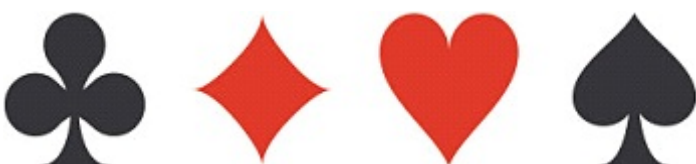


# The OREGON TRAIL

## Regional

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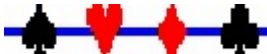
*Pair game & Swiss team results will be posted on the Internet by the next day!*  
<http://acbl20.org/>

### 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

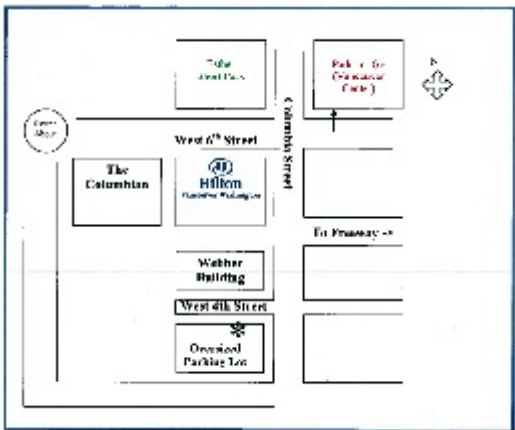
- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (2nd session). 9 a.m.
- MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) . . . . . 9 a.m.
- Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (3rd session). 1 p.m.
- AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) . . . . . 1 p.m.
- Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (1st session) . . . . . 1 p.m.
- 299ER 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.



**Welcome to the Oregon Trail Regional!**



The Hilton is as welcoming as ever, and the events will be in all the familiar places. Bridge games will be in the Heritage Ballroom. Hospitality, Partnership, the I/N desk and the bookstore are set up in the Pre-function area, as in the past. Mini-lessons and speakers will be upstairs in the Cedar room. Esther's coffee bar is offering coffee for the low price of \$1.50, and nightly dinner specials are waiting for you in Gray's. Attended parking is available at the Park n' Go on 6th between Washington and Columbia or at the unattended lot on 4th and Columbia. See map for locations.

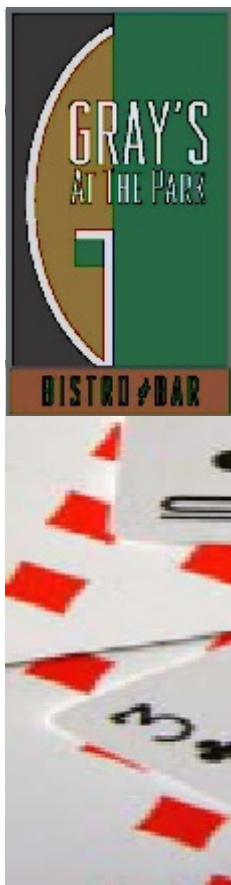


Friday night after the game, we will have a small reception in the Heritage Pre-function area for all players. Appliqué Day is Tuesday, but don't despair if you miss it, as Diane Cullen and Flo Savage just may have extras at the Hospitality Desk. We have a new partnership chair this year, Chuck Burns. He will do a great job finding you a partner, especially if you fill in the request form completely. Photographers Sherri Morgan and Don Marsh will be at the Winners' Circle before the afternoon and evening sessions and after the evening session. Margi Redden will be available to answer questions and will post information for I/N players by her desk. We are pleased to have Matt Smith as Director in Charge, plus tournament directors Patty Holmes, Jeanne van den Meiracker, John Gram, Jeff Jacob, McKenzie Myers, Paul O'Brien, and Michael Webber. Merle Stetser will do another great job as editor of the Daily Bulletin. If you have any questions, comments or items you would like to see published, give them to Merle or drop them off with me at the tournament office in the Alder Room. Be nice to the caddies recruited by Caddy Master Kathy Mather, and have a wonderful time!

*Marie Ashton, Tournament Manager*



**D20 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, February 20th, at 9:30 a.m. Gray's at the Park in the Hilton. Meet and exchange ideas with other teachers!**



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

Served from 4:30 pm—6:30 pm \$12.00 + tax + gratuity

**Monday, February 17**

Chicken Fettucine Alfredo with Garlic Bread.

**Tuesday, February 18**

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

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

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

**Friday, February 21**

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

**Saturday, February 22**

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

**Sunday, February 23 ( Served 11:00 am to 3:30 pm)**

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

Chef Selection Pie \$3

Limited Quantities

### GOLD POINT PAIRS, by Director in Charge Matt Smith

The popular Gold Point Pairs appear on the schedule Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Nobody in these events may have more than 750 masterpoints, so they offer excellent opportunities for newer players 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 with 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). When you purchase your entry the seller will want 1) \$44 to cover you and your partner for both sessions, and 2) your masterpoint total or average. 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. To win gold points you need to accomplish one of the following two things: 1) top your section NS or EW in either session irrespective of flight (we try to keep section sizes small to maximize your chances), or 2) 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!



Welcome to the 2014 Oregon Trail Regional. We have a fabulous lineup of free mini-lessons and speakers for your edification at noon and at 6:15 p.m. (see your daily bulletins for each day's presentations), and a full schedule of fun and challenging bridge. Last year I was lucky enough to get to play with several beginning players, including a player from Montréal who become a life master with points we won!!

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at our I/N social on Wednesday at 5pm. Come, bring your favorite hands of the tournament to share. I will be hanging out at the I/N desk before and after most sessions. Winners and new Life Masters, get your beads from me and your pictures taken in the Winners Circle.

**Margi Redden**, ACBL District20 IN Coordinator (503-239-0218)



### THE OREGON TRAIL

(from the DVD "The Oregon Trail," as aired on public television)

In 1800 the American West was still wild country, quiet and untouched... no cities, no railroads, no cattle ranches. People back East had heard stories about the mountains and desert, but no American had been there. In 1803, Thomas Jefferson organized a secret mission [the Corps of Discovery], choosing Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to lead a small party overland to the Pacific, which had never been done before. Congress met covertly to approve the trip, because the travelers would be venturing beyond the U.S. onto British soil. On December 5, 1805, the expedition finally reached the Pacific Ocean. Clark said, "We now discover that we have found most practicable and navigable passage across the continent of North America." He was wrong, though, because their route was much too difficult for wagon traffic. No emigrant would ever follow in their footsteps.

