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Daily Bulletin

## Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!

### That'll Cost You...

A lady who travels the world and hasn't played any duplicate in the U.S and is carrying around all kinds of foreign currency, makes an illegal comment during the bidding and the director fines her 3 IMPs. She says: "O.K, but what's the conversion rate?"



**THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.**  
*the police officers & firefighters fund*

### 1<sup>st</sup> of Two Charity Events: Wednesday Swiss Team @ 7 PM

Unit 143 again has selected BackStoppers to receive the funds we raise during the Wednesday Evening single-session Swiss Team Game held at 7 PM. The second charity event will be the *new* single-session Open Pairs event at 9 AM Saturday.

We are supporting BackStoppers to express our appreciation in a tangible way for a life given on behalf of others. They provide needed support and financial assistance to the spouses and children of all local and county police officers, firefighters, publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs and volunteer fire protection units, who have lost their lives performing their duty.



### New Life Masters...

Find Mary to get your photo taken; then let us know the details when you go over - and where you're from!  
We'll publish new LMs right here every day.

### Remember to Register

#### Convention Card Holder

Let us know you're here! When you register, you may ask for your convention card holder, this year's *registration gift*.



### Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serious hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. Tonight is Healthy Night: Chat & Snack on Soup and Wrap Sandwich Night – the Chef's selection of soup and a wrap.



### SET YOUR ALARM...



...and join us for the 9 AM 2-Session Stratified Swiss Team events on 2 consecutive mornings: Wednesday/Thursday and Friday/Saturday mornings.



### 10 Things a Bridge Player Would Never Say

1. This club is always the right temperature, never too hot or cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A 4-board sitout.
4. No, I don't think entry fees are too high.
5. I can count on partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. Oh goodie, more new Alerts! More new alerts!
8. The thing I can say, bridge players sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, I'd rather job and work out.

### Today's Events

**199er Pairs**  
**REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 1 Pairs, continued**  
**MONDAY-TUESDAY KO 1, continued**  
**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO 2**  
**2-SESSION TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**  
**1-SESSION EVENING STRATIFIED SWISS TEAM**

**Single Sessions**  
**Single Sessions 2-4 of 4**  
**Sessions 2-4 of 4**  
**Sessions 1-2 of 4**  
**Sessions 1 & 2**  
**Single Session**

**1 PM, 7 PM**  
**9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM**  
**9 AM, 1 PM, 7 PM**  
**1 PM, 7 PM**  
**1 PM & 7 PM**  
**7 PM**

**Today's Speakers: For the Advancing Player**  
**Bruce Greenspan**  
**TBA at Press time**

**"Top Ten Tips"**

**I/N Room**  
**12:15 PM**  
**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!**

# Tuesday's Puzzles



## Sudoku

Sudoku comes to us via Japan, where the name is short of *suji wa dokushin ni kagiru*, meaning "only single numbers allowed". Fill the grid with numbers so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits from 1 to 9, without repeating. This week's puzzles are from *Sudoku Volume 3, 100 Wordless Crossword Puzzles*, presented by Will Shortz. Shortz is *the New York Times* Crossword Editor.

### Sudoku 1 - Light and Easy

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

### Sudoku 2- Moderate

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

## Bridge..... Anyone!?!?!?



This lady, Charlotte, plays very slowly. She is asked to speed it up a bit. She says: "I'm sorry, but I can't think and play bridge at the same time."

# Today's Cash Concessions



Where Main playing area

When 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Concourse Ballroom

- ♦ Italian Hoagie 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 and Cookie Bars @ \$1
- ♦ Assorted Pepsi and Coke Soft Drinks @ \$2.75
- ♦ Assorted Bottled Juices & Bottled Water @ \$2.75
- ♦ Fresh Fruit Bowl @ \$3



## Do you see a way to make 11 tricks in Spades on the Lead of the Diamond Ace?

### ALDER: BRIDGE

Comedian Steven Wright said, "I broke a mirror in my house and I'm supposed to get seven years' bad luck, but my lawyer thinks he can get me five."

In this deal, you have seven trumps and need to make five spades. West leads the diamond ace and continues with the diamond king. How would you continue from there?

The bidding is contrived to reach the desired contract. Over West's two-diamond intervention, North should have made a take-out double. East's raise was based on the favorable vulnerability. And when West jumped to five diamonds, maybe North should have doubled, although this would have resulted in only a 500-point penalty — less than the value of a vulnerable five spades.

A 4-3 fit is known as a Moysian, after Sonny Moysie Jr. He noted that a 4-3 fit will usually play well if the trumps are strong and the three-card hand has a shortage, so that ruffs can be taken there. Here, though, it is the four-trump hand with a singleton. This often

North 01-26-08			
♠ A 6 3			
♥ A K 6 2			
♦ J 7			
♣ Q 8 4 3			
West		East	
♠ 9 4		♠ 10 8 7 5	
♥ Q J 9 8		♥ 10 5	
♦ A K 10 8 6 3		♦ Q 5 4 2	
♣ 9		♣ 7 6 2	
South			
♠ K Q J 2			
♥ 7 4 3			
♦ 9			
♣ A K J 10 5			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	1 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	5 ♦	2 ♠	3 ♦
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ A			

leads to insoluble problems — but not this time.

You have 11 tricks: four spades, two hearts and five clubs. However, before you can take those side-suit winners, you must draw the opponents' trumps. That is easy if they are splitting 3-3, but 4-2 is more likely.

The pivotal play is to discard your guaranteed heart loser at trick two. You must keep four trumps to draw all of East's. Whatever West does now, you are safe. If, for example, he leads a third diamond, you ruff low on the board, overruffing East if necessary.

— Phillip Alder



## IN HISTORY

- The first public police force was formed in New Amsterdam. It consisted of ten watchmen who were paid 24 stuyvers (about fifty cents) per night. Their salaries were collected from the townspeople each month, 1658.
- Isaac Merrit Singer was granted a patent for his sewing machine, 1851
- The United States Postal system became independent, 1970
- United States ground forces in Vietnam were withdrawn, 1972

# 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



Kate Vontz

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### Hospitality



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### Partnerships & Web Results



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### Photos



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### Registration



Linda Seibert

### Restaurants



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Milt Zlatic

## Your Directing Staff

Photo Soon!



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!***

## 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.



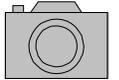
## Partnership Desk

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.



### 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.



## 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 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](http://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](http://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.

# INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

## Defensive Signals

by David Lindop

We're going to open the week by taking a look at standard defensive signals – a key aspect of the game. Every card we play as a defender gives partner some information about our hand, starting with the opening lead. If we lead the Q, for example, we are typically showing the J and denying the K, since we lead the top of touching honor cards.

If we lead the 2, we are typically showing a four-card suit, since we lead fourth best. Partner would also know we don't have a sequence in the suit, since we would have led the top of our touching cards if we held a sequence. If we are leading the 2 against a suit contract, partner can also assume that we don't hold the Ace, since we rarely, *if ever*, lead away from an Ace against a suit contract.

So we are already exchanging a lot of information on defense through the cards we lead. However, there are three basic 'signals' with which we are expected to be familiar: \*Attitude \* Count \* Suit Preference

Attitude tends to be our primary signal and it's also the first signal alphabetically. So let's start there:

### Standard Attitude Signals

When partner leads a card, we play third to the trick. Sometimes, we have no choice about which card to play. For example:

	Dummy	
	A 6 <u>5</u>	
Partner		Us
<u>4</u>		<u>Q</u> 9 3

Partner leads the 4. If declarer plays low from dummy, we must play the Q, third hand high, trying to win the trick for our side. The play of the Q isn't a signal, although it does give partner some information. It tells partner that we don't hold the J, since we would play the J – the card *only as high as necessary* – if we held both the Q and J.

However, if declarer plays dummy's A, we have choice of cards that we can play. This is where we can make an attitude signal. The standard agreement is:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATTITUDE SIGNAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ A high card is encouraging.</li><li>✓ A low card is discouraging.</li></ul>
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So we can play the 9 to encourage partner to lead the suit again, or we can play the 3 to discourage partner from leading the suit. Which signal should we send? That depends on the particular deal. We have to make a defensive plan based on our hand, which we see in the dummy, what information we have from the auction, and what we know from the cards played so far. The point is that the attitude signal is a tool. We still must decide how best to apply it.

When making an attitude signal, we do the best that we can. If we want to make an encouraging signal when we hold Q – 3 – 2, we have to play the 3 – the highest card we can afford. (Partner should notice s/he has not seen the 2.) If we want to make a discouraging signal with the 9 – 8 – 7, we have to play the 7, our lowest card. It's up to partner to look at the other cards in the suit to determine which signal we are trying to send.

It won't always be clear cut. However, we should try to make the clearest possible signal. If we want to make an encouraging signal when holding Q – 8 – 7 – 4, we should play the 8, not the 7. We play the *highest card we can afford*.

### Attitude Discards

We can also send an attitude signal when discarding. Suppose declarer is drawing partner's trumps or running a long suit, and we have to make a discard. We can discard a high card in a suit that we would like partner to lead, or a low card in a suit we don't want partner to lead.

Defending is a complex business. *When choosing signal, we must consider what information will be most useful to partner.* We don't want to give an encouraging signal simply because we hold strength in a suit. It may be more important to give a count signal (see later), to help partner know which suit to hold on to when declarer is taking tricks. We might also want to conceal our strength or weakness from declarer.

So we have to assess each situation, and hope that our partner is on the same wavelength. Partner should trust us to give the appropriate signal at the appropriate time, and we must likewise trust partner. However, unless we have some other agreement, attitude signals take priority. Partner should assume a high card says we like the suit; a low card says we don't.

### Standard Count Signals

When declarer is playing on a suit, an attitude signal doesn't usually make much sense. After all, it's declarer's suit! However, it may be important to tell partner *how many cards* we hold in the suit. Partner will then know how many cards declarer holds in the suit by subtracting the number of cards we hold together from 13. That might help partner know when to take a winner in the suit, or whether to hold onto cards in the suit.

The standard agreement for giving a count signal is:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNT SIGNAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ High-Low shows an even number</li><li>✓ Low-high shows an odd number</li></ul>
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# INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

## Defensive Signals

by David Lindop

For example, consider this layout:

	DUMMY	
	<u>10</u> 6 3	
PARTNER		US
K J 8 <u>2</u>		<u>Q</u> 7 5 <u>4</u>
	DECLARER	
	<u>A</u> 9	

Partner leads the 2, we play the Q, and declarer wins the Ace. If we gain the lead, we'd lead back the 4, our original fourth best – always low from the current count or remaining three cards. If we have to discard a club before the suit is lead again, we'd discard the 4, *low from three remaining cards*. Partner would then 'know' that there is only one club trick to take before declarer can ruff.

	DUMMY	
	<u>10</u> 6 3	
PARTNER		US
K J 8 <u>2</u>		<u>Q</u> 7 4
	DECLARER	
	<u>A</u> 9 5	

If this were the suit layout, we would return the 7 on regaining the lead, top of our regaining doubleton. Similarly, if we had to discard a club, we would play the 7, *high from our remaining doubleton*. Partner could then 'know' there are two tricks to take before declarer can ruff.

### Suit Preference Signals

When it is clear that neither attitude nor count apply, then we can send partner a suit preference signal.

**SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL**

- ✓ A high card shows preference for the 'obvious' higher-ranking suit.
- ✓ A low card shows preference for the 'obvious' lower ranking suit.

This is easier to understand by looking at an example:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH		DUMMY	
			1♥		♠ K 10 8 3	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥		♥ J 10 6 3	
All Pass					<u>♦ 4</u>	
				PARTNER	♣ K 10 6 2	US
				♠ 9 5 4		♠ A Q 6 2
				♥ K 4		♥ A
				♦ <u>A</u> K 10 8 5		♦ <u>J</u> 9 7 3 2
				♣ 9 5 4		♣ 8 7 3
					DECLARER	
					♠ J 7	
					♥ K Q 9 7 5 2	
					♦ Q 6	
					♣ A Q 3	

Against the opponents' 4♥ contract, partner leads the ♦A, and a singleton diamond comes down in dummy. This *isn't an attitude* situation. Even if we like diamonds, there's not much point in partner continuing the suit, since declarer will ruff in dummy. It's also *not a* situation that calls for a count signal. West is unlikely to be interested in how many diamonds we hold.

After winning the ♦A, partner is going to have to decide *what to do next*. This is where we can help out with a suit preference signal. On the ♦A, we should play the ♦J, a *high* card, showing preference for the *higher-ranking* of the 'obvious' suits: Spades and Clubs. We eliminate the Diamond suit and the trump suit, in this case Hearts.

Assuming partner is on the same wave-length and leads a spade after we play the ♦J, we get two spade tricks and the ♥A (along with the ♦A) to defeat the contract. If partner leads anything else, declarer will be able to discard a spade loser on the extra club winner in dummy after drawing trumps.

If the spade and club suits were exchanged, we would play the ♦2, showing preference for the lower-ranking suit, clubs. If we had no preference for either suit, we'd play a middle diamond, leaving partner to decide how best to continue.

If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game.

South: Alert! East: Yes? South: I'm requested to further describe my hand.

One advantage of my bad bidding is my partner gets practice at playing atrocious contracts.

The difference between genius and stupidity at the bridge table is that genius has its limits.

If I did everything right, I wouldn't be playing with you.

Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

"Partner, every day you play worse than the day before. Today you are playing as if it is tomorrow already."



# INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED PLAYERS PAGE

## Preventing Accidents: Partnership Checklist

by Larry Cohen

This is NOT to replace filling out the convention card. *This checklist is to supplement the convention card. It covers what I feel are important areas that all regular partnerships need to address.* These aren't really conventions, or "must-play" treatments. What I am trying to do is **prevent accidents**.



The order basically follows that of the ACBL Convention Card. Abbreviations are listed at the end.

My suggestions (but just opinions - no need to do it my way) are shown sometimes. The suggestions are meant for *Intermediate-to-Advanced* Level players. For "expert" level, probably more sophisticated methods would be suggested.

**Style:** More important than any convention is to make sure you know each other's style and stay consistent. Are you a light opening bidder? Aggressive preemptor? Are you an overbidder? Underbidder? Aggressive in bidding games or slams?

*Larry's suggestions on Style: Open on the light side. Preempt on the normal side, paying careful attention to vulnerability. Be aggressive in trying for games when vulnerable at team scoring.*

**1. Are you playing 2/1 GF?** Most people reading this will do so, so here is a checklist:

- A. Is 2/1 100% GF? Yes
- B. What if there is interference or one of you is a Passed Hand? Not GF
- C. Is 1♦-2♣ GF? What are follow-ups? Yes. Opener shows 4-card Major if he has one.
- D. Does anything by opener guarantee extra values?
  1. 1♥-2♣-2♠ -- extras? No (unless you play Flannery)
  2. 1♥-2♦-2NT -- extras? No
  3. 1♥-2♦-3♣--extras? No
- E. What is a jump rebid by opener such as 1♥-2♣-3♥? Solid suit, not a dead minimum
- F. What is opener's jump shift? (1♥-2♣-3♦) Splinter
- G. What is the default rebid for a balanced minimum with no stopper in an unbid suit(s)?
  - For example: ♠AJ2 ♥KJ876 ♦876 ♣KJ after 1♥-2♣-?? Don't bid 2NT without stoppers. Don't rebid a bad 5-card suit. Sometimes you will be totally stuck and have to lie.
- H. What are jumps to game? Fast Arrival-Weakest action.
- I. Is a 1NT response to a major, followed by opener's jump-shift, followed by responder's 4M raise a limit raise? Yes (3M would be ambiguous--usually just a preference).

**2. After Our 1NT Opening:**

- Depending on how thorough you are, you need to discuss all follow-ups to Stayman (such as 1N-2♣-2♦-2 MAJ and 1NT-2♣-2 any-3 level). There are many ways to play this.
- A. What if they double Stayman? XX=To Play. Pass=Clubs stopped (Stayman bidder Redoubles to Re-Stayman). Direct answer denies a club stopper. (Fast Denies -- a familiar theme for Lebensohl users).
  - B. What if they double a Jacoby Transfer? Pass=2-card support. XX=3-card support, maximum. Accepting the transfer = 3- or 4-card support, minimum. Anything else=4-card support, maximum. Be very careful if you use XX as described not to have a memory accident and play in 2 something redoubled down 1,600.
  - C. What are follow-ups to a Jacoby Transfer -- does it change by a Passed Hand? New suit=GF (even by PH). Jacoby then 4-level new suit = splinter. Jacoby then 4M=balanced slam try (6-3-2-2)--assuming you can use Texas to just sign off.
  - D. What is opener's Double if they interfere (example: 1N-P-2♣-2♥-Double) Takeout
  - E. What are doubles by responder (direct and delayed -- for example: 1N P P 2♠ P P Double) Cards
  - F. What are opener's Doubles if they balance (1NT P P 2♠ X) Takeout
  - G. You must review what you play over artificial interference.
  - H. What is the difference between Jacoby and Texas? Texas then 4NT=RKC. Jacoby then 4NT=Quantitative
  - I. Is Texas still on after 1NT-P2♣-P-2♦? Yes ("Extended Texas" -- which means that after Stayman and a 2♦ answer, a jump to 4♦/4♥ is still a transfer--6-4).

**3. After our 1♣/1♦ Opening:**

- A. What are jump shifts? Strong (1-suited or that suit and a fit for partner)
- B. What changes by a Passed Hand? PH jump=fit
- C. How do I make a strong minor-suit raise? Inverted Minors
- D. What are 2NT and 3NT responses? 2N=11-12 3N=13-15
- E. Walsh principles? Yes. Bypass Major with only 1 bid to make
- F. After 2NT rebids? New minor Forcing (or learn something more complex)

**4. After our 1♥/1♠ Opening:**

- A. Do we play regular Jacoby 2NT or modified? Regular
- B. What is 2NT and other actions by a Passed Hand Natural
- C. What is a jump shift by a passed hand? Fit
- D. If we play Bergen Raises -- on in comp? How do we play them? Prefer jump to 1-under on 3-level is Nat, Inv.
- E. Is 1♠-4♥ a Splinter? Yes
- F. 1NT response and follow-up 1NT semi-forcing (Opener passes with 5-3-3-2 minimum) Do we play Bart?
- G. After Our Strong 2♣:
- H. Can you stop below game and how? Only if after 2♦, waiting, Opener Rebids 2NT or repeats his suit on the 3-level after a 2nd negative

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by Larry Cohen

- I. Interference: If they overcall, what is responder's double? 0-3 (Pass=GF)
- J. Opener's Double? Takeout/Cards
- K. If they Double 2♣ to show clubs (or other)? Pass=0-3 -- everything else=System on and GF (XX=Business)

### 5. After our Weak 2-bids:

- A. Over interference, is 2NT still Asking? Yes Is Double by responder penalty? Yes
- B. After 2MAJ-P-2NT-Overcall -- what does opener do? Pass with minimum, Dbl=3+cards in their suit/Penalty
- C. Other Conventional Calls:
- D. 4th suit -- is it GF? 100%
- E. By PH? Natural, NF
- F. New minor -- How do you play after 1NT rebid? New Minor Forcing (or 2-Way Checkback)
- G. On by PH? No In Comp? No
- H. Jump in 4th suit (example: 1♥-1♠-2♣-3♦)? Natural, Invitational
- I. All jumps in competition are ??? Weak (unless discussed otherwise--such as by a passed hand).
- J. Reverses?? Responder's rebid of his suit = 5+ cards, 1-round force. Cheaper of 4th suit or 2NT = potential sign-off. Anything else = GF. See this article for more details.
- K. Serious 3NT - Not unless seriously discussed ☺
- L. Is 2NT special (not natural) in either of these auctions:
- M. 1M-2M-2N or 1m-1M-2M-2N? Yes. Forcing, artificial, Asking.

### 6. Over their 1NT

- Whatever convention you use, be sure to discuss all follow-ups and actions if they double. Same system versus Weak/Strong or in balancing seat? Same System but need Pen X versus Weak NT. Same in Balancing Seat.

### 7. Over their preempts

- A. What is a cue-bid (such as 2♥ 3♥)? Asking for Stopper. (4-minor = Roman Jump Overcall)
- B. If you play Lebensohl, is it on by PH? Yes
- C. Michaels: Can it be an in-between hand? No.
- D. What are partner's notrump bids? Asking for the minor (but if both Majors shown, then asking min/max).

### 8. Slam Bidding

- A. RKC: Ever "plain BW?" No
- B. What is trump? Last bid or first agreed suit.
- C. What about Queen ask and King asks? Next step asks Queen (5 of trump suit denies, otherwise show king or bid 6)
- D. 1430? Yes

### 9. Over Interference (or if they Double 4NT): Some form of DOP1 (and ignore double of 4NT)

- A. Bids of our major on 5-level -- If in comp, looking for control in their suit. Otherwise looking for good trump.
- B. 5NT Pick-a-slam? Yes--but be careful and discuss it.
- C. Responding with a void: Many treatments available, none of which are standard or foolproof--pick one and agree (sorry for the cop-out).

### 10. Defense

- A. Aside from methods, agree on what the primary signal is. Attitude.
- B. Discuss the "BIG" lead against notrump. Ace asks for Attitude, King asks for Count/Unblock
- C. Discuss "middle of the hand" plays. Low from good holding, top of nothing
- D. If using Smith Echo, discuss exceptions. When count takes priority.
- E. What are signals in the trump suit? Hi-lo wants ruff if possible, otherwise suit preference.

### 11. Other General Competition      Parenthesis ( ) denote calls by the opponents

- 1. (1♣)-P-(1♥)-2♣
- 2. (1♣)-P-(1♥)-2♥
- 3. (1♣)-P-(1♥)-1NT
- 4. (1♣)-1♥-(P)-2♣ (and what about 3♣--jump-cue?)
- 5. (1♣)-1♥-(P)-New Suit
- 6. (1♣)-1♥-(P)-2♣-(Dbl)-?? (What are overcaller's actions?)
- 7. They overcall our opening bid with 1NT
- 8. a. If exploring on 3+ level and they double one of our artificial "cue-bids"
  - b. What is PASS by the next player?
  - c. What is redouble by the next player
  - d. What if the next player bids directly?
- 8. What if the next player passes and the original cue-bidder Redoubles?
- 9. They Double our artificial bids such as Stayman or Jacoby Transfers?
- 10. (1♣)-X-(P)-2♣ : Forcing how high? What if PH?
- 11. 1♣ (X) XX : Forcing how high? What are future doubles?
- 12. General default rule for all doubles by our partnership

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13. General default rule for Forcing Passes for our partnership
14. Extras shown:
  - a. 1♥ (P) 1♠ (2♣) 2♦ ?
  - b. 1♣ (1♠) X (P) 2♦ ?
15. 1♦ (P) P (X)
  - a. XX?
  - b. 1♥?
16. 2NT bids: In competition when are they natural, when are they scrambling?
17. Against artificial bids such as Bergen Raises, Drury or "newfangled" artificial bids/transfer responses/advances, etc.
18. Versus Michaels and Unusual notrump
19. Versus Precision, artificial 1-of-a-minor openings.
20. Versus Flannery, Multi, Namyats, Gambling 3NT, other...
21. We double, they redouble, partner of doubler passes: Example: (1♠) X (XX) Pass

### Larry's Suggestions:

- 1-2-3.: Natural (After 1NT, "SYSTEM ON" -- and in fact, SYSTEM ON after any natural NOTRUMP OVERCALL BY US)
4. 100% guarantees 3+ card support (Limit raise or better). This works in conjunction with #5 below... (Jump-cue = mixed raise)
5. NF unless change of Level. If "advancer" of the overcall wants to force in his own suit, he has to change level.
6. Fast Arrival -- Return to the trump suit is the WEAKEST. Pass or anything else is more encouraging.
7. Dbl=Penalty Bids=2-suited: lowest of a 2-suiter (not including partner's suit). 2N=Limit-Raise+ Jumps=weak
- 8a. On 3-level, nothing to say. On 4+ level -- denies control, but MORE encouraging than return to trump suit
- 8b. On 3-level -- values in that suit; stopper, encouraging. On 4+level : Control (1st or 2nd round)
- 8c. Weakest action on any level. No control/stopper
- 8d. On 3-level -- a punt. On 4+ level -- 1st round control
9. If they double any Stayman bid, I like this treatment (but it involves memory!):
  - XX=Business (usually 5 decent clubs)
  - Direct Answer to Stayman (What it would always mean, but NO STOPPER IN CLUBS!)
  - Pass=Any Club Stopper(s) -- and the Stayman bidder redoubles to repeat the Stayman inquiry
  - If they double Jacoby transfer: redouble=3 trumps, maximum (This is very memory dangerous!!!)
    - Opener's Pass of the Double shows a doubleton in the suit being transferred to
    - Opener's acceptance of the transfer directly shows exactly 3 trumps and a minimum (he XX with max)
    - Opener's other bids show 4 trump
  - If they Double Texas: Opener's Pass is neutral -- willing to play from other side. His XX=extras and a control
10. Forcing to suit agreement or notrump. By a PH: same
11. Forcing only to 2♣. All future doubles are penalty.
12. Unless defined in notes (or on this checklist), ALL DOUBLES on 1- and 2-level are NEVER Penalty
13. Unless defined in notes (or on this checklist), Pass is forcing only if 100% "obvious."
14. No, No
15. Extras -- good hand -- not fear (in both cases)
16. In general, use all in-comp 2NT as NOT Natural. The default is "takeout/scrambling" if it ever could be.
  - Example: 1♦ (P) 1NT (P) P (2♥) P (P) 2NT -- is something like: ♠7 5 4♥4 3♦K J 8♣A J 10 8 3.
  - Example: 1♦ (2♠) P (P) X (P) 2NT -- is something like: ♠8765 ♥42 ♦J32 ♣J432 (scrambling).
17. Double of their *artificial* suit shows that suit--lead directional type (on low level=length). Bidding their artificial suit is also natural. "Accepting" their transfer (for example, if they bid ♥ to show ♠ and you bid ♠) = cue-bid.
18. Double=penalty minded (next double=penalty). Bids=Lo-to-lo, Hi-to-Hi -- for example: 1♠ (2NT) : 3♣=Good ♥ hand, 3♦=Limit+ ♠, 3♥=NF, 3♠=weaker raise than 3♦. If only 1 suit known, then cue-bid = the raise, new suits=F.
19. Versus Big Club: crash -- or just preempt a lot. Versus Polish 1♣, Short ♦, etc. : Unless you are highly experienced, treat as completely natural and use your regular agreements.
20. Versus Flannery: 2♥=Takeout, 2♠=natural, 2NT=natural, X=cards
  - a. Versus Multi: Use ACBL Defense (opponents must provide)
  - b. Versus Namyats: Double=cards/takeout oriented, pass then X=lighter takeout.
  - c. Versus Gambling 3NT: Double = Good hand, 4♣=Majors, at least 5♥, 4♦=Majors better or longer ♠
  - d. Versus Other: Discuss at table
21. Not business. Just nothing to say. However, if behind the bidder (like 1♠ P P X XX), then business.

### Abbreviations:

2/1 = "Two over one"

GF = Game Force

M = Major

m = minor

( ) = Calls in parenthesis are actions taken by the opponents

# Monday's Results

## Fast Results

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OR

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### MONDAY AFTERNOON NEWCOMERS GAME

Duplicate Game with Relaxed Rules with ABTA Master Bridge Teacher

1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL with a 79.76 % game Susan Kramer & Pat Lacke

2<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL: Nancy Bernstein and Itta Hyman

Nancy Bernstein and Itta Hyman with Bruce Greespan



### MONDAY/TUESDAY REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs Session 1 of 4 Sessions

7PM

16.5 Tables

B	C	D	
3.59	1	1	Janet Wintermute, St Louis MO; John McMullin, Kirkwood MO 63.66%
2.69	2	2	1 Paul Bridges, Swansea IL; Linda Key, O Fallon IL 60.44%
2.02	3		Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; John Welte, Ballwin MO 59.64%
1.51	4		Sheron Meyer - Candy Butz, Belleville IL 59.16%
1.14	5		Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL 59.11%
1.54	6	3	2 Dan Rudman - Harvey Rudman, St Louis MO 56.59%
1.16	4	3	Patricia Clark, Villa Ridge MO; Kerry Lynn Gavrilovic, Fenton MO 55.87%
0.87	5	4	Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis MO 55.56%
0.69	6	5	Nancy Labrier, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Tacony, Clayton MO 54.46%

21.0 Tables

A	B	C	
4.70	1		Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO 67.86%
3.53	2		Jerry Premo - Kay Beck, Noblesville IN 66.99%
3.79	3	1	David Stevens, Charleston IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL 64.16%
1.98	4		Dee Adams - Alvin Stone, Memphis TN 63.29%
1.49	5		John Dicks - Shirley Dicks, Saint Charles MO 62.09%
2.84	6	2	Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA 61.76%
2.13	3		James Voelz, Saint Louis MO; John Stern, Apple Valley MN 58.93%
1.60	4		Susan Rechter - Susan Wolff, Saint Louis MO 55.88%
2.58	5	1	Daniel Spangler, Saint Peters MO; Mike Arnheim, St Louis MO 55.12%
0.90	6		Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO; Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO 54.58%
1.94		2	Martin Grossman - Audrey Grossman, Indianapolis IN 48.04%
1.45		3	Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO 45.53%
1.09		4	Kenneth Woodard - Anita Woodard, Lubbock TX 44.01%
0.82		5	Rolland Struebing, Saint Charles MO; Vernon Meadows, St Louis 43.57%

### MONDAY KNOCKOUT Teams remaining

7 PM

**BRACKET 1** 14 Tables

Nancy Popkin - Tod Moses, Saint Louis MO; William Doroshow, Skokie IL; Karen Walker - James Ward, Champaign IL; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO

vs

Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL

Ellen Coffield, US; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Justin Lall, Plano TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL

vs

Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO; Clay Cuthbertson, Quincy IL; Norman Goldman, Chesterfield MO; Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO

Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO

vs

Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL

Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis MO; Bruce Greenspan, Chesterfield MO; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO

vs

Ron Sholes - Dan Punzak, Springfield IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL

# Monday's Results

## MON/TUE KO 1 -

### BRACKET 2 14 Tables

Nancy Trice - Darlene Londeree - Susan Soha - Judith Davis, Columbia MO

vs

Don McLean - Gayle McLean - Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO; Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO

Charles Keltner, Highland IL; Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL; Robert Cundall, Collinsville IL; Gail Baughman, O'Fallon IL

vs

James Nunn - Linda Powers, Chesterfield MO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO

Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Leo Birmingham, Whitney Point NY

vs

Mary Rassieur, St Louis MO; Patti Disbrow - Elizabeth Freeman - Louann Yates, Saint Louis MO

Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO; Stephen Zenk, Saint Louis MO

vs

Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO; J Michael Kenski, Arnold MO; Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; C Roland Boehm, Florissant, MO

## MON/TUE KO 1 -

### BRACKET 3 11 Tables

John Harbour - Lois Dallene Harbour, Union City TN; Jo Grissom - Dianna Nerren, Hickman KY

vs

Barbara Macpeek, Ballwin MO; Doris Fairgrieve, St Louis MO; Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO; Elaine Booker, Arnold

vs

Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Pat Nieman, O Fallon MO; Kae Williams, Chesterfield MO

Mike Vontz - Janet Vontz, Lake St Louis MO; L Keith Graves - Karen Graves, Saint Charles MO

vs

Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO; Douglas Larson, St Louis MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO

vs

Sharon Sweet, Manchester MO; William Davis, Chesterfield MO; Karen Pahuski, Saint Louis MO; Michael Kelly, Ballwin MO

## MONDAY EVENING 199ER PAIR GAME

7 PM



First overall Janet Wintermute, St Louis MO & John McMullin, Kirkwood MO 63.66%

### NORTH-SOUTH

### SECTION I

### EAST-WEST

B	C	D		B	C	D	
1	1		<b>Janet Wintermute, St Louis MO; John McMullin, Kirkwood MO</b> 63.66%	1			Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; John Welte, Ballwin MO 59.64%
2	2	1	Paul Bridges, Swansea IL; Linda Key, O Fallon IL 60.44%	2			Sheron Meyer - Candy Butz, Belleville IL 59.16%
3			Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL 59.11%	3	1	1	Dan Rudman - Harvey Rudman, St Louis MO 56.59%
4	3	2	Nancy Labrier, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Tacony, Clayton MO 54.46%	4	2	2	Patricia Clark, Villa Ridge ; Kerry Lynn Gavrilovic, Fenton MO 55.87%
5	4		Patricia Steiner, St Louis MO; Betty Goran, St Louis MO 54.19%	5	3	3	Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield ; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis 55.56%
6			Thelma Peskind, Olivette MO; Alan Broddon, Clayton MO 53.83%	6	4		Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO; Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO 53.20%
7	5		Kathie Muehlheausler, St Louis MO; Liz Allen, Kirkwood MO 52.71%	7	5	4	Debb Keniley - Joile Mackney, St Louis MO 51.77%

## MONDAY EVE SIDE PRS ONLY SESSION

### NORTH-SOUTH

### SECTION J

### EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1			Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO 67.86%	1			Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO 60.57%
2			Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO 57.84%	2	1		James Voelz, Saint Louis ; John Stern, Apple Valley MN 58.93%
3	1		Debra Romero, Clarkson Vly MO; Randy Baker, St Louis MO 53.27%	3			Ted Baldwin, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO 57.52%
4	2		James Reid Brazier - Linda Brazier, Moro IL 49.35%	4	2		Susan Rechter - Susan Wolff, Saint Louis MO 55.88%
	3		Philip Wisdom, Jefferson Cy MO; Gary Clark, Jefferson City MO 48.15%	3	1		Daniel Spangler, Saint Peters MO; Mike Arnheim, St Louis MO 55.12%
	1		Margery Goldberg, Saint Louis; Bob Pedrotti, Maryland Hts MO 41.07%	2			Kenneth Woodard - Anita Woodard, Lubbock TX 44.01%

### NORTH-SOUTH

### SECTION H

### EAST-WEST

A	B	C		A	B	C	
1			Jerry Premo - Kay Beck, Noblesville IN 66.99%	1			Nancy Phillips - Angela Reed, Tulsa OK 59.15%
2	1		David Stevens, Charleston IL; Richard Brummer, Effingham IL 64.16%	2			Dianne Glick - En Xie, Saint Louis MO 54.14%
3			Dee Adams - Alvin Stone, Memphis TN 63.29%	3			Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO 53.16%
4			John Dicks - Shirley Dicks, Saint Charles MO 62.09%	4	1		Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Byron Southern, Little Rock AR 52.29%
	2		Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA 61.76%	2			George Marvin, Maryland Hts ; George Jones, Maryland Hgts MO 49.78%
3	1		Martin Grossman - Audrey Grossman, Indianapolis IN 48.04%	3			Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Walter Carpenter III, Olivette MO 48.26%
				1			Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO 45.53%

## To bid, or not to bid?...

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous partners,  
Or to take arms against a sea of doubles,  
And by opposing end them?

To bid, to pass?

No more; and by a pass to say we end  
The heart-ache and the thousand natural points  
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a contract  
Devoutly to be wish'd. To bid, to pass?

To stall, perchance to dream: aye, there's the sub!

For in that sleep of hope what subs may come  
When we have discarded off this mortal deck,  
Must give us pause: there's the respect  
That makes calamity of so long life;  
For who would bear the bids and scorns of time,

The partner's wrong, the proud man's contumely,  
The pangs of despised bridge, the bid's delay,

## That is the question

The insolence of bidding and the spurns  
That patient merit of the unworthy makes,  
When he himself might his quietus make  
With a rare bidding, who would fardels bear,  
To grunt and sweat under a weary lie,  
But that the dread of something after play,  
The undiscover'd country from whose bourn  
No traveller returns, puzzles the will  
And makes us rather bid those ills we have  
Than fly to others that we know not of?

Thus conscience does make partners of us all;  
And thus the native hue of resolution  
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,  
And enterprises of great bids and moments  
With this regard their currents turn awry,  
And lose the name of action. - Soft you now!  
The fair Partner!, in thy 'orisons may  
Be all my sins remember'd!  
You can always see more cards than I alone!

## Gateway to the West Regional

### This Week's Events

**Zero Tolerance Policy Is In Place**

ALL PAIRS EVENTS FEATURE PRE-DUPLICATED BOARDS

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

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

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

### Regional Side Game Series (Single sessions)

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

### Knockout Teams (4-Session events)

Monday-Tuesday Knockout 1	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.



People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events.  
People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

**St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional  
2014 Directory of Area Restaurant**

**Natural Bridge Road (Our hotel's street)**

*West of the hotel and the airport, Natural Bridge turns into Pear Tree Lane*

**Lombardo's Restaurant - Italian**  
10488 Natural Bridge Rd.  
63134  
(314) 429-5151

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10216 Natural Bridge Rd  
Saint Louis, MO 63134  
Woodson Terrace  
(314) 427-0420

**Rib Shack**  
8642 Natural Bridge St Louis  
MO 63121  
(314) 427-1777

**Bandana's Bar-B-Q**  
10800 Pear Tree Ln 2  
St. Ann, MO 63074  
Phone (314)-426-9955

**China Express**  
12308 Natural Bridge Rd  
Bridgeton, MO 63044  
Phone: (314) 291-4222

**White Castle**  
9301 Natural Bridge Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 427-5773

**Rally's**  
9651 Natural Bridge Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 890-9958

**Rock River Grill - American, Breakfast/Brunch**  
St. Louis Airport Marriott  
10700 Pear Tree Lane  
Saint Louis, MO 63134  
Phone: (314) 423-9700

**Jack in the Box**  
9707 Natural Bridge  
Berkeley, MO 63134  
Phone: (314) 423-0244

**Arby's**  
9418 Natural Bridge Rd  
Berkeley, MO 63134  
(314) 423-2700

**Church's' Chicken**  
9640 Natural Bridge Rd.  
Berkeley, MO 63134  
(314) 423-0880

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**Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant**  
4030 Woodson Rd,  
Woodson Terrance  
St Louis, MO 63134

**Subway**  
4484 Woodson Rd  
Woodson Terrance  
St. Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 429-2782

**Erio's Pizza & Restaurant**  
4434 Woodson Rd.  
Woodson Terrance  
St. Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 423-1555

**Woofie's Hot Dogs**  
1919 Woodson Rd  
St. Louis, Mo 63114  
(314) 426-6291

**El Porton Mexican Restaurant**  
4444 Woodson Rd  
Woodson Terrace, MO 63134

**Lindberg Blvd. – South of I-70**

**Massa's - Italian**  
(Must be going north on Lindberg to access. Go the St. Charles Rock Rd. and U-turn onto Lindberg); or I-70W to south on Cypress Rd. to west on St. Charles Rock Rd. to north on Lindbergh) 4120 N. Lindbergh 63044  
(314) 739-3894

**T.G.I.Fridays**  
(at Crown Plaza Hotel, on S. Lindberg, just south of I-70W)  
11228 Lone Eagle Drive  
Bridgeton 63044  
(314) 344-8575

**Kreis' Steak House and Bar – Steaks, Italian**  
(South of Olive Blvd.)  
535 S. Lindberg Blvd 63131  
(314) 993-0735



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**Lindberg – North of I-70 & I-270**

*From Hotel, left turn onto Natural Bridge Rd, to first light. Turn left onto James McDonnell Blvd. Go to stop sign and turn right. Follow road around airport, bear left at fork, and come to Lindbergh Blvd. Turn right and drive until you cross 1-270. Restaurants are on both sides of the road. About 6 miles.*

<b>India Palace</b> 4534 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Hazelwood, MO 63044 (314) 731-3333	<b>Outback</b> 7900 N. Lindberg Blvd Hazelwood, MO 63042 (314) 830-4200	<b>Pueblo Nuevo</b> 7401 N Lindberg Blvd Hazelwood MO 63042 (314) 831-6885
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**Fast Food Restaurants Nearby**

*From Hotel, with take 1-170 south to first exit, which is St. Charles Rock or go west on 1-70 to Lindbergh, exit and go south. Rock Road is first major intersection. Exit and go left. About 5 minute drive*

<b>Burger King</b> 10458 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63074 (314) 423-2303	<b>Hardee's</b> 10909 St Charles Rock Rd 63041 (314) 298-8460	<b>Jack in the Box</b> 11122 St Charles Rock Rd 63074 (314) 739-0039	<b>McDonald's</b> 10805 St Charles Rock Rd. 63074 (314) 739-4000
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<b>Steak 'n Shake</b> 9550 Natural Bridge Rd. 63134 (314) 427-3277	<b>Waffle House</b> 4525 James McDonnell Blvd. 63134 (314) 423-8097 Left from hotel, take first left		
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**St Charles Rock Road Area Restaurants**

*From Hotel go west on 1-70. Go past airport and Lindbergh. Next exit is St. Charles Rock Road. Turn right. About 4 miles*

<b>Olive Garden</b> @ I-270 & St Charles Rock Rd) 3552 Penridge Dr. 63044 (314) 314-739-1274	<b>Fazoli's</b> 12341 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 298-0919	<b>Mr. Goodcents Subs &amp; Pastas</b> 12234 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 344-9099	<b>Meglio's -- Italian</b> 12490 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 314-344-1010
<b>Taco Bell</b> 9787 St .Charles Rock Rd. 63114 (314) 427-7222	<b>Lonestar Steakhouse</b> 11969 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 770-1255	<b>Ponderosa</b> 12450 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 314-291-6037	<b>Red Lobster</b> 12235 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 291-8680

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<b>Long John Silvers</b> 12294 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 344-9999	<b>China House</b> 11247 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 209-1604	<b>Fortel's Pizza Den</b> 11977 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 770-0600	<b>Hometown Buffet</b> 12228 St. Charles Rock Rd. 63044 (314) 298-8303
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### Casinos

*From Hotel, turn right to get on I-70 West. Go West on I-70, west of I-270.*

#### **Hollywood Casino**

Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
(314) 770-8100

*Take the Maryland Heights Expressway Exit. (Do NOT cross the MO River.) Go South. Turn right on Casino Center Drive. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit. You'll see the casino on your right. Valet parking.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final Cut Steakhouse</li> <li>▪ Eat Up! Buffet</li> <li>▪ Studio Bar</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Charlie Gitto's from The Hill</li> <li>▪ Celebrity Grill</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Club Aroma</li> <li>▪ Phai Tai</li> </ul> |
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#### **Ameristar Casino**

St. Charles, MO 63302  
(636) 940-4903

*Go over the Missouri River bridge. See the Casino on right. Take the first 5<sup>th</sup> Street Exit (North). Signs will guide you to the Ameristar. Valet Parking.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ King Cat Club</li> <li>▪ Landmark Buffet</li> <li>▪ Pearl's Oyster Bar</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casino Bar Deli</li> <li>▪ Falcon Diner</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amerisports Bar &amp; Grill</li> <li>▪ Bugatti's Steak &amp; Pasta</li> </ul> |
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### St Charles Old Town Area

*Turn right from the hotel. Take I-70 West. Go past I-270 and across the Missouri River. Take the first exit (5<sup>th</sup> Street North) for everything but Gingham's. For Gingham's, take Exit 228, First Capitol Dr South. (10 miles)*

#### **Trailhead Brewing Company -- American (handcrafted) brew pub**

921 S. Riverside Dr. 63301  
(@ S. Main Street)  
(636) 946-2739

#### **Vivian's Vineyard – American**

Elegant  
1409 N. 2nd St. 63301  
(636) 940-8444

#### **St. Charles Vintage House Restaurant -- German & American**

Family style gourmet  
1219 S. Main St., St. Charles 63301  
(636) 946-7155

#### **Stone Cellar - Fondue**

Thurs–Fri–Sat only.  
524 S. Main St. 63301  
(636) 493-6111

#### **Lewis & Clark's American Restaurant – Good Prime Rib**

217 S. Main St. 63301  
(636) 947-3334

#### **Cobblestones - Fine dining**

140 N. Main St. 63301  
(636) 724-9994

#### **Winery of the Little Hills – French/American**

Outdoor wine garden  
501 S. Main St. 63301  
(636) 946-9339

#### **Rumples Pub & Restaurant**

Good food, beautiful antiques.  
221 N. Main St. 63301  
(636) 949-7678

#### **Gingham's Homestyle Restaurant -- 24-hr**

10% Sr. discount (20% Wed)  
1881 Sherman Dr (corner SR 94, just south of I-70)  
(636) 946-0266

### University City

*Take I-170 S. to Delmar Exit; go south.*

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### House of India – Vegetarian and Pakistani

8501 Delmar Blvd. 63044  
(314) 567-6850

### Dewey's Pizza

Delmar Blvd. 63130  
(314) 726-3434

### Momo's Greek

630 North and South 63130  
(314) 863-3511



### Olive Blvd.

*Turn left from the hotel. Take Natural Bridge to I-170. Take I-170 south to Olive.*

#### Lulu's Seafood – Dim sum from the cart on Sat & Sun mornings; full Chinese menu.

8224 Olive Blvd.  
University City, MO 63132  
(314) 997-3108

#### Royal Chinese BBQ

8406 Olive Blvd  
University City 63132  
(314) 991-1888

#### Chevys - Mexican

9119 Olive Blvd.  
Olivette, MO 63132  
(314) 997-3700

#### Nobu's – Japanese, Sushi

8643 Olive Blvd.  
University City, MO 63132  
(314) 997-2303

### Clayton

*Turn left from hotel and take I-170 south to Ladue Road – turn right to go east, Ladue Rd. turns into Maryland Ave. Most restaurants are within 4 square blocks of Maryland Ave.*

<b>Cardwell's – American</b> 8100 Maryland Ave. 63105 (314) 726-5055	<b>C.J. Muggs - American</b> 200 S Central Ave. 63105 (314) 727-1908	<b>The Crossing- French</b> 7823 Forsyth Blvd. 63105 (314) 721-7375	<b>Café Napoli - Italian</b> 7754 Forsyth Blvd. 63105 (314) 863-5731
<b>Ruth Chris Steak House</b> 1 N. Brentwood Blvd 63105 (314) 783-9900	<b>Oceano Bistro – Seafood</b> 44 N. Brentwood 63105 (314) 721-9440	<b>Dominic's Trattoria - Italian</b> 200 S. Brentwood 63105 (314) 863-4587	<b>Bocci Bar</b> 16 N. Central 63105 (314) 932-1040
<b>Blue Elephant Royal - Thai</b> 7816 Forsyth 63105 (314) 863-5695	<b>Cafe Manhattan - American</b> 511 S. Hanley 63105 (314) 863-5695	<b>House of Wong - Chinese</b> 46 North Central 63105 (314) 726-6291	<b>John P. Fields – Pub/ American</b> 26 N. Central Ave 63105 (314) 862-1886
<b>Maggiano's - Italian</b> #2 The Boulevard 63117 (314) 824-2402 Brentwood Blvd. across from Galleria Mall	<b>J. Buck's - American</b> <i>That's 'J' as in Jack &amp; Joe Buck of sports casting fame.</i> 101 S Hanley Road 63105 (314) 725-4700	<b>Max's Bar &amp; Grill</b> 7750 Carondelet Ave. 63105 (314) 719-1116	<b>Morton's Steakhouse For Prime Cuts and Fantastic Filets - Very Expensive</b> 7822 Bonhomme Ave. 63105 (314) 725-4008

### The Hill – St Louis' Italian Neighborhood

*Take I-170 South to Hwy 40/I-64, go east on Hwy 40/64. Go to Kingshighway. Go South. Go past 1-44. First entrance to the Hill is Shaw (most of restaurants are close by). Next entrance to The Hill is Southwest Ave. For both streets, turn right. About 15 miles.*

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<b>Charlie Gitto's</b> 5226 Shaw Ave 63110 (314) 344-1010	<b>Dominic's</b> 5101 Wilson Ave 63110 (314) 771-1632	<b>Cunetto House of Pasta</b> 5463 Magnolia (at Southwest Blvd) 63110 (314) 781-1135	<b>Favazza's</b> 5201 Southwest 63110 (314) 314-772-4454
<b>Gian-Tony's</b> 5356 Daggett Ave 63110 (314) 772-4893	<b>Rigazzi's</b> 4945 Daggett Ave 63110 (314) 772-4900	<b>Giovanni's</b> 5201 Shaw Ave 63110 (314) 772-5958	<b>Mama Campisi's</b> 2132 Edwards 63110 (314) 776-3100
<b>Lorenzo's Trattoria</b> 1933 Edwards 63110 (314) 773-2223	<b>Guido's Pizzeria and Tapas</b> 5046 Shaw Ave. 63110 (314) 771-4900	<b>Anthonino's Taverna - Greek, Italian</b> 2225 Macklind Ave (314) 773-4455	<b>Zia's</b> 5256 Wilson Ave. 63110 (314)776-0020

