



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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November events:



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

November 6 – open pairs November 13 – open pairs

November 20 – open pairs November 27 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

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 – Westminster

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 7, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, November 9 open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, November 11, NO GAME – NAP final in Springfield

Monday, November 13, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, November 14, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, November 16, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, November 18, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, November 20, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, November 21, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, November 23, NO GAME – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Saturday, November 25, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, November 27, pupils only(6:30PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, November 28, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, November 30, 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>

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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!

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- 17 594.18 Jean Barnett
- 18 559.91 Martin Compton
- 19 501.11 Sam Katz
- 20 484.33 Ruth Wettaw
- 21 482.51 Ann Farnsworth
- 22 414.31 Bob Smith
- 23 382.40 Charlie Morton
- 24 377.81 John Ferrell
- 25 362.29 Carole Bardwell

Other players:

- 11,504.33 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 8,869.81 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,760.54 Norinne Nelson
- 3,418.07 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,569.75 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,187.24 Ron Sholes-Springfield
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- 1,600.23 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,547.88 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,475.12 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,215.75 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,102.45 Leah Newell-Springfield
- 1,098.56 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,090.25 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,078.10 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,039.83 Marilyn Stickel-Laon
- 1,021.44 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 869.04 Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 855.54 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 702.51 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 672.39 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 630.05 Adrian Hutber-Champaign
- 610.44 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 598.58 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 556.18 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 545.35 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 410.85 Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

This hand is another example of avoiding finesses. Take a look.

Scoring: Teams (IMPs)

	S Q52				
	H 3				
Dlr S	D 764				
Vul none	C J109762	West	North	East	South
	S 4				2C
S K6	H A7652				
H J1094	D KQ10	Pass	2D	Pass	4S
D J9532	D 8				
C A8	C Q54	All			
	S AJ109873	Pass			
	H KQ8				
	D A				
	C K3				

BIDDING: This partnership shows controls (aces and kings) in response to a 2C opener. The 2D response denied an ace and promised zero or one king so South knew game was high enough.

PLAY: West led the jack of hearts won by East. A spade was led at trick two and if declarer like finesses, here is his first opportunity. This would lose to the king and later South would have to guess the club finesse to make the hand. However, this declarer thought it unlikely East had underled the spade king so he rose with the ace. Next he played the diamond ace followed by the king and queen of hearts pitching two diamonds from dummy. With the red suits stripped, he now threw West in with the spade king. West had to either lead a club or give declarer a sluff and a ruff.

Of course South can always make the contract by guessing clubs, but that is a 50% proposition. If East made a sneaky play of a spade away from the king at trick two, you still make the hand with a club guess.

#2

When you play in a pairs event with matchpoint scoring you need to keep an eye out for the overtricks. Sometimes it can even mean risking the contract.

Scoring: Matchpoints (pairs)

	S 106				
	H Q73				
Dlr S	D J1082				
Vul none	C Q752	West	North	East	South
S KQJ	S 975432				2C
H 984	H J10	Pass	2D	Pass	2NT
D A64	D Q53				
C 10986	C 43	Pass	3C*	Pass	3H
	S A8	Pass	4H	All	
	H AK65			Pass	
	2				
	D K97				
	C AKJ				

*Puppet Stayman

BIDDING: After North's waiting bid of 2D, South's rebid of 2NT showed 22-24 HCP. This auction could conceal a five card major so North used Puppet Stayman to discover if South held five hearts and game was soon reached. (Puppet can uncover four and five card majors.)

PLAY: Declarer won the opening spade lead and assuming hearts behaved, should only lose one spade and two diamonds. He next looked for ways to improve on that. The diamond finesse was obvious and discarding a loser on the queen of clubs was also a possibility. The problem was insufficient entries to dummy. After playing the ace and king of hearts, he followed with the ace, king, and jack of clubs. This would succeed whenever the clubs divided 3-3 or when the person with only two clubs did not hold the last trump. Having survived, South drew the last trump with dummy's queen and discarded his losing spade on the club queen. He followed with the jack of diamonds and soon had twelve tricks.

Note that declarer would go down only if the third club was ruffed and he had two diamond losers along with the spade. This is not a play you would make in a team game where overtricks are of lesser value.

#3

Preempts sometimes work but every now and then they turn around and bite you. Take a look at this one from a recent team game.

Scoring: Team Game (IMPs)

	S 1096				
	H K107				
Dlr S	6				
Vul none	D 752				
	C 873				
		West	North	East	South
S KQJ873	S				1C*
2	H QJ8543	3S	Pass	Pass	3NT
H 92	D 1083				
D 64	C KQJ10				
C 62		All			
		Pass			
	S A54				
	H A				
	D AKQ				
	J 9				
	C A954				

*Precision Club

BIDDING: I was sitting in the West seat and after South opened a strong club, I jumped to 3S. South looked at his eight likely tricks and bid 3NT.

PLAY: I led the king of spades and declarer saw that he had nine tricks if he could only get to dummy. He won my spade lead and ran his diamonds. Next he unblocked his ace of hearts and then played ace and another club. My partner had no choice but to win the trick. He could cash two more club tricks but eventually had to lead a heart to dummy's king and declarer had his game. Unfortunately, at the other table my team mate opened the South hand with an off-shape 2NT and that ended the auction. He found the same play but since they were not in game, we lost a lot on this hand.

This example is not meant to suggest you avoid preempting but rather understand that the action can sometimes create a result that otherwise might not have occurred.

#4

A good declarer will develop a plan for the entire hand before playing to trick one. It is important to review the bidding and try to place the missing high cards. This hand is a great example of those techniques.

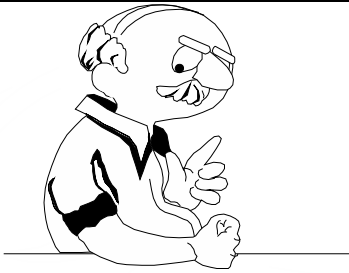
Scoring: Pairs (Matchpoints)

	S KQ5				
	H Q104				
Dlr E	D J1094				
Vul none	C K52				
		West	North	East	South
S 82	S AJ94			1C	1D
H J9762	H A5	1H	2D	Pass	3D
D	D 873				
C AJ9864	C QJ73	5C	Pass	Pass	5D
	S 10763	Pass	Pass	DBL	All
	H K83				Pass
	D AKQ65				
	2				
	C				

BIDDING: The auction started slowly but quickly picked up speed. North had a good hand and perhaps should have made a game try. West mentioned his weak heart suit before leaping to game. North should have doubled to stop his partner from bidding again but South with very little defense, bid one more. East who had started the auction doubled to end it.

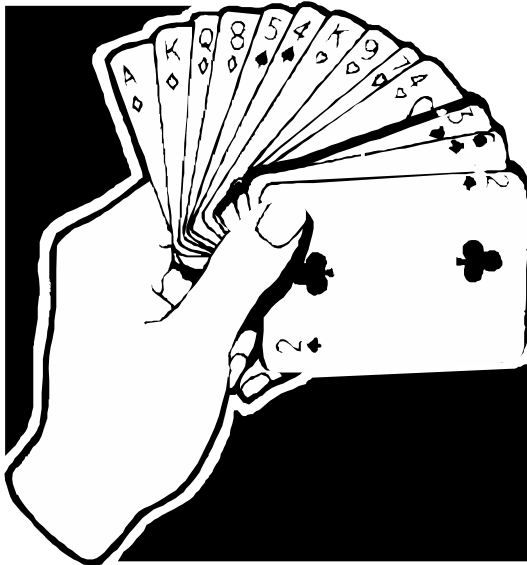
PLAY: West made the unfortunate lead of the ace of clubs. Declarer saw he was in danger of losing two spades and one heart. A review of the auction told him the two missing aces were in the East hand. He saw a way to possibly eliminate one of his losers. He ruffed the ace of clubs with a high trump and led a low diamond to dummy. He then led a low heart toward his hand and East made the fatal error of ducking this trick as South won the king. Declarer now led another diamond to dummy, discarded a heart on the king of clubs, and ruffed dummy's last club in his hand. He next drew the last trump and led a heart to dummy's ten and East was endplayed. He had to either lead a spade or give declarer a ruff and a sluff. Hoping his partner held the spade ten, East led a low spade. South won with the ten and conceded a spade to the ace. Making five doubled was the top score.

East must see the end play coming and rise with the heart ace when the suit is first led. It is unlikely that this play will cost and it will avoid the ending that occurred.



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:



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





October results:

Gayl West Duplicate – October 2 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.61%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 2nd. (58.63%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.14%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 4th. (52.38%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.79%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (61.01%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 3rd. (52.98%) Shrikrishna Aradhye-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.08%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 5-6. (50.89%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 5-6. (50.89%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – October 2 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.88%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.13%) Sarah Bourland-Normal & Dale Elder-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (53.13%) Vern Shelton-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (52.59%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.63%) Carol & Marv Bower - Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – October 3 – 4½ tables:

- 1st. (57.64%) Pat Carrington-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign
- 2nd. (54.86%) Shri Aradye-India & Kuriakose Mathew-India
- 3rd. (52.78%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 4-5. (50.00%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4-5. (50.00%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Jim Moon-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – October 5 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (56.30%) Betty Capodice-Blomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.00%) Shrikrishna Aradhye-India & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (54.44%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.70%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.56%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 6th. (51.85%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 7th. (50.59%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – October 7 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (66.90%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

- 2nd. (66.44%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 3rd. (60.88%) Rutw Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4th. (57.18%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 5th. (50.93%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (60.65%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 2nd. (59.95%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.94%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 4th. (53.70%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (50.28%) Jeanie Nord-Bloomington & Shrikrishna Aradhya-India

Gayl West Duplicate – October 9 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.49%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Noaml
- 2nd. (56.25%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.86%) Norma McNulty-Edwards & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 4th. (54.40%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.23%) Bev Fast-Peoria & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

- 1st. (58.59%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. (56.51%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.43%) Shrikrishna Aradhya-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.91%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 5th. (52.87%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 6th. (50.69%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Ray Russ-Henry

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – October 9 – 5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (53.73%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 2nd. (51.25%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.63%) Ben Snyder-Bloomington & Harber Hall-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.88%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.00%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – October 10 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (57.78%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 2-3. (57.41%) Shri Aradye-India & Bob Smith-Normal
- 2-3. (57.41%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4-5. (55.19%) Rich Spengler-Peoria & Tom Sheagren-Glenview
- 4-5. (55.19%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 6th. (53.33%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 7th. (50.37%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – October 12 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (58.15%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (57.41%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Blomington
- 3rd. (57.04%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4th. (55.56%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.33%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington

Gayl West Duplicate – October 16 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.96%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal

2nd. (59.95%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (55.56%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

4th. (55.32%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (60.94%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

2nd. (56.25%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

3rd. (51.82%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Kuriakose Mathew-India

4th. (51.04%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – October 16 – 5 tables:

North-South:

1st. (65.63%) Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa

2nd. (58.13%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

3rd. (55.00%) Anne Garrett-Bloomington & Patty Paul-Bloomington

East-West:

1-2. (59.38%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington

1-2. (59.38%) John Sheen-Downs & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – October 17 – 4½ tables:

1-2. (62.50%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

1-2. (62.50%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal

3rd. (53.47%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (52.08%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – October 19 – 8 ½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (61.61%) Shrikrishna Aradhya-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

2nd. (53.28%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunalp & Alan Wienman-Morton

3-4. (52.98%) Darryl Bremner-Canton & Art Adams-Bloomington

3-4. (52.98%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

5th. (52.38%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

6th. (52.08%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West:

1st. (57.94%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

2nd. (57.14%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (56.35%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

4th. (54.76%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – October 21 – 10 tables:

North-South:

1st. (63.19%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney

2nd. (60.42%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

3rd. (57.64%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign

4th. (54.40%) Reno Lovato-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

5th. (52.31%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Dave Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (59.49%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington

2nd. (55.79%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (52.55%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Steve Wulfers-Normal

4th. (51.62%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – October 23 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (67.26%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

2nd. (55.66%) Bess Fitch-Normal & Henrietta Crain-Normal

3rd. (51.49%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West:

1st. (63.76%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

2nd. (63.23%) Shrikrishna Aradhya-India - Glen Beaman-Bloomington

3rd. (52.91%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (50.00%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – October 23 – 5 tables:

North-South:

1st. (57.50%) Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

2nd. (51.25%) Anne Garrett-Bloomington & Wendy Anderson-Bloomington

3rd. (50.63%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (70.00%) Linda Hanfland-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

2nd. (55.00%) Ben Snyder-Bloomington & Harber Hall-Bloomington

3rd. (53.13%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – October 24 – 6 teams:

**1st. Laura Addison-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington,
Randall Motchan-Bloomington, Jim Moon-Bloomington**

**2nd. Maggie Stephens-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign, Jim Slaughter-Champaign**

**3rd. Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal,
Phil Kenney-Eureka, Floyd Sherry-Eureka**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – October 26 – 7 tables:

North-South:

1st. (61.01%) Peggy Hayes-Atlanta,GA & Liz Zalar-Springfield

2nd. (57.14%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

3rd. (51.79%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington

4th. (50.60%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

1st. (63.39%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Kuriakose Mathew-India

2nd. (61.90%) Shrikrishna Aradhya-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – October 28 – 6½ tables:

1st. (62.96%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

2nd. (62.08%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

3rd. (57.92%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

4th. (57.08%) Shrikrishna Aradhya-India & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

5th. (54.59%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

6th. (50.37%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – October 30 – 13 tables:

North-South:

1st. (66.51%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton

2nd. (55.13%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

3rd. (54.65%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

4th. (54.17%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

5th. (53.53%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

6th. (52.72%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal

7th. (51.60%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (68.11%) Chris Benson-LeRoy & Colby Vernay-Lacon
- 2nd. (65.71%) Dick Kemmerer-Peoria & Jim De Serio-Peoria
- 3rd. (59.62%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.29%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.88%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 6th. (52.40%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 7th. (50.16%) Marilyn Stickel-Laon & Ray Russ-Henry

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – October 30 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.87%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield
- 2nd. (54.76%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.78%) Mary Houska-Normal & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.00%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1-2. (53.57%) Anne Garrett-Bloomington & Wendy Anderson-Bloomington
- 1-2. (53.57%) Reno Lovato-Bloomington & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.78%) Ben Snyder-Bloomington & Harber Hall-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.38%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

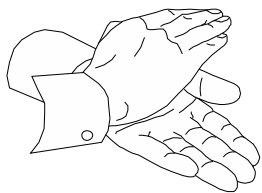
Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – October 31 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (55.36%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 2nd. (53.57%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.98%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.82%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (58.63%) Jim Moon-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.60%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (50.30%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington



Congratulations to all winners!





Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 10/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 56.44, #6 Ramesh with 26.65

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #5 with 41.84, Bev Upp #9 with 26.30, Ann Adams #10 with 23.15

100-200 masterpoints:

200-300 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #1 with 71.08, Randall Motchan #2 with 62.60, Peg Deutsch #6 with 50.35

300-500 masterpoints: Sam Katz #5 with 82.54, Charlie Morton #8 with 76.31

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #1 with 196.16, Zack Freehill #3 with 153.37

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #3 with 174.94, Steve Babin #6 with 156.32, Betty Capodice #8 with 150.77

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

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #1 with 27.24, Ramesh #6 with 14.72

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 27.97

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #4 with 32.52, Dave Freehill #8 with 28.40

200-300 masterpoints: Peg Deutsch #2 with 30.11, Carole Bardwell #3 with 25.66, Bev Meginnes #4 with 24.42

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #2 with 75.41, Steve Hawthorne #4 with 55.01

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 70.06, Betty Capodice #5 with 64.12, Steve Babin #8 with 60.00



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 6 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “other conventional calls”.

It would help if you have a copy of the convention card to follow along.

Anything you and your partner agree on that is written in this section **MUST** be alerted.

There are some items to select:

New minor forcing – Whenever opener or responder rebids a major suit, you are showing a 6-card suit. In order to find a 5-3 fit with partner when responder has the 5-card major, you need this agreement to find this 5-3 fit. Example: partner opens 1C. You have a 5-card heart suit and 11 HCPs. You respond 1H. Partner rebids 1NT (denies 4 hearts and 4 spades). You rebid 2D, new minor forcing, shows the 5th card in the major and 10+ HCPs and not necessarily holding diamonds. Opener rebids 2H showing 3-card support. You bid game or pass depending on the strength of your hand. If partner has less 3 of the responder’s 5-card major, opener rebids 2NT.

Weak jump shifts – In standard bidding, your partner opens the bidding. If you bid a higher ranking suit at the next level, a jump shift, this shows 19+ HCPs and is slam forcing. Since this situation rarely occurs, many players use a weak jumshift. The responder now shows a 6-card or longer suit with less than 6 HCPs. This agreement is very useful for disrupting the opponents bidding. Opener will pass responder’s weak jump shift.

There are many other agreements that can be included and written in this section: 4th suit forcing, help suit game try, short suit game try, western cue bid, SOS redouble, Lebonsohl over reverses, etc.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “special doubles”.

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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2006/09/04	70.63%	Gail & Jim Moon
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 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