

August 19-25



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Daily Bulletin

Welcome to the Gateway to the West Regional!



Late Night Hospitality

St. Louis offers serous hospitality for all. Join us for snacks after the evening session. Tonight's treat: Chat & Snack: Popcorn Night with assorted Coke® and Pepsi® products and a keg of Bud Light®.



THE BACKSTOPPERS INC.
the police officers & firefighters fund

Charity Swiss Team Tonight at 7 PM

Tonight's Single-Session Stratified Swiss Team Game will benefit Back Stoppers. We are supporting them to express our appreciation for a life given on behalf of others. Unit 143 presents the gift at our October Sectional. Thank you for your participation! BackStoppers provides 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.



Kudos to our

NEW LIFE MASTER

Nancy Trice, Columbia, MO
Won Bracket 2 KO to go over!



Free "\$20 Tuck Away"

From the Restaurant Committee



We will be giving away 2 "Tuck Away" Cards good for \$20 off the price of dinner at Outback Steakhouse, during the afternoon events today... and look for coupons each worth \$5.00 off dinner for two at Outback, a courtesy of Mark Diamond, District Manager/Joint Venture Partner, Outback Steak Houses and the restaurant committee of Lee Hastings and Jeff Kopolow. Be sure to check out the green Restaurant Guide for our area restaurants in the Registration area.

Gold Rush Pairs Today (and again on Friday)

The ACBL is offering this new gold pairs game at tournaments for 0-300 and 300-750 players; these games are scored over the two sessions, not as two separate games. You will only play against other 0-750 MP players. Gold points paid to section top and overall winners. Players are competing in a 0-750 game, but the 0-300 MP players can win gold points by placing in the overalls (as there are no gold points given for finishing overall in the 0-300 games.) You must play in both sessions. See you at 1PM and 7PM.



DAILY GRIN

Brazilian Portuguese

Learn The Language!

- What phrases do you use after misplaying a hand?
- O sol esta muito forte!** (The sun is too hot!)
 - Estou passando mal!** (I don't feel well!)
 - Preciso de um medico com urgencia!** (I urgently need a doctor!)

Today's Events

2-SESSION MORNING SWISS TEAM 1
REGIONAL SIDE GAME SERIES 2 Pairs
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY KO 2 continued
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY KO 3
2-SESSION STRATI-FLIGHTED A/X OPEN PAIRS
2-SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/300-750
1990er Pairs
1-SESSION EVENING STRATIFIED CHARITY
SWISS TEAM

Session 1 of 2
Single Sessions 1-2 of 4
Sessions 3 & 4 of 4
Sessions 1 & 2 of 4
2 Sessions
2 Sessions
Single Sessions
Single Session

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

Today's Speakers: For the Advancing Player
Karen Walker
Eric Rodwell

"Great Mysteries: 4NT Bids"
"Questions & Answers"

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!

Wednesday's Puzzles



Yesterday's Solution

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 3 - Demanding

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

Sudoku 4 - Demanding

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



IN HISTORY

- The coin operated telephone was patented, 1889
- Florence Nightingale died in London, 1910
- Al Capp's satirical comic strip *Li'l Abner*, made its debut, 1934
- The first Roller Derby was held, 1935

Today's Cash Concessions

Where Main playing area

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

- Turkey Club Half with Condiments @ \$3
- BBQ Pork Sandwich with Appropriate Condimer
- Individual Bags of Potato Chips & Pretzels @ \$
- 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



When the dealer still had made no bid after studying his cards for a long while, one of the opponents muttered something about "getting this duplicate moving."

"What did you say?" asked the dealer coming out of his reverie momentarily.

"I want to know what you do," said the opponent.

"Oh," responded the other. "I am in the wholesale grocery business. Why?"



SOME DEALS ARE JUST PLAIN TRICKY

ALDER: BRIDGE

Zdenek Urbanek, a Czech translator and essayist, offered this critique in an interview: "You in the West have a problem. You are unsure when you are being lied to, when you are being tricked. We do not suffer from this; and unlike you, we have acquired the skill of reading between the lines."

Some deals are just plain tricky — if you will excuse the pun. And West has a problem. What is best play by both sides, and what is West's key play after he leads the top-of-nothing heart nine against three no-trump?

North was right to jump straight to three no-trump and not investigate clubs.

West chose a heart on the lead-an-unbid-major principle. This was fortuitous, because South would have romped home on a diamond start.

Declarer has eight top tricks: two spades, four hearts and two clubs. He would hope to score a third club trick to get home. But if East gains the lead in clubs, he might shift to a high diamond and the defenders would take four tricks there.

In an effort to keep East off the lead, South

North				11-14-07
♠ A 8 5 4				
♥ A J 3				
♦ 6 2				
♣ A J 7 5				
West		East		
♠ 10 7 6		♠ Q J 9 3		
♥ 9 8 7 6		♥ 4 2		
♦ A Q 3 5		♦ J 10 9 7		
♣ 10 6		♣ Q 9 2		
South				
♠ K 2				
♥ K Q 10 5				
♦ K 4 3				
♣ K 8 4 3				
Dealer: South				
Vulnerable: Both				
South	West	North	East	
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass	
Opening lead: ♥ 9				

takes the first trick on the board and calls for the club jack. If East plays low, declarer will run the jack with gratifying results from his point of view. So let's assume East covers with the queen. Now, when South wins with his king, West must unblock his 10. Then East will get in with his club nine and can make the telling diamond switch.

If West plays low on the first club, declarer will duck in the dummy when West produces the club 10 on the second round of the suit. East never gets in and South cruises home.

— Phillip Alder

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

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Caddy Master



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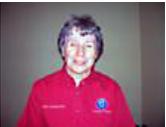


Tony Ames

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.



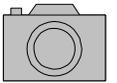
Partnership Desk

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 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. 6-12
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.

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

Jacoby 2NT

by Larry Cohen

A popular modern agreement is that when partner opens 1♥ or 1♠, a jump response of 2NT is an artificial, forcing raise – the Jacoby 2NT convention.

JACOBY 2NT OVER 1♥/1♠

- four-card or longer support
- 13 or more points

It commits the partnership to game in opener's suit and leaves room to explore for slam. The key to effectively using Jacoby 2NT is what happens after the 2NT response, starting with opener's rebid.

Opener's Rebid After 2NT

To help the partnership decide whether a slam is possible, opener's rebid describes the distribution and strength of opener's hand:

OPENER'S REBID AFTER 2NT

With shortness:

- a new suit at the three level shows shortness: a singleton or void.
- a jump to the four level in a new suit shows a good five-card side suit.

With no shortness;

- a jump to game in the major shows a minimum opening.
 - 3NT shows a medium-strength hand (about 15-17).
- a rebid of the major at the three level shows a maximum (about 18 or more).

For example, suppose we are West and the auction begins:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

♠ K Q 8 6 2
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 8 2

With this hand, we rebid 3♦, showing a singleton or void in diamonds. As we shall see shortly, this is likely to be the most useful feature in our hand to help responder decide whether to pursue a slam.

With this hand, we jump to 4♣ to show a second, good 5-card side suit. The term "good" is a little vague. A reasonable agreement is a suit with two of the top three or three of the top five honors. Partner will know (deduce) we have a singleton or void in either hearts or diamonds. We have shown at least five spades and five clubs, leaving room for at most three cards in hearts and diamonds combined. For slam purposes, the second suit offers potential source of tricks, so it's likely to be of more value than telling partner we have a singleton heart.

♠ K J 9 8 4
♥ 3
♦ Q 4
♣ A Q J 7 3

With a weak five-card side suit, we would rebid 3♣ with this hand, emphasizing the singleton club. Partner can infer we have some length in hearts and diamonds.

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K J
♦ Q 8 6 4 2
♣ 5

With no singleton or void, opener describes the strength of the hand. With a minimum opening bid, opener jumps to game, 4♠. This usually ends the auction unless responder is still willing to consider slam, knowing opener has a minimum hand with no shortness.

♠ Q J 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ A 6
♣ J 7 3

With a medium strength hand of about 15-17 HCPs and no singleton or void, opener rebids 3NT. The reason opener didn't start with 1NT is because the hand is only semi-balanced with two doubletons. Opener's extra strength might get responder to consider slam.

♠ A J 9 8 4
♥ K 3
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ Q 6

With a maximum hand of about 18 or more points, we rebid the major suit, 3♠. We're telling responder we don't have a singleton or void, but there's likely enough combined strength to consider getting to slam anyway. We're also leaving room to explore without getting too high. After opener's descriptive rebid, the next move is up to responder.

♠ A K J 8 5
♥ A K
♦ 9 4 3
♣ K 8

If Opener Shows Shortness

When opener shows a singleton or void, responder considers whether this is a good thing or a bad thing for the partnership's slam prospects. *Understanding the concept of wasted values is a key to good slam bidding.*

Let's look at various hands where opener has a singleton diamond and see how the auction might go:

WEST	EAST	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♠ A K J 8 5	♠ Q 10 7 3	1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
♥ K 6 3	♥ A J 2	3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
♦ 8	♦ K Q 7 5	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ A 9 7 3	♣ Q 4				

After West opens 1♠ and East uses the Jacoby 2NT response, West bids 3♦, showing a singleton or void in diamonds. That is not good news for East. The ♦K and ♦Q are not likely to be of much use. East-West will have to lose a diamond trick despite West's singleton and East's 5 HCPs in the suit. So, East simply jumps to 4♠, showing no interest in reaching slam. West has a good hand, but not enough to override East's decision. 4♠ is a good spot since a 6♠ slam has almost no chance. The defenders should get the ♦A and a club trick.

Notice that even though the ♦K-Q can be developed into a trick or two, which is not of much help. West can't discard enough clubs on the diamonds to avoid a club loser. The ♦K-Q are essentially wasted values.

If we move East's ♦K-Q to different suits, the situation is quite different after West shows the singleton diamond.

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WEST	EAST
♠ A K J 8 5	♠ Q 10 7 3
♥ K 6 3	♥ A Q J 2
♦ 8	♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ A 9 7 3	♣ K Q

Now, none of East's high cards are wasted now. Although the partnership has no high cards in diamonds, it won't lose more than one trick in the suit because of West's singleton. Being short in diamonds West will have length in hearts and clubs, so East's high cards in those suits are certain to be useful. East will want to move toward slam, perhaps making a cuebid of 3♥ to show some interest, or going straight to 4NT. We'll leave a detailed discussion of slam bidding methods for another time. The point is to recognize when the hands fit well together. Although West's had is the same as before, 6♠ is now an excellent contract. The defenders will get only one diamond trick...and only if they take it on the opening lead.

Let's keep the West hand the same, but change the East hand again: Now East has two fewer HCPs, and the ♦A opposite West's singleton guarantees there are no losers in that suit. So, the auction might go:

WEST	EAST	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♠ A K J 8 5	♠ Q 10 7 3	1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
♥ K 6 3	♥ Q J 2	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
♦ 8	♦ A 5 4 2	4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
♣ A 9 7 3	♣ K 4	6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

East doesn't want to jump to 4♠ and give up on slam, so East simply bids 3♠ to give West an opportunity to show interest. With a good hand, West could ask for aces using the Blackwood (or KCB) convention and then take the partnership to slam when only one Ace is missing. 6♠ can be made by trumping two club losers in the East hand. The only trick lost is the ♥A. If West had a minimum hand after East showed slam interest with the 3♠ bid, West could simply bid 4♠, showing nothing extra. The partnership would stop safely in game.

So, when opener shows shortness after the Jacoby 2NT bid, responder decides whether to stop in game, bid slam, or invite slam (or explore for slam by cue bidding) based on how well the hands seem to fit together.

If Opener Shows a Second Five-Card Suit

When opener shows a second suit, responder can also decide whether this makes slam appealing. Supposed these are the combined hands:

WEST	EAST	The auction might go:			
♠ 6 2	♠ A 8 5	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♥ A J 8 5 2	♥ K 10 6 3	1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
♦ 5	♦ A 7 6 2	4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
♣ A Q 10 7 3	♣ K 4	5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Once East finds out that West has a good 5-card club suit, slam looks possible. East can anticipate that there won't be many losers in 6♥ and, after checking for Aces, bids the good slam. The Slam could go down, but it could also make an overtrick. Not bad on 25 combined HCPs.

If Opener Shows Strength

If opener has no shortness, the decision on whether to bid slam is typically based on combined strength rather than distribution. Suppose these are our combined hands:

WEST	EAST	The auction might go:			
♠ Q J 4	♠ K 9 2	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♥ K J 9 6 5	♥ A Q 8 3	1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
♦ J 7 4	♦ Q 8	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ A 8	♣ K Q 7 2				

East has a good hand for the 2NT response, but West shows a minimum by jumping to 4♥. East has no reason to get the partnership higher. Even the five level is too high since the opponents can take the ♠A and ♦A-K.

If opener shows a medium-strength hand, responder will usually move toward slam. For example:

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

After West shows about 15-17 points, East makes an invitational jump to 5♥ and West accepts. Not very scientific, but it gets the job done. 6♥ is a good contract which will only go down if a spade is led and both the ♠A and ♠Q are unfavorably placed. When opener shows a maximum, the partnership will usually be headed for slam or grand slam.

WEST	EAST	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♠ A 4	♠ K 9 2	1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
♥ K 10 7 6 5 4	♥ A Q 8 3	3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
♦ A K 7	♦ Q 8	5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
♣ A 8	♣ K Q 7 2	6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

So, Jacoby 2NT is a useful tool if the partnership follows up successfully.

Tuesday's Results

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs

Session 2 of 4

9 PM

12.Tables		A	B	C		
3.34	1				Ted Baldwin, Saint Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO	61.59%
2.51	2				Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO	59.33%
2.73	3	1			Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Byron Southern, Little Rock AR	58.25%
1.44	4				Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO; John Stern, Apple Valley MN	55.35%
1.06	5				En Xie - Dianne Glick, Saint Louis MO	54.83%
1.03	6				Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	54.78%
2.12		2	1		Mark Ziegelman, Saint Louis MO; Robert Griffin, St Louis MO	52.92%
1.54		3			Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL; John Robey, Winchester TN	51.04%
1.59		4	2		Deepak Dighe, W Bloomfield MI; Latika Mangrulkar, Farmingtn Hls MI	50.76%
1.19		5	3		Marian Solari - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO	49.83%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1						61.59%	1		Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO; Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO	59.33%
2						55.35%	2	1	Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Byron Southern, Little Rock AR	58.25%
3						54.83%	3		Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS	54.78%
4	1	1				52.92%	4		Nancy Phillips - Angela Reed, Tulsa OK	52.79%
5						51.73%	5	2	Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL; John Robey, Winchester TN	51.04%
	2	2				50.76%	3	1	Marian Solari - Kathleen Essma, Kirkwood MO	49.83%
	3					49.17%				

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs

Session 3 of 4

1 PM

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION I			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1						58.50%	1		Mike Giacaman, St Louis MO; Carol Schaffer, Saint Louis MO	70.15%
2	1	1				53.81%	2		Nancy Phillips - Angela Reed, Tulsa OK	57.52%
3	2					53.38%	3		Donald Hauser - Regina Hauser, Florissant MO	55.23%
4						53.16%	4	1	Jeanne Redington - Jo Ann Moore, Saint Louis MO	54.14%
	3	2				49.13%	2	1	Susan Rosenthal, Saint Louis MO; Patricia Corich, Creve Coeur	49.24%
							3	2	John Levis, St Louis MO; Jan Pass, Saint Louis MO	48.69%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION J			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1						69.83%	1	1	Sanford Becker, Chesterfield ; Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO	56.32%
2	1	1				57.95%	2	1	Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL; Deborah Liefer, Ballwin MO	56.10%
3	2					54.47%	3	3	Elaine Sigler - Ray Sigler, Trenton IL	51.63%
4	3	2				52.83%	4	4	Judith Biondo, Ballwin MO; Peggy Hindert, Town and Ctry MO	49.46%
							3		Mary Fort - Susan Hall, Saint Louis MO	49.24%

REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 1 Pairs

Session 4 of 4

7 PM

6.5 Tbls		A	B	C		
2.58	1	1			Sarah Pentecost, Dresden TN; Garel Fulks, Springville TN	59.64%
1.94	2	2			Bernard Oetjen, Mc Lean VA; Ruth Naber, Kansas City MO	56.66%
1.45	3	3			Elaine Sigler - Ray Sigler, Trenton IL	56.07%
1.11	4/5				Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO	55.00%
1.97	4/5	4	1		Roberta Meyer, Puryear TN; Carolyn Rogers, Germantown TN	55.00%
1.48			2		Robert McDill, St Louis MO; Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO	48.75%

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION J			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1					56.66%	1	1	Sarah Pentecost, Dresden TN; Garel Fulks, Springville TN	59.64%
2						55.00%	2	2	Elaine Sigler - Ray Sigler, Trenton IL	56.07%
3	2					54.59%	3	1	Roberta Meyer, Puryear TN; Carolyn Rogers, Germantown TN	55.00%
	1					48.75%				

TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

OVERALLS

1PM & 7PM

22.0 Tbls		A	B	C		
11.20	1				Jerry Premo - Kay Beck, Noblesville IN	62.77%
8.40	2				Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO; Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO	62.75%
6.30	3				Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Linda Leinicke, St Louis MO	61.63%
6.49	4	1	1		David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO	56.68%
3.73	5				Tom Oppenheimer, Clayton MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO	56.43%
3.20	6				Judy Eaton, Edwardsville IL; Peggy Wald, Chesterfield MO	55.60%
2.80	7				Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO	55.40%
4.87		2	2		Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Honore Allen, Saint Louis MO	55.06%
3.65		3			Ben Finegold, Saint Louis MO; Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor MI	53.26%
2.74		4			Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO	52.59%
2.36		5	3		Suzanne Broddon, Clayton MO; Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO	51.08%
2.04		6	4		Susan Kilo, St Louis MO; Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO	50.69%
1.40			5		M Fish - Pat Moles, Harrison AR	50.51%

TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

1PM

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1						65.88%	1		Jerry Premo - Kay Beck, Noblesville IN	66.49%
2						63.08%	2	1	Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Robert Dempsey, St Charles MO	54.30%
3						60.58%	3	2	Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Honore Allen, Saint Louis MO	53.25%
4						55.26%	4		Patricia Steiner, St Louis MO; Rod Beery, Saint Charles MO	51.15%
	1	1				48.21%		3	Susan Kilo, St Louis MO; Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO	49.30%
	2					47.33%				
						47.04%				

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H			EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
1						56.46%	1		Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Linda Leinicke, St Louis MO	65.09%
2						52.15%	2		Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO; Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO	60.69%
3						51.63%	3	1	David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO	57.90%
4	1					49.59%	4		Cheryl Davis, St Louis MO; Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO	57.88%
	2	1				47.28%		2	Ben Finegold, Saint Louis MO; Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor MI	52.93%

MONDAY-TUESDAY KO1

14 Tables			
41.62	1	Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Justin Lall, Plano TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL	
29.13	2	Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL	
16.65	3/4	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL	
16.65	3/4	Ron Sholes - Dan Puznak, Springfield IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL	

BRACKET 2 14 Tables

18.38	1	Nancy Trice - Darlene Londeree - Susan Soha - Judith Davis, Columbia MO
12.87	2	Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Leo Birmingham, Whitney Point NY
7.35	3/4	James Nunn - Linda Powers, Chesterfield MO; Jerome Shen, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO
7.35	3/4	Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Robert Wheeler - George Hawley, Florissant MO; Stephen Zenk, Saint Louis MO

BRACKET 3 11 Tables

9.78	1	Hope Wood, Clarkson Valley MO; Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Pat Nieman, O Fallon MO; Kae Williams, Chesterfield MO
6.85	2	Barbara MacPeck, Ballwin MO; Doris Fairgrieve, St Louis MO; Katherine Hartenberger, Creve Coeur MO; Elaine Booker, Arnold MO
3.91	3/4	Mike Vontz - Janet Vontz, Lake St Louis MO; L Keith Graves - Karen Graves, Saint Charles MO
3.91	3/4	Sharon Sweet, Manchester MO; William Davis, Chesterfield MO; Karen Pahuski, Saint Louis MO; Michael Kelly, Ballwin MO



Nancy/New LM, Darlene, Judy, & Susan
Winners Bracket 2

Tuesday's Results

TUESDAY STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

7PM

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION G	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Jerry Premo - Kay Beck, Noblesville IN	59.04%	1		Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO; Linda Leinicke, St Louis MO	58.17%	
2	1		Elizabeth Meter, Wildwood MO; Doug Moore, Ballwin MO	57.41%	2/3	1	1	David Fricke, St Charles MO; Michael Mitra, Lake St Louis MO	55.45%
3	2		Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Candy Butz, Belleville IL	55.88%	2/3			Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN; Richard Haacke, Olivette MO	55.45%
4	3	1	Susan Kilo, St Louis MO; Gene Fluri, Saint Louis MO	52.07%	4			Jacqueline Sincoff - Roger Lord, Saint Louis MO	53.38%
		2	Leona Bullock, Du Quoin IL; Doris Holzhauer, Centralia IL	51.42%			2	Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO	51.74%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C	A	B	C				
1			Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO; Jack Bryant, Saint Louis MO	64.81%	1			Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO	58.61%
2			Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL	55.77%	2	1	1	Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Honore Allen, Saint Louis MO	56.86%
3	1	1	Suzanne Broddon, Clayton MO; Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO	54.58%	3			Dolores Hill, Chesterfield MO; Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO	55.23%
4			Greg Potter - Linda Hughes, Edmond OK	54.14%	4	2		John Losik - Robert Weaver, Kansas City MO	53.92%
		2	Ben Finegold, Saint Louis MO; Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor MI	53.59%			2	Margi Dyer, Mayfield KY; Douglas Snow, Paducah KY	47.28%
		2	M Fish - Pat Moles, Harrison AR	52.40%					

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY BR

BRACKET 1 9 Tables

Tom Kniest, Brentwood MO; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL; Hugh Williams, US; Jack Spear, Shawnee Mission KS vs
 Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Bryan Gerard, Bellevue WA; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Sheldon Margulis, Saint Louis MO

Richard Brummer - Ronald Diehl, Effingham IL; David Stevens - Mark Daily, Charleston IL vs
 George Marvin, Maryland Hts MO; George Jones, Maryland Hgts MO; Donna Harrison - Tina Hinds, Columbia MO

BRACKET 2 9 Tables

Krzysztof Jarosz - Dorota Jarosz - Glenda Piek, Edwardsville IL; Doug McQuaid, Lebanon IL vs
 Helen Walz, Madison IN; Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY; Deborah Pirkle, Clearwater FL; Carol Wilson, Rolla MO

Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; Carol Warner, Fairview Hgts IL; William Eaton, Edwardsville IL vs
 Deanna Nesbit - Pam Strack, Indianapolis IN; Wanda Cole, Greenfield IN; Sharon Jones, Fishers IN

BRACKET 3 9 Tables

Amy Stabenow - Steve Reiss, Saint Louis MO; Marvin Meinz - Sandra Meinz, Chesterfield vs
 Bob Derber - Sandra Stults - Jeff Ehrlich, Springfield IL; Charles Langley, Mechanicsburg IL

Kevin Clarkin, Florissant MO; Dennis Abeln, Ballwin MO; Stephen Russell, Fenton MO; Douglas Larson, St Louis MO vs
 Jo Ann Froehlich, Ballwin MO; Patricia Koncki, O'Fallon MO; Roxy Kesler, Creve Coeur MO; Lannon Corley, Chesterfield MO

1-SESSION STRATIFIED EVENING SWISS TEAM

Single Session

7 PM

20 Tables

A	B	C		
7.00	1		Russ Jones, Jonesboro AR; Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Dee Adams - Alvin Stone, Memphis TN	114.00
5.25	2		John Robey, Winchester TN; John Kinst, Batavia IL; Richard Dixon, Frontenac KS; Roseann Stice, Bethalto IL	96.00
3.94	3	1	Barbara Rankin - Elaine Hallum - Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Byron Southern, Little Rock AR	82.00
2.95	4		Ronnie Frank - Ann Ruwitch - Jane Ettelson, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA	77.00
1.94	5/6		Debra Romero, Clarkson Vly MO; Marvin Shapiro - En Xie, SaintLouis MO; Randy Baker, St Louis MO	74.00
1.94	5/6		Dennis Spencer, Saint Louis; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles; Judy Cardin, Bonita Spgs FL; Bruce Greenspan, ChesterL	74.00
2.81		1	Dorcas Evans, Denver CO; Grant La Fleur - Kenneth Woodard - Anita Woodard, Lubbock TX	69.00
1.84		3/4	Latika Mangrulkar, Farmingtn Hls; Deepak Dighe, W Bloomfield; Raymond Laythe Waterloo IL;	
			William Bollenberg, DownersGrove IL	65.00
1.84		3/4	Charles Keltner, Highland IL; Robert Holdeman, Eustis FL; Gail Baughman, O'Fallon IL;	
			Donald Klingsick, Edwardsville IL	65.00

199ER PAIRS

Sorry, no overalls available

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION M	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO; Fritz Gebhard, St Louis MO	65.18%	1	1	Caroline Gunter, St Louis ; Marcia Broddon, Saint Louis MO	65.48%	
2	2	1	Mary Foushee, Chesterfield MO; Joni Antweil, St Louis MO	62.20%	2			Dale Burian, Imperial MO; Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO	64.29%
3	3		Curtis Wehling - Judy Wehling, Glenview IL	52.98%	3/4	2/3	1/2	Mona Powers, St Louis MO; Diana Stoneman, Chesterfield MO	59.23%
4			Carolyn Kolman, St. Louis MO; Nancy Labrier, Saint Louis MO	52.38%	3/4	2/3	1/2	Patricia Clark, Villa Ridge MO; Debb Keniley, St Louis MO	59.23%
5			Linda Myers, Ballwin MO; Kathy Foresman, Saint Louis MO	51.19%	5			Robert Wood, Clarkson Valley; John Oeefein, Chesterfield MO	48.51%
		2	Ann Irving, Des Peres MO; Amy Galvin, St Louis MO	48.51%					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION N	EAST-WEST					
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1		Bob Gulovsen, Alton IL; Robert Street, Chesterfield MO	65.69%	1	1	1	Barbara Branham, Kirkwood ; Patricia Vitale, Saint Charles MO	55.99%
2			Regina Schlueter - Ken Schlueter, Ferguson MO	60.12%	2	2	2	Robert Gardiner, Webster Grvs ; Stephen Myers, Manchester	55.36%
3			Carolyn Andrews, Ballwin MO; Suzy Schoonmaker, Chaesterfield	57.10%	3	3		Sherry Singer, Clayton MO; Margie Horowitz, Boca Raton FL	54.80%
4	2		Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO; Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO	55.91%	4			Carolyn Bower - Laurie Stern, St Louis MO	52.38%
5	3		Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO	49.02%	5			Walter Carpenter III, Olivette ; Steven Clements, Wildwood MO	52.17%
		4	Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis	48.81%					
		2	John Belfi, Chesterfield MO; David Peterson, Wildwood MO	48.21%					

1PM

1st Overall in C



199ER PAIRS

12.5 Tables

A	B	C						
3.06	1		Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL	65.77%				
2.30	2		Steven Clements, Wildwood MO; Walter Carpenter III, Olivette MO	60.83%				
2.26	3	1	Fritz Gebhard, St Louis MO; Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO	60.43%				
1.70	4	2	Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood MO	59.00%				
1.27	5	3	Rick Armstrong, St Louis MO; Craig Cooke, MO	56.74%				
1.13	6	4	Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis MO	55.71%				
0.79		5	Curtis Wehling - Judy Wehling, Glenview IL	54.42%				
1.12		1	Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO; Ann Crowley, St Louis MO	50.70%				
0.84		2	Robert Tucker, Chesterfield MO; Gerald Greiman, St Louis MO	46.07%				
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION M	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Judith Wagner - Barbara Constance, Belleville IL	65.77%	1		Steven Clements, Wildwood MO; Walter Carpenter III, Olivette	60.83
2	1		Cathy Paulsmeyer, Chesterfield MO; Mary Joan Woods, St Louis	55.71%	2	1	Fritz Gebhard, St Louis MO; Diana Votaw, Chesterfield MO	60.43%
3	2		Curtis Wehling - Judy Wehling, Glenview IL	54.42%	3	2	Dennis Whitmore, Manchester MO; Louisa Miller, Kirkwood	59.00%
4			Richard Messinger - Toni Messinger, Alton IL	53.28%	4	3	Rick Armstrong, St Louis MO; Craig Cooke, MO	56.74%
5			George Halsey - Sharon Halsey, O'Fallon IL	52.65%	5		Dale Burian, Imperial MO; Karl Lovegreen, Ballwin MO	52.63%
	3		Pam Sherman-Brown - Jerry Brown, Naples FL	52.19%		1	Charlotte Lehmann, Brentwood MO; Ann Crowley, St Louis	50.70%
	4		Penny Williams, Saint Louis MO; Cynthia Peters, St Louis MO	50.09%				
	1		Annie Mays, Jennings MO; Dorothy Garrison, Olivette MO	45.39%				

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BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

MARCH 5

Although squeeze-play can be very complex, there are many deals in which only a modicum of basic technique is required. Let's look at the unsuccessful approach before we see the

NORTH 03-5-A
 ♠ 8 7 3 2
 ♥ A K Q 10
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 8 5

WEST **EAST**
 ♠ 5 ♠ A 6
 ♥ 7 2 ♥ J 8 5 4 3
 ♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ J 6 2 ♣ K 10 7

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 10 9 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ Q 4 3

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦*	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

*Short diamonds, agreeing spades
 Opening lead: Diamond five

winning line.

You play in six spades on a diamond lead to your ace. You ruff a diamond in dummy and play a trump. East rises with the ace and returns a trump to avoid being endplayed. You now run all the trumps, pitching clubs from dummy, but East is under no pressure. On the last trump you bare dummy's club ace, and East comes down to a singleton club himself, taking trick 13 with the heart jack.

The reason the squeeze did not operate was that you could exert no pressure from the club suit. You need to utilize a maneuver called the Vienna Coup. After winning the second trump, try taking the club ace and then running the trumps.

The significant difference is that you come down to four hearts in dummy, with the lead in your hand and the club queen posing a threat against East, who also has sole control of the hearts. What is he to discard? If he pitches his club king, you cash the queen, then take the top hearts. If he tosses

Daily Quiz

BID WITH THE ACES

03-5-B

South holds:

♠ 8 7 3 2
 ♥ A K Q 10
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 8 5

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
?			

a heart, then dummy is good.

ANSWER: Your partner's three-club call is forcing. It is fundamentally a try for game in hearts, though it could be showing a better hand than that. To get your spectacular trumps and singleton diamond across, jump to four diamonds. In all such auctions a jump like this is a splinter, promising a singleton diamond and suitability for slam.

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Thank you, Pat!

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. Pays Gold for Section Tops (300-750) & Overalls.</i>	

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

Regional Side Game Series (Single sessions)

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)

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)

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.



"What kind of no trumps do you play?"

Two little old ladies were playing in a tournament against two celebrated masters. One of the ladies opened the bidding with one no trump. The master to her left was looking at a hand containing 14 points on which he considered bidding. He turned to the opening bidder's partner and asked, "What kind of no trumps do you play?" "Strong," she answered, "around 20 points." Where upon the master hastily passed and so did the opening bidder's partner.

The dummy laid down 2 queens and a jack and the expert silently congratulated himself for not having stuck his neck out.

But the defense started to take trick after trick and eventually accumulated 9 of them beating the contract 3, un-doubled. Game, it developed, was cold in the masters' hand. The expert with the 14 point hand turned to the dummy and said in an aggrieved tone, "Didn't you say you played a strong no trump?"

"I do," answered the little old lady. "But my partner plays a weak no trump, about 12 points."