

2004 DISTRICT STaC

June 21-27

Dear Club Managers in District 7 & 10,

It is time again to sign up to participate in the annual District 10 Summer STaC. We will be hosting two single session pair games each day from June 21 - 26. On June 27, you may elect to hold either a 1 or 2 session team event or continue to hold single session pair games. The starting time will be up to the individual club. If you start before 2:00 p.m., you will be considered as participating in the afternoon session. If your game starts at 2:00 p.m. or later, you will be participating in the evening event. The surcharge for the STaC is \$6 per table per session.

The stratification for the open pair events will be: Strata A = 1000 to Infinity, Strata B = 300 to 1000, and Strata C = 0 to 300. If you wish to have separate limited games, for example 99ers or 299ers, you may schedule those at your convenience but they WILL ONLY receive awards based upon the local attendance, NO OVERALL AWARDS.

Please indicate the starting time for each session and whether you will be holding an open game, a limited game, or both. Also, please provide the sponsoring club number, club name, mailing address, and telephone number. This will be used to contact you during the tournament in case additional information is needed. Please complete the form on the attached page and return it by June 14 to:

Dr. Russell Jones
2124 Shoshoni Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Enclosed you will find a STaC director's packet from Charlie MacCracken. The packet contains reporting instructions and a letter from Charlie about directing the game and using ACBLScore.

I hope your club will participate in as many sessions as you can. It is a great way to earn "**BUCKETS OF SILVER POINTS**" without leaving your own club and for a fraction of the costs. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you at the bridge tables,

Russell Jones
STaC Coordinator

STaC PARTICIPATION MAIL-IN FORM

Club #: _____

Club Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Please indicate starting time and either (O)pen, (L)imited, or (B)oth for each session! If your starting time is before 2:00 p.m., it is an afternoon session!!!

	Starting Time	Open, Limited, or Both
Monday Afternoon:	_____	_____
Monday Evening:	_____	_____
Tuesday Afternoon:	_____	_____
Tuesday Evening:	_____	_____
Wed. Afternoon:	_____	_____
Wed. Evening:	_____	_____
Thurs. Afternoon:	_____	_____
Thurs. Evening:	_____	_____
Friday Afternoon:	_____	_____
Friday Evening:	_____	_____
Saturday Afternoon:	_____	_____
Saturday Evening: (Indicate "Team" or "Pair" for Sunday Games)	_____	_____
Sunday Afternoon:	_____	_____

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May 3, 2004

To: Club Directors & Managers
Re: District 10 STaC June 21 - 27, 2004
Charlie MacCracken's phone number: **901-365-1094**

Dear Director:

Results for all open games must be reported to me (Charlie) within 24 hours of the end of the game. The most efficient way is by E-mail (if you are not connected, one of your players certainly can be prevailed upon help out). We all like to know our results quickly, and with this method the games can be posted on the D-10 web page in a day-and-a-half.

Russ Jones (870-931-0999, arkdrj@aol.com) is Chairman.

The check, payable to District 10, for \$6.00 per table sanction fee must be sent to me (Charlie) within **24** hours of the Club's last STaC session, but postmarked no later than June 28, 2004.

The Schedule (all one-session stratified games):

Day	Time	Event Name	Event Code
	(approx)		
Mon	Noon	Mon Aft Stratified Prs	2101
Mon	6 pm	Mon Eve Stratified Prs	2102
Tues	Noon	Tues Aft Stratified Prs	2201
And so on through Saturday, June 26, 2004			
Sun	Noon & TBA	Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams (or prs) (May be either one or two sessions)	2701

You may hold stand alone Senior, 49er, 99er, etc. games with an overall ranking for that game only. MPs are Sectional Silver.

Stratum A = Either or both players over 1000 MPs
Stratum B = At least one over 300 MPs, but neither over 1000 MPs
Stratum C = Both players under 300 MPs

Except in an emergency, call between 10 am and midnight only.
Sanction Number: **ST0406106**

Reporting of StaC Open Games

Preferred method: Internet

You may attach your game file to an E-mail to me. My address is my first initial and the first seven letters of my last name. Remember that I spell my name "mac" and I **always** acknowledge receipt of the files sent. See below for disk preparation.

cmaccrac@yahoo.com

OR

An Alternate: Fax

My fax number is:

901-366-1797

This is the line I use for my Internet access, but I will keep available for a fax from 7 to 10 am and from 5 to 7:30 pm CDT.

OR

Telephone **901-365-1094**

After you post the recap, call me at **901-365-1094** and follow the enclosed script. The call will take several minutes. I will set up your game on my computer and take the information I need. Have your club number, the number of N-S & E-W prs and the number of pairs in each strata in each direction ready. I also need the ACBL player numbers and strata of all players who placed.

Open game players will have access to their results much faster this way. Since the winners of single-site games already know their standing, you can send me reports of those games, on a disk if possible, with your check if you did not e-mail them earlier.

Finances

Please mail me the final check, payable to District 10, by June 28, 2004. With the finances divorced from the reports accounting for your money can present problems. I **need** the **club number(s)** on the check. If you are sending money for more than one club, please make sure you give me a session by session and club number by club number breakdown of tables (or dollars) for each club you pay for. Detailed accuracy is required.

Web Page Address

The D-10 web page address is: [http:// dl0bridge.org](http://dl0bridge.org)

Non-Playing Director for More than 17 Tables

A director may play in a game with up to 17 tables, provided there is only one section and no hand records (if a director plays he receives no master points; the partner does).

Starting Times

Because we are not using hand records, your starting time should be what is normal or convenient for your club.

Masterpoints, Overall Awards & DBADD

Masterpoints are Sectional Silver and are issued by the ACBL. Do not include these games in your monthly report (but you may DBADD them for club MP races, etc). Only Swiss, Seniors and games with an upper master point limit receive **overall** awards at your club.

ACBLscore

If you do not use ACBLscore You must phone or fax me the results immediately. If you use ACBLscore, tape the enclosed check list to the computer as a guide during the week of June 21.

Stratification

It is important to list the correct stratum; a "C" pair could be eligible for the overall, even though you have only one "C" pair. A major purpose of stratification is to create approximately equal N-S and E-W fields. It is very important to **NOT** have, say, all or most Ft. A pairs sit N-S. You can accomplish this by assigning each table a stratum before you start selling entries (minor adjustments can be made at the end). Those buying near game time **must** sit E-W if you need them to. If you think you will have equal numbers of A, B, and C pairs, assign table 1 as B, table 2 as C, table 3 as A and so on. If you think your A pairs will equal the total of your B and C pairs, assign table 1 as A, table 2 as B, table 3 as A, 4 as C, 5 as A, 6 as B, etc.

Event Codes

Time, and thus money, is saved by using the correct event code for each game. The code is in two parts -- the first is the date (ex **21** is Monday). The second is the time. Use 01 if your game starts before 2:00 CDT and 02 if it starts at 2:00 or after. The event code for a game starting at 6 pm on Friday would be **2502**.

A stand alone Senior game uses a "3" in the third digit. Thus if your game is limited to seniors the Friday night event code would be **2532**. Finally, a stand alone limited master point game uses a "5" in the third digit. Its Friday night code would be **2552**.

Mailing a Floppy Disk

You **do not** need to mail me a floppy except to give me the results of a single-site Swiss, Senior or Limited M. P. game if you have not e-mailed them previously.

E-Mailing From a Floppy

It is best to use a floppy with no other files on it, especially if you are giving it to someone to E-mail for you. The easiest way to put the files on the disk is, before you leave the game file, put the floppy in the a: drive and type "**BACK**" enter, enter. You should then print the file name and my E-mail address (**cmaccrac@yahoo.com**) on the label. Remember that I will always acknowledge receipt of the files, so check to make sure you have that ok. Note: Many people prefer E-mailing from a floppy even if they have the game file on their Internet-connected computer.

After Don Kemp has put the files on the D-10 web page (<http://dl0bridge.org>) they can be printed and posted at your club.

Penalty Clause

I will produce a final bulletin for each game and E-mail it to Don, who will post it on the web, about 1 1/2 days after each game is over. It is vital that you report your open game immediately. It is of the utmost importance for us to get the results out early to maintain good player relations. Late games will be scored as single site side games (about half the MP award).

If this happens your players will be very unhappy and may even ask for some of their entry fee back. Please avoid that problem and get the reports to me right away.

Sanction Fee

The **sanction** fee is **\$6.00** for every full table in play. If you use a fill-in pair, the \$3.00 sanction fee for that pair is due.

Final Reporting by June 28

Send to: Charles M. MacCracken
5065 Ginger Circle
Memphis, TN 38118-2639

Please mail me a correctly identified check payable to **District 10** for \$6.00 for every full table in play. Show how much is to be credited to each club if the check covers more than one club.

I welcome suggestions on improving the event or making it easier on you.

District 10 STaC Check List
(Tape to your computer during the STaC)

If you use ACBLScore (club mode) every step is the same when you set up the STaC game EXCEPT:

- A) The event rating is "#9 StaC" or ...; #1 STaC
 - B) The question about stratification: "3 Strata"
 - C) The question about Multi-Site Event: "Yes" (unless it is a Swiss, Seniors or limited MP game, then it is no & no)
 - D) Stratum A = 0 (none), Stratum B = 1000, Stratum C = 300
 - E) Under tournament data enter
 - a) The name (example: Tues Eve Stratified Prs)
 - b) Your club name and club number
 - F) If you have ACBLScore 5.00 or higher, enter the sanction no.
Sanction Number: **ST0406106** (no spaces)
 - G)
 - a) The event code -- constructed by using the date (Mon=21, Tue=22) and the session number (If your game starts before 2 pm CST it is 01; 2:00 or later it is 02)
 - b) A stand alone limited MP game is **51** before 2pm; **52** after
 - c) A stand alone Seniors is 31 before 2:00; 32 after 2:00
 - H) At game's end, before you exit the game file, insert the formatted disk in the "A" drive and type: BACK [enter] and [enter] to back up the file to the floppy.
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Reporting by Phone During the STaC
(Use only if the game file is not E-mailed or Faxed)

You do not need to call in for single-site games, but please call if you **do not** hold a scheduled **open** game. NOTE: Results are final when they are posted on the D-10 web page.

After you post the recaps for your game, please fill in the blanks in the following script and call me at **901-365-1094**.

I am reporting the _____(example: Wed Aft) game. We had _____N-S pairs and _____ E-W pairs. I will give you (raw ** scores) (percentages).The event code: _____, the Club # _____ and the club name: _____.

The N-S player numbers of those pairs who placed are (in any order) {I will tell you their names and stratum}. The same with E-W. Then: North-South we have _____Fit A prs, _____ Fit B prs, _____ Fit C prs. East-West we have _____ A prs, _____B prs, _____C prs. {repeat the information for each section if you have more than one.}

** Percentage scores are easier for me; raw scores are fine, but you will need to tell me what average is.