

District 8 wins GNT Flight C

The District 8 team captained by Thomas O'Reilly-Pol shook off a first-set deficit and stormed to victory in the Grand National Teams, Flight C, over a squad from District 23 (California). The final score was 200-124.

With the win, O'Reilly-Pol, of St. Louis, became a Life Master.

Winners of the Grand National Teams, Flight C: Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, Sandy Bigg, Debbie Romero, Jonathan Goldberg.



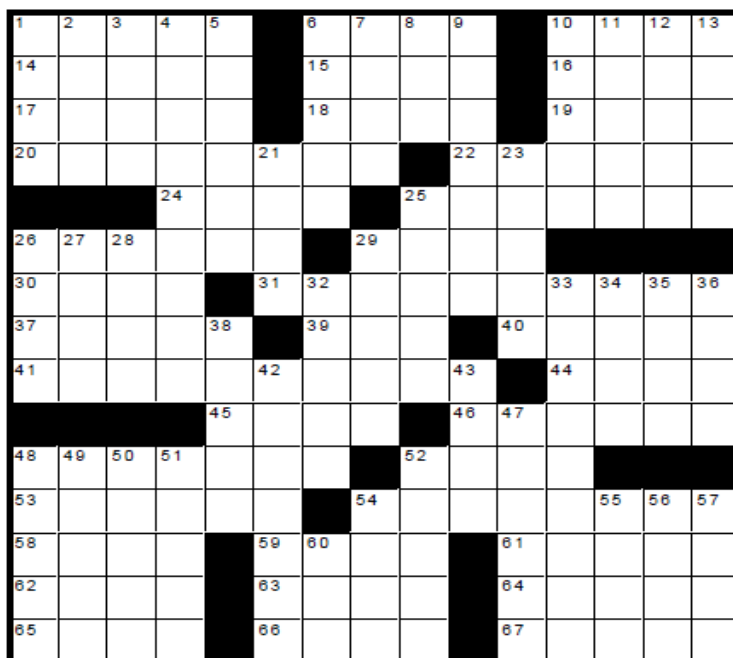
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. LOUIS TEAM!!!!!!!

Across

1. Clamp
6. Drinks (as a cat)
10. Fail to hit
14. "M*A*S*H" name
15. A shivering fit - often a precursor to malaria
16. Word that can precede war, biotic and climax
17. Variegated chalcedony
18. Waist band
19. Delighted
20. Crazy
22. Steal
24. Score
25. Voted into a seat
26. Repudiate
29. Hill toy
30. Scent
31. Very large star
37. Salk's conquest
39. Derelict
40. ___ Park, Colorado
41. Pertaining to electrons
44. The last Mrs. Chaplin
45. Furniture wood
46. Hinder
48. Least fresh
52. Plum variety
53. Capital of Tasmania
54. Interwork
58. Minerals
59. Russian airline, _____ flot
61. Water wheel
62. Vex
63. Streetcar
64. Songs for two
65. A wedding cake may have three of these
66. Sea-going eagle
67. Donkeys

Down

1. Actor Pitt
2. Anger
3. First man
4. Absolute
5. Before this time



6. Trademark
7. Elderly, matured
8. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
9. Pioneer
10. Sleight of hand
11. Bay
12. Fend (off)
13. Favored
21. Makes brown
23. Barrier
25. Fragrant resin
26. Narcotic
27. Billy ___ had a hit song with "White Wedding"
28. Lone
29. Pluck
32. German submarine
33. Having an equal number of parts
34. On
35. Hawaiian goose
36. Nicholas II was the last Russian one
38. Brown-furred aquatic carnivorous mammal
42. Say again
43. Converse
47. Plan
48. Curt
49. Japanese gateway
50. White-barked poplar tree
51. Coherent light beam
52. Garden figure
54. Oil-rich Islamic theocracy neighboring Iraq
55. Greek god of war
56. Mention for gallantry
57. Soviet news service
60. Flub

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

BRIDGE TIP OF THE DAY

♣ **Keep a low card hidden.**

All the so-called "secrets of success" will not work unless you do. A habit is a way of working efficiently. As declarer, when it seems to make no difference, develop the *habit* of NOT playing the lowest card in your hand first. Why?

1. You may need it for transportation later. This is a variation of "unblocking." Consider what happens if you play the 2 in this suit combo:

Q6543 (dummy)

9872 (you)

Now picture playing the 7 instead.

This is most frequently true in the trump suit, where your baby trump in hand could have been the way to dummy later.

KQ64 (dummy)

AT9873 (you)

Trumps are splitting 3-0. If you carelessly led or played the 3 under the **KQ**, I bet partner noticed.

2. It introduces ambiguity into the hand for the defenders, who may "place" the missing card in partner's hand. Which can have amazing results.

Enjoy the game!

MON/TUE KO - BRACKET 1 - 15 Tables

Michael Carmen, Saint Louis MO; Kathleen Safranski, Chesterfield MO; Shirley Dicks - John Dicks, Saint Charles MO

vs

Ed Schultz, Chesterfield MO; Mark Kessler, Springfield IL; Donald Stack, Overland Park KS; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL;
Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Alan Stout, Mountain Home AR

Thomas Turgeon - Mike Cook - Dee Adams - Alvin Stone, Memphis TN

vs

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

Lee Hastings, St Louis MO; Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Elaine Said, Nashville TN

vs

G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Richard Helams Jr, West Monroe LA;
Chris Moll, Lavonia GA; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC

Jack Bryant - Denny O'Connor, Saint Louis MO; Corinne Kirkham - Jim Kirkham, Leawood KS

vs

Greg House, S San Fran CA; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Rod Van Wyk, Alton IL; Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO

MON/TUE KO - BRACKET 2 - 16 Tables

Dennis Spencer - Linda Leinicke - Jerome Shen - Gloria Spitzer, Saint Louis MO

vs

Michael McGuire, Hernando MS; Carol Brehm - Colleen Duffy, Memphis TN; Visanji Gala, Germantown TN

Ted Baldwin - Margaret Baldwin - Page Jackson - En Xie, Saint Louis MO

vs

John Samsel, Chesterfield MO; Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, St Louis MO; Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO

Mark Ehret - Nancy Keefer - Mary Gaines, Saint Louis MO; Louann Yates, Vero Beach FL

vs

Carol Duren - Janice Hazel - Rosemarie Laursen, Savannah GA; Betty Anderson, Chesterfield MO

Jason Clevenger - Sasanka Ramanadham, Saint Louis MO; Vernon Carver - Andrew Carver - Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL

vs

Brenda Hoffman, St Louis MO; Gwen Schneider, Saint Louis MO; Jo Ellen Montgomery - Dorothy Sealy, Chesterfield MO

MON/TUE KO - BRACKET 3 - 15 Tables

Janice Franz - John Olds - Peggy Olds - Joseph Franz III, Springfield IL

vs

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

Debra Romero, Clarkson Valley MO; Linda Powers, Chesterfield MO; Sandy Bigg, Saint Louis MO; John Antognoli, Clayton MO

vs

James Nunn, Chesterfield MO; Carol Hamilton, Saint Charles MO; Bathsheba Perry - Gabriel Perry, Houston TX

Sue George - Mary Butler - Sonni Mauze - Nora Burst, Saint Louis MO

vs

Deanna Nesbit, Indianapolis IN; Joyce Brandt, Zionsville IN; Mary Lagu - Avinash Lagu, Carmel IN

John Weber, Watseka IL; Betty Steffek, Orland Park IL; Philip Wisdom, Jefferson Cy MO; Marie Sander, Saint Louis MO

vs

Harvey Laux - Robert Riggs, Saint Louis MO; Robert Janis, Saint Charles MO; Mary Jane Vehige, Creve Coeur MO

MON/TUE KO - BRACKET 4 - 16 Tables

Robert Anderson, Bridgeton MO; Suzy Seldin - Dianne Glick – Carol Jablonow, Saint Louis MO

vs

Maureen Swihart - Phyllis Tirmenstein, Saint Louis MO; Doris Schwartz, Chesterfield MO; Judith Renken, Ballwin MO

David Sterneck, Chesterfield MO; Jeff Kopolow, St Louis MO; Georgianna Jackson, University City MO; Hatchie Greene, Saint Louis MO

vs

Robert Henrich - Donald Corbett, Saint Charles MO; Judy Brock, Lincoln CA; John Robey, Winchester TN

Gretchen Smith, St Louis MO; Mary Macchesney - Carol Layton – Jeanne Redington, Saint Louis MO

vs

Barbara Simpson, Godfrey IL; Veena Uberoi, St Louis MO; Mary Leach, Lake St Louis MO; Jeanne Netherton, Ballwin MO

Petie Hunter, Edwardsville IL; Elaine Triebes - Terryl Francis, Glen Carbon IL; Roseann Stice, East Alton IL

vs

Arthur Stepp - Ray Dobinsky, Saint Louis MO; Dennis Puryear, Fenton MO; Mary Ann Mitchell, Eureka MO

MONDAY EVENING SIDE GAME 1ST OF 4 SESSIONS

			NORTH-SOUTH	SECTION I	EAST-WEST				
A	B	C			A	B	C		
1	1	1	Aaron Krieser - James Voelz, Saint Louis MO	58.93%	1	1	1	Anne Agovino - Lannon Corley, Chesterfield MO	67.56%
2	2	2	Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO	57.44%	2			Herbert Williams, Yukon OK; Tom Brown, Sunrise Beach MO	58.63%
3	3	3	Carolyn Kribben, Saint Charles MO; S Rives, Saint Louis MO	53.27%	3	2	2	Sue Gallop - Ann Lux, Saint Louis MO	54.76%
4/5	4/5		Lelah Craig - George Craig, Nichols Hills OK	52.68%	4	3		George Bogacki, Wildwood MO; Edward Wang, Chesterfield MO	52.08%
4/5	4/5		Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO; Bernard Hoover, Ballwin MO	52.68%	4	3		Carol Casey, Dallas TX; Elaine Vandenburg, Hinsdale IL	50.00%

MONDAY EVENING SIDE GAME

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1	1	1	Anne Agovino - Lannon Corley, Chesterfield MO	67.56%
2.39	2	2	2	Aaron Krieser - James Voelz, Saint Louis MO	58.93%
1.79	3			Herbert Williams, Yukon OK; Tom Brown, Sunrise Beach MO	58.63%
1.70	4	3	3	Richard Edwards Jr, Wildwood MO; Carole Burt, Chesterfield MO	57.44%
1.31	5	4	4	Sue Gallop - Ann Lux, Saint Louis MO	54.76%
0.98	6	5	5	Carolyn Kribben, Saint Charles MO; S Rives, Saint Louis MO	53.27%
0.63		6/7		Lelah Craig - George Craig, Nichols Hills OK	52.68%
0.63		6/7		Helene Siegfried, St Louis MO; Bernard Hoover, Ballwin MO	

Should I Open 1 NT With This 14 Point Hand?

Well, my convention card says I play 15-17. Should I fudge a point? I don't believe in fudging, but I do support good hand evaluation. Consider the hand below:

S:	A x x	This hand certainly merits a 1 NT opener even though it holds only
H:	K J x	14 points. The most important criterion with this hand is that it
D:	10 x	contains a quality 5-card suit. There are also prime values (an ace
C:	K Q J 10 x	and a king) on the outside. This hand has tremendous trick taking
		capability.

Suppose we modify the hand above to the following:

S:	A x x	This hand has 21 points but is much too good for a 2 NT opener
H:	K J x	even if your card says you play 2 NT as 20-21. Once again, this
D:	A K	hand has a quality 5-card suit and prime values on the outside. It
C:	K Q J 10 x	merits a 2 Club opener followed by a 2 NT rebid.

Remember, when you open with no-trump, you almost always get to declare the hand. Only the most discerning partner or opponent will detect that you are a point shy. If they do, they will commend you on your flair and good judgment...especially when you rake in lots of tricks for a top.

Good luck.

Tom Oppenheimer



Welcome one and all!

Things you should know:

- ♣ Mike Carmen is your Tournament Chairman
- ♣ Chris Patrias is the Director-in-Charge
- ♣ John Samsel is our Unit President
- ♣ Mary Hruby is the Partnership Chairman (can be reached at hotel 429-1100) or at the Partnership Desk
- ♣ Donna Pedrotti is our Awards Chairman – if you top your section in an event, please see Donna outside the main ballroom to receive your prize
- ♣ Board members and other volunteers are wearing nametags and will be happy to assist you
- ♣ Great food treats after the evening session every day

*****ZIP KNOCK-OUT TEAM late Friday night*****

STAY LATE SATURDAY NIGHT to watch the “Braggin’ Rights” team competition between St. Louis and Kansas City. Hands can be followed on Viewgraph – complimented by witty commentary!

Today's Speakers (Orly Room)

6:45 p.m. Care and Feeding of your Favorite Pet – Bruce Reeves

Winners of all Events and all Flight Winners:

Please bring your partners and teammates to the north end of the outer hall to have your photograph taken. We would like your smiling faces to appear on the Unit 143 website. Pictures will be taken for 15 minutes after each session.