about the Aug. 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse

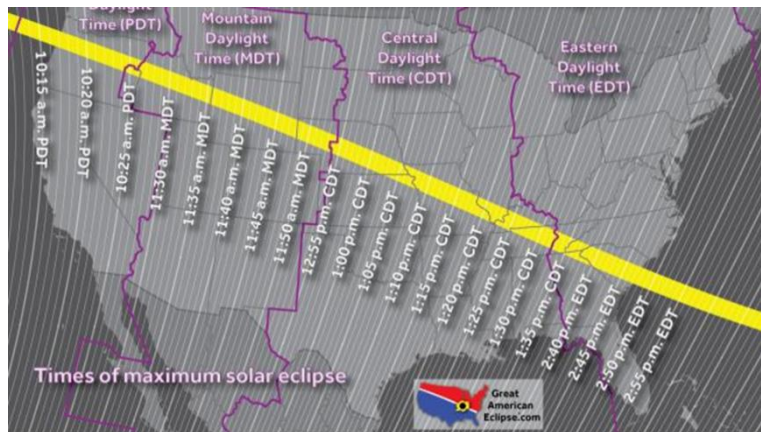
St. Louis area residents and visitors are in for a real treat on August 21, 2017. We think you've made a good choice to be here in St. Louis at the Gateway to the West Regional and plan to stay over for Monday. Local enthusiasm will be hard to match in other destinations along the path.

Just after 1pm tomorrow, the Moon will get between the Earth and the Sun and cast a shadow over Earth. Darkness will fall in the middle of the day. Planets and stars may appear. The temperature could drop up to 5° F. Animals and insects may behave like nightfall has set. (One thing you will **not** want to do when watching the eclipse is bring your pets.)

You may think you have seen a "total" solar eclipse before, but chances are you have not. Most likely you saw a "partial" eclipse like the one that just occurred in 2014. The last total solar eclipse occurred in St. Louis in the year **1442** (*not a typo*). 12 states and 12 million people live directly within the path of totality. Missouri ranks #1 in of the states in the path with 3.4 million of its residents living directly in the path of totality. St. Louis has 1.6 million residents living within the path of totality and is tied with Nashville for the most number of residents living directly within the path.

The August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse **is a big deal** for a number of reasons. This will be the first total solar eclipse to touch the United States since the 1990s when one occurred on Hawaii, and the first to cover it coast-to-coast since 1918! The Moon's shadow will pass across the Pacific Ocean onto the coast of Oregon, and then proceed to fall across all North America (as Earth rotates), finally entering the Atlantic Ocean on the South Carolina border. Many are calling this the "Great American Eclipse."

It is even a bigger deal if you happen to be in the right spot to view a total solar eclipse. Whereas a lunar eclipse is visible for hours by the entire night side of the world, a total solar eclipse can only be experienced in the narrow path of Earth's surface where the Moon's shadow happens to fall. In Missouri, the eclipse path will start in St. Joseph, pass over Columbia and Jefferson City, De Soto and finally head into Illinois at Cape Girardeau. Unfortunately, the Moon's shadow will only be 70 miles wide which means that not all of St. Louis is in the path of totality. But all of St. Louis is within easy driving distance to experience this life time event.



## Explaining a Total Solar Eclipse an Easy To Understand Photo



Photo courtesy NASA; R. Durscher

The whole continent of North America will experience a partial eclipse lasting two to three hours. Halfway through the event, anyone within a 60-70 mile-wide path from Oregon to South Carolina will experience a total eclipse. The zone where the light from the Sun is completely blocked by the Moon is actually pretty narrow, and that's called the path of totality, and it's only about 70 miles wide-- and runs right through parts of St. Louis.

It's never exactly the same track, because the Moon's and Earth's orbits don't align exactly, and the Earth is rotating (turning) underneath all this at the same time. The path of totality for this solar eclipse starts in Oregon, passes across the middle of Missouri, and ends in South Carolina. In Missouri, the narrow path of totality includes the northern part of Kansas City, and the southern half of St. Louis. Boise, ID, Carbondale, IL, and Tallahassee, FL are the top three viewing locations in the country.

## Best Places To Watch It in Missouri

St. Louis will experience around **1.5 minutes of totality**.

But you only need to travel a few miles outside of St. Louis (to the south) to get to the centerline, and experience the full 2.5 minutes.

The closest place to view a total eclipse is by going south on I-55 near Jefferson Barracks."

**Jefferson Barracks Park is holding a big eclipse watch event.**  
More to follow...





## **The Great American Eclipse - *continued***



### **Eye Protection: How to View the Sun with Solar Eclipse Glasses**

Eye protection during the eclipse is very important. As totality approaches and more and more of the sun gets covered by the moon, it will be tempting to look at the sun. Although it is starting to get dark outside, the smaller slivers of the sun that are still visible around the edge of the moon are still at full brightness. Those tiny points of light around the edge of the moon can still damage your eyes if you stare at them for very long.

According to the High Point Science Company, you should turn your body towards the direction of the Sun unless it is high overhead, in which case, it doesn't matter which direction you turn. Put the Solar Glasses on, and make sure both earpieces are tucked behind your ears securely. If your hair is long, make sure it lays over the earpiece, not under it. Once your eclipse glasses are secure, look up at the Sun. Keep in mind that you will see NOTHING until the Sun hits the "lens" portion of your glasses. **Do NOT 'peek' outside your glasses** if you do not see the Sun right away," warns the company on their website. Sometimes this takes a little practice, but you will find the Sun, You must not look at the Sun, even for a second, without the protection of your solar glasses!"

### **Enjoy the Eclipse Without Looking Up**

There are many who are interested but who would prefer not to look up at it. You can still experience the eclipse by going outside and seeing it gradually grow dark and in certain areas, full darkness, then gradually getting light. The television stations will show it so don't feel bad if you are reluctant or unable to get outside and look up. The 2017 eclipse will be an amazing event and everyone should enjoy it in the manner that is best for them.

### **A Cool App to Get for The Eclipse: Solar Eclipse Timer "The Most User-Friendly Eclipse Timing App Available."**

To download the app for Apple

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/solar-eclipse-timer/id1203105865?mt=8>

To download the app on Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.foxwoodastronomy.solareclipsetimer>

Animals could go crazy because they get confused with the sudden darkness at the wrong time of the day. Animals think night is coming; the most common observation for people is hearing crickets going crazy. But chickens will go back to roost. Crickets could start chirping during the eclipse because they think it's night. The say that grazing animals stop feeding and bees stop flying. This app warns to look for this at 8 minutes before totality when it starts getting dark enough that the animals sense the lighting change.

### **Where to Watch the Eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017; Traffic Expected to Be Heavy-- Allow Plenty of Time**

According to [Explore St. Louis](#) here are the lengths of time people in these towns will see totality: De Soto (2:40), St. Joseph (2:38), Hillsboro (2:39), Columbia (2:36), Festus (2:36), Jefferson City (2:28), Eureka (2:15), Farmington (2:12), Wildwood (2:00), Fenton (1:56), Cape Girardeau (1:40), Kirkwood (1:30), Chesterfield (1:24), Chesterfield (1:23), Kansas City (1:14).

### **Jefferson Barracks Park**

St. Louis County's Jefferson Barracks Park will be hosting an eclipse viewing event. According to the St. Louis County Parks Dept. the moon's shadow begins its pass over the sun at 11:49 a.m. and the total eclipse phase will be from 1:17 p.m. – 1:19 .pm. he Jefferson Barracks event will be free and open to the public and include food trucks. Here is the program timeline:

9:00 am **Gates Open** for parking

11:00 am Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

11:15 am USPS will unveil a new stamp dedicated to the eclipse (more info here)

**11:49 am Moon begins crossing the Sun**

12:45 pm Admittance into the park will cease to ensure everyone in the park can experience the eclipse

12:50 pm Sun is more than half covered

**1:17:34 pm Totality begins**

**1:18:20 pm Maximum totality**

**1:19:07 pm Totality ends**

1:45 pm Sun is more than half covered

**2:44 pm Moon finishes eclipsing the Sun**

#### **-----Helpful Links:**

**St. Louis Science Center:** <https://www.spsc.org/james-s-mcdonnell-planetarium/great-american-total-solar-eclipse/>

**Eclipse Website:** <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/MO.htm>

**Jefferson Barracks B& St. Louis County Parks Eclipse website:**

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ThingsToDo/GreatAmericanSolarEclipse>

**Explore St. Louis website about eclipse:** <https://explorestlouis.com/discover/2017-total-solar-eclipse/>

**The Solar Eclipse Timer App** described in this story: <http://www.solareclipsetimer.com/>