



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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January events:



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

January 1 – NO GAME January 8 – open pairs January 15 – open pairs

January 22 – open pairs January 29 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Monday, January 1, NO GAME

Tuesday, January 2, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, January 4, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, January 6, NO GAME – TOURNAMENT AT TRI-VALLEY

Monday, January 8, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, January 9, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

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

Saturday, January 13, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, January 15, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Coffeehouse

Tuesday, January 16, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, January 18, pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, January 20, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, January 22, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland – NEW LOCATION

Tuesday, January 23, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, January 25, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, January 27, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, January 29, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland – NEW LOCATION

Tuesday, January 30, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

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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1	2,652.37	Betty Capodice
2	2,456.21	Laura Addison
3	1,961.79	Gail Moon
4	1,739.52	Steve Babin
5	1,456.06	Mike Tomlianovich
6	937.91	Ivey Weaver
7	884.98	Jeanne Strand
8	865.02	Hank Hoffman
9	794.98	Steve Hawthorne
10	792.54	Eunice Patton
11	783.73	Jim Moon
12	762.45	Zack Freehill
13	658.01	Don Strand
14	657.87	Glen Beaman
15	657.55	Stan Gutzman
16	650.91	Henrietta Crain
17	605.64	Jean Barnett
18	560.58	Martin Compton
19	526.70	Sam Katz
20	493.62	Ruth Wettaw
21	489.18	Ann Farnsworth
22	423.21	Charlie Morton
23	421.56	Bob Smith
24	377.81	John Ferrell
25	364.24	Carole Bardwell

Other players:

11,585.92	Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,959.86	Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,809.67	Norinne Nelson
3,454.71	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,597.91	Alan Wienman-Morton
2,205.99	Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,164.65	Dick Nelson
2,066.87	Georgia Heth-Morton
1,836.98	Kish Devaraj
1,829.87	Pat Carrington-Champaign
1,743.52	Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,646.05	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,613.06	Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,558.78	Ray Russ-Henry
1,479.88	Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,265.43	Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,129.51	Leah Newell- Springfield
1,115.81	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,114.93	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,096.59	John Burdon-Washington
1,051.81	Tim Cull-Springfield
1,044.53	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
879.59	Dennis Fitton-Sidney
865.87	Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
780.34	Jack Kessler
710.48	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
677.82	John Brandeberry-Champaign
638.59	Adrian Hutber-Champaign
616.72	Bev Fast-Peoria
600.50	Eunice Viktor-Morton
558.48	Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
555.94	Phil Kenney-Eureka
424.52	Bill Carley-Peoria



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#1

It is important to be able to place the opponents' cards from the auction as well as from the play of the hand. This boldly bid contract gives you a chance to do both.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S AK10				
	S 2				
Dir E	H 10				
Vul E/W	D KJ102				
	C J943	West	North	East	South
				1C	Pass
S 63	S QJ				
H QJ643	H AK98	1H	DBL	3H	4S
D Q965	D 84	All			
C K6	C AQ875	Pass			
	S 98754				
	H 752				
	D A73				
	C 102				

BIDDING: Sitting South, after hearing my partner's takeout double showing spades and diamonds, I realized my weak hand was worth a lot more on offense than defense. So, looking at favorable vulnerability and expecting the opponents to probably make 4H, I leaped to 4S hoping to go down only one or two tricks. I was surprised when the contract was not doubled.

PLAY: West led the queen of hearts and then shifted to the king and another club. As declarer I saw East-West could possibly make 4H but there was a good chance I had bid one too many. Reviewing the auction it seemed likely West had started with only two clubs and was now poised to over-ruff my spade. However, my only play was to ruff high and I was pleasantly surprised when West discarded a low heart. I now knew East had both

spade honors and I quickly drew trumps with the ace and king. Next I had to find the diamond queen. The auction and the play of the hand disclosed that East had started with two spades, four hearts, and five clubs. That left room for only two diamonds. East had shown up with 16 high card points and might have doubled with more so I played West for the diamond queen and made the contract.

The important points of this hand: 1) the auction told me partner was going to be short in hearts, 2) my partner's t/o double allowed me to realize the importance of my 5th spade, and 3) the play of the hand gave me a count of the opponents' diamond holding. Note that East should not have played a third club allowing me to discover the location of the spade queen/jack. Also notice that East-West have four losers and would not have made game.

#2

The successful player will use the available information to anticipate how the hand will develop. This is true as declarer and also when you are defending. Take a look at this example.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S 965				
	H AJ104				
Dlr W	D A97				
Vul E/W	C 962				
		West	North	East	South
S AJ832	S Q10	Pass	Pass	1C	1H
H 3	H K52	1S	2D	Pass	2H
D Q10652	D K4				
C 107	C QJ8543	All			
		Pass			
	S K74				
	H Q9876				
	D J83				
	C AK				

BIDDING: East opened a little light in third seat and South overcalled with a decent hand but weak suit. After West overcalled, North made a cue bid to show a good raise and ask about his partner's overcall. South knew game was unlikely opposite a passed hand and signed off in 2H.

PLAY: West led the ten of clubs and declarer placed East with a six-card club suit. With seven he would likely have bid more and with only five, West would not have led the ten. After winning the first club, South led a heart from his hand for the losing finesse. Next East returned a spade and West quickly won three spades tricks before exiting with his last club. South drew one more round of trumps and stopped to reflect on what he had learned. It appeared East started with two spades, three hearts, two diamonds, and six clubs. Declarer knew that West needed one of the diamond honors to have enough to bid so they must be split. He next led a diamond to his ace and East erred by not dropping his king. After drawing a third round of trumps, declarer exited with a diamond to East who was now end-played. He had to lead a club allowing South to discard his diamond loser as he ruffed in dummy. South lost only three spades, one heart, and one diamond.

Note that East had a complete count of South's hand so his only hope was that West held the diamond queen. Keeping the diamond king in his hand was a no-win decision.

#3

Here is another hand where the necessary information is available if you know where to look.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S AJ103				
	H AK63				
Dlr E	D K2				
Vul E/W	C 1084				
S 965	S 82	West	North	East	South
H Q875	H 104			2D	Pass
D 93	D AQJ874	Pass	DBL	Pass	3S
C J765	C A93	Pass	4S	All	
	S KQ7			Pass	
	4				
	H J92				
	D 1065				
	C KQ2				

BIDDING: Most would open the East hand 1D, but he decided on a weak two bid. My partner in the North chair made a takeout double and I jumped to show a hand worth 9-11 points. Although his diamond king was of doubtful value, North carried on to game.

PLAY: East won the first two diamonds followed by the ace and another club. Since he had opened with a weak two bid, it was now clear East should not hold another honor card. I won the king of clubs and drew trumps. I could ruff my last diamond in dummy but I still had a potential heart loser. I cashed the club queen and stopped to see what I knew about the East hand. He had shown up with two spades, six diamonds, and at least three clubs. I knew the heart queen was in the West hand so my only hope was that East started with the singleton or doubleton ten of hearts. Accordingly, I led the jack of hearts from my hand and West covered with queen as I won the ace. I next played the king of hearts and was happy to see the ten drop on my right. My heart nine was good and the contract was safe.

There was nothing difficult about this hand; in fact, East made it too easy by showing me where his high cards were rather than making me find them. Once you realize a doubleton heart queen in the East hand is not possible, the rest is easy.

One important aspect of playing in a pair event is that each hand is of equal value. Succeeding at the one-level can reward you with a larger score than making a grand slam. Of course, you have to succeed.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		S 1062			
		H AQ963			
Dlr E		D 9			
Vul E/W		C Q874	West	North	East South
S J953	S A84			1C	1D
H 1054	H KJ72	Pass	1H	Pass	1NT
D Q1073	D K62				
C J2	C K103	All			
	S KQ7	Pass			
	H 8				
	D AJ854				
	C A965				

BIDDING: After South's 1D overcall, North made a constructive (but non-forcing) 1H bid. South ended the auction with 1NT.

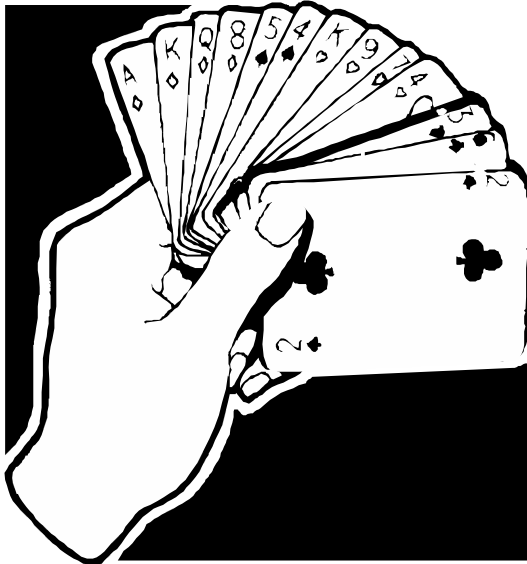
PLAY: West suspected South was prepared for a club lead so he optimistically led his poor spade suit. East won the ace and continued the suit. Declarer won with his king and could count only five tricks: 2 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond, and 1 club. He also realized East very likely held the three outstanding kings to justify his opening bid. Therefore, the most likely source of additional tricks was in the club suit. His only play for three clubs tricks was the elusive "intra-finesse". He led a low club and played the eight from dummy. East won the ten and continued with a third spade. South won and went to dummy with his only entry, the ace of hearts. Next he led the queen of clubs from dummy and won the ace as East covered with the king. When the club jack fell on his left, he had seven tricks and a good matchpoint score.

Take careful notice of the play in the club suit. Playing West to hold either JX or 10X was the only way to win three tricks. Also notice that declarer did not err by taking the losing heart finesse. Using the auction to place the opponents' high cards is very important.



Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!

Upcoming tournaments:



**Twin City Winter Sectional
January 5-7, 2007
Tri-Valley Middle School
Downs, IL
(see flyer in this newsletter)**





December results:

Mike's Saturday open pairs – December 2 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.19%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.33%) Linda Mitchell-Cambridge,ON,CA & Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 3rd. (54.40%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.60%) Helen Guthery-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 5th. (50.00%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

- 1st. (57.41%) Julie Hubbard-Springfield & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 2nd. (56.71%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (55.56%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.16%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – December 4 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (52.68%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 2-3. (50.30%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 2-3. (50.30%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 4-6. (50.00%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4-6. (50.00%) Linda Mitchell-Cambridge,ON,CA & Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 4-6. (50.00%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.33%) Dave Freehill & Zack - Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.46%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – December 4 – 6 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.89%) Diane & Don Tomasino - Lake Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.78%) Jill Colledge-Bloomington & Mary Houska-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (62.78%) Jim Maslan-LeRoy & Vern Shelton-Downs
- 2nd. (50.56%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – December 5 – 4 tables:

- 1st. (61.90%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (52.98%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandenberry-Champaign
- 3rd. (51.19%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – December 7 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (68.27%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2nd. (61.54%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3-4. (55.77%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

- 3-4. (55.77%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal
- 5th. (54.81%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 6th. (53.87%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 7th. (53.53%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

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

North-South:

- 1st. (61.61%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2-3. (55.95%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 2-3. (55.95%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.66%) Linda Mitchell-Cambridge,ON,CA & Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 5th. (51.49%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (64.81%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (53.44%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (53.17%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 4th. (51.32%) Mike Michels-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.79%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – December 11 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.66%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (60.88%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.09%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 4th. (52.31%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 5th. (50.00%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (57.64%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.18%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 3rd. (56.94%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (52.31%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5-6. (51.62%) Norma McNulty-Edwards & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 5-6. (51.62%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – December 11 –5 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.88%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd. (51.88%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.00%) Linda Hanfland-Bloomington & Wendy Anderson-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.88%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.00%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield
- 3rd. (51.88%) Jim Maslan-LeRoy & Vern Shelton-Downs

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

North-South:

- 1st. (59.52%) Randall Motchan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal
- 2nd. (55.06%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.98%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (64.88%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.65%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (54.46%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.60%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Ray Dostal-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – December 14 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.71%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.30%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (60.71%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (56.25%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.06%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.68%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.79%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – December 16 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (64.58%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 2nd. (62.27%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.41%) Vicki Finkenstadt-Peoria & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.23%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (67.59%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (59.03%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.17%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 4th. (51.16%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

Gayl West Duplicate – December 18 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.37%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.98%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.69%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 4th. (53.13%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (50.69%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.02%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ann Farnsworth-Normal
- 2nd. (54.63%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 3rd. (54.17%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.55%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 5th. (52.31%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – December 18 – 4 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.33%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd. (53.13%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.08%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (68.75%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Wendy Anderson-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.25%) Jim Maslan-LeRoy & Vern Shelton-Downs

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – December 19 – 7 pairs:

- 1-2. (57.29%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 1-2. (57.29%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (53.13%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.00%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – December 21 – 5 tables:

- 1st. (66.67%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (62.96%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.70%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.93%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Steve Volz-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – December 23 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (61.11%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.41%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3-4. (52.59%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 3-4. (52.59%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5th. (52.22%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.85%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – December 26 – 6 teams:

- 1st. Hank Hoffman-Bloomington, Dewey Gronau-Farmer City,
Rea & Mary Jones - Champaign
- 2nd. Eunice Patton-Bloomington, Chris Biggs-Bloomington,
Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. Maggie Stephens-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
John Brandeberry-Champaign, Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign
- 4th. Bev Upp-Bloomington, John Sheen-Downs, Rick Brenneman-Minier,
Bob Smith-Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – December 28 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (63.33%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.89%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.07%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (53.33%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.37%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin

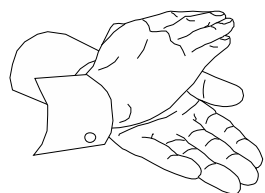
Mike's Saturday open pairs – December 30 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.48%) Josh Kueker-Champaign & Adrian Hutber-Champaign
- 2nd. (52.68%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

- 1st. (67.86%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.93%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (54.17%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington



Congratulations to all winners!



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 12/06/2006

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 72.16, #5 Ramesh with 39.34

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 55.90, Bev Upp #9 with 35.54

100-200 masterpoints:

200-300 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #1 with 73.03, Randall Motchan #2 with 72.69, Peg Deutsch #7 with 58.24

Bev Meginnes #10 with 36.67

300-500 masterpoints: Charlie Morton #4 with 117.09, Sam Katz #5 with 108.18

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #1 with 263.96, Zack Freehill #2 with 216.90

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 225.29, Steve Babin #5 with 186.32, Betty Capodice #7 with 172.53

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

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #1 with 33.95, Ramesh #6 with 19.54

50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 34.06, Ann Adams #8 with 22.01

100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #3 with 42.28, Dave Freehill #8 with 36.05

200-300 masterpoints: Peg Deutsch #2 with 33.90, Carole Bardwell #6 with 26.00, Bev Meginnes #8 with 25.23

300-500 masterpoints:

500-1000 masterpoints:

Zack Freehill #1 with 89.91, Steve Hawthorne #2 with 71.67

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 85.20, Betty Capodice #4 with 81.20, Steve Babin #8 with 73.42

The Twin City Winter Sectional Welcomes You!



Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League

When: January 5-7, 2007

**Where: Tri-Valley Middle School, Downs, IL
(north of I74 @ exit 142 to US 150 & E. Washington Street)**

Sessions Format:

Friday afternoon stratified open pairs - 1:00pm
Friday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)
Friday evening stratified open pairs - 7:00pm
Saturday afternoon 99ers only pairs - 1:00pm (if attendance warrants)
Saturday afternoon & evening 2-session stratified open pairs - 1:00pm & 7:00pm
(single session entries welcome!)
Saturday evening 99ers only pairs - 7:00pm (if attendance warrants)
Sunday stratified open swiss teams double session playthrough -10:30am (meal included with entry)

Complimentary coffee and snacks

Entry fees:

**\$8 per session per person(Friday & Saturday)
\$84 per team (Sunday) – meal included**

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

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Hospitality: Ann Schuyler

Director-in-charge: Gary Schechter

PLEASE NOTE: Due to state law which prohibits smoking in a school building or anywhere on school grounds, this will be a non-smoking event.



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 8 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “notrump overcall”.

The first agreement to make is what your point range is for when the opponents open 1 of a suit and your partnership overcalls 1NT in the direct position (i.e. your RHO opens 1 of a suit and you overcall 1NT OR your LHO opens 1 of a suit and your partner overcalls 1NT). Some players use the same point range as an opening bid of 1NT. Other players agree that if their 1NT opening bid shows a 15-17 point balanced hand, then the 1NT overcall shows a 15-18 point balanced hand. It is recommended that if your 1NT agreement is 15-17, then your 1NT overcall should be 15-18. If your 1NT opening bid shows 16-18, then your 1NT overcall should be 16-18.

Next, show if your 1NT opening bid systems for responding (i.e. Stayman, Transfer, stolen bids, etc.) are all on for responding to the 1NT overcall. Many players say their 1NT opening bid systems are all on for the 1NT overcall. Some players want all of their systems off. Other players have only some of their systems on. You need to agree with your partner what to do.

Some players use the 1NT overcall as a special, alertable bid. Should you adopt a special bid for a 1NT overcall, mark the ‘conv’ box for conventional and describe the agreement.

Next, decide your agreement for when the opponents open 1 of a suit and there are 2 passes. This is called balancing 1NT. Some players use the same agreement as a 1NT direct seat overcall. Other players will use a range of 11-14 points, consistent with balancing. Remember, if partner balances, lower your hand value by a king (3 points) before responding. It is recommended to make 1NT in the balancing seat for 11-14 point hands.

Next, decide what a jump overcall to 2NT means. If your agreement shows this jump as a real 2NT opening bid, then do not mark anything. However, many players use this bid for showing shapely hand of at least 5-5 in 2 suits. It is recommended that this bid show 5-5 in the 2 lowest unbid suits. Some players show this as minor suits only for the situations where the opponents open with a short minor suit.

If your jump bid to 2NT is something other than these agreements, then make the box ‘conv’ and describe your conventional agreement.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “defensive bidding to the opponent’s opening notrump bids”.

Bloomington-Normal new rank achievers – in 2006:

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

New club masters: Ramesh Chaudhari, Patty Paul, Don Tomasino, Rodger Paul, Joe Krause

New sectional masters: Bev Upp, Ann Schuyler, Fran Morton, Ramesh Chaudhari

New regional masters: Dave Freehill, Dennis Moll

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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2007/09/14	71.39%	Zack Freehill & Steve Hawthorne
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