

August 11-17



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Daily Bulletin

## Gateway to the West Regional

All St. Louis Regional Results: [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) & [www.unit143.org](http://www.unit143.org), Unit 143 includes links to the week's Daily Bulletins.

**Thanks** to our Directors, Caddies and the entire Tournament committee and Unit 143 Board. We appreciate your work!



### Charity Pairs Series Raises \$

BackStoppers will receive the \$\$\$\$ that you helped us raise in the Saturday morning Charity Open Pairs Game and will be added to what was raised in the Wednesday evening Swiss event. We support this organization to express our appreciation for lives given on behalf of others. Unit 143 will present the check at their October Sectional.

Thanks for playing in these events and showing your support!



### Daily Grin



- ◆ Why is it that experts avoid the use of Blackwood, and novices use Blackwood with a void?
- ◆ Never accept a free finesse. If you can't afford to pay, just charge it.
- ◆ Be an expert! Never take a finesse to make your contract when you can go down on a squeeze play.
- ◆ My partner makes random signals on every hand. The good news is that he falsecards so much they all appear normal.
- ◆ I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list of beginning tournament players, but I know learning to play better is definitely last.
- ◆ Even experts are subject to criticism, sometimes lighthearted and sometimes not. Once, when his opponents in a world-championship match took an unusually long time to act, the late Lee Hazen remarked, "I was a young man when this deal began."
- ◆ I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you can never be sure that the bidding will get back around to you again. Oswald Jacoby at 77.



for coming to St. Louis and we'd like to see you right back here again next year. We appreciate that you chose to attend our Regional 'coz we do it all for you!



### Our Date to July 13-19, 2015

Come back and join us next July. We are giving up our week because Chicago, IL will host the Summer NABC August 6-16, 2015. Please put us on your Regional tournament calendar today.



**Last Chance for Registration Gift & To Pick Up Your Section Top Awards**  
Sunday, from 10:00 – 10:20 AM before the Swiss Team session begins, and 30 minutes after the sessions end, will be the last opportunity to pick up your convention card holder and section top awards.



### Free \$20 "Tuck Away"

*From the Restaurant Committee*

We will be giving away 1 "Tuck Away" Card good for \$20 off the price of dinner at Outback Steakhouse, during the morning event today, courtesy of Mark Diamond, District Manager/Joint Venture Partner, Outback Steak Houses and the restaurant committee of Lee Hastings and Jeff Kopolow.

### Today's Events

**199er Pairs, Single Sessions *NEW EVENT***  
**SATURDAY-SUNDAY KNOCKOUT 5, continues**  
**2-SESSION SUNDAY SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED A**  
**2-SESSION SUNDAY SWISS STRATI-FLIGHTED B/C/D**

**2 Sessions**  
**Sessions 3 & 4 of 4**  
**2 Sessions, Play Through**  
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**10:30 AM & 2:30 PM**  
**10:30 AM & TBA**  
**10:30 AM\***  
**10:30 AM\***  
\* finish by 6 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!



# Today's Puzzles

Yesterday's Solutions  
Sudoku 9

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

## Sudoku 10

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

## BONUS Sudoku for the road: back page



# IN HISTORY

- Davy Crockett was born, 1786
- The Woodstock Music Fair ended, 1969
- Hurricane Camille killed more than 300 people and left 70,000 homeless in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, 1969.

### Self Evident?

When, in the course of bridge events, it becomes necessary to dissolve the moral bonds between one player and another, the weaker ones require that they declare their unethical intentions. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that we are all created equal; that we are endowed with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of masterpoints; and that in the course of achieving this goal, we be allowed to cheat.

-John Handh

### The Ravin'

by Edgar Allan Pavlicek

Once upon a midnight, Drury  
Drove my partner to a fury.  
All I did was bid two clubs;  
Don't know why he got so sore.  
While I nodded, nearly napping,  
I received a verbal flapping.  
Partner asked me o'er and o'er,  
"Have you ever played before?"  
As for Drury...  
Nevermore!

### Important Rules!

- Rule of 11— the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.
- 8 Ever, 9 Never — status quo whenever you raise 2NT to 3NT.
- Second Hand Low —the easiest way to lose your aces on defense.
- What "Richard Pavlicek Says" — tips that work on lesson deals, never work in real life.

## Cash Concessions

Where Main playing area

When 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Concourse Ballroom

➤ **Sunday Team event is a play through with NO meal break.**



- Assorted Wrap Deli Sandwiches with Condiments @ \$3
- BBQ Pork Sandwiches @ \$4
- Individual Bags of Potato Chips @ \$1
- Assorted Whole Fresh Fruit @ \$1
- Assorted Cookies @ \$1
- Assorted Regular and Diet Soft Drinks @ \$2.75
- Bottled Waters and Bottled Fruit Juices @ \$2.75



## Expert Technique Avoids Guess

Today's deal arose in a local club game and provides a good lesson in declarer-play technique. The bidding was the same at most tables: North made a takeout double of West's preemptive opening and this prompted South to bid six notrump after checking for aces with Blackwood.

West	North	East	South
3 H	Dbl	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 H	Pass	6 NT
All Pass			

6 NT	S K Q 10	None Vul
	H 8 2	
	D A 9 7	
	C A 10 9 6 5	
S 7 2		S 9 6 5 4 3
H K Q J 10 7 5 4		H 6
D 6 3		D 10 8 5 4 2
C Q 2		C 4 3
Lead: H K	S A J 8	
	H A 9 3	
	D K Q J	
	C K J 8 7	

Six notrump is a reasonable contract, needing only to bring home the club suit. Let's consider the play as it might have occurred at three different tables.

"Average Ann" was declarer at table one. After winning the second heart lead, she considered the play of the club suit. She had a combined holding of nine cards and, because of the popular maxim, "eight ever; nine never," she knew never to finesse for the queen. Therefore, Ann cashed the top clubs and made her contract. Well done.

"Thoughtful Tom" was at the wheel at table two. He also won the second heart lead and considered the play of the club suit. He knew the normal percentage play holding nine cards, but this was not a "normal" situation. With hearts divided seven-one, the odds greatly favored East to hold longer clubs. Therefore, Tom led a club to dummy's ace and finessed the jack on the way back. Oops! Down six.

"Expert Ernie" held the South cards at table three. He too won the second heart lead; but he was in no hurry to tackle the club suit. To find out more about the enemy distribution, he first cashed all his winners in the other suits. Ernie learned that West began with two spades and two diamonds. Combined with his known seven-card heart suit, this left West with exactly two clubs — no more, and no less. Consequently, cashing the top clubs was a 100-percent guarantee to make the contract.

In conclusion: Ann was lucky and Tom was unlucky. And for Ernie? He didn't need any luck.

# INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS PAGE

## A Great Book on Declarer

by Richard Pavlicek

If you want to improve your declarer play, I thoroughly recommend Bill Root's book, *How to Play a Bridge Hand*.

[*How To Play A Bridge Hand: 12 Easy Chapters To Winning Bridge By America's Premier Teacher*, by William S. Root, Foreword by Omar Sharif] Neither for beginners nor for experts but for the 90% of players in between, this guide includes more than 300 of bridge master William Root's favorite hands. The book was the winner of the "Book of the Year Award" of the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

Root has been my regular partner in championship events for over 15 years, and I can assure you he knows his stuff. Waiting for him to play a wrong card is like waiting for a solar eclipse.

The hard-cover book contains over 300 pages of lucid text with hundreds of examples. Each of the 12 chapters is followed by a quiz to test your progress. I chose today's deal from his chapter on "Communication Problems" because it is the kind that average players would miss at the table, yet the principle is clear and succinct.

3 NT	S A K 7 H 8 7 2 D 5 4 3 C 10 9 6 4	Both Vul	West	North	East	South
			Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT
S 9 H Q 10 6 4 3 D Q 10 9 2 C K J 5		S Q J 10 6 4 H 9 5 D J 8 C 8 7 3 2				
Lead: H 4	S 8 5 3 2 H A K J D A K 7 6 C A Q					

The bidding is straightforward. South opens two notrump — the weak spade holding is not a deterrent— and North raise to game.

West leads the heart four, and declarer counts eight easy tricks: two spades, three hearts (thank you), two diamonds and one club. There are a number of chances: Would you try the club finesse? Or play for a 3-3 diamond break? Or try for a 3-3 spade break? Cover the East-West hands and decide how you would play before reading further.

Hopefully, you didn't fall for any of the suggestions. The contract is guaranteed — no finesses, regardless of suit breaks — by leading the ace and queen of clubs immediately. Even if you got it right, be sure to ask yourself: Would you have played it this way at the table? Correct plays are easier to spot when posed as a problem because your interest is piqued, while at the table there is no warning bell.

When West wins the club king, regardless of the return, you will reach dummy with the spade king and lead the club 10 to force out the jack. Later the spade Ace provides an entry to the good club. As Root points out, you would be defeated with any other play, as there would be insufficient time or entries to enjoy the club trick

### Jettison Play

One of the most famous hands in Root's books is a 7NT contract requiring a very advanced jettison play. High cards often get in the declarer's way - that is they block the effective play of the hand. A solution to these blocking problems is to *throw away high cards*. This *unblocking coup* is known as the *jettison play*.

South in 7NT	♠ A Q		
	♥ K Q J		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J 9 7 6 5 4 2		
♠ J 10 2		♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3	
♥ 10 8 7 4		♥ 9 6 5 3 2	
♦ J 7 5 2		♦ —	
♣ 8 3		♣ 10	
Lead: ♠J	♠ K		
	♥ A		
	♦ A K Q 10 9 8 6 4		
	♣ A K Q		

- ♦ Win the opening lead of ♠J with the ace, dropping the king of spades.
- ♦ Cash the queen of spades, and **jettison** the ace of hearts from hand.
- ♦ Now cash the top hearts in dummy and **jettison** the top three clubs from hand!
- ♦ You can now run the clubs to discard diamond losers.

This line of play has the advantage of trying out the club suit before seeing if the diamonds run.

Due to this particular hand layout, the diamonds don't run because of the 4-0 split, while the clubs run because of the singleton ♣10.

If the clubs did not split favorably, declarer could still try to run the diamonds using dummy's ♦3 to get back into declarer's hand.





# Saturday's Results

1		Beryl Shapiro - Marvin Shapiro, Saint Louis MO	66.83%	1		Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO	63.30%
2		Gail Hawkins, Ballwin MO; Helen Stolar, Saint Louis MO	60.58%	2	1	Edward Margulies, Highland Park IL; Doug O'Leary, St Louis	57.69%
3	1	Gayle McLean - Don McLean, St Louis MO	59.78%	3	2	Julie Woods, Chesterfield MO; Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO	53.37%
4	2	Sanford Becker, Chesterfield MO; Becky Hubert, St Louis MO	59.13%	4		Greg Potter - Linda Hughes, Edmond OK	52.56%
5		Alice Kerckhoff - Judy Putzel, Saint Louis MO	55.45%	5/7		Rod Van Wyk - Janice Van Wyk, Alton IL	52.08%
6	3	Suzi Shymanski Moore, Ballwin MO; Margery Goldberg, Saint Louis	52.24%	5/7	3/4	Margaret Chitty, Wildomar CA; Monika Plumb, Carbondale IL	52.08%
4	1	Gretchen Smith, St Louis MO; Jan Pass, Saint Louis MO	50.16%	5/7	3/4	Anne Agovino, Chesterfield MO; Doug Moore, Ballwin MO	52.08%
					1	Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Navin Shah, Maryland Hghts MO	50.32%

## REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Pairs

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION H
B	C	D	B
1	1		M Sharlene Morgan, Rolla MO; Margie Tayloe, Bloomington IN
2	2		Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO
3	3	1	Kadie Davis - Pamela Ames, Maryville IL
4	4		Steven Clements, Wildwood MO; Walter Carpenter III, Olivette MO
5			Ron Combs, Ballwin MO; George Hawley, Florissant MO
6			Janet Wintermute, St Louis MO; Margaret Taylor, Saint Louis MO

## Session 3 of 4

EAST-WEST	
C	D
1	
2	1 1
3	
4	2 2
5	
6	3
	4

## 1 PM

Fred Sandegren, O'Fallon MO; James Faulkner, Quincy IL	68.05%
Keith Lawson - Scott Weber, Jacksonville IL	56.82%
Hall Whitaker - William Morgan, Rolla MO	56.03%
Vera Miller, Bonita Springs FL; Margaret Hoan, Pickering ON	55.51%
Betty Paterson - Jean Donoho, Louisville KY	55.12%
Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass, St Louis MO	52.43%
Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Pat Nieman, O Fallon MO	50.04%

## REGIONAL SIDE SERIES 3 Pairs

3.0 Tables

A	B	C
1.97	1	1
1.48	2	
1.48		2

  

A	B	C
1	1	1
2		2

## Session 4 of 4

EAST-WEST	
C	D
60.42%	
60.00%	
55.20%	

## 7 PM

Roy Lewis, Saint Peters MO; Robert Vetter, Saint Charles MO	60.42%
Mark Ludwig, Maryland Hts MO; Robert Wheeler, Florissant MO	60.00%
Richard Ahrens, St Louis MO; Kathleen Lewin, Bolingbrook IL	55.20%

## SATURDAY BAROMETER

1	Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Jonathan Weinstein, St Louis MO	63.22%
2	Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO	60.34%
3	En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Vly MO	55.77%
4	Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN	55.53%
5	Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	52.88%
6	Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO; Mike Giacaman, St Louis MO	52.16%
7	John Burgener, St Louis MO; Robert Carstedt, Wichita KS	51.68%

## FINALS

1	Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN	64.10%
2	Sheldon Margulis - James Voelz, Saint Louis MO	63.62%
3	Carol Schaffer, Saint Louis MO; Nell Schneider, St Louis MO	62.34%
4	Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	56.73%
5	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO	54.81%
6	Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Cheryl Davis, St Louis MO	53.69%
7	Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE; Farid Azzam, Chesterfield	52.08%

## SATURDAY BAROMETER PAIRS QUALIFYING

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION J
1			Richard Haacke, Olivette MO; Kenneth Bland, Saint Louis MO
2			Drew Becker, Chicago IL; Jonathan Weinstein, St Louis MO
3			Marvin King, Creve Coeur MO; Marilyn Cooper, Jaxville Beh FL
4			En Xie, Saint Louis MO; Debra Romero, Clarkson Vly MO
5			Deborah King, Creve Coeur MO; Mike Giacaman, St Louis MO
6			Ed Howard, Lawrence KS; Karen Erlanger, Saint Louis MO
7			Michael Pitonak, Valley Park MO; Scott Davis, St Louis

EAST-WEST	
C	D
61.38%	
57.69%	
56.57%	
54.49%	
54.33%	
53.37%	
53.04%	

1	Ron Ashbacher, Lead Hill AR; Donald Florida, Indianapolis IN	64.10%
2	Sheldon Margulis - James Voelz, Saint Louis MO	63.62%
3	Carol Schaffer, Saint Louis MO; Nell Schneider, St Louis MO	62.34%
4	Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX	56.73%
5	Mark Boswell, Clarkson Valley MO; Curtis Hastings, St Louis MO	54.81%
6	Ralph Behrens, Saint Louis MO; Cheryl Davis, St Louis MO	53.69%
7	Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE; Farid Azzam, Chesterfield	52.08%

## SATURDAY BCD PAIRS

15.0 Tables

B	C	D
7.38	1	1
5.54	2	2
4.15	3	
3.11	4	3
2.46	5	
2.97	6	4 1
2.46	5	
2.23	6	2
1.67		3

## FINAL

Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass, St Louis MO	59.07%
M Sharlene Morgan, Rolla MO; Margie Tayloe, Bloomington IN	56.33%
Fred Sandegren, O'Fallon MO; James Faulkner, Quincy IL	56.14%
Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	55.75%
Betty Paterson - Jean Donoho, Louisville KY	54.88%
<b>Keith Lawson - Scott Weber, Jacksonville IL</b>	<b>53.89%</b>
Augustyn Ortynski, Creve Coeur MO; Robert McDill, St Louis MO	53.67%
Vera Miller, Bonita Springs FL; Margaret Hoan, Pickering ON	52.28%
Jill Padua, Saint Louis MO; Pat Nieman, O Fallon MO	49.94%



1<sup>st</sup> in D: Keith Lawson & Scott Weber

## SATURDAY BCD PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION I
B	C	D	B
1	1		Augustyn Ortynski, Creve Couer MO; Robert McDill, St Louis MO
2	2		Suzu Seldin - Lois Frank, Saint Louis MO
3			Betty Paterson - Jean Donoho, Louisville KY
4			John Tompkins Sr, Quincy IL; Marie Kurz, Vandalia MO
5	3		M Sharlene Morgan, Rolla MO; Margie Tayloe, Bloomington IN
6			Julie Behrens, Saint Louis MO; David Shanahan, St Ann MO
	4	1	Keith Lawson - Scott Weber, Jacksonville IL

## Session 1 of 2

EAST-WEST	
C	D
62.82%	1 1
62.66%	2
54.65%	3 2 1
54.17%	4 3
52.40%	5
51.12%	6 4 2
50.96%	

## 1 PM

Helene Siegfried - Judy Pass, St Louis MO	65.71%
Mike Arnheim, St Louis MO; Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN	57.05%
Karen Pahunski - Mary Dolan, Saint Louis MO	56.09%
Linda Seibert, Olivette MO; Hong Liu, Frontenac MO	55.13%
Ron Combs, Ballwin MO; George Hawley, Florissant MO	51.92%
Richard Bondi - Carole Bondi, Bonita Springs FL	51.28%

## SATURDAY EVENING SWISS

15 Tables

A	B	C
3.79	1	
3.03	2	1
2.27	3	2
1.70	4	3
1.28	5	4
1.97		1

## Single Session

Jack Bryant - Allyson Wolfe - Denny O'Connor, Saint Louis MO; Milton Zlatic, St Louis MO	103.00
Phyllis Siegel, Ballwin MO; Jay Shah, St Louis MO; Christopher Shaw Jr, Carlinville IL; Robert Sievers, Champaign IL	84.00
Leon McCarty - Chris Buck - Jayna Buck, Hurdland MO; Laird Schaub, Rutledge MO	82.00
James Reid Brazier - Linda Brazier, Moro IL; Eric Neumann, Downers Grove IL; Edward Margulies, Highland Park IL	76.00
Karen Coe - John Coe, Ewing IL; Ronald Brotherson - Janet Brotherson, Paducah KY	75.00
Robert Griffin, St Louis MO; Alan Lemley, Saint Louis MO; Elizabeth Meteer, Wildwood MO; Martha Hanley, Chesterfield MO	55.00

## FRIDAY- SATURDAY KNOCKOUT 4

### BRACKET 1

9 Tables

32.35	1	Nate Ward - Karen Walker, Champaign IL; Tod Moses - Nancy Popkin, Saint Louis MO; William Doroshov, Skokie IL; Alan Popkin, St Louis MO
22.65	2	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; James Melville, Springfield IL; Suzanne Dunn, Crystal Lake IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL; Will Engel, Freeport IL
12.94	3/4	Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Ron Smith, Las Vegas NV; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Dick Bruno, des Plaines IL; Robert Gardner, Glenview IL
12.94	3/4	Ellen Coffield, Little Rock AR; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns FL; Justin Lall, Plano TX

### BRACKET 2

15 Tables

20.29	1	Donald Chase, O Fallon MO; Delano Sylvester, Lake St. Louis MO; Janet Vontz - Mike Vontz, Lake St Louis MO
14.20	2	Jim Hutter, Ames IA; Toby Kahn, Louisville KY; Rosalie Rappin, Buffalo Grove IL; Jennifer Luner, St Louis MO
8.12	3/4	Mark Zellmer, Creve Coeur MO; Jeff Eisenberger, Chesterfield MO; Bryan Gerard, Bellevue WA; Brian Kalcic, Saint Louis MO
8.12	3/4	Helen Walz, Madison IN; Shirley Mueller, Louisville KY; Michael Roeder - Tim Donovan, Madison WI





# Faces of the St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional



*Regionals*  
St. Louis  
Thursday afternoon  
8/14/14

*Thanks to the board for the excellent Regionals!*

*Challenging bridge...fun with friends!*

8/15/14

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# Faces of the St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional







**S u n d a y   B o n u s !   G i a n t   S u d o k u**

6					11						
	3				6	7	2	1	4		
		13							5		
		12		9		5		7	8	6	
2			5		1		8	12			
9	4										
	11			3			13				
		8	4	12					2	13	
13		6			9			4			5
						6					13
5	9	3		8				6	7		
							4	11	3		

This puzzle does NOT use the number 10; it uses 1-9 and 11-13.  
For solution, e-mail [jjluner@charter.net](mailto:jjluner@charter.net)

