



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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August events:

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

August 7 – open pairs August 14 – open pairs

August 21 – open pairs August 28 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Tuesday, August 1, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, August 3, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, August 5, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, August 7, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 8, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, August 10, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

Monday, August 14, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 15, 6:15PM – Lombard CCC open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, August 17, Lombard open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, August 19, Lombard open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, August 21, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 22, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, August 24, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, August 26, NAP qual open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, August 28, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 29, 6:15PM – NAP qual open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, August 31, NAP qual open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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/>

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>

For the best pizza in Bloomington-Normal, visit Todinos Pizza, 4109 E Oakland Avenue – unit B. Phone 662-9800 or check their web site at

<http://www.todinospizza.com>

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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- 4 1,626.87 Steve Babin**
- 5 1,426.35 Mike Tomlianovich**
- 6 931.64 Ivey Weaver**
- 7 862.96 Jeanne Strand**
- 8 815.21 Hank Hoffman**
- 9 738.63 Jim Moon**
- 10 736.37 Eunice Patton**
- 11 640.26 Zack Freehill**
- 12 638.72 Henrietta Crain**
- 13 635.99 Don Strand**
- 14 633.95 Steve Hawthorne**
- 15 617.76 Stan Gutzman**
- 16 616.92 Glen Beaman**
- 17 569.49 Jean Barnett**
- 18 547.69 Martin Compton**
- 19 466.00 Ann Farnsworth**
- 20 461.87 Ruth Wettaw**
- 21 418.90 Janis Swanton**
- 22 406.80 Bob Smith**
- 23 377.81 John Ferrell**
- 24 348.36 Charlie Morton**



25 339.99 Carole Bardwell

Other players:

11,352.69 Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,720.71 Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,738.23 Norinne Nelson
3,342.03 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,842.72 Jim De Serio-Peoria
2,518.52 Alan Wienman-Morton
2,138.93 Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,096.02 Dick Nelson
2,020.05 Georgia Heth-Morton
1,670.23 Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,581.38 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,565.13 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,517.38 Ray Russ-Henry
1,440.22 Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,165.52 Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,064.73 Leah Newell-Springfield
1,034.69 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,035.92 John Burdon-Washington
1,031.24 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,021.19 Marilyn Stickel-Laon
998.48 Tim Cull-Springfield
821.77 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
777.43 Jack Kessler
687.55 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
602.12 Bev Fast-Peoria
593.11 Eunice Viktor-Morton
546.28 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
510.75 Phil Kenney-Eureka
394.46 Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

It's often easy to reach your best contract when the opponents remain silent, but when there is interference, look out. I can describe this hand with two words: preempts work! Take a look.

Scoring: Matchpoints

Hand #1 S KJ10954
 Dlr E H3
 D
 Vul N- C KJ9832
 S

West	North	East	South
		2D	3H
5D	DBL	Pass	5H
All			
Pass			

S AQ63
 H Q1074
 D 9873
 C 10

S 872
 H52
 DKQJ654
 C76

S
 HAKJ986
 DA102
 CAQ54

BIDDING: East opened a weak two bid and South felt his hand was too good to merely overcall. A takeout double followed by a heart bid might work but might also encourage his partner to bid spades. He finally settled on a jump to 3H to show extra values and a good suit. Looking at favorable vulnerability, West leaped to 5D to put maximum pressure on his opponents. North had values but no hearts and finally decided to double. South closed the auction by rebidding his hearts, a questionable decision since his first bid showed a good suit and North did not raise.

PLAY: West led a diamond and declarer ruffed in dummy. There was no way for South to avoid losing two hearts and a diamond for down one when he was cold for a grand slam in clubs. Without the preempts, North would be able to show both of his suits and at least a small slam would likely be reached.

Note that East-West would be down three in 5D doubled for -500. That makes it a good sacrifice over 4H which would score +620. Once again vulnerability was an important factor.

#2

It's often a good idea for declarer to immediately draw trumps but sometimes that has to wait. Here is a good example.

Scoring: Matchpoints

Hand #9 S K10865
 Dlr N HJ7
 Vul E-W DAK5
 CAQ4

		West	North	East	South
S AQJ42			1S	Pass	Pass
HAK1092					
D		2H	DBL	Pass	3D
CK109		All Pass			
	S 3				
	HQ84				
	DQ10864				
	C7653				

BIDDING: My partner in the North chair opened 1S but holding only four hcp I passed. With so many spades it was dangerous for West to enter the bidding but he did want the auction to die at the one level. My partner held extra values with support for the other two suits so he doubled asking me to bid. My 3D bid closed the auction.

PLAY: West played the top two heart honors followed by a third round. I discarded a club from dummy and won with the queen in my hand. It seemed likely that most of the outstanding high

cards would be in the West hand so I led a spade toward dummy. West rose with the ace and exited with another spade. I won the king in dummy discarding a club from my hand. Next I ruffed a spade in my hand as East discarded a club. This meant West had started with ten major suit cards and East was very likely to hold a lot of trumps. I then led a club to dummy's queen followed by the ace. I then led another spade and East, now down to nothing but trumps, played one in front of me. I over trumped and ruffed my last club with dummy's ace as East helplessly under-ruffed again. I then played the king of diamonds and watched West show out. My last two cards were the Q10 of diamonds and East was finished. He started with five trumps and never scored a trick. Making four earned all of the matchpoints. It's clear that leading trumps early would have been a bad idea.

Also note that perhaps West would have been better off passing 1S.

#3

As declarer it is important to be able to place the opponents' high cards. The bidding and the play of the hand will often provide the information you need. Here is a good example.

Scoring: IMPs (team)

Hand S 9752
 #10 HAKQJ
 Dlr N DJ104
 Vul E-W C42

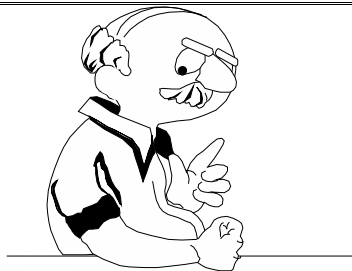
		West	North	East	South
S A	S J1086		Pass	Pass	Pass
H1076	H985	1C	DBL	1NT	2S
D853	DAQ2	All			
CAQJ965	CK87	Pass			
	S KQ43				
	H432				
	DK976				
	C103				

BIDDING: This was a routine auction with both sides bidding strongly in their attempt to buy the contract. Perhaps East should have taken another call but instead decided to defend.

PLAY: West made an aggressive lead of the club ace. After receiving encouragement from his partner, West continued with a second club. After winning the king, East shifted to a low heart. With two clubs lost and at least one diamond to lose, declarer had to keep his trump losers to

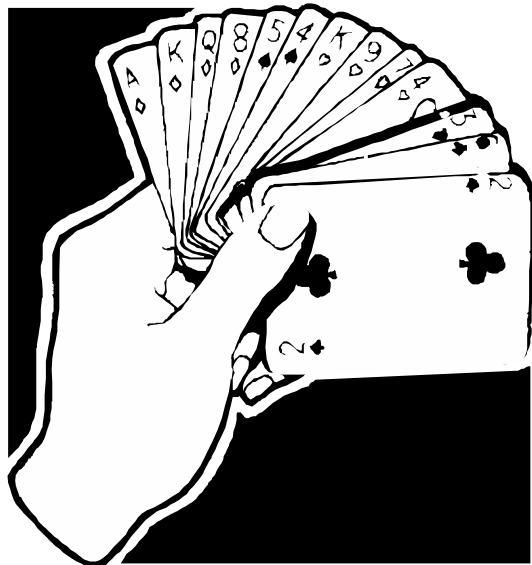
two. Before tackling trumps, declarer decided to find out more about the hand by leading the diamond jack from dummy. East covered with the queen and South won the king. It was now clear that West must hold the spade ace for his opening bid. Since this was a team game with overtricks of little value, South next played a low spade from his hand. While this may seem unusual, the only time declarer will lose three spade tricks is when the suit divides 4-1 (or an unlikely 5-0). Since West was marked with the ace, a low spade from hand protected against the ace being singleton.

South ended up losing only five tricks to score +110. Note that E-W would be down one in 3♣ for -100. Of course, West could have passed the hand out for an even better result.



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:



Peoria Fall Sectional
September 15-17, Hult Health Center

Springfield Fall Sectional
October 13-15, IEA





July results:

Mike's Saturday open pairs – July 1 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.96%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (58.99%) Tim Cull-Springfield & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (54.76%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.06%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.82%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.33%) Melissa & Dennis Fitton - Sidney
- 3rd. (54.76%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.98%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – July 3 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (58.01%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.45%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.81%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 4th. (54.49%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda
- 5th. (54.17%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 6th. (53.85%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 7th. (52.89%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 8th. (51.28%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – July 7 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (62.59%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.11%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 3rd. (60.84%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (57.50%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (53.33%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 6th. (52.92%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.84%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 8th. (50.00%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Twin City (Bloomington-Normal) Summer Sectional Bridge Tournament

Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL, - July 7-9, 2006

Friday afternoon stratified pairs - 24 pairs competing:

A	B	C	
1	1		Floyd Sherry- Phil Kenney, Eureka
2			Dick Kemmerer, Peoria; Jim Carbaugh, Metamora
3	2		Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights; Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington
4	3	1	Josh Kueker - Paul Holmes, Champaign
5			Steve Babin, Normal; Margaret Hansell, Champaign
6/7	4/5	2/3	Dennis Moll - Joe Krause, Bloomington
6/7	4/5	2/3	Diane Nelson, Dunlap; Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights

Friday evening stratified pairs - 25 pairs competing:

A	B	C	
1			Sam Katz, Hinsdale; Dick Benson, Le Roy
2			Steve Babin, Normal; Margaret Hansell, Champaign
3	1	1	Dennis Moll, Bloomington; Rick Lepscier, Tinley Park
4	2		Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights; Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington
5	3	2	Josh Kueker - Paul Holmes, Champaign
6			Marilyn Toubeaux, Peoria; Laura Addison, Bloomington
	4	3	Wanda Schieber, Morton; Claudette Barrack, Peoria
	5		Chris Biggs - Jean Barnett, Bloomington
		4	Jim Swanke - Jerry Hinds, Morton

Saturday stratified pairs - 29 pairs competing:

A	B	C	
1	1		Chuck Young - Pat Moos, Peoria
2			Stan Gutzman, Normal; Dale Beers, Boiling Springs,PA
3			Dick Benson, Le Roy; Sam Katz, Hinsdale
4			Leonard Kaufman - Larry Seitzman, Peoria
5	2	1	Randall Motchan, Bloomington; Rick Lepscier, Tinley Park
6			Liz & Chuck Zalar, Springfield
	3		Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington; Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights
	4		Jonell & Leo Comerford, Charleston
	5		Paul Lindauer, Varna; Linda Mitchell, Cambridge,ON,CA
		2	Ann & Art Adams, Bloomington



3 Bill Bulfer, East Peoria; Mary Stecher, Peoria

Sunday stratified swiss teams - 17/12/8 teams competing:

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | | Will Engel, Freeport; Daniel Levin, Aurora
Gary Kessler - Dan Requard, Springfield; |
| 2 | | Sam Katz, Hinsdale; Lynne Feldman, Champaign;
Chris & Dick Benson, Le Roy |
| 3 | 1 | 1 Jim Swanke - Jerry Hinds, Morton;
Richard Spengler, Peoria; Bill Bulfer, East Peoria |
| 4 | 2 | Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign; Leah Newell, Springfield;
Ray Russ, Henry; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon |
| 5 | 3 | Zach Freehill - Charlie Morton - Peg Deutsch, Bloomington;
Dewey Gronau, Farmer City |
| | 4 | 2 Ken Vogelbaugh - Chris Biggs - Jean Barnett, Bloomington;
Floyd Sherry, Eureka |
| | | 3 Steve Volz - Ann Schimelpfenig, Bloomington;
Bob Smith, Normal; Lee Vickman, Highland Park |

Tournament masterpoint race - top 25:

- 1 12.27 Dick Benson, Le Roy IL
- 2 12.27 Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL
- 3 8.21 Will Engel, Freeport IL
- 4 8.21 Daniel Levin, Aurora IL
- 5 7.54 Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington IL
- 6 7.54 Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL
- 7 6.78 Pat Moos, Peoria IL
- 8 6.75 Gary Kessler, Springfield IL
- 9 6.75 Dan Requard, Springfield IL
- 10 6.01 Steve Babin, Normal IL
- 11 6.00 Chuck Young, Peoria IL
- 12 5.86 Floyd Sherry, Eureka IL
- 13 5.82 Margaret Hansell, Champaign IL
- 14 5.70 Bill Bulfer, East Peoria IL
- 15 5.41 Rick Lepscier, Tinley Park IL
- 16 5.06 Jim Swanke, Morton IL
- 17 5.06 Jerry Hinds, Morton IL
- 18 5.06 Chris Benson, Le Roy IL

- 19 5.06 Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL
- 20 4.52 Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL
- 21 4.50 Dale Beers, Boiling Springs PA
- 22 4.50 Stan Gutzman, Normal IL
- 23 4.42 Rich Spengler, Peoria IL
- 24 4.19 Phil Kenney, Eureka IL
- 25 3.76 Dewey Gronau, Farmer City IL

Gayl West Duplicate – July 10 – 7½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.07%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. (57.99%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Jack Kessler-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.47%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 4th. (52.08%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (58.93%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.87%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (52.08%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4th. (50.00%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – July 10 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.12%) Sue & Mike McGroarty - Normal
- 2nd. (54.76%) Esther Dunn-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.98%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (65.48%) Carol & Marv Bower - Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.52%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.17%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.79%) Diane Perry-Normal & Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – July 11 – 5 tables:

- 1st. (60.19%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 2nd. (57.87%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (57.41%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.94%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 5th. (51.85%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – July 13 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (60.26%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (55.13%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington

- 3rd. (54.81%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 4th. (53.52%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Eunice Viktor-Morton**
- 5-6. (53.20%) Claudette Barrack-Peoria & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 5-6. (53.20%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 7th. (51.92%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**
- 8th. (50.00%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – July 15 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (56.88%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (54.50%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (53.44%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 4th. (52.91%) Sue & Mike McGroarty - Normal**

East-West:

- 1st. (71.13%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney**
- 2nd. (59.52%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (53.28%) Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington & Darryl Bremner-Clinton**
- 4th. (50.60%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**

Gayl West Duplicate – July 17 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.77%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (58.04%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (55.95%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jack Kessler-Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.30%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (66.37%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (53.87%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (52.08%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka**
- 4th. (51.79%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal**

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – July 17 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (66.07%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal**
- 2nd. (62.50%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (61.31%) Elizabeth Aikin-Bloomington & Esther Dunn-Bloomington**
- 4th. (55.36%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.79%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Joe Krause-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (64.88%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton**

2nd. (60.12%) Mary Houska-Normal & Dorothy Berg-Bloomington

3rd. (57.74%) Claudette & Rich Barrack - Peoria

4th. (51.79%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington

5th. (51.19%) Jim Maslan-LeRoy & Vern Shelton-Downs

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – July 18 – 3½ tables:

1-2. (55.21%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

1-2. (55.21%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal

3-4. (52.08%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

3-4. (52.08%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

5th. (51.04%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – July 20 – 4½ tables:

1st. (61.11%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison

2nd. (54.17%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington

3rd. (53.47%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (52.78%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

5th. (50.00%) Esther Dunn-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda

Mike's Saturday open pairs – July 22 – 7½ tables:

1st. (62.18%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

2nd. (60.90%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

3rd. (59.30%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington

4th. (56.09%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton

5th. (54.17%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

6th. (50.96%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

7-8. (50.32%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

7-8. (50.32%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – July 24 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (62.07%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap

2nd. (58.66%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

3rd. (55.70%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal

4th. (52.50%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (54.38%) Steve Babin-Normal & Ray Russ-Henry

2nd. (53.57%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (51.88%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal

4th. (51.70%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal

5th. (50.39%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – July 24 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (67.50%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington**
- 2nd. (54.17%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal**
- 3rd. (50.00%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington**

East-West:

- 1st. (65.00%) Mary Houska-Normal & Dorothy Berg-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (56.67%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington**

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – July 25 – 11 teams:

- 1st. Mary & John Cralley-Normal, Dave & Zack Freehill-Bloomington**
- 2nd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Stan Gutzman-Normal,
Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 3rd. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Steve Wulfers-Normal,
Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Randall Motchan-Bloomington**
- 4th. Hank Hoffman-Bloomington, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Dewey Gronau-Farmer City, Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – July 27 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (58.93%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Colby Vernay-Lacon**
- 2nd. (58.01%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 3rd. (56.09%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**
- 4th. (55.77%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington**
- 5th. (55.13%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 6-7. (53.85%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington**
- 6-7. (53.85%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 8-9. (51.60%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal**
- 8-9. (51.60%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 10-11. (50.00%) Esther Dunn-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda**
- 10-11. (50.00%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison**

Mike's Saturday open pairs – July 29 – 10 tables:

- 1st. (59.03%) Kish Devaraj-Atlanta,Ga & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 2nd. (58.56%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (56.25%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington**
- 4th. (55.56%) Adrian hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney**

East-West:

- 1st. (61.81%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Ray Russ-Henry**
- 2nd. (61.34%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**
- 3rd. (54.40%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**

4th. (51.85%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Colby Vernay-Lacon

5th. (51.39%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington

6th. (50.23%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Gayl West Duplicate – July 31 – 11 tables:

North-South:

1st. (56.25%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

2nd. (55.09%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

3rd. (52.55%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal

4th. (51.62%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

5th. (51.16%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Bobbie Straker-Pekin

6th. (50.46%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

7th. (50.00%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (59.72%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

2nd. (55.79%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal

3rd. (54.86%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (53.70%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal

5th. (53.24%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

6th. (50.93%) Marilyn & Darryl Bremner - Clinton

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – July 31 – 5 tables:

North-South:

1st. (68.33%) Carol Bower-Bloomington & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington

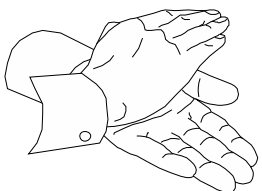
2nd. (54.17%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

East-West:

1st. (62.50%) Vern Shelton-Downs & Jim Maslan-LeRoy

2nd. (60.83%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

3rd. (56.67%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington



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!!

Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 7/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 28.36

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #7 with 24.47

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #8 with 36.89, Bret Van Fleet #10 with 30.23

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #1 with 48.79,

Randall Motchan #4 with 36.01, Peg Deutsch #7 with 25.14

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #2 with 102.93, Zack Freehill #3 with 94.71

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #4 with 119.77, Betty Capodice #7 with 94.73

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

0-5 masterpoints: Roger Joslin #9 with 3.45

5-20 masterpoints: Maizie Slight #8 with 7.56

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #3 with 15.61,

Ramesh Chaudhari #9 with 7.69

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 18.19

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #4 with 24.26, Steve Volz #6 with 19.70,

Dave Freehill #9 with 17.78

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #2 with 17.87,

Peg Deutsch #4 with 13.08, Randall Motchan #9 with 11.29

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #2 with 49.50, Steve Hawthorne #9 with 33.10

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 52.76, Capodice #3 with 45.44,

Steve Babin #9 with 33.59



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 3 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “opening 1 of a major suit”.

Last month's tip described the portion of the convention card that shows the partnership's agreement for no trump opening bids. 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.



Most bridge players use an agreement for opening 1 of a major suit that shows 5 or more cards in the suit. This agreement is called 5-card majors. Some players use an agreement where opening 1 of a major suit promises only 4 or more cards in the suit. This agreement is called 4-card majors.

In the first portion of the major opening section, mark whether you use 5-card or 4-card major opening bids. Note there is a separate line for 1st/2nd seat openings versus 3rd/4th seat openings. Most players use the same for both.

The next portion is for indicating what your agreement is for a “3-over-1” raise of the opening 1 or a major bid. If your agreement is for this call to be forcing to at least the game level, then check forcing (note: most party bridge players use forcing for a “3-over-1” raise). If your agreement means the “3-over-1” raise is invitational (i.e. limit major raise – 4 card support with 10-12 points, the agreement that most duplicate players use), then check “Inv.”. If your agreement means the “3-over-1” raise is pre-emptive, then check “weak” (and remember to alert this agreement when used!).

The next line is similar to the prior except when the opponents make an overcall. Check “forcing”, “inv.”, or “weak” with the same rationale as when there is no overcall. Note: most duplicate players will use a double raise as weak when there is an overall and a cue bid of the opponents overcalled suit when they really have a limit major raise or better.

The next line is for describing your agreement for a conventional raise. If your 2NT response to partner’s 1 or a major is the “Jacoby 2NT” agreement (4-card support and an opening hand), then check “2NT” (note this is an alertable agreement). There is also a conventional 3NT response that hardly anybody uses. If you use splinter responses (i.e. responding with a double jump showing a singleton or void and at least the value of a limit major raise), then check “splinter”. Then there is a red line for other conventional agreements (i.e. constructive raise – 8-9 hcps & 3-card support, or Bergen raises, etc).

The next line is for showing if your agreement’s 1NT response is forcing instead of the normal 6-9 hcps with less than 3-card support. Bidding systems such as “2-over-1 game forcing” need 1NT to be a forcing bid in order to complete the system. Notice this agreement is in blue so when used, it must be announced.

There are lines for non-conventional 2NT and 3NT raises.

If your agreement makes use of the Drury or reverse Drury convention for responding to partner’s 1 of a major opening in 3rd seat, then check one of these 2. The Drury convention uses a response of 2 clubs to ask partner of the opening bid was full (i.e. would have been done in 1st or 2nd seat) or light (i.e. to protect the partnership). The Drury agreement says partner’s 2-of-a-major rebid shows a full opening hand. The reverse Drury agreement says partner’s 2-of-a-major rebid shows a light opening hand with a 2 diamond rebid showing the full opening hand. Most players who adopt Drury, use the reverse Drury agreement.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “opening 1 of a minor suit”.

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

New junior masters: Roberta Weddig, Mary Lou Gold, Roger Joslin

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: Ray Dostal, Steve Wulfers

New life masters: Carole Bardwell

New bronze life masters:

New gold life masters: Betty Capodice

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