



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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October events:

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

October 2 – open pairs October 9 – open pairs

October 16 – open pairs October 23 – open pairs October 30 – STaC open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Monday, October 2 pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, October 3, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, October 5 open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, October 7, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, October 9, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, October 10, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

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

Saturday, October 14, NO GAME – Springfield tournament

Monday, October 16, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, October 17, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, October 19, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, October 21, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, October 23, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, October 24, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, October 26, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, October 28, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – location TBA

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

Tuesday, October 31, 6:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, November 1, 6:15PM – Special STaC open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, November 2, STaC open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Thursday, November 2, 6:15PM – Special STaC open pairs – location TBA

Saturday, November 4, STaC open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Sunday, November 5, Special STaC open pairs(1:15PM) – location TBA

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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- 7 872.98 Jeanne Strand
- 8 845.92 Hank Hoffman
- 9 754.92 Eunice Patton
- 10 741.03 Jim Moon
- 11 713.37 Steve Hawthorne
- 12 681.01 Zack Freehill
- 13 643.09 Henrietta Crain
- 14 646.01 Don Strand
- 15 642.43 Stan Gutzman
- 16 629.16 Glen Beaman
- 17 588.55 Jean Barnett
- 18 554.95 Martin Compton
- 19 476.36 Ruth Wettaw
- 20 475.69 Ann Farnsworth
- 21 413.40 Bob Smith
- 22 377.81 John Ferrell
- 23 373.36 Charlie Morton
- 24 357.07 Carole Bardwell
- 25 341.26 Randall Motchan

Other players:

- 11,477.44 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 8,861.73 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,753.36 Norinne Nelson
- 3,399.73 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,848.64 Jim De Serio-Peoria
- 2,536.40 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,180.79 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,109.57 Dick Nelson
- 2,047.25 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 1,708.31 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 1,609.93 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 1,592.24 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,534.86 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,472.71 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,184.46 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,089.82 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,088.52 Leah Newell-Springfield
- 1,081.25 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,061.33 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,029.91 Marilyn Stickel-Laon
- 1,008.81 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 849.98 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 671.29 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 697.69 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 606.19 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 596.86 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 555.40 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 539.87 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 402.82 Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

As declarer, when you discover one opponent has six cards in a suit and the other only two, it is usually correct to finesse the player with length for a specific card. However, sometimes you can avoid the finesse altogether. Take a look.

Scoring: Matchpoints (pairs)

	S K876				
	H K97				
Dlr N	D K82				
Vul E-W	C AJ8	West	North	East	South
S QJ1054	S 3		1C	3D	3H
H	H 1052	Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
D 105	D AQJ9643	Pass	5H	Pass	6H
C 976432	C Q10				
	S A92	All			
	H AQJ8643	Pass			
	D 7				
	C K5				

BIDDING: South had an easy 3H call over East's preempt and after his partner raised, used Roman Keycard to discover North had two of the three outstanding keycards (4 aces + heart king). South bid the slam hoping his partner had very little wasted values in diamonds.

PLAY: West led the ten of diamonds followed by a second one ruffed by declarer. It looked like South would have to take the club finesse in order to discard his spade loser, but first he decided to find out more about the hand. After drawing trumps, he played the ace and king of spades and ruffed dummy's last diamond. He now had a count on the opponents' hands. East originally held one spade, three hearts, seven diamonds, and therefore only two clubs. That made the odds 6-2 that West held the club queen. But the finesse was unnecessary. Declarer merely played the rest of his hearts and came down to the AJ8 of clubs in dummy and the spade 9 and K5 of clubs in his hand. He next played the club king followed by the five. When West followed to the second club, declarer knew the remaining card in West's hand was the spade queen so it was easy to play the club ace dropping the doubleton queen in East's hand.

Of course if West held the club queen, he would be squeezed in the three-card ending. The successful declarer will always look for ways to avoid taking a finesse.

#2

The ability to preempt the opponents is a valuable tool. However, a lot of partnerships take this to an extreme with their "destructive" style. Sometimes the results are not what they had hoped for. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (pairs)

	S J				
Dlr W	H Q75				
Vul none	D KJ862				
	C AQ107				
S A10432	S KQ98	West	North	East	South
H 32	5	2S	DBL	4S	6H
D Q1043	H K10				
C 85	D 75	All			
	C J942	Pass			
	S 76				
	H AJ9864				
	D A9				
	C K63				

BIDDING: This E/W pair use very light preemptive bids as indicated by West's 2S opening. North was aware of this style and made a somewhat light takeout double. East leaped to the four level in an attempt to further muddy the waters. Not wanting to be pushed around, South bid the slam hoping his partner held no more than one spade.

PLAY: Declarer ruffed the second spade, took the heart finesse, and quickly wrapped up twelve tricks. Not surprising, holding only 25 HCP no other N/S pair reached the slam. E/W took their zero in stride and moved to the next table ready for the next hand. Such tactics are not uncommon in matchpoint (pairs) events, but those using ultra light overcalls, opening bids, and preempts must pre-Alert their opponents before the round begins.

#3

Bridge is a fascinating game because it offers so many different challenges. Here is a hand that is interesting for the declarer as well as the defenders.

Scoring: Teams (IMPs)

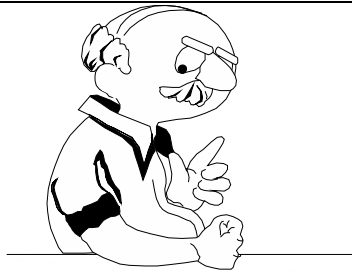
	S K82				
	H J843				
Dlr E	D QJ764				
Vul none	C 10				
S QJ96	S 105				
H Q106	H AK975	West	North	East	South
D AK1	H 2			2H	5C
D 0	D 8532	All			
C 952	C 4	Pass			
	S A743				
	H				
	D 9				
	C AKQJ876				
	3				

BIDDING: It's difficult to know exactly what to bid with the South hand, but in a recent team game I jumped to 5C over the weak 2H bid. I wanted to jam the auction as much as possible and, of course, hoped to make the contract.

PLAY: West led a top diamond and then switched to a heart. I ruffed the heart, led a club to dummy's ten, and played the diamond queen pitching a spade loser. West won and returned a spade which I won in my hand. I drew trumps and went to dummy with a spade to discard my remaining spade loser on the jack of diamonds. That was easy.

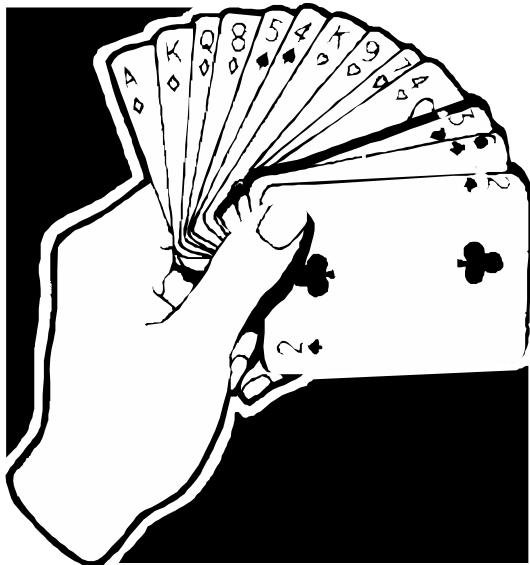
If West starts with a heart lead instead, the hand can still be made. You simply ruff and lead a diamond. West must win and the play develops as with the diamond lead.

However, the defense can prevail. If West starts with the unlikely opening lead of a spade and then plays a second one at his next opportunity, I can no longer make the hand. It looks like West can be squeezed in spades and diamonds, but the second spade breaks it up. So while it's usually right to lead your partner's suit or try first to cash an AK, sometimes it doesn't work.



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:



**Springfield Fall Sectional
October 13-15, IEA**

**District NAP finals
November 11-12 – Springfield IEA**





September results:

Mike's Saturday open pairs – September 2 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.42%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.82%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Art Adams-Bloomington
- 3rd. (58.04%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (55.03%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (54.23%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (53.17%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4th. (52.12%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.32%) Norinne & Dick Nelson - Mexico
- 6th. (50.00%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Steve Babin-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – September 4 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.75%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.66%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.36%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 4-5. (53.57%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4-5. (53.57%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

East-West:

- 1st. (70.63%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 2nd. (52.65%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (51.85%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 4th. (50.26%) Shri Aradye-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – September 4 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (64.33%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield
- 2nd. (51.67%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.83%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (56.67%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.33%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – September 5 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (62.92%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.41%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3-4. (53.75%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 3-4. (53.75%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (53.70%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 6th. (50.00%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – September 7 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.81%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (55.56%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (54.86%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.17%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 5th. (50.00%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.49%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Norinne & Dick Nelson - Mexico
- 3rd. (52.31%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.69%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – September 9 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.63%) Shri Aradye-India & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.76%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (54.17%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Martin Compton
- 4th. (53.57%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (51.49%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria

East-West:

- 1st. (69.58%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.64%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 3rd. (54.23%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – September 11 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (56.85%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 2nd. (54.76%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3-4. (53.87%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 3-4. (53.87%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Phil Kenney-Eureka

East-West:

- 1st. (63.99%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (51.49%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (50.89%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – September 11 – 6 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.78%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 2nd. (56.67%) Fran Morton-Bloomington & Vern Shelton-Downs
- 3rd. (53.89%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (62.22%) John Sheen-Leroy & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.44%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.00%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – September 12 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.33%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2-3. (57.44%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 2-3. (57.44%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 4th. (57.14%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.93%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign
- 2nd. (57.44%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.55%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 4th. (50.00%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – September 14 – 6 ½ tables:

- 1st. (71.67%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (62.59%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Blomington
- 3rd. (59.17%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.41%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5-6. (53.75%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5-6. (53.75%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.84%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Mike's special Thursday evening instant matchpoint game – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (60.00%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 2nd. (57.04%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.00%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.58%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5th. (51.85%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 6th. (50.63%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 7th. (50.25%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 8th. (50.08%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

End-O-Summer (Peoria, IL) Sectional Bridge Tournament

Hult Health Center, September 15-17, 2006

Friday afternoon stratified pairs - 34 pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | Ron Vogel - Pat Moos, Peoria |
| 2 | | Beth Kelly - Eloise Martzahn, Bettendorf |
| 3 | | Bernie Riley - Craig Billner, Pekin |
| 4 | | Gail Moon, Bloomington; Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap |
| 5 | 2 | 1 Fred Roese, Springfield; Cindy Wheeler, Chatham |
| 6 | | Marilyn Stickel, Lacon; Ray Russ, Henry |
| | 3 | Paul Lindauer, Varna; Linda Mitchell, Cambridge |
| | 4 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington |
| | 5 | 2 Jim Callison, East Moline; Dale Harvey, Galesburg |
| | 6 | Floyd Sherry - Phil Kenney, Eureka |
| | | 3 Diane Nelson, Dunlap; Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights |
| | | 4 Frank Nester, Mt Carroll; Barbara Bass, Princeton |

Friday evening stratified pairs - 32 pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|-----|--|
| 1 | | Leonard Kaufman - Mary Allen, Peoria |
| 2 | | Gail Moon - Betty Capodice, Bloomington |
| 3 | | Marilyn Stickel, Lacon; Ray Russ, Henry |
| 4 | 1 | Ruth Wettaw, Bloomington; Ann Farnsworth, Normal |
| 5 | | Tom Flanders, Cedar Rapids; Robert Otto, Iowa City |
| 6 | 2 | John Burdon, Washington; Glen Beaman, Bloomington |
| | 3 | Chris Biggs - Eunice Patton, Bloomington |
| | 4 | 1 Jim Callison, East Moline; Dale Harvey, Galesburg |
| | 5 | Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington; Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights |
| | 6/7 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington |

- 6/7 2 Ann Schuyler - Bev Upp, Bloomington
- 3 Bob Smith, Normal; Steve Volz, Bloomington
- 4 Barry Kurz - Ramesh Barot, Peoria

Saturday stratified pairs - 39 pairs

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | | Bernie Riley - Craig Billner, Pekin |
| 2 | 1 | Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign; Leah Newell, Springfield |
| 3 | | Georgia Heth, Morton; Will Engel, Freeport |
| 4 | | Alan Wienman, Morton; Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria |
| 5 | | Daniel Levin, Aurora; James Dressler, Rolling Meadows |
| 6 | | Mel Regal, Peoria; Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap |
| | 2 | Margaret Hansell - Alvan Bregman, Champaign |
| | 3 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington |
| | 4 | Richard Schroeder, Davenport; Jo Ann Kertesz, Sarasota |
| | 5 | Carole Bardwell, Normal; Bev Fast, Peoria |
| | 6 | Dick Kemmerer - Fei Dong, Peoria |
| | 1 | Diane & Norm Nelson, Dunlap |
| | 2 | Dennis Moll, Bloomington; Ramesh Chaudhuri, Normal |
| | 3 | Bill Bulfer, East Peoria; Rich Spengler, Peoria |
| | 4 | Ramesh Barot, Peoria; Mary Anne Child, Henry |

Sunday stratified swiss teams - 26 teams

- | A | B | C |
|-----|-----|---|
| 1/2 | | Chris & Dick Benson, Le Roy; Sally & Al Levering, Frankfort |
| 1/2 | | Will Engel, Freeport; Georgia Heth, Morton;
James Dressler, Rolling Meadows; Daniel Levin, Aurora |
| 3 | | Robert Otto, Iowa City; James Carbaugh, Metamora;
Tom Flanders, Cedar Rapids; Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria |
| 4 | 1 | Steven Brashler, Lockport; P Cipriani, Joliet;
David Mitzit, New Lenox; Wesley Suzuki, Oakbrook Terrace |
| 5 | | Verity Whitley - Loren Anderson, Moline;
Kathleen Cullinane, Davenport; Beth Kelly, Bettendorf |
| 6/7 | 2/3 | Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign; Leah Newell, Springfield;
Ray Russ, Henry; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon |
| 6/7 | 2/3 | 1 Steve Hawthorne, Bloomington; Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights;
Chuck Young - Patrick Moos, Peoria |
| | 4 | Dick Kemmerer - Mel Regal - Fei Dong, Peoria; Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap |
| | 5 | 2 Margaret Stephens - Daniel Bunde - Joshua Kueker - William Lindemann-Sr, Champaign |
| | 6 | 3 Elaine & Donald Waddell - Bettendorf;
Dale Harvey, Galesburg; Jim Callison, East Moline; |
| | 4 | Bill Bulfer, East Peoria; Jim Swanke - Jerry Hinds, Morton; Rich Spengler, Peoria |

Tournament masterpoint race - top 25

- 1-2 11.96 Will Engel, Freeport; Georgia Heth, Morton
- 3-4 10.17 James Dressler, Rolling Meadows; Daniel Levin, Aurora
- 5 10.02 Pat Moos, Peoria
- 6-7 9.78 Bernard Riley, Pekin; Craig Billner, Pekin
- 8-9 9.55 Sally & Al Levering, Frankfort
- 10-11 9.40 Leah Newell, Springfield; Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign
- 12-13 8.70 Marilyn Stickel, Lacon; Ray Russ, Henry
- 14 8.40 Kris Maillacheruvu, Peoria
- 15-16 7.88 Chris & Dick Benson, Le Roy

17-18 7.14 Robert Otto, Iowa City; Tom Flanders, Cedar Rapids

19 7.12 Mary Allen, Peoria

20 6.83 Beth Kelly, Bettendorf

21 6.77 Gail Moon, Bloomington

22 6.32 Leonard Kaufman, Peoria

23 6.18 Jim Callison, East Moline

24 6.11 Ron Vogel, Peoria

25-28 6.02 David Mitzit, New Lenox; P Cipriani, Joliet;

Steven Brashler, Lockport; Wesley Suzuki, Oakbrook Terrace

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North-South:

1st. (63.69%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

2nd. (61.61%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

3rd. (50.89%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

4th. (50.30%) Fran Morton-Bloomington & Jan Rolfs-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (66.14%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

2nd. (57.41%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (53.44%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington

4th. (51.32%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington

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North-South:

1st. (65.00%) John Sheen-Leroy & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

2nd. (56.67%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

3rd. (50.00%) Mary Houska-Normal & Doroty Berg-Bloomington

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5th. (58.15%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

6th. (51.67%) Shri Aradye-India & Kuriakose Mathew-India

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North-South:

1st. (56.94%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

2nd. (54.63%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (54.17%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (51.39%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (62.04%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton

2nd. (54.63%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington

3-4. (52.55%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Phil Kenney-Eureka

3-4. (52.55%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

5th. (50.23%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – September 23 – 11½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (61.34%) Shri Aradye-India & Martin Compton-Bloomington

- 2nd. (60.42%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 3rd. (59.12%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4th. (56.77%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (54.69%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 6-7. (51.82%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 6-7. (51.82%) Josh Kueker-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign

East-West:

- 1st. (63.19%) Mary Stecher-Peoria & Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
- 2nd. (61.81%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 3rd. (57.64%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.40%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.31%) Jerry Oswald-Bloomington & Steve Wulfers-Normal
- 6th. (50.46%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton

Gayl West Duplicate – September 25 – 11 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.57%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.33%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 3rd. (57.64%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.32%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Shrikrishna Aradhye-India
- 5th. (53.24%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 6th. (51.39%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (56.94%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (55.09%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal
- 3rd. (54.17%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4th. (52.55%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (50.69%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – September 25 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (67.50%) Mary Houska-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.75%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (63,13%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 2-3. (53.75%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
- 2-3. (53.75%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – September 26 – 11 teams:

- 1st. Maggie Stephens-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign, John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 2-3. Jeanie Nord-Bloomington, Bev Meginnes-Towanda,
Peg Deutsch-Bloomington, Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 2-3. Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington, Eunice Patton-Bloomington,
Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. Sandy & Gary Dayton - Mahomet, Dee Boch-Champaign, Dave Short-Champaign

Mike's Thursday open pairs – September 28 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.69%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 2nd. (54.17%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 3rd. (51.79%) Betty Capodice-Blomington & Alan Wienman-Morton

East-West:

- 1st. (61.01%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

2nd. (57.44%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

3rd. (52.08%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Steve Babin-Normal

4th. (51.79%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – September 30 – 10 tables:

North-South:

1st. (63.19%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

2nd. (60.19%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington

3rd. (56.94%) Fred Clark-Mahomet & Kuriakose Mathew-India

4th. (56.48%) Marilyn & Darryl Bremner - Clinton

5th. (53.47%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

6th. (50.46%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (62.04%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney

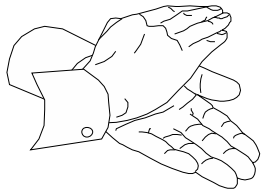
2nd. (59.03%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jim Moon-Bloomington

3rd. (53.01%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

4th. (52.08%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Tim Cull-Springfield

5th. (51.85%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

6th. (50.23%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Ray Russ-Henry



Congratulations to all winners!



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 9/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints: Roger Joslin #10 with 6.30

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 46.93, #9 Ramesh with 20.43

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #6 with 36.43, Ann Adams #9 with 21.78

100-200 masterpoints:

200-300 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #1 with 65.86, Randall Motchan #2 with 58.24, Peg Deutsch #8 with 38.17

300-500 masterpoints: Charlie Morton #8 with 66.82

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #1 with 182.35, Zack Freehill #4 with 135.46, Hank Hoffman #10 with 84.19

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #4 with 159.28, Steve Babin #6 with 148.60, Betty Capodice #7 with 137.60

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

0-5 masterpoints: Roger Joslin #9 with 5.32

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 19.95, Ramesh #10 with 10.49

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 25.33, Ann Adams #6 with 16.81

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #4 with 32.06, Dave Freehill #7 with 24.37

200-300 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #2 with 22.26, Peg Deutsch #4 with 18.97, Bev Meginnes #10 with 15.32

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #2 with 63.39, Steve Hawthorne #4 with 50.26

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 61.17, Betty Capodice #4 with 55.04, Steve Babin #5 with 54.54



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 5 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “opening 2 of a suit”.

The next section is for describing how you and your partner treat opening suit bids at the 2 level.

If you and you partner treat all opening 2 bids as strong / game forcing, then on the left side of the section, check the box with the word ‘strong’ / ‘natural’ for all 4 suits. Also show the high card point range(s) for all 4 suits. Leave the right side of the section alone.

If you and your partner have agreed to use 2 clubs as a strong forcing opening bid with the other 3 suits as something else, mark the 2 clubs line as strong with a high card point count range. Then mark how the first response should be interpreted. The strong 2 club opening bid requires the responder to bid twice except for when the opener’s rebid is at a game level. Many players use a 2 diamond response as waiting for the 2 club opener to show a suit or notrump. After the opener rebids a suit, then the 2nd response can be support for partner’s suit or a cheaper minor to show a bust hand. If the opener’s rebid is notrump, then use Stayman or a transfer bid if these are in your agreement for opening 1 or 2 notrump. Otherwise, a suit bid is to play. After a strong 2 club opener, a first response of 2 hearts/spades or 3 clubs/diamonds is a positive response showing a good 5-card suit with interest in slam. Some players use the 2 diamond first response as a waiting bid with a 2 heart response as artificial showing a very weak hand (0-3 points with no king); a response of 2 notrump is then used as a heart suit positive response.

Many players use the opening bid of 2 diamonds/hearts/spades as a weak 2 pre-emptive bid showing a 6-card suit, less than an opening hand value, a majority of high card points in the bid suit, and shortness (less than 3 cards) in the unbid major suit(s). Responder's bid is best handled as not forcing but some players use the response as forcing. Most players use the 2 notrump response as the only forcing bid asking for the weak 2 opener to show a feature (an ace or king in a side suit; to see if the weak 2 opener has an entry for a possible 3 notrump contract).

Some players do not use a weak 2 opening bid for 2 diamonds and 2 hearts. Some players will use an agreement called Flannery for an opening bid of 2 diamonds. Other players use an agreement called mini-roman for 2 diamonds and Flannery for 2 hearts. Mark this section accordingly if you and your partner use either of these 2 conventional bidding agreements.

Next month's tip: The section titled "other conventional calls".

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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2006/08/03	70.54%	Chris Biggs & Jean Barnett
2006/07/15	71.13%	Adrian Hutber & Dennis Fitton
2006/06/10	73.66%	Norinne & Dick Nelson
2006/06/08	71.67%	Marilyn Toubaux & 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