

St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional I/N Fact Sheet

Welcome to the St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional. We are happy to see you here and hope this fact sheet helps make your tournament an enjoyable experience.

Events

I/N stands for Intermediate/Novice. Our tournament offers a number of I/N games: a free single session game for players with 0-20 masterpoints on Monday afternoon and 299er pairs games at 2 pm and 7 pm on Monday and then three times each day (9:30 AM, 2 PM, and 7 PM) Tuesday thru Saturday. Follow the I/N arrows to I/N rooms.

You may also want to play in Gold Rush pairs on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Additional means of earning gold points are the Bracketed Swiss games. Two-session Bracketed Swiss Team games are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. These will take place in the main ballroom. The Sunday bracketed Swiss will be the largest event and gives you the best chance to earn gold.

Bracketed Swiss events are structured so that teams only play against other teams in their same bracket (brackets based on number of masterpoints of team members). There are gold point winners in each bracket. If there are 7 teams in a particular bracket, then three of those teams will earn gold.

Parking

Before you leave, pick up parking tickets for exiting the lot. Your director will have them. Parking is free but you must have the tickets to exit. One ticket is good for the entire tournament.

Daily Bulletin

The Daily Bulletin will be available online this year. Check the Unit 143 website (www.unit143.org) for the link. The Daily Bulletin contains schedule for the day, results from previous day, and information relating to the tournament.

Hospitality

Be sure to come to the main ballroom for coffee throughout the day and evening. Hospitality is also available in the main ballroom Tuesday - Saturday before the 9:30 AM games. Lunch is available for purchase in the main ballroom Tuesday through Sunday. Hospitality will be available in the main hallway after each evening session. Please join us for food and drink.

Winners

Trophies are awarded to the 1st overall winners in each I/N strata (A, B, and C).

Bring your trophy for a photograph in the main hallway after each morning and afternoon session. If you win an evening event, have your picture taken the next day. Or use your smartphone and email photograph to dolanmary@sbcglobal.net. Include your names (left to right) and the event date.

If you reach Life Master status during the tournament, let us know by putting note in "News For Daily Bulletin" basket on Daily Bulletin table in main hallway. And get your photo taken also.

Partnership Desk

The partnership desk will not only match you with a partner, but will also match you and your partner with another partnership to play in a team event. The partnership desk is located in the main hallway and opens 45 minutes before each session, ending 15 minutes before session begins.

You'll be paired with someone as close as possible to your level of expertise. Our partnership chair this year is Linda Seibert and she will be assisted by Phyllis Siegel and others. For partners and/or teams email unit143pship@gmail.com or call 314-810-6487.

Also throughout the week, cards will be posted on the partnership board located next to the partnership desk. If you need a partner or team, you can fill out a card and post it on the board. If you are looking for a partner or team, you can browse the board and find a good match.

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers offer the opportunity to learn from highly regarded bridge players presenting a variety of bridge topics. Speaker, topic, and start time will be posted outside your room. Check the Daily Bulletin for that day's speaker schedule.

Schedule of I/N, Gold Rush Pairs, and Bracketed Swiss Events

Monday, August 13

299er Pairs, Single Session..... 2 PM, 7 PM

Tuesday, August 14

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

*Gold Rush Pairs, 2-session.....9:30 AM and 2 PM

Wednesday, August 15

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

Bracketed Swiss, 2-session 9:30 AM and 2 PM

Thursday, August 16

299er Pairs, Single Session..... 9:30 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

*Gold Rush Pairs, 2-session..... 9:30 AM and 2 PM

Bracketed Swiss, 2-session9:30 AM and 2 PM

Friday, August 17

299er Pairs, Single Session 9:30 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

*Gold Rush Pairs, 2-session 9:30 AM and 2 PM

Saturday, August 18

299er Pairs, Single Session9:30 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

Bracketed Swiss, 2-session9:30 AM and 2 PM

Sunday, August 19

Bracketed Swiss, 2-session.....10:00 AM

* Must play in both 9:30 AM and 2 PM sessions of Gold Rush to earn Gold Masterpoints.

Unit 143 Fall 299er Bridge Tournament September 29-30, 2018

Will be held at St. Louis Bridge Center, 1270 N. Price Rd., Olivette, MO 63132

Open to all players with < 300 ACBL masterpoints. For reservations, information, or help with partners, contact Linda Seibert, 314-810-6487 or email 299reservation@gmail.com. For session details, go to the tournament calendar at ACBL.org or the Unit 143 website at www.unit143.org.