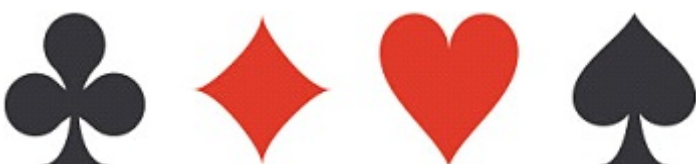


The OREGON TRAIL

Regional

FIRST EDITION MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2013



Pair game & Swiss team results will be posted on the Internet by the next day!
<http://acbl20.org/>

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS. 7 p.m.
 (based on average MP holding of team)
- OPEN CHARITY PAIRS (stratified). 7 p.m.
- 299ER CHARITY PAIRS (stratified). 7 p.m.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (2nd session). 9 a.m.
- MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 9 a.m.
- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (3rd session). 1 p.m.
- AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 1 p.m.
- Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (1st session) 1 p.m.
- 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified). 1 p.m.
- OPEN PAIRS (stratified, 2 sessions). 1 & 7 p.m.
- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (final). 7 p.m.
- Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (2nd session) 7 p.m.
- EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified). 7 p.m.
- SINGLE-SESSION SWISS TEAMS (stratified). 7 p.m.
- 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified). 7 p.m.



District 20 welcomes you to the 2013 Oregon Trail Regional and wishes you the best of luck at the tables! Our hospitality team of Diane Cullen and Flo Savage will be here to greet you all and answer questions all week. The Vancouver Hilton has good things in store. Gray's Restaurant will be serving a nightly special from 4:30-6:30 pm for just \$11.00 plus tax. Turn the page to see the menu. Esther's is offering coffee at the discounted price of \$1.50 per cup. Guest parking is easy in the hotel for \$9 per day. The Vancouvercenter parking garage across the street has assured me that they will be open until 12 a.m. all week. You might also find street parking, or you may use the parking lot at 4th and Columbia.



Matt Smith is your Director in Charge, and he will be ably assisted by Patty Holmes, John Gram, Jeff Jacob, Matt Koltnow, McKenzie Myers, Paul O'Brien, Brian Russell, and Michael Weber. Things will go smoothly with this excellent group!

Mary Alice Seville and Margi Redden have speakers lined up in the Hemlock Room before the afternoon and evening sessions. Margi is giving an I/N party in Suite 331 on Wednesday between sessions. Our new equipment and book store provider, David Taylor, will be selling his wares in the Heritage pre-function area. Kathy Mathers always does a stellar job as Caddy Master. If you need a partner stop in at the desk and see Lynda Hirst or her assistants.

Last, but by no means least, please join us at the THURSDAY night sock hop! Please note the schedule change; it is earlier this year. Free beer and a no host bar should oil the wheels and get you out on the dance floor early to get your free socks!



Thanks again for coming!

Marie Ashton, Tournament Manager

Gray's at the Park Bistro & Bar Bridge Players' Dinner Specials

Served from 4:30 pm—6:30 pm \$11.00 + tax + gratuity

Monday, February 18

Chicken Fettucine Alfredo with Garlic Bread.

Tuesday, February 19

Hearty Pot Roast with Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables.

Wednesday, February 20

Roasted Turkey with Pan Gravy, Vegetables, and Corn Bread.

Thursday, February 23

Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Sour Cream, and Green Onions.

Friday, February 24

Salisbury Steak, Cheddar Whipped Potatoes, Vegetables, Mushroom Gravy.

Saturday, February 25

Herb Crusted Pork Roast with Pan Juices, Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes, and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables.

Sunday, February 26 (Served 11:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Half Tuna Salad Sandwich on Multi Grain Bread with Split Pea and Ham Soup.

Limited Quantities

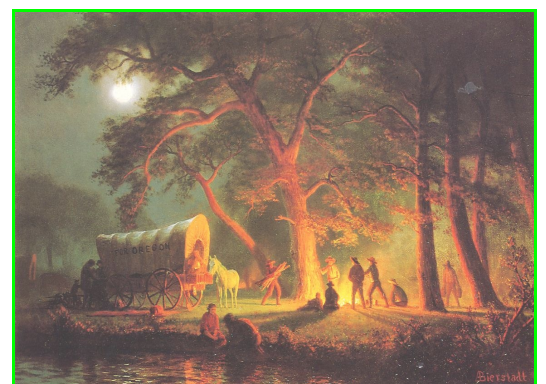
GOLD POINT PAIRS, by Director in Charge Matt Smith

You may have noticed that the popular Gold Point Pairs appear on the schedule Wednesday and Thursday. As many of you newer players have learned by now, these events offer excellent opportunities to win Gold Points. Each Gold Point game is a two-session event afternoon and evening. When you buy into the event you are committing to play both sessions (otherwise you play in the single session 299er events if eligible, or the side pairs if not). No single player in the event may have more than 750 masterpoints, and there are two strats. The top strat is for pairs in which the average of the two players is over 300 masterpoints (600 points total), and the second strat is for pairs whose average of the two players is less than 300 masterpoints (600 points total). So when you purchase your entry the seller will want \$44 to cover you and your partner for both sessions, and he or she will want to know what your masterpoint total or average is. You can help us keep the lines moving quickly by knowing that information and having your money out and ready as you get to the head of the line. Remember, nobody in this event may have more than 750 masterpoints. Now, to win gold points you need to accomplish one of the following two things. Either you top your section NS or EW in either session irrespective of flight (we try to keep section sizes small to maximize your chances), or you finish in the overalls of the top strat based on the sum of your two session scores. We hope you enjoy this popular event at the Oregon Trail Regional!



THE OREGON TRAIL

This longest (2,170 mi.) overland trail in North America was a wagon route that connected the Missouri River to valleys in Oregon. Its beginnings, laid by fur trappers and traders from 1811 to 1840, were only passable on foot or by horseback. A good beaver skin could sell for up to \$4 when a man's wage was often \$1 a day. By 1836, wagon trails were cleared, eventually reaching to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. From the 1830s and especially from 1846-1869, when the U.S. offered land for homesteading, about 400,000 pioneers took the arduous journey west. The path they took went from Independence, MO, to Oregon City, OR, although the eastern half of the trail was also used by travelers on the California, Bozeman, and Mormon Trails.



Ferries and bridges made the trip safer and faster, but more expensive. Gradually the trail became easier, with the average trip (as recorded in numerous diaries) dropping from about 160 days in 1849 to 140 days ten years later. The trail was still in use during the Civil War, but traffic declined after 1855 when the Panama Railroad across the isthmus was completed and the first transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869. After the war, the trail was used to drive livestock to markets along the trail, due to the large profits available. Today, modern highways, e.g., Interstates 80 and 84, follow the same course westward. In 1978, the Oregon Trail was named a National Historic Trail, preserving landmarks, including wagon ruts, buildings, and "registers" where emigrants carved their names. Its enduring legacy is the expansion of the United States territory to the West Coast.