



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## February events:



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

February 5 – STaC open pairs      February 12 – open pairs      February 19 – open pairs

February 26 – annual ACBL-wide seniors only open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Thursday, February 1, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, February 3, International Fund game open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, February 5, pupils only(7:00PM) & STaC 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, February 6, 6:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, February 7, 6:15PM – special STaC open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, February 8, STaC open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Thursday, February 8, 6:15PM – special STaC open pairs – Heartland

Saturday, February 10, STaC open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Sunday, February 10, 1:15PM – special STaC open pairs – Crossroads

Monday, February 12, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, February 13, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, February 15, pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, February 17, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, February 19, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, February 20, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, February 22, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, February 24, NO GAME – PEORIA TOURNAMENT

Monday, February 26, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, February 27, 6:15PM – open teams – 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:**

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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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- 1 2,656.68 Betty Capodice
- 2 2,458.43 Laura Addison
- 3 1,965.39 Gail Moon
- 4 1,746.18 Steve Babin
- 5 1,464.22 Mike Tomlianovich
- 6 938.61 Ivey Weaver
- 7 885.29 Jeanne Strand
- 8 871.83 Hank Hoffman
- 9 801.82 Steve Hawthorne
- 10 795.87 Eunice Patton
- 11 785.68 Jim Moon
- 12 773.28 Zack Freehill
- 13 660.87 Glen Beaman
- 14 658.32 Don Strand
- 15 657.55 Stan Gutzman
- 16 653.69 Henrietta Crain
- 17 607.22 Jean Barnett
- 18 562.16 Martin Compton
- 19 526.70 Sam Katz
- 20 496.88 Ruth Wettaw
- 21 490.92 Ann Farnsworth
- 22 424.76 Charlie Morton
- 23 424.07 Bob Smith
- 24 377.81 John Ferrell
- 25 368.37 Carole Bardwell

### Other players:

- 11,585.92 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 8,959.66 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,809.67 Norinne Nelson
- 3,460.96 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,602.35 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,212.06 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,164.65 Dick Nelson
- 2,067.43 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 1,838.09 Kish Devaraj
- 1,841.22 Pat Carrington-Champaign
- 1,749.84 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 1,651.50 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 1,616.02 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,559.13 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,481.78 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,268.69 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,134.87 Leah Newell- Springfield
- 1,120.96 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,115.94 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,115.37 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,058.10 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 1,045.83 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 890.96 Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 871.99 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 711.53 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 683.79 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 645.45 Adrian Hutber-Champaign
- 618.52 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 600.50 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 559.87 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 556.29 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 427.93 Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

Conventions are important and here's an example of using the right tools to stay out of trouble. Take a look.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S A63				
Dlr N	H KQ6				
	D J1098				
Vul E/ W	C KQJ				
		West	North	East	South
S 10	S 54				
H J109752	H A43		1NT	Pass	4C*
D 2	D A7653	Pass	4H	Pass	4S
C 98763	C 1052	All			
	KQJ987	Pass			
	S 2				
	H 8				
	D KQ4				
	C A4				

\*Gerber

**BIDDING:** South was interested in slam as soon as he heard his partner's 1NT opening bid. His leap to 4C was the Gerber convention asking for the number of aces. The 4H response showed only one so South reluctantly signed off in game.

**PLAY:** With no attractive lead, West led his singleton diamond and hit pay dirt when his partner won the ace. East returned the seven of diamonds requesting a heart return (higher of the other two suits). West ruffed and East won the heart continuation but West had no more trumps so declarer scored up the game. The pairs who first bid their spade suit and then used Blackwood ended up in 5S down one on the same defense. Those unsuccessful pairs were certainly unlucky, but the South hand needs only to discover the number of aces and the Gerber convention was invented just for that purpose.

The Gerber convention is generally used after a 1NT or 2NT opening bid. It may also be used after a jump in NT.

#2

When playing in a matchpoint (pairs) event, overtricks are very important. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	<b>S 103</b>				
<b>Dlr</b> N	<b>H A986</b>				
<b>Vul</b> E/	<b>D A98</b>				
W	<b>C 9876</b>				
<b>S</b>	<b>S 654</b>	West	North	East	South
<b>H J1075</b>	<b>H 43</b>		<b>Pass</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>2C</b>
<b>D KQJ2</b>	<b>D 107653</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>3C*</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>6S</b>
<b>C AJ1043</b>	<b>C Q52</b>	<b>All</b>			
	<b>S AKQJ987</b>	<b>Pass</b>			
	<b>S 2</b>				
	<b>H KQ2</b>				
	<b>D 4</b>				
	<b>C K</b>				

\*Control showing

**BIDDING:** Holding a hand with around nine winners, South opened with a strong, artificial 2C. This partnership uses control showing responses (ace=2, king=1) and 3C showed four. This meant either two aces, one ace and two kings, or four kings. It was easy to determine North's holding so 6S was quickly reached.

**PLAY:** West led the diamond king and declarer immediately saw his only loser was a club. If East held the club ace, declarer could try to score his king by sneaking a club past him. Or, he could find the hearts 3-3 and discard his club on the last heart. However, there was a better plan. If the person who held four (or more) hearts also held the ace of clubs, he could be squeezed. Accordingly, after winning the first trick South ran all of his trumps coming down to a four-card ending. Dummy kept four hearts and declarer three hearts and the king of clubs. Since West was unable to keep four hearts and the ace of clubs, he eventually pitched his ace hoping his partner held the king. This gave South his overtrick and a good score.

There is often more than one way to play a hand and the careful declarer will look for the best chance to succeed.

#3

To be a good declarer you must know how to play many different suit combinations. However, making the percentage play is not always that easy. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S	K873			
		2			
Dlr	N	H J9			
Vul	E/ W	D Q932			
		C J9			
S	A10	S	Q	West	North
H	108643	H	AQ752		Pass
D	874	D	J106	Pass	4S
C	852	C	10643		All Pass
		S	J9654		
		H	K		
		D	AK5		
		C	AKQ		
			7		
				East	South
				Pass	1S

**BIDDING:** South held a great hand but a weak spade suit. North jumped to 4S to show a weak hand with long spades. Such a leap usually contains a singleton or void but North felt this was the most descriptive bid with this hand. Fortunately, this partnership also agrees that this jump denies an ace so South was comfortable passing. Several pairs used Blackwood to discover they were missing two aces and now they had to make 5S.

**PLAY:** West led a low heart won by East with the ace. South ruffed the heart continuation and his only problem was how to play the spade suit. Declarer led a low spade from his hand and West followed with the ten. Now what? Let's look at the possible spade holdings in the West hand: AQ10, A10, Q10, and 10. You can't go wrong with the first one; you either win with the king or duck and get back to your hand and lead toward the king again. And, with the singleton 10 on your left, you always lose two tricks. That leaves A10 and Q10 for us to ponder. This seems to be a 50-50 proposition on whether to duck or play the king. Assuming the bidding hasn't helped you located the ace, the only other variable is the person in the West seat. If he "hitches" before playing the ten you might consider playing the king. Or, if you feel he would always rise holding the ace, you can duck. This is where your table presence comes in. It's your call.

While this should be a 50-50 guess, in a recent club game 10 pairs made five, 2 pairs made only four, and 1 pair went down one. Were those 10 pairs lucky, didn't know any better, or did West help them out? I wish I knew.

#4

As declarer, one of your most important tasks is to locate the opponents' honor cards. However, there are hands when played properly that will succeed no matter who holds the missing high cards. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

S 975  
 Dlr W H A4  
 Vul N/ D 1052  
   S C J8543

S KQJ10	S 8632	West	North	East	South
4	H Q10762	1S	Pass	3S*	4C
H J953	D 874	Pass	5C	All	
D KQ3	C 10			Pass	
C K					

S A  
 H K8  
 D AJ96  
 C AQ9762

\*Weak

**BIDDING:** After East's preemptive raise, South bid 4C. Entering the auction vulnerable at the four-level showed a good hand so North made a brave raise to game. South was tempted to bid more but didn't want to punish his partner for competing.

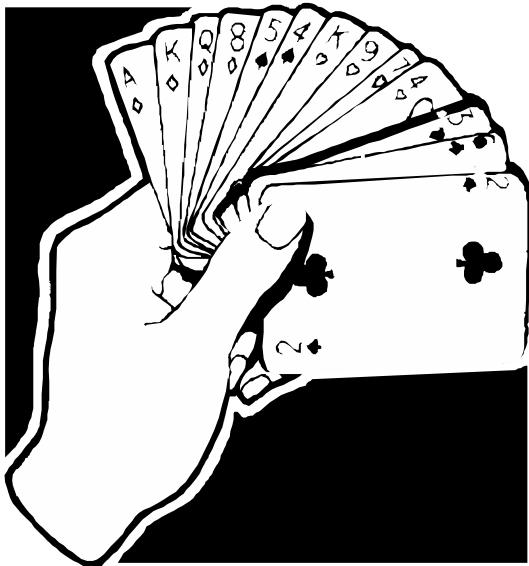
**PLAY:** West led the king of spades won by South. Declarer saw he had two possible diamond losers and perhaps another in the club suit. He thought if either opponent was void in clubs it would be East so he laid down the ace and was relieved to see the king fall. The bidding made it likely that West held both diamond honors but declarer saw that it didn't matter. He played the king and ace of hearts followed by a spade ruff with a high trump. He then led a club to dummy to ruff the last spade high in his hand. He next led a low club to dummy followed by a diamond to his nine. West won but was end-played. He could return a diamond into South's AJ or lead another suit allowing declarer to discard a diamond from dummy as he ruffed in his hand. Since no one bid the slam and no one was +630 in a (very) lucky 3NT, making the overtrick for +620 was a good result.

Since the goal was to lose only one diamond trick, taking two diamond finesses would have succeeded if East held one of the two missing honors (75% of the time). However, the elimination and end-play was a winner no matter who held the king or queen. Look for ways to avoid finesses.



**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 Sectional**  
**February 23-25, 2007**  
**Hult Health Center, Peoria, IL**







# January results:

## Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – January 2 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (63.78%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (61.86%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 3rd. (61.22%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4th. (58.65%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 5th. (55.45%) Sandy & Gary Dayton - Mahomet
- 6th. (53.20%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Wulfers-Normal
- 7th. (50.96%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 8th. (50.32%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

## Mike's Thursday open pairs – January 4 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (66.30%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.78%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.41%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (56.67%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 5th. (53.70%) Jeanne & Don Strand – Normal

## Twin City Winter Sectional Bridge Tournament

Tri-Valley Middle School, Downs IL, January 5-7, 2007

Friday Afternoon stratified pairs - 29 pairs competing:

- | A | B | C   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL; Leah Newell, Springfield IL  |
| 2 | 2 | Floyd Sherry - Phil Kenney, Eureka IL                         |
| 3 |   | Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL; Ray Russ, Henry IL                 |
| 4 |   | Lonnie Parr, Chillicothe IL; Jim De Serio, Peoria IL          |
| 5 | 3 | Jeanne & Don Strand, Normal IL                                |
| 6 | 4 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL                |
| 5 |   | Bill Carley, Peoria IL; Glen Beaman, Bloomington IL           |
| 6 |   | Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL; Carole Bardwell, Normal IL |
| 1 |   | Ann & Ann Adams, Bloomington IL                               |
| 2 |   | Kevin Powell, Urbana IL; Maggie Stephens, Champaign IL        |
| 3 |   | Judy & Ron Greek, Galesburg IL                                |



**Friday Evening 99ers only Pairs - 6 pairs competing:**

- | A | B |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1 |   | Bev Upp, Bloomington IL; Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights IL |
| 2 | 1 | Patty & Rodger Paul, Bloomington IL                        |
|   | 2 | Barbara Schaad - Mary Lou Gold, Bloomington IL             |

**Friday Evening Stratified Pairs - 34 pairs competing:**

- | A | B | C |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 |   | Hank Hoffman, Bloomington IL; Dewey Gronau, Farmer City IL |
| 2 | 2 |   | Floyd Sherry, Eureka IL; Ken Vogelbaugh, Bloomington IL    |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | Mike Michels, Bloomington IL; Steve Wulfers, Normal IL     |
| 4 |   |   | Pat Carrington - Bill Lindemann-Sr, Champaign IL           |
| 5 | 4 |   | Paul Holmes - Josh Kueker, Champaign IL                    |
| 6 |   |   | Chuck Zalar - Larry Wilcox, Springfield IL                 |
|   | 5 |   | Carole Bardwell, Normal IL; Jim Moon, Bloomington IL       |
|   | 6 |   | Doug Steele, Seymour IL; Martin Compton, Bloomington IL    |
|   |   | 2 | Steve Volz, Bloomington IL; Bob Smith, Normal IL           |
|   |   | 3 | Kevin Powell, Urbana IL; Maggie Stephens, Champaign IL     |

**Saturday stratified pairs - 42 pairs competing:**

- | A | B | C |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 |   |   | Steve Babin, Normal IL; Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL        |
| 2 |   |   | Daniel Levin, Aurora IL; Richard Blumenthal, Crystal Lake IL |
| 3 |   |   | Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL; Ray Russ, Henry IL                |
| 4 |   |   | Jim Moon - Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL                    |
| 5 | 1 |   | Josh Kueker - Paul Holmes, Champaign IL                      |
| 6 |   |   | John Kinst, Batavia IL; David Mook, Wheaton IL               |
|   | 2 |   | Chris Biggs - Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL              |
|   | 3 | 1 | Camilla Rabjohns - Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights IL         |
|   | 4 | 2 | Dennis Moll, Bloomington IL; Ramesh Chaudhuri, Normal IL     |
|   | 5 |   | James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL     |
|   | 6 |   | Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL; Leah Newell, Springfield IL |
|   |   | 3 | Bev Upp - Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL                       |
|   |   | 4 | Maggie Stephens, Champaign IL; Kevin Powell, Urbana IL       |

**Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams - 24 teams competing:**

- | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b>  |
|----------|----------|---|
| 1/2      |          | <b>Richard Blumenthal, Crystal Lake IL; Christopher Monsour, Chicago IL<br/>Daniel Levin, Aurora IL; James Dressler, Rolling Meadows IL</b> |
| 1/2      |          | <b>Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap IL; Jim De Serio, Peoria IL;<br/>Alan Wienman, Morton IL; Glen Beaman, Bloomington IL</b>                           |
| 3        | 1        | <b>1 Bill Lindemann-Jr - Paul Holmes, Champaign IL;<br/>Carole Bardwell, Normal IL; Ray Dostal, Bloomington IL</b>                          |
| 4/5      | 2        | <b>Georgia Heth, Morton IL; Donna &amp; Leonard Kaufman, Peoria IL<br/>Henrietta Crain, Normal IL</b>                                       |
| 4/5      |          | <b>Sheldon Margulis - Jacqueline Sincoff, Saint Louis MO;<br/>Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL</b>                      |
| 6        |          | <b>Jim Moon - Betty Capodice - Eunice Patton, Bloomington IL;<br/>Fred Crockett, Danville IL</b>  |
| 3        |          | <b>Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL;<br/>Ray Russ, Henry IL; Leah Newell, Springfield IL</b>                      |
| 4        | 2        | <b>Randall Motchan, Bloomington IL; C Elaine Mahler, Iowa City IA;<br/>Daniel Bunde, Champaign IL; Kevin Peese, Urbana IL</b>               |
| 5        |          | <b>Mary &amp; Rea Jones, Champaign IL; Hank Hoffman, Bloomington IL;<br/>Phillip Kenney, Eureka IL</b>                                      |
| 3        |          | <b>Raymond Ford, Highland IL; Robert Riggs - Harvey Laux, Saint Louis MO;<br/>Ray Sigler, Trenton IL</b>                                    |
| 4        |          | <b>Dennis Moll - Stephen Hawthorne, Bloomington IL;<br/>Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL; Ramesh Chaudhuri, Normal IL</b>                |

**Tournament masterpoint race - top 25 players:**

- 1-2 13.25 Daniel Levin, Aurora; Richard Blumenthal, Crystal Lake**
- 3 11.26 Paul Holmes, Champaign**
- 4 10.21 Eunice Patton, Bloomington**
- 5-6 9.87 Marilyn Stickel, Lacon; Ray Russ, Henry**
- 7 9.20 Jim De Serio, Peoria**
- 8-9 8.93 Christopher Monsour, Chicago; James Dressler, Rolling Meadows**
- 10-11 8.76 Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign; Leah Newell, Springfield**
- 12 8.48 Glen Beaman, Bloomington**
- 13 8.27 Stephen Babin, Normal**
- 14 7.77 Phyllis Rahn, Dunlap**
- 15 7.75 Carole Bardwell, Normal**
- 16 7.44 Alan Wienman, Morton**
- 17 7.29 Floyd Sherry, Eureka**
- 18 6.28 Hak Hoffman, Bloomington**
- 19 6.18 Jim Moon, Bloomington**
- 20 6.17 Dewey Gronau, Farmer City**
- 21 6.02 Phil Kenney, Eureka**
- 22-23 5.65 Donna & Leonard Kaufman, Peoria**
- 24-25 5.64 Betty Capodice, Bloomington; Josh Kueker, Champaign**

## **Gayl West Duplicate – January 8 – 8 tables:**

### **North-South:**

- 1st. (60.42%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (58.33%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.76%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 4th. (50.89%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Phil Kenney-Eureka

### **East-West:**

- 1st. (65.48%) Norma McNulty-Edwards & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 3rd. (52.38%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.00%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

## **Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – January 8 – 4 tables:**

- 1st. (70.96%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 2nd. (52.44%) Sue & Mike McGroarty - Normal
- 3rd. (50.91%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

## **Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – January 9 – 5½ tables:**

- 1st. (68.75%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (57.81%) Maggie Stephens-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.60%) Daniel Bunde-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign
- 4th. (52.08%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 5-6. (50.93%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5-6. (50.93%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

## **Mike's Thursday open pairs – January 11 – 6½ tables:**

- 1st. (61.85%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.17%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.92%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (57.50%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (56.67%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

## **Mike's Saturday open pairs – January 13 – 9½ tables:**

### **North-South:**

- 1st. (63.02%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 2nd. (59.12%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.56%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Eunice Patton-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.82%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

### **East-West:**

- 1st. (56.48%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (55.32%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (53.47%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 4th. (53.24%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.62%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.39%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

### **Gayl West Duplicate – January 15 – 9 tables:**

#### **North-South:**

- 1st. (64.81%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.09%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (54.40%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.31%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.62%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

#### **East-West:**

- 1st. (62.73%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. (57.18%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.78%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (52.31%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.62%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington

### **Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – January 15 – 3 tables:**

- 1st. (60.00%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.33%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.67%) Joan & Vern Shelton - Downs

### **Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – January 16 – 11 pairs:**

- 1st. (65.63%) Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (64.58%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (54.17%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.08%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Lonnie Parr-Chillicothe
- 5th. (51.85%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 6th. (50.00%) Art Adams-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

### **Mike's Thursday open pairs – January 18 – 9 tables:**

#### **North-South:**

- 1st. (57.64%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.32%) Zack & Dave Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.63%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.17%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (50.46%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

#### **East-West:**

- 1st. (65.05%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (60.65%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.64%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.79%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Phil Kenney-Eureka

### **Mike's Saturday open pairs – January 20 – 12 tables:**

#### **North-South:**

- 1st. (64.20%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield
- 2nd. (56.06%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.68%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Eunice Patton-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.30%) Kirk Biggs-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.98%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

#### **East-West:**

- 1st. (61.36%) Sandy Singer-Peoria & Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2nd. (60.98%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (60.61%) Donna Kaufman-Peoria & Mary Allen-Peoria
- 4th. (56.63%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.76%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

### **Gayl West Duplicate – January 22 – 9 tables:**

#### **North-South:**

- 1st. (62.50%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (55.56%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 3-4. (51.39%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Babe Fullan-Bloomington
- 3-4. (51.39%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.23%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

#### **East-West:**

- 1st. (61.81%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (59.95%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3rd. (55.32%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.00%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin

### **Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – January 22 – 4 tables:**

- 1st. (57.94%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Tanya Wahl-Rantoul & Al Colman-Rantoul
- 3rd. (56.35%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.59%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

### **Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – January 23 – 9 teams:**

- 1st. Ken Vogelbaugh-Bloomington, Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington,  
Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington, Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington,  
Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 3rd. Mary & John Cralley-Normal, Zack & Dave Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. Hank Hoffman-Bloomington, Dewey Gronau-Farmer City,  
Dee Boch-Champaign, Dave Short-Champaign

**Mike's Thursday open pairs – January 25 – 8 tables:**

**North-South:**

- 1st. (59.23%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 2nd. (57.74%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (55.65%) Zack & Dave Freehill - Bloomington
- 4th. (54.17%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

**East-West:**

- 1st. (69.64%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.44%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.76%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

**Mike's Saturday open pairs – January 27 – 10½ tables:**

**North-South:**

- 1st. (58.64%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (57.00%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield
- 3-4. (56.17%) Julie Hubbard-Springfield & Tim Cull-Springfield  
Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.67%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Sandy Singer-Peoria
- 6th. (50.41%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

**East-West:**

- 1st. (57.41%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (56.38%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 3rd. (55.33%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 4th. (55.09%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.47%) Josh Kueker-Champaign & Paul Holmes-Champaign
- 6th. (51.85%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington

**Gayl West Duplicate – January 29 – 8½ tables:**

**North-South:**

- 1st. (59.82%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.23%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Gail Moon-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.85%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.06%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap

**East-West:**

- 1st. (61.64%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.03%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Chrs Biggs-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.38%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

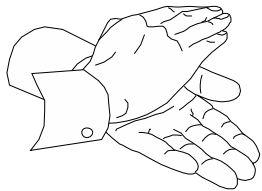
**Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – January 29 – 3½ tables:**

- 1-2. (63.89%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington  
Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington
- 3rd. (58.33%) Tanya Wahl-Rantoul & Al Colman-Rantoul



**Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – January 30 – 11 pairs:**

- 1st. (59.90%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (58.85%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (58.33%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 4th. (53.65%) Randall Motchan-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Bloomington**
- 5th. (52.78%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign**
- 6th. (51.05%) Chris & Kirk Biggs - Bloomington**
- 7th. (50.46%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington**



**Congratulations to all winners!**





## **Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2006 masterpoint races - updated 1/6/2007**

### **Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):**

**0-5 masterpoints:**

**5-20 masterpoints:**

**20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 72.64, #6 Ramesh with 40.82**

**50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #3 with 60.11, Bev Upp #10 with 38.14**

**100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #10 with 66.98**

**200-300 masterpoints:**

**Carole Bardwell #1 with 76.16, Randall Motchan #2 with 76.37, Peg Deutsch #5 with 62.56**

**Bev Meginnis #10 with 37.95**

**300-500 masterpoints: Charlie Morton #4 with 118.64, Sam Katz #5 with 108.13**

**500-1000 masterpoints:**

**Steve Hawthorne #1 with 279.80, Zack Freehill #2 with 227.73**

**1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #2 with 228.89, Steve Babin #5 with 192.98, Betty Capodice #7 with 176.84**

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

**0-5 masterpoints:**

**5-20 masterpoints:**

**20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #3 with 35.43, Ramesh #7 with 21.02**

**50-100 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 38.27, Bev Upp #7 with 23.89, Ann Adams #10 with 23.26**

**100-200 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #3 with 47.28, Dave Freehill #8 with 41.11**

**200-300 masterpoints: Peg Deutsch #2 with 38.22, Carole Bardwell #6 with 31.12,**

**Randall Motchan #8 with 26.56, Bev Meginnis #9 with 26.51**

**300-500 masterpoints:**

**500-1000 masterpoints:**

**Zack Freehill #1 with 100.74, Steve Hawthorne #2 with 78.51, Hank Hoffman #8 with 59.46**

**1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #4 with 88.80, Betty Capodice #5 with 85.51, Steve Babin #8 with 80.08**



## Tip of the month:

### The Convention Card – part 9 of a 16-part series

**This month:** the section titled “defensive bidding to the opponent’s opening notrump bids”.

It would be best if you have a copy of the convention agreement sheet as you read this description.

Take a look at the section titled “defense vs notrump”. This section is for you to describe what agreements you and your partner have for when the opponents open the bidding with 1 notrump.

Note there are 2 columns. One is meant for when opponents use a strong 1 notrump opening bid and the other is for other types of 1 notrump opening bids. Or, you could use 1 column for non-vulnerable and the other for when you are vulnerable.

Most players use the same agreement for either weak / strong 1 no trump opening bids or for when you are non-vulnerable / vulnerable.

Note down the left-hand side of this section. There is a line for each of the 4 suits bid at the 2-level plus a line for double and then “other”. Describe on each line what each bid of 2 clubs, 2 diamonds, 2 hearts, or 2 spades means. Also include a description of what your agreement is for when you or your partner doubles the opponent’s 1 no trump opening bid.

If a bid at the 2-level is natural for the respective suit, you can merely write the word “natural” to cover this entire section. If the bid agreements are all natural, no alerting is needed.

But, if you use agreement systems such as DON’T (disturb opponents no trump – popularized by Marty Bergen), or Brozell, or Cappeletti, or any others, just mark the name of the system in large lettering to cover the entire section. All bids from any of these systems (or any other systems) must be alerted.

**Next month’s tip:** The section titled “simple overall”.

## **Bloomington-Normal new rank achievers – in 2006 & 2007:**

**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, Ann Adams**

**New regional masters: Dave Freehill, Dennis Moll, Walter Fox, Ann Schuyler**

**New NABC masters: Ray Dostal, Steve Wulfers**

**New life masters: Carole Bardwell**

**New bronze life masters:**

**New gold life masters: Betty Capodice**

## **Bloomington-Normal 70% club – years 2006-2007 only**

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**2007/01/08 70.96% Roberta Weddig & Joe Krause**

**2006/10/23 70.00% Linda Hanfland & Sarah Bourland**

**2006/09/14 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**

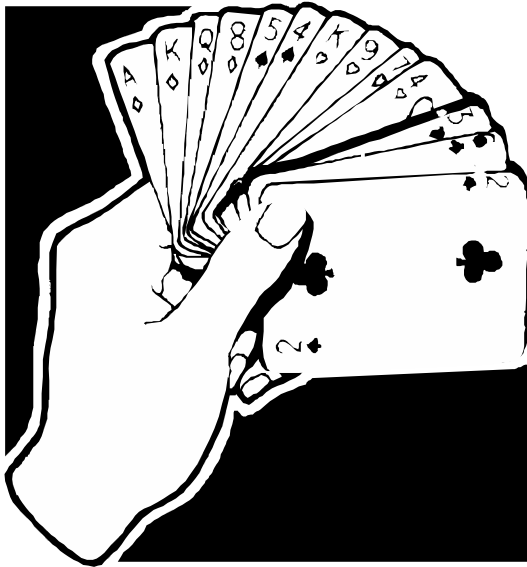
**2006/03/27 74.44% Rich Spengler & Tom Sheagren**

**2006/02/23 78.13% Linda Odette & Mike Tomlianovich**



**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 Sectional  
February 23-25, 2007  
Hult Health Center, Peoria, IL**

