



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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June events:

Gayl West Duplicate games at the First Christian Church located at Jefferson and Lee streets near downtown Bloomington starting at 11:45AM:

June 5 – open pairs(SPECIAL LOCATION-CROSSROADS) June 12 – open pairs

June 19 – quarterly club championship open pairs June 26 – NAP qualifier open pairs

Contact Laura Addison at 309-829-4273 for information or to arrange for a partner.

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Thursday, June 1, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, June 3, WWBC open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, June 5, pupils only(6:30PM) & club championship 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, June 6, 6:15PM – club championship open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, June 8, club champ open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, June 10, club champ open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, June 12, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, June 13, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, June 15, NAP qualifier open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, June 17, NAP qualifier open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, June 19, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, June 20, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, June 22, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, June 24, ACBL-ABA unity

open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, June 26, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, June 27, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, June 29, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Thursday, June 29, 99ers only-mentors - 6:15PM – Fox Creek Village clubhouse

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-662-5832 for information or to arrange for a partner.

All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.



Bridge players supporting other bridge players:

The Safe Harbor homeless shelter is in need of winter coats for men. If have any man's coat you would like to donate, please contact Janet or Mike Tomlianovich. Their phone number is 309-662-5832.

Westminster Village offers a variety of living options, from an individual duplex in the "Willows" to comprehensive skilled nursing care at the Martin Health Center. Westminster Village provides the opportunity for an independent lifestyle with services and security. Please phone Jean Daily at 309-663-6474, visit Jean at the Westminster Village office at 2025 E Lincoln Street in Bloomington, or check their web site: <http://www.westminstervillageinc.com/>

Heartland Community College offers community education courses, including bridge. Get a catalog at bridge games or access the web page at: <http://www.heartland.edu/cce/corpcom/index.html>

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Bridge classes and seminars available!

If you know of anybody who would like to attend a beginner or intermediate class or if your social bridge group would like a topic-focused seminar, please contact accredited bridge teacher Mike Tomlianovich. Each class consists of 24 hours of instruction and practice at a cost of tuition plus \$15 for a textbook. 1-2 hour seminars on a variety of bridge topics are available for a donation. Contact Mike at 309-662-5832 for details.

Public service announcement:

OSF St Joseph Medical Center is in need of volunteers to help staff the gift shop, reception desk, or patient transport. Please contact OSF's volunteer coordinator by phone at 309-662-3311 extension 1118 to discuss where you can help. Thank you!

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- 17 557.26 Steve Hawthorne**
- 18 556.02 Jean Barnett**
- 19 544.95 Martin Compton**
- 20 537.93 Eric Gettleman**
- 21 458.65 Ann Farnsworth**
- 22 452.94 Ruth Wettaw**
- 23 418.90 Janis Swanton**
- 24 399.46 Bob Smith**
- 25 377.81 John Ferrell**



Other players:

11,248.27 Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,605.09 Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,724.58 Norinne Nelson
3,308.48 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,821.81 Jim De Serio-Peoria
2,488.00 Al Wienman-Morton
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2,097.94 Ron Sholes-Springfield
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1,546.73 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,502.03 Ray Russ-Henry
1,415.20 Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,146.64 Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,033.18 Leah Newell-Springfield
1,022.07 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,014.14 John Burdon-Washington
1,003.16 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
996.85 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
989.62 Tim Cull-Springfield
795.30 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
681.92 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
592.40 Bev Fast-Peoria
590.78 Eunice Viktor-Morton
525.00 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
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#1

It's probably safe to say that most bridge players enjoy declaring more than defending. However, since you defend approximately half of the hands, it pays to be a good defender. Here is an interesting hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints

	S A1054				
	H76				
Dlr E	D3				
Vul N-S	C QJ9832				
		West	North	East	South
S K93	S Q872			Pass	1H
H432	HK109	Pass	1S	Pass	3D
D Q1087	DJ654	Pass	3H	Pass	4H
C K105	C76				
	S J6	All Pass			
	HAQJ85				
	DAK92				
	CA4				

BIDDING: Holding 19 high card points, South wasn't sure what to rebid. His choices were 2D, 2NT, or an aggressive 3D. He finally decided to force to game with his jumpshift. Now the problem swung to North. He could bid 3NT or since it sounded like his partner had a red two-suiter, give a preference to hearts. He finally decided his diamond shortness would be helpful in a heart contract and chose 3H and South continued on to game.

PLAY: West realized South would very likely need to ruff diamonds in dummy so he led a trump. It was now East's turn to shine. He realized if declarer ruffed a diamond in dummy, his king would later be a winner. Accordingly, he played the nine at trick one. South won with the jack and played ace and a second diamond ruffed with dummy's last trump. South next led the club queen for a finesse. West won the king and made the killing shift to the king of spades. South was now doomed as he could not avoid the loss of a spade, the heart king, and the nine of diamonds. If West leads any card other than the spade king, declarer has ten tricks. Note a low spade would lose to East's queen but declarer would unblock the jack and later finesse the spade ten to discard a loser on the spade ace. If West did not dislodge the spade ace, declarer would merely play ace and another trump and discard his losers on the club suit.

The successful declarers ended in 3NT which cannot be defeated.

#2

One of the most popular contracts in duplicate bridge is 3NT. It is the game that requires the fewest tricks but, of course, doesn't provide the protection of a trump suit. The successful declarer must carefully count his tricks and mind his entries. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints

Dlr E S 1054
 Vul N-S H762
 DAK
 CA9832

S J2	S Q9863	West	North	East	South
HQJ	H10953			Pass	1NT
DJ109874	D65				
CK105	CQJ	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

S AK7
 HAK84
 DQ32
 C764

BIDDING: The auction was a standard 1NT-3NT.



PLAY: West led the jack of diamonds and declarer could count only eight tricks. The ninth one could come from a 3-3 heart division (36%) or a 3-2 club division (68%). Knowing the math made the decision easy so he proceeded to develop the club suit. Unfortunately, the opponents were attacking his entries to dummy with their diamond lead. Realizing he needed to lose two clubs tricks in order to gain his ninth winner, he led a low club from dummy at trick two. East won and returned a second diamond to dummy's king. South led another low club keeping the ace in dummy as an entry to the last club. Declarer now had his nine tricks: 2 spades, 2 hearts, 3 diamonds, and 2 clubs.

There is nothing difficult about this hand but several declarers failed in a local club game. Note the alternative play in the heart suit would fail. It is important to know how the outstanding cards are likely to be distributed.

#3

A finesse can take many forms and the successful declarer will know how to play each suit combination for the most tricks. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints

	S A932				
	HK8762				
Dlr E	DA854				
Vul N-S	C				
S K1087	S Q65	West	North	East	South
H 109	HJ			Pass	1H
D 103	D K976	Pass	4C*	All Pass	4H
CAQ983	C 107654	All Pass			
	S J4				
	HAQ543				
	D QJ2				
	C KJ2				

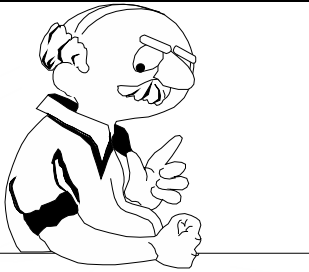
*Splinter

BIDDING: North's splinter bid showed values for game, heart support, and club shortness. South had wasted values in clubs so he signed off in game.

PLAY: West with no attractive lead, started with the heart ten. Declarer saw he had only a

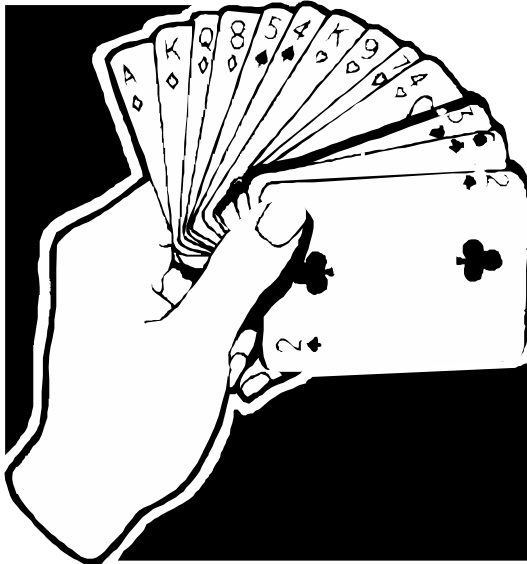
spade and a diamond to lose, but this was a pairs game so overtricks were important. His plan was to discard his spade loser on dummy's last diamond. South drew trumps ending in dummy and led a low diamond toward his hand. East ducked and South won. Next declarer ruffed a club in dummy and led another low diamond. This time East won the king and shifted to a spade. It was now easy for South to win, unblock the diamond jack, ruff another club in dummy, and ditch his spade on the ace of diamonds. Making six resulted in a good matchpoint score.

Note that this play in the diamond suit works when the king is in the East hand, or approximately 50% of the time. The alternate play of leading the diamond queen from hand works only 36% of the time when the opponents' diamonds divide 3-3. An opening spade lead will hold declarer to eleven tricks.



Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!

Upcoming tournaments:



**Twin City Summer Sectional
July 7-9, Interstate Center**





May results:

Gayl West Duplicate – May 1 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.81%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (57.41%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 3rd. (55.32%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.86%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (60.65%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.02%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.09%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & John Cralley-Normal
- 4th. (54.17%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers pairs – May 1 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (68.75%) Maizie Slight-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 2nd. (67.59%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 3rd. (63.02%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 4th. (60.42%) Beth Black-Morton & Linda Frankeberger-Bloomington
- 5th. (60.19%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 6th. (59.38%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Mike Spears-Normal
- 7th. (50.93%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – May 2 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (55.66%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (55.36%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**
- 3rd. (54.76%) Kathy Koons-Shirley & Rick Brenneman-Minier**
- 4th. (53.87%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 5th. (52.08%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign**
- 6th. (50.60%) Sandra & Gary Dayton - Mahomet**
- 7th. (50.30%) Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign & Margaret Hansell-Champaign**

East-West:

- 1st. (61.38%) Eric Gettleman-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 2nd. (60.85%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Ray Dostal-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (55.56%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington**
- 4th. (52.38%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – May 4 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.10%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (54.17%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (50.30%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**

East-West:

- 1st. (62.70%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (60.58%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (53.70%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.79%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**

2006 District 8 Grand National Teams

IDOT, Springfield, IL - May 6-May 7, 2006

Open flight - 3 teams:

- 1st. Jack Bryant, Roger Lord, Jackie Sincoff, Ken Bland - St Louis**

"A" flight - 9 teams:

- 1 Jack Snyder, Rockford IL; Meyer Abarbanel, Belvidere IL;
James Hudson, DeKalb IL; John Startzel, Cherry Valley IL**
- 2 Susan Perez, Maryland Hts MO; John Samsel, Chesterfield MO;
Arbha Vongsvivut, Godfrey IL; Mike Giacaman, Saint Louis MO**
- 3/4 Madhu Viswanathan - Michael Halvorsen, Champaign IL;
Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria IL; Richard Blumenthal, Lincoln IL**

**3/4 Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; James Pelletier, Fort Wayne IN;
Richard Ellis Jr, Kokomo IN; John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN**

"B" flight - 16 teams:

**1 Charles Young - Patrick Moos - Fei Dong, Peoria IL;
Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL**

**2 Sasanka Ramanadham - Mark Gilje, Saint Louis MO;
Krzysztof Jarosz - Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL**

**3/4 Dennis Fitton - Melissa Fitton, Sidney IL; C Adrian Hutber, Champaign IL;
Thomas Shedlock, Danville IL**

**3/4 Richard Whitsitt - David Jenkins - L Jenkins, Rockford IL;
Douglas Gugger, Freeport IL**

"C" flight - 15 teams:

**1 Janice Thompson, Newman IL; Irene Wen - Elizabeth Wilson, Urbana IL;
Anne Thiede, Danville IL**

**2 William Lindemann - William Lindemann - Gary Dell, Champaign IL;
Dan Faulkner, Monticello IL**

**3/4 Randall Motchan - Ray Dostal, Bloomington IL;
Carole Bardwell - Steve Wulfers, Normal IL**

**3/4 Charles Avery - Daniel Bunde - Joshua Kueker, Champaign IL;
Wilbert Law, Urbana IL**

Sunday side game - 8 pairs

1st. (66.67%) Howard Schmid, Merrillville,IN; Steven Watson-Munster,IN

2nd. (62.50%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield,IL

3rd. (59.52%) Georgia Heth-Morton,IL & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington,IL

Gayl West Duplicate – May 8 – 10 tables:

North-South:

1st. (65.97%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

2nd. (58.80%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin

3rd. (54.40%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

4th. (50.00%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (62.50%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

2nd. (60.19%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

3rd. (59.49%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Steve Babin-Normal

4th. (53.47%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Bev Meginnnes-Towanda

5th. (52.78%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers pairs – May 8 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.42%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton**
- 2nd. (58.68%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (54.46%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Bill Bruner-Bloomington**
- 4th. (51.74%) Mike Spears-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (63.19%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (58.68%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (57.99%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington**
- 4th. (54.17%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield**
- 5th. (53.13%) Marge & Dick Swanberg - Bloomington**

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – May 9 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (57.41%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 2nd. (55.93%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 3-4. (55.19%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal**
- 3-4. (55.19%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 5th. (54.07%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington**
- 6th. (53.33%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**
- 7th. (50.74%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – May 11 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (56.25%) Eric Gettleman-Normal & John Burdon-South Carolina**
- 2nd. (55.06%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (53.87%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**
- 4th. (53.28%) Marilyn & Darryl Bremner - Clinton**

East-West:

- 1st. (57.14%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (55.03%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (52.38%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 4th. (52.12%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.59%) Jeanie Nord-Bloomington & Bev Meginnis-Towanda**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – May 13 – 9 ½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (66.02%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (61.41%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (56.02%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal**
- 4th. (51.77%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**

East-West:

- 1st. (60.46%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (56.60%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Sallie Boge-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (52.74%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 4th. (52.71%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon, South Carolina**
- 5th. (51.78%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**

Gayl West Duplicate – May 15 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.31%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (58.63%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (58.33%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 4th. (51.79%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.19%) Marilyn & Darryl Bremner - Clinton**

East-West:

- 1st. (57.44%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (54.17%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (52.98%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – May 15 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (54.76%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton**
- 2-3. (51.19%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington**
- 2-3. (51.19%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.00%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal**

East-West:

- 1st. (67.86%) Joe Krause-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (57.54%) Ben Snyder-Bloomington & Harber Hall-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (51.98%) Linda Frankeberger-Bloomington & Mary Houska-Normal**

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – May 16 – 4½ tables:

- 1st. (60.42%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (55.56%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 3-4. (51.39%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington**
- 3-4. (51.39%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**
- 5-6. (50.69%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal**
- 5-6. (50.69%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – May 18 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.74%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 2nd. (53.27%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (52.68%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.89%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Herman Ochs-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (61.01%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (54.76%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – May 20 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.96%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Al Wienman-Morton**
- 2nd. (59.49%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (54.86%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 4th. (52.78%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal**
- 5th. (50.00%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (59.72%) Rea Jones-Bloomington & Terry Goddykoontz-Champaign**
- 2nd. (53.70%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (53.01%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington**
- 4th. (52.78%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**

Gayl West Duplicate – May 22 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.43%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal**
- 2nd. (56.71%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (55.56%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 4th. (53.47%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal**

East-West:

- 1st. (57.64%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 2nd. (53.94%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (53.47%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**
- 4th. (52.78%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.85%) Floyd Sherry-Eureka & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – May 22 – 5½ tables:

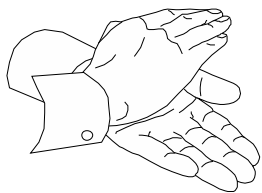
- 1st. (63.19%) Marge & Dick Swanberg - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (60.15%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 3rd. (58.60%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal**
- 4th. (56.25%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington**
- 5th. (50.78%) Jeanie Nord-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington**
- 6-7. (50.00%) Jill Colledge-Bloomington & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington**
- 6-7. (50.00%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Esther Dunn-Bloomington**

Gayl West Duplicate – May 29 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (58.75%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal**
- 2nd. (57.92%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**
- 3rd. (57.50%) Nancy Callis-Bloomington & Sallie Boge-Bloomington**
- 4th. (53.75%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 5th. (52.59%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 6th. (50.41%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 7th. (50.00%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – May 30 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (61.85%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr**
- 2nd. (57.41%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign**
- 3rd. (55.93%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal**
- 4-5. (55.56%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington**
- 4-5. (55.56%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 6th. (55.19%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 7th. (53.70%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal**



Congratulations to all winners!



Do you have a question about bidding, defense, declarer play, or game procedures? Write your question either in an email message or on a slip of paper and send it to Mike Tomlianovich. The answer will be prepared by an experienced player and published in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.

Bloomington-Normal new rank achievers – so far in 2006:

New junior masters: Roberta Weddig, Mary Lou Gold

New club masters: Ramesh Chaudhari, Patty Paul, Don Tomasino

New sectional masters: Bev Upp, Ann Schuyler

New regional masters: Dave Freehill

New NABC masters:

New life masters: Carole Bardwell

New bronze life masters:

New gold life masters: Betty Capodice

Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 5/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #1 with 20.79,

Diane Tomasino #10 with 6.14, Don Tomasino #11 with 6.14

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #4 with 18.13

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #5 with 25.79

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #1 with 28.50,

Randall Motchan #4 with 18.11,

Peg Deutsch #5 with 17.09, Bev Meginness #10 with 11.84,

300-500 masterpoints: Eric Gettleman #1 with 141.71,

Charlie Morton #9 with 28.62

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #5 with 46.13

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 95.33,

Betty Capodice #4 with 73.50, Mike Tomlianovich #10 with 42.02

Ace of Clubs (masterpoints won only at club games):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints: Maizie Slight #5 with 6.52

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #5 with 10.45,

Ramesh Chaudhari #6 with 7.69

Diane Tomasino #8 with 5.60, Don Tomasino #9 with 5.60

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 12.57

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #3 with 19.11, Steve Volz #7 with 12.40,

Dave Freehill #10 with 12.05

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #2 with 13.96,

Peg Deutsch #4 with 10.50, Randall Motchan #7 with 8.29

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #6 with 25.26, Jean Barnett #10 with 20.98

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #1 with 35.80, Capodice #4 with 32.28,

Mike Tomlianovich #9 20.92



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 1 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “general approach section of the convention card”.

The duplicate bridge convention card is an important part of the duplicate bridge experience. Not only does it document the partnership agreement, but it also serves as a reference for the opponents. Please remember that the game of bridge has no secrets; the opponents are entitled to know your and your partner’s bidding and play agreements. The convention card serves this purpose.

To start with, think of the convention card as a folded once sheet of paper with a front and back for your agreements and an inside for recording scores.

The first section is titled the “general approach” and is located on the top of the front side. Here is where you and your partner note general description of what your bidding agreement is.

Most players just write “standard American” or “standard” or “std” on the line just below the words “general approach”. “Standard American” is the 5-card major with convenient minor opening bids, used by most bridge players who reside in North America. Hence the term “standard American”.

But, there are other general approaches.

You will see “two over one” game forcing. This approach uses 5-card major and convenient minor opening bids but also uses the agreement that if the opener bids 1 of a major and partner responds 2 of a lower ranking suit, the auction must continue until a game bid is reached. Note that there is an option for “game forcing except when suit rebid”. This means if the responder rebids the suit bid the first time, the game force is off.

Also included in this section of the convention card is the indication of another “general approach”. Some of the other general approaches are “big club” where 1 club bid by an opener is 16+points with no indication of a club suit and “precision” where 2



clubs bid by the opener is a limited opening bid, usually the low end of the “standard American” 1-level opening bid. There are other general approaches used by players in other countries seldom seen in North American events.

Also noted in this section of the convention card is an indication of very light opening bids, overcalls and preempts plus an indication of your agreement for a strong forcing opening.

Examples:

If you and your partner use what many players term as “party bridge”, your general approach is “standard American” with “natural 2 bids” checked.

If you and your partner use weak 2 bids, then your general approach is “standard American” with “2 clubs” checked as your strong forcing opening.

If you and your partner use “two over one” game forcing, just check the box next to one of the 2 variations of this general approach.

For this and all sections of the convention card, agreements described with black type are considered natural (do NOT need to be alerted). Agreements described with red type must be alerted by the bidder’s partner. Agreements described in blue type must be announced by the bidder’s partner.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS”.



Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL’s zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person’s conduct rub off on you!!

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