



August 11-17



Daily Bulletin

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 Chris Patrias, 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!



Late Night Hospitality

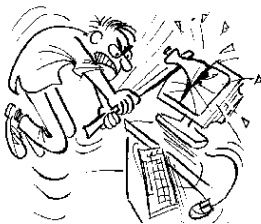
St. Louis offers tasty hospitality for all after each evening session. Join us tonight and talk over the evening's hands. Tonight's Chat & Snack is jumbo cookies & fudge brownies.



Pair Games to Feature Pre-Duplicated Boards

Unit 143 is proud to offer preduplicated boards for all pair games. This means you don't have to duplicate boards from hand records...and you still will be able to see the hands with hand records available after the session. Preduplicated hands are not rigged, we promise! "Computer-dealt hands" are, in reality, a true random deal.

Did you know... that to create a random deal manually, players must give the deck a through shuffle at **least 7 times to guarantee the cards are properly mixed!** Remember this the next time you shuffle, deal, and play.



Welcome from Our President

Welcome to our tournament and to St. Louis! We are privileged that you have chosen to spend the week playing bridge with us and thank you, as well as our local players, for your continuing support. We hope you enjoy your time at the bridge table and at our excellent St. Louis restaurants. In your free time, St. Louis offers a myriad of sightseeing opportunities to please everyone. Have fun, tell your friends, and hope to see you again next year.

Debbie Romero, Unit 143 President

Announcing New, Free Newcomers Event Today Only for Players with 0-20 Master Points

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

10 am – 12 Noon

Free Lesson

"Valuing Your Hand as Responder"

❖ Coffee and Pastries Served

1PM - 4 PM

Free & Stress-Free

Duplicate Game with Relaxed Rules

- Awards Black Masterpoints
- Trophies for Winners



This is a wonderful way to introduce your social bridge friends to duplicate bridge and to improve your own game. If you're here for the morning lesson, it's not too late to call your friends to come and play this afternoon.

Bruce will speak again this evening at 6:15 PM in the Intermediates/Newcomers Room. He will cover Opening Leads.

There will be I/N 199er Pairs Games every afternoon and evening through Sunday.



→ "If you were me how would you have played that last hand?"
➤ "Under an assumed name!"

Tonight's Events

199er Pairs
BRACKETED KNOCK OUT 1
REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 1 Pairs

For the Advancing Player
Bruce Greenspan

Single Session
Session 1 of 4 Sessions
Session 1 of 4 Single Sessions

Monday Expert Guest Speakers
"Opening Leads"

7:00 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM

I/N Room
6:15 PM

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2000/2000+, I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200, Strati-flighted Swiss: Flight A/X: 0-3000/3000+, Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2000. Barometer Pairs: Flight A Unlimited, All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events. Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player. Knockouts may be handicapped.

ZERO TOLERANCE IS IN PLACE!

Information At-A-Glance!

Welcome

The members of Greater St. Louis Unit 143 welcome you to the Gateway to the West Regional.

Your Tournament Team



Mike Carmen, Tournament Chair & Speakers



Chris Patrias, Head Director

Awards



Peggy Wald

Bid Boxes



Jay Shah

Caddies



George Hawley

Caddy Master



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Your Directing Staff



Tony Ames

Rick Beye

Donna Coker

David Cotterman



Judy Cotterman



Charles McCracken



Bob Wallace

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



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 mail hallway.

Registration

Convention Card Holder

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 gift of a *convention card holder*.



Daily Hospitality

Complimentary Parking & Free Coffee

As part of our daily hospitality, we are pleased to offer you Complimentary Coffee Service during each session Morning, Afternoon, and Evening session for 1½ hours on a daily basis beginning Monday evening. Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee will be provided. Each time you leave the parking lot you will need a ticket to open the gate. **Pick up your exit ticket** at the Director's table in the Main Playing area.



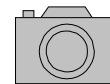
Partnership Desk

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 5 minutes before each event to allow volunteers to get to their tables. The same desk is used for ALL players in any event.



Convention Card Reminder

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



Photographer

Attention Winners! Unit 143 photographers will snap pictures of all new Life Masters, I/N winners, and all event winners in the main hallway near the Photography poster for 20' immediately after each afternoon and evening session starting Monday evening.

NEW TO USING ELECTRONIC SCORING DEVICES?



Here's Rick Beye explaining how they work. There is one scoring device on each table. After the auction, North enters the contract into a device that looks like an oversized calculator. When play is completed, North enters the result, and then hands the device to one of the opponents to verify that it is accurate. After the opponent OKs the score, it is sent via radio signal to a computer that is compatible with ACBLScore. When the final score of the session is entered, the complete results are available for printout – just as though the data had been entered by hand.



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.



Reduced Entry Fee\$

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



Awards Desk



There are First Overall trophies for ALL Intermediate/Novice event winners awarded in the playing room. Section top awards for all Pairs Events are a BPA-free 24 oz. acrylic cup and straw. Prizes will be available the day after they were earned to allow time for any scoring corrections. You can expedite collecting your Section Top Award by telling us the day, event, section letter and direction. The awards table is located in the main hallway and will be open 30' before afternoon and evening sessions Tuesday - Saturday. The awards table will also open 30' before morning sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday, the awards table will be open for 30' following the conclusion of the pairs games. The awards desk will close 15' prior to each session to allow our volunteers to get to their games. No prizes will be mailed.

Players with Non-ACBL Masterpoints

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

Hotel Information

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

Special bridge rate and Marriott Rewards program credit. High-speed internet is available in all rooms at \$9.95 or \$14.95/day with flat-screen TV with HBO, 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. Airport shuttle. Smoke-free. Pets not allowed. Check in is 3 pm, check out time is Noon.



Lost and Found

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



First Aid/Medical Service

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

Area Restaurants

Come by the Partnership desk for information on area Restaurants.



Ground Transportation

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



Bookseller

David Porris will be located in the main hallways during the Regional.



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.



ST. LOUIS GATEWAY TO THE WEST REGIONAL

For 1 year only: July 13-19, 2015



Summer NABC Aug. 6-16 Chicago, IL



NO Smoking Policy

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

Special Request

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



Area Attractions



Visit the www.unit143.org Homepage for a link for your friends and family to do in St. Louis while you are playing bridge. The top attractions are the Gateway Arch, the Clydesdales & brewery tour, the MO Botanical Garden, and the new East building galleries at the St. Louis Art Museum which opened last year. Arch trams to the top every 10 minutes, 8 am to 9pm, ticketed. Free brewery tours: Mon-Sat: 10 am - 5 pm, Sun: 11:30 am - 5 pm. The MO Botanical Garden hours are 9 am - 5 pm. with admission fee; free walking tours daily at 11am and 1pm. Art Museum hours are Tu-Sun 10am - 5pm. Fri 10am - 9pm, no admission.



Crafted Food & Spirits

Norah's Crafted Food & Spirits is an American restaurant and bar with local, seasonal recipes. Breakfast M-F 6:30 am - 11 am, Sa/Su 7am - 11 am; Lunch 11 am - 2 pm daily; Dinner 5 am - 10 pm daily. Lobby Bar brews Starbucks coffee daily from 6:30 AM - Noon. Full bar available from 2 pm - 1 am daily, with food available at the bar.



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.



Daily Bulletins & Results

Daily Bulletins will be available in the main hallway each morning. Bulletins and daily results can be found at www.unit143.org. Results will be posted online late, late, late each night. Daily Bulletins will be uploaded each morning. Contact Daily Bulletin editor and the tournament photographer in the playing area or leave a message in the News In Basket with news for the Bulletin. We love to bring you your news and photos. Winners get your photos taken. New Life Masters, give us your home town & event that put you over. We also love to recognize birthdays, engagements, and anniversaries you are celebrating here with us this week.

This Week's Events

Zero Tolerance Policy Is In Place

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLICATED BOARDS

**Monday FREE Newcomers (0-20) Event: 10:00 AM - Noon Free Lesson
1:00 – PM Stress-Free Duplicate Game with *Relaxed Rules***

Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Pairs Mon-Sat *Expert Guest Speakers* before I/N Pairs Games

Monday: 199er Pairs, Single Session	7:00 PM
Tuesday thru Saturday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday & Friday : 2-Session Gold Rush Pairs*	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

**Must play in both sessions of Gold Rush Pairs. Only play vs. other 0-750 players.
Pays Gold for Section Tops (300-750) & Overalls.*

 **Sunday: 199er Pairs, Single Sessions** 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Regional Side Game Series (Single sessions)

Series 1: Monday & Tuesday <i>Continues Tuesday</i>	Monday 7:00 PM 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Series 2: Wednesday & Thursday	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Series 3: Friday & Saturday Can play in 1 or more games of a series. Must play in at least 2 games of same series for overall gold.	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Knockout Teams (4-Session events)

Monday-Tuesday Knockout 1 <i>Continues Tuesday</i>	Monday 7:00 PM 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday Knockout 2	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday-Thursday Knockout 3	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Friday-Saturday Knockout 4	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday Knockout 5	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM, 10:30 AM & TBA

Swiss Teams (Stratified, unless noted)

Single Session Evening Swiss: Tuesday – Saturday (Wednesday Charity)	7:00 PM
2-Session Morning Swiss: Wednesday – Thursday	9:00 AM
2-Session Morning Swiss: Friday – Saturday	9:00 AM
2-Session Prime Time Thursday Swiss	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
2-Session Strati-Flighted Sunday Swiss, <i>Play through, finishes by 6:00 PM</i>	10:30 AM

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

Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Thursday Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Friday Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Friday A/X Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (<i>Charity Game</i>)	9:00 AM
Saturday Barometer Pairs (Qualifying)	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday BCD Pairs	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Stratified Events: 0-750/750-2000/2000+

I/N Pairs: Stratified 0-20/20-100/100-200

Strati-flighted Swiss: Flt A/X: 0-3000/3000+

Strat B/C/D: 0-300/300-750/750-2000

Barometer Pairs: Flt A Unlimited

All Stratifications by Average MP's in all events.

Eligibility for flighted events based on highest MP player.

Knockouts may be handicapped.