

The OREGON TRAIL

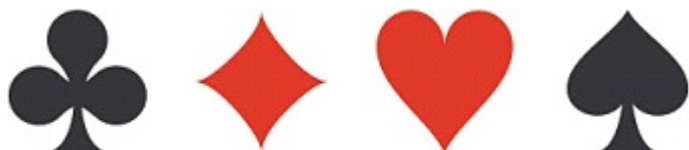
Regional

SECOND EDITION TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2014

TODAY'S SCHEDULE



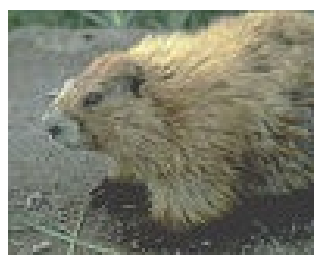
Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (2nd sess.) . . . 9 a.m.
 MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 9 a.m.
 Columbia River Bracketed KO TEAMS (3rd sess.)... 1 p.m.
 AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) . . . 1 p.m.
 Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (1st session) 1 p.m.
 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified).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



TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

EARLY BIRD Bracketed KO TEAMS (1st sess. of 3). 9 a.m.
 MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 9 a.m.
 Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (3rd session) 1 p.m.
 Vancouver Bracketed KO TEAMS (1st session) 1 p.m.
 AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (stratified) 1 p.m.
 299ER SINGLE-SESSION PAIRS (stratified). 1 p.m.
 A/B OPEN PAIRS (Open/2500)... 1 & 7 p.m.
 GOLD POINT Rose PAIRS (750/300)... 1 & 7 p.m.
 Portland Bracketed KO TEAMS (final session) 7 p.m.
 Vancouver 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.

The American Beaver is Oregon's state animal. Highly prized for its fur, it was overtrapped by early settlers, but it has been reestablished. Oregon is known as the "Beaver State."



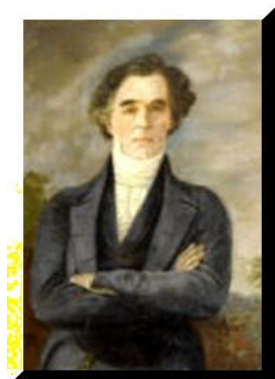
The Olympic marmot was chosen as Washington's official endemic mammal in 2009. It is a rodent in the squirrel family that only occurs on the middle elevations of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington.

STRATIFIED OPEN CHARITY PAIRS

	A	B	C	26.0 Tables	
8.40	1	1		Jim Windus - Renee Senior, Vancouver WA	64.16%
6.30	2			Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR	63.20%
4.73	3	2		Louise Kurzet - Jay Kurzet, Portland OR	61.01%
3.54	4			Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	60.83%
3.13	5	3	1	Dennis Lee - Susan Lee, Smithers BC	59.96%
2.68	6			Carole Bradshaw - Jack Bradshaw, Courtenay BC	59.75%
2.35		4	2	Chris Cookson - Beth Cookson, Nanaimo BC	58.69%
1.88		5	3	Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA	58.55%
1.34		6		Larry Sullivan - Margaret Brom, Portland OR	58.24%
1.32			4	Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA	55.44%
1.31			5	Shirley Freeman, Coeur D Alene ID; Marjorie Grootendorst, Lake Oswego OR	53.77%

THE OREGON TRAIL (The Astorians, from the DVD "The Oregon Trail")

Stories of Lewis and Clark's journey were widely published, but most Americans seemed not to care. However, John Jacob Astor, the richest person in America, did pay attention and soon devised a bold plan to set up a fur-trading settlement at the mouth of the Columbia River. In 1810 he acted on his plan: a ship (the Tonquin) would sail around Cape Horn to the Columbia, and a second party would travel overland. The land party, led by William Price Hunt, discovered the Snake River was extremely violent, and they lost most of their supplies. They were out of food and water and did whatever they could to survive. Meanwhile, the ship had problems as well with personnel and rough seas, but they did arrive, and the crew built Fort Astoria. By the time the overland party arrived, the enterprise desperately needed help. They sent a small party back across the Rockies to get word to Astor. Led by Robert Stuart, they reached St. Louis after ten months. Much of the route they took was practical for wagons. Stuart had unwittingly discovered the Oregon Trail, by locating a workable passage through the Rockies (South Pass), a key to the settlement of the Western U.S.



Robert Stuart

STRATIFIED OPEN CHARITY PAIRS MON EVE--ONE SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1		Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Dan Hoekstra, Portland OR	1			Carole Bradshaw - Jack Bradshaw, Courtenay BC	388.36
2		Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR; Molly Tinsley, Ashland OR	2	1	1	Sheryl Frederic, Bonny Lake WA; Margol Tucci, Puyallup WA	380.57
3	1	Connie Sayler, Beaverton OR; Rob Miller, Haines AK	3	2		Larry Sullivan - Margaret Brom, Portland OR	378.55
4	2	Lawrence Crumb, Fortuna CA; Brad Johnson, Vancouver WA	4			Hadi Allahverdian - Jim Milne, Portland OR	375.60
5	3	Lynda Hirst, Anchorage AK; Christina Jordan, Mount Vernon WA	5	3	2	Krista Garver - Katherine Leonard, Portland OR	345.03
		1 Greg Smith, Portland OR; James Smith, West Linn OR		4		Marla Patterson - Dave Fallen, Arlington WA	339.86



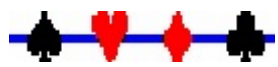
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION E			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	1	Jim Windus - Renee Senior, Vancouver WA	1	1	1	Dennis Lee - Susan Lee, Smithers BC	389.73
2	2	Louise Kurzet - Jay Kurzet, Portland OR	2			Eurydice Nours, Richmond BC; Janie Pearcy, Vancouver WA	385.37
3	3	1 Chris Cookson - Beth Cookson, Nanaimo BC	3			Jennifer Ballantyne, Vancouver BC; Joel Fuhrman, Kirkland WA	375.96
4	4	2 Ginny Curtis, Citrus Heights CA; Mary Ose, Sacramento CA	4			Barbara Nist, Seatac WA; Howard Epley, Kent WA	367.94
5		Lynn Hays, Veradale WA; Jean Groome, Delta BC	5			Dewitt (Hal) Montgomery, Portland OR; Don Lowry, D Alene ID; Marjorie Grootendorst, Lake Edward Kelley, Portland OR; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA	353.04
				2	2	Shirley Freeman, Coeur	349.49
				3		Edward Kelley, Portland OR; Paula Strand, Kirkland WA	326.59
				4		Sherri Morgan - Don Marsh, Eugene OR	308.08

♥ In my opinion, the current preoccupation with conventions and systems is unhealthy. Players focus on learning a system and neglect the development of vital, basic skills such as hand evaluation, visualization, planning the auction and maintaining discipline.

Frank Stewart, *Bridge Bulletin*, June 2009, p. 53

♦ Slow play ... is essentially an impolite activity.

Brent Manley, *Bridge Bulletin*, August 2009, p. 6



CONCENTRATION

D20 Regionals
Rise Above the Ordinary!



Terence Reese (1913 - 1996) may have been England's greatest bridge player and writer. He won the 1955 Bermuda Bowl, 4 European titles, and 20 national events. His writing included 90 books and innumerable newspaper columns. Reese and Boris Schapiro were one of the best pairs in the game from the 1940s to the early 1960s. "Schapiro once wagered a fellow player that Reese would ignore a naked woman at the bridge table due to his absolute concentration. When the opportunity arose for Reese to declare a hand, a naked woman was duly summoned to take Schapiro's seat as dummy. Afterward, Schapiro asked if Reese noticed anything unusual. Reese's reply: 'Yes - the delicate situation in hearts.'"



www.bridgebum.com/terence_reese_reese.php

Other District 20 Regionals This Year

(prices are for ACBL paid-up members; non-members pay \$4 more per session)

- May 12 - 18, 2014** **HIGH DESERT REGIONAL, \$11/session**
at the Sunriver Resort, 17600 Center Dr., Sunriver, Oregon
- August 4 - 10, 2014** **ROGUE VALLEY REGIONAL, \$11/session**
at the Inn at the Commons, 200 N. Riverplace, Medford, Oregon
- September 22 - 28, 2014** **OREGON COAST REGIONAL**
at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center, 415 First Avenue, Seaside, Oregon
- December 26 - 31, 2014** **RENO HOLIDAY REGIONAL (finale!)**
at the Grand Sierra Resort, 200 North Riverplace, Reno, Nevada



Side Game Series

A Side Game Series is a series of at least three one-session games open to all players. Participants may enter as many sessions as they wish and play with the same or different partners. Overall ranking is done on an individual basis by computing the sum of each player's two best games. At NABC and regional tournaments, gold points are awarded to section-top placing players who have competed in at least two sessions of this event. Each session of a Side Game Series may also be run as a one-session stratified pairs.

Keep Your Brain Sharp

The psychologist says: **PLAY GAMES.** Try doing a word scramble, crossword puzzle, or sudoku against the clock. Choose hobbies that keep your mind engaged - painting, writing, playing board games [*Ed. Note: & bridge!*] and do them regularly. (Cynthia Green, PhD) The neuroscientist says: **TAKE A BRISK WALK.** Exercise triggers positive changes in your brain, including forging new connections between nerve cells, increasing blood flow, and even creating new brain cells. (Arrhur F. Kramer, PhD) The neurologist says: **EAT YOUR VITAMINS B, C, D, and E.** Whenever possible, try to get these nutrients from food instead of pills. Avoid foods that contain trans fats, including fried foods and many packaged baked goods. (Orly Avitzur, MD) *Woman's Day*, October 2012, p. 180

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!



299ER STRATIFIED CHARITY PAIRS

D	E	F	8.0 Tables	
2.54	1	1	1	James Scovil - Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA 62.50%
1.91	2			Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR; Salena Johnson, Portland OR 60.42%
1.43	3	2		Lyn Tierney, Federal Way WA; Bernice Sharp, Seattle WA 59.58%
1.10	4	3	2	Mark Huth - Janet Linebarger, Tualatin OR 58.33%
0.80	5	4		Liz Fullerton - Vicki Setzer, Vancouver WA 57.50%
0.83			3	Lorraine Almy - Donald Almy, Edmonds WA 48.33%

STRATIFIED 299ER CHARITY PAIRS MON EVE--ONE SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION C			EAST-WEST		
D	E	F		D	E	F			
1	1	1	James Scovil - Judy Scovil, Vancouver WA 75.00	1			Larry Henderson, Milwaukie OR; Salena Johnson, Portland OR 72.50		
2	2		Lyn Tierney, Federal Way WA; Bernice Sharp, Seattle WA 71.50	2	1	1	Mark Huth - Janet Linebarger, Tualatin OR 70.00		
3			Bob Bomber - Rita Bomber, Beaverton OR 67.50	3	2		Liz Fullerton - Vicki Setzer, Vancouver WA 69.00		
					3		Ed Arthur, Tigard OR; Craig Cooley, West Linn OR 60.00		
					2		Ginny Peterson, Vancouver WA; Anne Gail, Portland OR 56.50		



Special Newcomer Program!!!

At noon today: **Half-hour Mini Class by Dick Morris "Competing or Inviting"**

At 6:15 tonight: **Guest Speaker - Connie Marfell "Using Percentages to Improve Your NT Leads"**



What do you know about your ACBL player number?

(from *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*)

Since July 1961 the American Contract Bridge League has been assigning each member a 7-digit player number. The last digit in each number is a self-checking device by which the computer knows when to throw out incorrect numbers. The method by which the checking digit is computed is interesting. Multiply the first 6 digits by 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, and 2 respectively, then add these products. Then divide the total of the sum of the products by 11 and note the remainder. Subtract the remainder from the divisor, 11, and the resulting difference should equal the check digit. If it does not, or if the net result of this work is a remainder of 1, then the number is not used. When a player achieves Life Master status, this is indicated by a change in their player number by the substitution of a letter for the first digit, alphabetically, from J for 1 to R for 9. However, the number is still used in electronic scoring.

Initial number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Life Master letter	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R

COLUMBIA RIVER BRKTD KNOCKOUT TEAMS (Round 2)

Columbia River KOS BRACKET 1

12 Tables

Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus - Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV; Yatindra Sahae, Carmel Valley CA; Catherine Creer, Spokane WA; G Gard Hays, Veradale WA

vs

Ed Ulman - Betty Rossmann, Portland OR; Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; George Whitworth, Coarsegold CA

Diane Cullen - Flo Savage, Beaverton OR; Polly Dunn - Patrick Dunn, Bellevue WA

vs

Sun-O Ho, Redmond WA; Craig Zastera, Woodinville WA; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Jon Schneider, Suquamish WA

Mark Smith, Milwaukie OR; Merlin Vilhauer, Beaverton OR; Richard Carle, Longview WA; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR

vs

Adam Parrish, Sandwich MA; Ken Christiansen, Bothell WA; Henry Lortz, Seattle WA; David Brower, Portland OR

Joan Cremin, Paradise Valley AZ; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Curtis Cheek - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV

vs

Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Donald Tofte - Irene Pickett - John Ashton, Portland OR



Columbia River KOS BRACKET 2

12 Tables

Gary Todd - Charles Burns - Gerald Brown, Vancouver WA; Cliff Allen III, Camas WA

vs

Darrel Davis, Covington WA; Miriam Goldberg, Seattle WA; Douglas Jansen, Happy Valley OR; Joseph Habeich, Portland OR

Mona Hubble - Joe Rottmann, Vancouver WA; Margi Redden, Portland OR; Julian Dupuis, Kelso WA; Sylvia Riewerts, Milwaukee OR

vs

Brian Thomas, Beaverton OR; Winnie Ninneman, Vancouver WA; Mary Hovda, Sandy OR; Kathleen Holahan, Portland OR

Robert Hormel, Lake Oswego OR; James Wheeler, Ridgefield WA; Ron Senn - Dwayne Brackhahn, Beaverton OR

vs

Darlene Thompson, Lake Oswego OR; D Senn, Beaverton OR; Marta Cannell, Hood River OR; Bonnie Fortune, Newberg OR

Edward Lee - Charles Swart - Amy Casanova - Joseph Stanisiewski, Portland OR

vs

Richard Garvin, Corvallis OR; Molly Harris, Portland OR; Gary Nitzberg - Douglas Smith, Carson City NV



Columbia River KOS BRACKET 3

12 Tables

Dennis Sager - Jean Sager, Stanwood WA; Chris Moore - Joe Moore, Delta BC

vs

Mary Holzapfel, Tangent OR; Karen Nelson - Joyce Dickerson - Eileen Milligan, Corvallis OR; Becky McKenzie, Corvallis OR

Anne Henrichs - B J Kolkman, Spokane WA; Susan Brown, Ocean View HI; Patricia Bauman, Captain Cook HI

vs

Sharon Nordmark, Longview WA; Susan Taylor - Carol Goodrich - Ann Grill, Vancouver WA

Jim Carr, Ridgefield WA; William Phillips, Vancouver WA; Kelly Hayes, Lake Oswego OR; Darrell Graham, Portland OR

vs

Genevieve Leary, Brookings OR; W Kirk Roberts, Crescent City CA; Maurie Studin, Lincoln CA; Sandra Murphy, Shingle Springs CA

Richard Gettmann - Nancy Serne, Bend OR; Jan Hart - Lael Cooksley, Redmond OR

vs

Ben Bomber - Barbara Charlton, Vancouver WA; Hatsumi Whitehead, Camas WA; Daniel Poore, Seattle WA



Barry Crane's Eleven Commandments

According to Mike Jones, one of Barry's favorite partners, at an after session talk at the 1986 spring NABC in Portland

Barry had many nicknames on the coast but two of the best known were His Holiness and the Hideous Hog. Mike realized, as did all Barry's partners, that you did everything his way and could expect to be harshly criticized if you deviated in any way from his system. You had to open all eleven point hands, even if part of the eleven points was a singleton honor, and had to play Barry's Eleven Commandments: 1. Never pull partner's penalty doubles. 2. Always take a sure profit. 3. Watch out for the three level. (i.e., anything goes when you compete at the two level, but they are more likely to double you if higher) 4. The more you bid, the more you got. 5. Sevens are singletons. 6. Don't bid grand slams in Swiss Teams. 7. Don't put cards in partner's hand. 8. Jesus saves. (i.e., do not sacrifice) 9. Don't eat between sessions. 10. Never ask "How's your game." 11. Never gloat.

Everybody who came to the talk was given a copy of Barry's Convention Card, which was surprisingly neat and uncomplicated. His opening one spade bid promised five, but one heart promised only four in any seat. He did occasionally open a 3 card club suit, but the one diamond opening always promised four. He did not play 1NT forcing, a jump to 3H or 3S was game forcing, and 2NT was natural. His opening preempts were sound, and 3C or 3D guaranteed AKQ, AKJ, or AQJ. His opening no trumps were 15-17, 21-22, and 25-26. He did not use Michaels and the cue bid of a minor or a major was a strong takeout. Under Defensive Card Play all that was listed was 4th best, top of three, and Q from KQ10. His overcalls were often very light and the convention card under "Simple Overcall" showed 1+. Finally, and most surprising, his opening 2D, 2H, and 2S bids were all strong in the first and second seats and weak (5-11) in 3rd and 4th.