



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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September events:

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

September 4 – open pairs September 11 – open pairs

September 18 – quarterly club champ open pairs September 25 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, September 2 open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, September 4 pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, September 5, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, September 7 open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, September 9, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, September 11, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, September 12, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, September 14, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Thursday, September 14, 6:15PM -Instant Matchpoint open pairs - Heartland

Saturday, September 16, NO GAME – Peoria tournament

Monday, September 18, club champ pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, September 19, 6:15PM – club champ open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, September 21, club champ open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, September 23, club champ open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, September 25, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, September 26, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, September 28, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

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>

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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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3	1,890.41	Gail Moon
4	1,674.72	Steve Babin
5	1,433.92	Mike Tomlianovich
6	935.99	Ivey Weaver
7	867.51	Jeanne Strand
8	824.94	Hank Hoffman
9	750.22	Eunice Patton
10	739.50	Jim Moon
11	684.72	Steve Hawthorne
12	657.65	Zack Freehill
13	641.30	Henrietta Crain
14	640.54	Don Strand
15	632.88	Stan Gutzman
16	618.37	Glen Beaman
17	581.79	Jean Barnett
18	551.68	Martin Compton
19	471.96	Ann Farnsworth
20	470.24	Ruth Wettaw
21	418.90	Janis Swanton
22	409.61	Bob Smith
23	377.81	John Ferrell
24	373.99	Charlie Morton
25	348.98	Carole Bardwell

Other players:

11,381.45	Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,768.80	Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,746.14	Norinne Nelson
3,361.98	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,848.40	Jim De Serio-Peoria
2,531.87	Alan Wienman-Morton
2,158.18	Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,102.63	Dick Nelson
2,024.76	Georgia Heth-Morton
1,699.70	Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,599.04	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,591.99	Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,531.78	Ray Russ-Henry
1,458.57	Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,188.97	Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,083.98	Leah Newell-Springfield
1,067.39	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,063.30	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,038.85	John Burdon-Washington
1,029.91	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
1,003.91	Tim Cull-Springfield
828.53	Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
780.34	Jack Kessler
696.09	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
606.19	Bev Fast-Peoria
595.93	Eunice Viktor-Morton
554.50	Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
516.82	Phil Kenney-Eureka
402.34	Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

The old saying goes, "The five level belongs to the opponents", and while that is usually true, sometimes it pays to be up there yourself. Here is an example from a recent tournament.

Scoring: Matchpoints

S 105
 Dlr N H K72
 Vul N-S D A8
 C 1087543

S J963	S AQ874	West	North	East	South
H J	H 109		Pass	1S	4H
D QJ1096	D K54	4S	5H	All	
32	C QJ6			Pass	
C K					

S K2
 H AQ86543
 D 7
 C A92

BIDDING: After East opened the bidding, I leaped to 4H in an attempt to buy the contract. However, West continued on to 4S and my partner found a good raise to 5H.

PLAY: West led the queen of diamonds that I won in dummy. I expected the spade ace to be on my right but I still had two club losers. One solution was an elimination play. At trick two I led a spade from dummy and East hopped up with the ace. As I expected, he continued with a second diamond that I ruffed. Next I drew two round of trumps followed by the spade king. With spades and diamonds eliminated, I played a low club from my hand. West won the king and had no choice but to play a diamond or a spade allowing me to ruff in dummy and discard my losing club. Making five was a very good result.

It was important to avoid ruffing the diamond until the spade was played because an astute defender in the East chair may have spotted the pending club end-play and exited with a club after winning the spade ace. Also note that it would not help West to discard the club king on the second trump to avoid the end play. I still had an entry to dummy to allow me to lead the ten of clubs to finesse East. And, if the outstanding clubs were 2-2, I would only have one club loser. And finally, if either opponent held the KQJ of clubs, I was going down. This was a fun hand.

#2

It's no secret that different hands create different auctions so you need a variety of bidding tools. For example, it is not essential to use Blackwood for all slams. In fact, it can get you into trouble. Here is a typical example.

Scoring: Matchpoints (pairs)

	S A104				
Dlr N	H Q63				
Vul E-	D KJ85				
W	C KJ6				
S J32		West	North	East	South
H AK7	S 7		1D	Pass	1S
5	H 10984	Pass	1NT	Pass	2C*
D 1032	D 9764	Pass	3S	Pass	4D
C 1074	C 8532	Pass	4S	All	
				Pass	
	S KQ986				
	5				
	H J2				
	D AQ				
	C AQ9				

*New Minor Forcing

BIDDING: After North rebid 1NT, South used the New Minor Forcing convention to find out about spade support. North's jump to 3S showed three card support and a maximum hand. South was now interested in slam but realized they could be missing the top two honors in hearts. Therefore Blackwood was NOT the answer. This partnership's cue bidding style was to show either first or second round controls. And, to avoid ambiguity about which suit they had agreed (a 4C cue could be confusing), South cue bid diamonds. When North could not cue bid a heart control, South knew they were high enough.

PLAY: West won the first two heart tricks and South claimed the rest. What is so interesting about this hand is that in a local game, seven of the ten North-South pairs bid either 6S or 6NT. Six went down and one pair was successful. I'm still not sure what happened with that defense since West was on lead.

To oversimplify the issue: When you want to know HOW MANY aces partners has, use Blackwood. When you want to know WHICH aces partner has, start cue bidding.

As declarer, it's often correct to draw trumps right away but sometimes it's better to put them to good use. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (pairs)

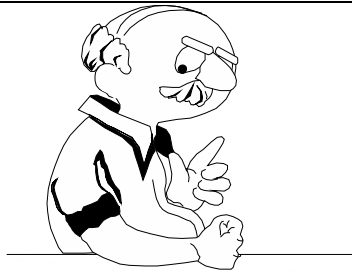
	S KQ5				
Dlr E	H Q875				
	D 62				
Vul N-S	C A632	West	North	East	South
S A4	S 8763			Pass	1D
H 106	H 942	2C		Pass	2H
D KQ43	D 1085		DBL*		
C QJ1094	C K87	Pass	3H	Pass	4H
	S J1092	All			
	H AKJ	Pass			
	H 3				
	D AJ97				
	C 5				

*Negative Double

BIDDING: After I opened the bidding, West made a rather poor overcall. A two-level overcall should show a much better suit and/or a better hand. My partner made a negative double showing one or both of the majors and we quickly reached game.

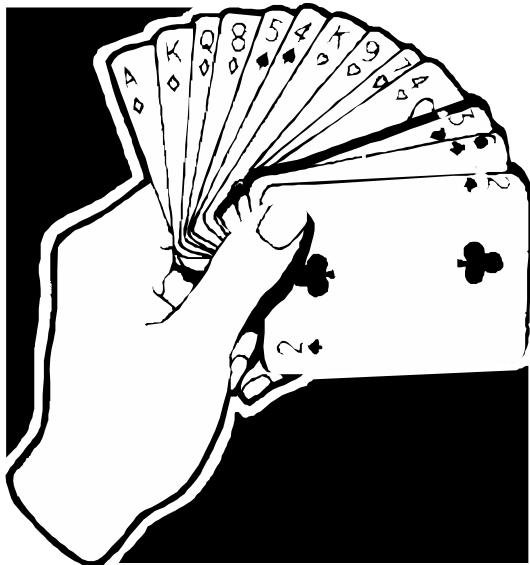
PLAY: West led the queen of clubs and I could count nine tricks: 3 spades, 4 hearts, 1 diamond, and 1 club. I could get a tenth by simply ruffing a diamond in dummy or a club in my hand, but this was matchpoint scoring so I looked around for a second overtrick. I won the club in dummy and played one round of trumps. I then played a spade won by West. He continued clubs and I ruffed in my hand. Next I played a second round of trumps followed by three spades discarding a diamond from dummy. It didn't matter if the person with the last trump had been able to ruff, the diamond was a loser anyway. I then started cross-ruffing diamonds and clubs. The opponents won the last trick with the diamond king and the last trump.

Note if you draw two rounds of trumps before leading spades, the person with the spade ace might also hold the last trump and return it reducing your ruffing power.



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**





August results:

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – August 1 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.14%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.76%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (52.38%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 4th. (51.19%) Gary & Sandy Dayton - Mahomet

East-West:

- 1st. (59.52%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign
- 2-3. (54.17%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2-3. (54.17%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 4th. (50.89%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Wulfers-Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 3 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (70.54%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.74%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.55%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (61.90%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (54.17%) Esther Dunn-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 3-4. (51.79%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3-4. (51.79%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 5 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.33%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (58.10%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (57.18%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.25%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (52.78%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 6th. (52.55%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Peoria
- 7th. (52.08%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton

East-West:

- 1st. (67.13%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 2nd. (55.32%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Ray Russ-Henry
- 3rd. (54.86%) Adrian hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 4th. (54.17%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mel Regal-Peoria
- 5th. (50.00%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 7 – 10½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.04%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (53.57%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

- 3rd. (53.36%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Bev Meginnis-Iowanda
- 4th. (52.56%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 5th. (50.98%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal
- 6th. (50.96%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.05%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (67.74%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.00%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.55%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.49%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.54%) Bill Carley-Peoria & John Burdon-Peoria

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

North-South:

- 1st. (61.90%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.52%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

East-West:

- 1st. (60.32%) Sue & Mike McGroarty - Normal
- 2nd. (54.37%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.79%) Carol & Marv Bower - Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – August 8 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.33%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.46%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 3rd. (54.17%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (52.68%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (57.44%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (52.98%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Eunice Patton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.68%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 10 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.71%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.74%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Larry Eggan-Normal & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.76%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.93%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.76%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 3rd. (53.87%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.68%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 12 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.95%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (59.03%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (54.17%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.24%) Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.62%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Bloomington
- 6th. (50.46%) Joanne Rouse-Bloomington & Herman Ochs-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (62.04%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & John Burdon-Peoria
- 2nd. (58.10%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda
- 3rd. (54.86%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Mel Regal-Peoria
- 4th. (52.78%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 14 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.72%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (56.48%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 3rd. (52.08%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.16%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (53.70%) Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.47%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (52.55%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal
- 4th. (50.69%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.23%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 6th. (50.00%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 14 – 6½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.71%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington
- 2nd. (62.86%) Fran Morton-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.71%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (64.17%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.67%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 3rd. (58.33%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – August 15 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (66.96%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (58.93%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Peg Deutsch-Blommington
- 3rd. (51.49%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.33%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr
- 2nd. (52.38%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.79%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4-5. (50.60%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4-5. (50.60%) Jim Moon-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 17 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.18%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Peoria
- 2nd. (58.33%) Betty Capodice-Blomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.98%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 4th. (52.68%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Stan Gutzman-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (54.76%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Claudette Barrack-Peoria & Wanda Schieber-Morton
- 3rd. (52.38%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.49%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 19 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.44%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.06%) Shri Aradye-India & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 4th. (51.19%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (60.12%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Peoria
- 2nd. (55.06%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 3rd. (54.46%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.27%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – August 21 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.87%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.18%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.94%) Anita Carney-Bloomington & Ivey Weaver-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.09%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.25%) Shri Aradye-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.47%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 3rd. (53.01%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.55%) Marilyn & Darryl Bremner - Clinton
- 5th. (51.85%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 6th. (50.93%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.46%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 21 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.90%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.56%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (59.92%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd. (58.73%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
- 3-4. (55.16%) Marge & Dick Swanberg - Bloomington
- 3-4. (55.16%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – August 22 – 12 teams:

- 1st. Chris Biggs-Bloomington, Eunice Patton-Bloomington,
Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2-3. Hank Hoffman-Bloomington, Dewey Gronau-Farmer City, Mary & Rea Jones - Champaign
- 2-3. Ann Schuyler-Bloomington, Shri Aradye-India, Glen Beaman-Bloomington, John Burdon-Peoria
- 4th. Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal, Eunice Viktor-Morton, Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 24 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (67.26%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Peoria
- 2nd. (61.90%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.44%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (53.87%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Herman Ochs-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.89%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.99%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

- 2nd. (58.20%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.85%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (51.32%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.53%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 26 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.49%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Ray Russ-Henry
- 2-3. (50.93%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 2-3. (50.93%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 4th. (50.46%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Peoria
- 5th. (50.23%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (67.13%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 2nd. (59.03%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 3rd. (51.39%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (50.93%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (50.69%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 28 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.83%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.06%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3rd. (54.25%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.94%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 5th. (52.41%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Babe Fullan-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.10%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 7th. (50.23%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (60.42%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. (59.95%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (58.33%) Dick Kemmerer-Peoria & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 4th. (52.78%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.62%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 28 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1-2. (59.92%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
- 1-2. (59.92%) Elizabeth Aikin-Bloomington & Esther Dunn-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (69.44%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd. (55.56%) Sue & MikeMcGroarty - Normal
- 3rd. (50.26%) Mary Houska-Bloomington & Linda Frankeberger-Bloomington

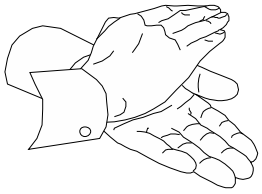
Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – August 29 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (64.74%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (61.22%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.41%) Rick Brenneman-Minier & Bob Smith-Normal
- 4th. (54.49%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 5th. (52.57%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 6th. (51.92%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 7th. (51.60%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 31 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.14%) Shri Aradhye-India & Martin Compton-Bloomington
 - 2nd. (53.87%) Joe Krause-Bloomington & Art Adams-Bloomington
 - 3rd. (51.49%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
 - 4th. (51.49%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
 - 5-6. (50.00%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Henrietta Crain-Normal
 - 5-6. (50.00%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Blomington
- East-West:
- 1st. (60.71%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
 - 2nd. (60.42%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
 - 3rd. (55.36%) Dave & Zack Freehill - 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 8/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 43.03

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #7 with 30.63, Ann Adams #10 with 19.90

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #8 with 44.88

200-300 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #1 with 57.77, Randall Motchan #3 with 49.94, Peg Deutsch #9 with 30.63

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Steve Hawthorne #2 with 153.00, Zack Freehill #4 with 111.10

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #3 with 153.91, Betty Capodice #6 with 127.19, Steve Babin #8 with 121.32

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

0-5 masterpoints: Roger Joslin #9 with 4.03

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #3 with 16.66, Ramesh Chaudhari #9 with 8.49

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 20.51, Ann Adams #6 with 14.93

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #4 with 27.99, Dave Freehill #9 with 20.53, Steve Volz #10 with 20.44

200-300 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #2 with 18.49, Peg Deutsch #4 with 15.58

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #2 with 55.88, Steve Hawthorne #6 with 41.09

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 56.08, Steve Babin #7 with 48.84,

Betty Capodice #8 with 47.98, Mike Tomlianovich #10 with 36.47



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 4 of a 16-part series

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

Like the major suit opening section, the first indication for opening 1 of a minor suit is to show the minimum suit length for each of 1 club and 1 diamond. Check whether your opening bid of 1 club shows a minimum length of 4, 3, 2, or other cards. Note that other than 4 or 3 cards must be alerted. Also, some players want to reserve the 1 diamond opening for 4 or more cards so they use a short club of 2 cards when they hold a 4-4-3-2 pattern. The next line is for the 1 diamond opening bid. Mark the minimum suite length for the 1 diamond opening bid. Most players check 3 for both 1 club and 1 diamond opening bids.

Similar to major suit openings, indicate whether a double raise without an opponent’s overcall is forcing (opening hand), invitational (slightly less than an opening hand), or weak, which must be alerted. Most players treat a double raise as invitational. Indicate a double raise with an opponent’s overcall is forcing (opening hand), invitational (slightly less than an opening hand), or weak, which must be alerted. Many players treat a double raise in competition as weak.

For a forcing raise show if a jump-shift to the other minor is forcing (rarely used) or if a single raise is forcing (called inverted minors).

If your partnership opens 1 club and, when responding, bypasses a minor suit of 4 cards or more to bid 1 of a major, indicate this on the next line. It is not a good idea to bypass a 4 card diamond suit when responding to a 1 club opening bid.

The next line is for a direct response of 1NT to 1 of a minor opening. Show the high card point range; most players use 6 to 9 HCPS. Note: this response denies holding a 4+ card major suit.

The next line is for a direct response of 2NT to 1 of a minor opening. Show if this response is forcing (an opening hand) or invitational (slightly less than an opening hand). Most players use this response as invitational. Then show the high card point range; most players use 10 to 12 HCPS. Note: this response denies holding a 4+ card major suit.

The next line is for a direct response of 3NT to 1 of a minor opening. Show the high card point range; most players use 13 to 15 HCPS. Note: this response denies holding a 4+ card major suit.

The last line is for any other agreements for 1 of a minor opening bids and their responses. Any of these must be alerted.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “opening 2 of a 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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2006/07/15	71.13%	Adrian Hutber & Dennis Fitton
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