



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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July events:

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

July 3 – open pairs July 10 – open pairs July 17 – open pairs

July 24 – NAP qualifier open pairs – SPECIAL LOCATION: Crossroads Center

July 31 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, July 1, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, July 3, no 99ers game

Tuesday, July 4, no game – enjoy your Independence Day!

Thursday, July 6, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Monday, July 10, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, July 11, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, July 13, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, July 15, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, July 17, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, July 18, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, July 20, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, July 22, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, July 24, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, July 25, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, July 27, NAP qualifier open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, July 29, NAP qualifier open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, July 31, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 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 Safe Harbor.

**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/>**

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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 309-825-5823 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!

The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders

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- 17 610.64 Stan Gutzman**
- 18 580.60 Eric Gettleman**
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- 20 545.95 Martin Compton**
- 21 459.03 Ann Farnsworth**
- 22 454.17 Ruth Wettaw**
- 23 418.90 Janis Swanton**
- 24 403.16 Bob Smith**
- 25 377.81 John Ferrell**



Other players:

11,238.17 Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,666.19 Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,724.58 Norinne Nelson
3,328.30 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,830.23 Jim De Serio-Peoria
2,505.21 Alan Wienman-Morton
2,129.64 Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,083.64 Dick Nelson
2,016.21 Georgia Heth-Morton
1,668.32 Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,575.74 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,558.53 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,514.11 Ray Russ-Henry
1,415.20 Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,158.43 Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,060.59 Leah Newell-Springfield
1,030.45 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,025.17 John Burdon-Washington
1,024.82 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,018.90 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
994.00 Tim Cull-Springfield
810.70 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
683.69 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
596.88 Bev Fast-Peoria
591.72 Eunice Viktor-Morton
540.78 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
504.90 Phil Kenney-Eureka
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#1

When defending it is essential to stop and think about the entire hand rather than automatically returning your partner's suit. Take a look at this example.

Scoring: Matchpoints

	S J2			
Dlr E	H1086			
	DA85			
Vul N-S	C109643			
S K1087	S AQ53	West	North	East
HKJ54	H972			Pass
D72	DQJ93	All		1NT
CQ52	C87	Pass		
	S 964			
	HAQ3			
	DK1064			
	CAKJ			

BIDDING: South held a standard 1NT opener and that closed the auction.

PLAY: West led his fourth best spade and East won the queen. The play of the queen was to discover if he held a second entry to his hand. Realizing four or five spade tricks would not defeat the contract, East shifted to the heart seven. The seven was an attitude card that said, "don't return this suit". If he had instead led the deuce, he would be showing a higher honor and would welcome a return. South played low on the heart and West won the jack. West continued with a second spade to East's ace. Now a second heart from East was won by declarer with the ace. South then played the ace, king, and jack of clubs with West winning the third round. West now cashed his last two spades and two hearts to beat the contract two tricks.

Note if East had routinely returned a spade at trick two, declarer would succeed with seven tricks.

#2

A common mistake when declaring or defending a hand is the failure to remember the auction. There is often a lot of information available if you just stop and reflect. This hand is typical.

Scoring: Matchpoints

	S 65				
Dlr N	HKJ3				
Vul N-S	D 963	West	North	East	South
	CA10942		Pass	Pass	1H
S 109873	S AKQ2	Pass	2H	Pass	3H
HQ96	H8				
DKJ7	DQ10852	Pass	4C	Pass	4H
C 63	C 875				
	S J4	All			
	HA107542	Pass			
	DA4				
	CKQJ				

BIDDING: After receiving a raise from partner, South's hand was good enough for a game try of 3H. North's hand was certainly worth bidding game but he cue bid the club ace in case South was probing for slam. South then signed off in game.

PLAY: West led the ten of spades won by East with the queen. East cashed another top spade and then switched to a low diamond. Declarer won the ace and had to decide how to play the trump suit. With no other information, declarer would play the top two honors but he stopped to recall the auction. East has passed at his first opportunity and had shown up with the top three spade honors. And, South realized if West held the top three diamond honors he would have led one. This marked East with a diamond honor, probably the queen. Armed with this information, declarer played the heart ace followed by a low heart to the jack. He then was able to draw the last trump and make eleven tricks by discarding his diamond loser on the long club suit.



Note that East made it easy for declarer to place the high cards. A better play would be to win the first spade with the ace and then play the queen in an attempt to convince declarer the king was in the West hand.

#3

It's an unstated rule that if you are going to bid aggressively, you better be a good declarer. That is, of course, if you want to keep your partner. See if you would have brought this contract home.

Scoring: Matchpoints

	S KJ9874				
	H A J 4				
Dlr S	D J 10 6				
Vul N-S	C 7	West	North	East	South
S 6	S 10 5				2NT
HK1076	H Q 5 3	Pass	3H*	Pass	4S
D Q 8 2	D 7 5 4	Pass	5H	Pass	6S
C 10 9 8 5 4	C Q J 6 3 2	All			
	S A Q 3 2	Pass			
	H 9 8 2				
	D A K 9 3				
	C A K				

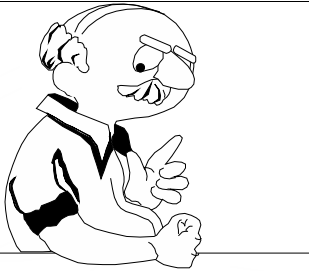
*Jacoby Transfer

BIDDING: After hearing his partner's opening bid of 2NT, North thought that slam was possible if South had a great spade fit. This partnership uses both Jacoby and Texas transfer bids, so North decided to transfer with 3H and then raise his partner to 4S to show a 6+ card suit with invitational slam values. With no slam interest, he would just transfer to 4S and pass. When South jumped to 4S showing a great hand and four card support, North cooperated by cue bidding the ace of hearts. This was all the encouragement South needed to bid the slam.

PLAY: After West's bold lead of a low heart, declarer could count only eleven tricks. It was clear the extra trick would have to come from the diamond suit. He could finesse East for the queen but he saw a slightly better play. After winning the heart ace and drawing trumps, he played the ace and king of diamonds hoping the queen would drop. Failing at that, he next played his two club honors discarding dummy's last diamond. South then ruffed a diamond in

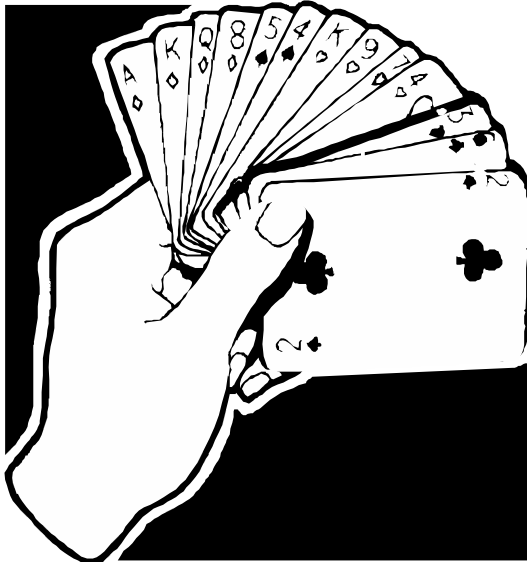
dummy and was delighted to see the queen appear. He then entered his hand with a spade to discard one of dummy's low hearts on the good diamond. He conceded a heart and had his twelve tricks.

Note this line of play in the diamond suit loses only to QXXX or longer in the East hand. Also, note that without an opening heart lead, declarer would have an easy play for the slam by taking the diamond finesse. When it lost, he could discard dummy's low hearts on the club king and the fourth diamond. The opening lead dictated the correct play in the diamond suit.



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
(see tournament flyer in this newsletter)





June results:

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 1 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (67.08%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (57.50%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.04%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.67%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (54.44%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Herman Ochs-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.25%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.00%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 3 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.50%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Al Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (61.11%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.71%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.25%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield
- 5th. (55.32%) Esther Dunn-Bloomington & Dick Satorius-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (68.52%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (56.71%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (56.48%) Carole & Ron Sholes - Springfield
- 4th. (55.09%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – June 5 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.70%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Zack & Dave Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.32%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.79%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 5th. (50.26%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (56.55%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**
- 2nd. (53.57%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (52.68%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap**
- 4th. (50.30%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers pairs – June 5 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.22%) Linda Odette-Bloomington & Dorothy Berg-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (59.38%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton**
- 3rd. (55.62%) Marge & Dick Swanberg - Bloomington**
- 4th. (54.91%) Fran Morton-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Normal**
- 5th. (51.02%) Vern Shelton-Downs & Jim Maslan-LeRoy**

East-West:

- 1-2. (65.63%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 1-2. (65.63%) Joe Krause-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (54.46%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington**
- 4th. (54.02%) Linda Frankeberger-Bloomington & Mary Houska-Normal**
- 5th. (52.32%) Sue & Mike McGroarty - Normal**

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – June 6 – 3½ tables:

- 1-2. (54.17%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal**
- 1-2. (54.17%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 3rd. (53.13%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 4th. (51.04%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 8 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (71.67%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 2nd. (63.33%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Phil Kenney-Eureka**
- 3rd. (59.17%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 4th. (57.92%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 5th. (52.92%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 10 – 10½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (73.66%) Norinne & Dick Nelson - Mexico**
- 2nd. (61.52%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington**
- 3rd. (61.32%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 4th. (54.53%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 5th. (53.09%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield**

East-West:

- 1-2. (60.88%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 1-2. (60.88%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry**
- 3rd. (55.56%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington**
- 4th. (53.24%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovioch-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.85%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 6th. (50.93%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Alan Stout-Mountain Home,AR**

Gayl West Duplicate – June 12 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1-2. (63.43%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 1-2. (63.43%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (55.09%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington**
- 4th. (53.94%) Wayne Finkel-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington**
- 5th. (53.24%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal**
- 6th. (52.31%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (63.66%) Norinne & Dick Nelson - Mexico**
- 2nd. (61.81%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 3rd. (53.01%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 4th. (51.39%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 5th. (50.23%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – June 12 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (67.50%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton**
- 2nd. (61.67%) Vern Shelton-Downs & Jim Maslan-LeRoy**

East-West:

- 1st. (68.33%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (67.50%) Mary Houska-Normal & Linda Odette-Bloomington**

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – June 13 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (63.70%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign**
- 2nd. (60.74%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 3rd. (57.41%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**
- 4th. (53.33%) Randall Motchan-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 5th. (51.85%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal**
- 6th. (51.11%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 15 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (60.90%) Norinne & Dick Nelson - Mexico**
- 2nd. (56.41%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 3rd. (53.52%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington**
- 4-5. (52.89%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**
- 4-5. (52.89%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 6th. (52.57%) Becky Lagouros-Peoria Heights & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap**
- 7th. (51.60%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington**
- 8th. (50.96%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**
- 9th. (50.00%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 17 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.46%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 2nd. (55.06%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (50.89%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.60%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (60.85%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (60.32%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (50.26%) Bev Megennes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal**

Gayl West Duplicate – June 19 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.23%) Joanne Rouse-Bloomington & Jeanne Strand-Normal**
- 2nd. (55.06%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka**
- 3rd. (52.08%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (61.31%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (52.98%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**
- 3rd. (52.38%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – June 19 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.17%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington**
- 2-3. (53.33%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield**
- 2-3. (53.33%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.83%) Bill Bruner-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington**

East-West:

1st. (69.17%) Anne Garrett-Bloomington & Patty Paul-Bloomington

2nd. (67.50%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – June 20 – 4½ tables:

1st. (65.28%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

2nd. (59.03%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

3rd. (51.39%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 22 – 7 tables:

North-South:

1st. (59.23%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

2nd. (57.14%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Henrietta Crain-Normal

3rd. (55.95%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

4th. (50.89%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (60.42%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

2nd. (52.98%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

3rd. (51.19%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 24 – 10 tables:

North-South:

1st. (59.72%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

2nd. (59.26%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry

3rd. (58.33%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton

4th. (57.64%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

5th. (55.32%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington

6th. (51.62%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

East-West:

1st. (65.97%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

2nd. (59.72%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

3rd. (58.10%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

4th. (54.86%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

5th. (53.47%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

6th. (51.85%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – June 26 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.20%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 2nd. (57.55%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (56.51%) Bev Fast-Peoria & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 4th. (54.17%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.82%) Jack Kessler-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka**

East-West:

- 1st. (59.72%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (57.18%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (54.63%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap**
- 4th. (54.17%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 5th. (51.62%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – June 26 – 5½ tables:

- 1st. (67.97%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (65.63%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 3rd. (57.82%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington**
- 4-5. (57.03%) Carol & Marv Bower - Bloomington**
- 4-5. (57.03%) Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington**
- 6th. (52.35%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Anne Garrett-Bloomington**

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – June 27 – 9 teams:

- 1st. Sandy & Gary Dayton-Mahomet, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 2nd. Laura Addison-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington,
Margaret Hansell-Champaign, Jim Moon-Bloomington**
- 3rd. Bev Upp-Bloomington, Bob Smith-Normal,
Charlie Morton-Bloomington, Martin Compton-Bloomington**
- 4th. Jerry Hinds-Morton, Jim Swanke-Morton, Rich Spengler-Peoria,
Bill Bulfer-Peoria Heights**

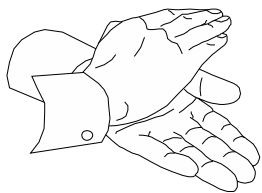
Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 29 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1-2. (52.38%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**
- 1-2. (52.38%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka**
- 3-4. (51.49%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 3-4. (51.49%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.19%) Joe Krause-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**

East-West:

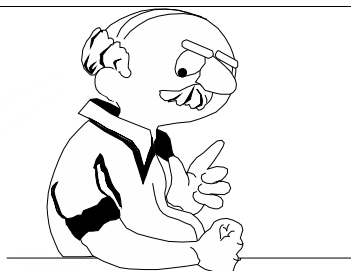
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- 2nd. (55.95%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3-4. (53.87%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**
- 3-4. (53.87%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 5th. (52.08%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-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.



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!!



The Twin City Summer Sectional Welcomes You!



Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League

When: July 7-9, 2006

**Where: Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL
(west of I74-55 @ exit 160-IL route 9)**

Sessions Format:

Friday afternoon stratified open pairs - 1:00pm

Friday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)

Friday evening stratified open pairs - 7:00pm

Saturday afternoon 99ers only pairs - 1:00pm (if attendance warrants)

Saturday afternoon & evening 2-session stratified open pairs - 1:00pm & 7:00pm
(single session entries welcome!)

Saturday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)

Sunday stratified open swiss teams double session playthrough -10:30am (meal included with entry)
(NOTE: team stratification will be determined by the average master points of all team members)

Complimentary coffee and snacks

Entry fees:

\$8 per session per person(Friday & Saturday)

\$84 per team (Sunday) – meal included

Stratification: A:open; B<1500; C<NLM under 500

Tournament manager: Floyd Sherry,
phone: 309-467-4426, email: sherry@mtco.com

Partners: Mike Tomlianovich
phone: 309-825-5823, email: m@mt.org

Hospitality: Virginia Sherry

Director-in-charge: Gary Schechter

Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 6/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #3 with 23.35

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #7 with 22.93

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #8 with 34.41, Bret Van Fleet #10 with 30.23

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #1 with 39.63,

Randall Motchan #3 with 31.36, Peg Deutsch #8 with 21.04

300-500 masterpoints: Eric Gettleman #1 with 184.38

500-1000 masterpoints: Steve Hawthorne #3 with 86.92, Zack Freehill #6 with 77.11

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #3 with 110.56, Betty Capodice #8 with 82.45

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

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints: Maizie Slight #7 with 7.56

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #4 with 12.29,

Ramesh Chaudhari #7 with 7.69

Diane Tomasino #10 with 5.60, Don Tomasino #11 with 5.60

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 16.65

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #3 with 22.73, Steve Volz #6 with 18.57,

Dave Freehill #9 with 14.53

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #2 with 15.54,

Peg Deutsch #4 with 12.23, Randall Motchan #8 with 9.08

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #4 with 34.13

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 47.05, Capodice #4 with 38.49



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 2 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS”.

Last month’s tip described the portion of the convention card that shows the partnership’s general approach. It would be best to have a copy of the latest convention card used at your local club as you read this tip. If the item is written in black, the agreement is considered normal. If the item is written in red, then the agreement must be alerted whenever the agreement is used. If the item is written in blue, then the agreement must be announced whenever used.

Just beneath the general approach section is the section that describes the partnership’s agreement for opening bids of 1NT, 2NT, or 3NT.

For 1NT opening bids, show the point count range, usually 15-17 or 16-18. But there are other ranges used, all of which must be announced by the adopter. If the partnership more often than not will open 1NT with a 5-card major, then mark accordingly.

Each response to the 1NT opener is described:

2 clubs: Indicate which version of Stayman used. Most use regular Stayman, which is a variation called non-forcing Stayman. There is an item called forcing Stayman that must be alerted. Some players use another alertable variation called Puppet Stayman.

2 diamonds: Indicate if your agreement uses 2 diamonds as a transfer to hearts. Since this item is written in blue, this agreement must be announced when used in an auction.

2 hearts: Indicate if your agreement uses 2 hearts as a transfer to spades. Since this item is written in blue, this agreement must be announced when used in an auction.

2 spades: Indicate what a 2 spade response means. Many players use 2 spades as a relay to 3 clubs. There are other agreements for the 2 spade response. All agreements where 2 spades does not mean spades must be alerted.

2NT: Indicate if the 2NT response means an invitational bid of 8-9 points. Some players use 2NT as a relay to 3 diamonds. Any agreement other than invitational 8-9 points must be alerted.



3 clubs, 3 diamonds, 3 hearts, 3 spades: Many players use these bids as forcing or invitational. There are other agreements, all of which must be alerted.

4 diamonds, 4 hearts: Indicate if these bids mean a transfer to the respective higher ranking bid.

Smolen, Lebensohl, stolen bids, negative double, and other treatments for when the opponents overcall your 1NT opening bids must be indicated and alerted when used.

2NT: Indicate your point range. Most players use 20 to 21 points for the 2NT open with 2 clubs and a 2NT rebid showing 22-24 points. Also show use of Puppet Stayman, Jacoby (3 level transfer) or Texas (4 level transfer).

3NT: Show what a 3NT opening bid means. Many players use this bid to mean 25-27 points. Some players use a gambling 3NT reserving a 2 club opener with a 3NT response as 25-27 points. Also show use of other agreements than the ones used for 1NT or 2NT opening bids.

Lastly, if any of 1NT, 2NT, or 3NT opening bids are conventional, indicate the agreement that must be alerted.

Next month's tip: The section titled "opening 1 of a major suit".

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, Fran Morton

New regional masters: Dave Freehill

New NABC masters:

New life masters: Carole Bardwell

New bronze life masters:

New gold life masters: Betty Capodice



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2006/06/10	73.66%	Norinne & Dick Nelson
2006/06/08	71.67%	Marilyn Toubeaux & Steve Babin
2006/04/08	72.22%	Fei Dong & Steve Hawthorne
2006/03/27	74.44%	Rich Spengler & Tom Sheagren
2006/02/23	78.13%	Linda Odette & Mike Tomlianovich
2005/12/17	72.40%	Liz & Chuck Zalar
2005/12/12	71.35%	Barb & Phil Adams
2005/10/24	71.43%	John Olson & John Sheen
2005/10/17	72.66%	Barbara Schaad & Sarah Bourland
2005/09/05	70.83%	Chris Biggs & Jean Barnett
2005/08/23	70.62%	Stevie Joslin & Jeanne Strand
2005/08/01	71.18%	Jerry Hinds & Jim Swanke
2005/07/28	70.00%	Roger Joslin & Don Strand
2005/07/11	70.83%	Diane Nelson & Camilla Rabjohns
2005/06/23	72.92%	Camilla Rabjohns & Steve Hawthorne
2005/06/11	71.36%	Phyllis Rahn & Alan Wienman
2005/05/10	70.00%	Gail & Jim Moon
2005/05/09	70.60%	Larry Eggan & Alan Wienman
2005/05/02	71.43%	Betty Capodice & Laura Addison
2005/04/07	71.85%	Eric Gettleman & Steve Hawthorne
2005/03/19	71.02%	Dennis Fitton & Fred Crockett
2005/02/19	73.67%	Gail & Jim Moon
2005/02/12	72.69%	Marilyn Toubeaux & Laura Addison
2005/01/31	70.37%	Chris & Larry Eggan