



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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March events:



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

March 5 – open pairs

March 12 – open pairs

March 19 – club championship open pairs

March 26 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Thursday, March 1, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, March 3, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

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

Tuesday, March 6, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, March 8, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

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

Tuesday, March 13, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, March 15, pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

Monday, March 19, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only club championship pairs(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, March 20, 6:15PM – club championship open teams – Heartland

Thursday, March 22, club championship open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only club championship pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, March 24, club championship open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

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

Tuesday, March 27, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, March 29, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, March 31, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for information or to arrange for a partner.

All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

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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/>

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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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2	2,462.20	Laura Addison
3	1,972.82	Gail Moon
4	1,763.11	Steve Babin
5	1,475.55	Mike Tomlianovich
6	939.66	Ivey Weaver
7	887.79	Jeanne Strand
8	879.89	Hank Hoffman
9	813.92	Eunice Patton
10	809.30	Steve Hawthorne
11	793.93	Jim Moon
12	781.21	Zack Freehill
13	674.12	Glen Beaman
14	661.59	Henrietta Crain
15	660.82	Don Strand
16	659.82	Stan Gutzman
17	611.97	Jean Barnett
18	563.14	Martin Compton
19	526.70	Sam Katz
20	499.55	Ruth Wettaw
21	490.92	Ann Farnsworth
22	429.09	Charlie Morton
23	424.47	Bob Smith
24	378.51	Carole Bardwell
25	377.81	John Ferrell

Other players:

11,587.80	Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,960.29	Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,827.28	Norinne Nelson
3,470.68	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,610.69	Alan Wienman-Morton
2,436.05	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
2,213.06	Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,182.26	Dick Nelson
2,071.65	Georgia Heth-Morton
1,859.94	Pat Carrington-Champaign
1,843.76	Kish Devaraj
1,754.74	Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,657.29	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,618.30	Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,569.00	Ray Russ-Henry
1,481.78	Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,273.76	Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,171.22	Leah Newell- Springfield
1,126.72	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,124.27	John Burdon-Washington
1,117.91	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,062.18	Tim Cull-Springfield
1,055.70	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
892.73	Dennis Fitton-Sidney
881.92	Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
780.34	Jack Kessler
740.94	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
721.22	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
686.03	John Brandeberry-Champaign
647.22	Adrian Hutber-Champaign
620.10	Bev Fast-Peoria
601.64	Eunice Viktor-Morton
561.55	Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
563.91	Phil Kenney-Eureka
431.88	Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

The successful declarer will look for ways to avoid finessing. Here is an example where one finesse is better than two..

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S A87				
Dlr N	H KQ87				
	2				
Vul N/	D J42	West	North	East	South
S	C 87		Pass	Pass	1H
S Q96	S 10542	Pass		Pass	6H
H 5	H 96				
D Q10983	D K765		2NT*		
C KJ42	C 653	All			
	S KJ3	Pass			
	H AJ1043				
	D A				
	C AQ109				

*Heart raise

BIDDING: North's passed-hand jump to 2NT showed a five-card heart raise with 10-12 support points. South felt there must be a good play for slam and promptly bid it.

PLAY: With no attractive lead, West finally decided on the ten of diamonds. Declarer saw that the hand offered several ways to succeed. There was the spade finesse and the club finesse. Or two finesses in the club suit could work. Playing East for any two honors offered a 75% line of play. However, examining the problem more closely, declarer saw a better play. After winning the diamond ace he went to dummy with a trump to ruff a diamond in his hand. Another heart to dummy drew the last trump and then he ruffed dummy's last diamond. Now a spade to the ace and a low club to his queen left West in a bad situation. He had to either lead a black suit into the South hand or lead a diamond providing a "sluff and ruff" for declarer. Either way, South had his twelfth trick.

Note that declarer could have played a club to his nine or ten instead but playing to the queen gave him a chance to make seven if the club king and the spade queen were both in the East hand. This was a pairs event so overtricks were important.

#2

Complicated conventions can cause trouble at the table, but if properly employed, they can help you find your best contract. Take a look at Roman Keycard Blackwood in action.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		S AKJ9				
		7				
Dlr	E	H 7	West	North	East	South
Vul	N/ S	D AJ92			Pass	1NT
		C AJ5				
S	54		Pass	2H*	Pass	3S
		S 103				
H	KJ10	H 9653	Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
	2	D 1074	Pass	5H	Pass	6C
D	865	C Q643	Pass	6D	Pass	7D
C	10987		Pass	7S	All Pass	
		S Q862				
		H AQ84				
		D KQ3				
		C K2				

*Jacoby Transfer

BIDDING: As soon as South opened 1NT, North was thinking about a grand slam. South's jump to 3S really got North excited because this showed a maximum no-trump with four spades. This partnership used Roman Keycard Blackwood and South's 5C response showed one keycard (keycards= 4 aces + trump king). 5D asked if South held the trump queen and the 6C response said "yes, and I also have the king of clubs". Next the 6D asked about the diamond king and the 7D response showed the king of diamonds along with the queen. North could now count twelve tricks with several ways to find another so he bid the grand slam.

PLAY: West led the ten of clubs and it only remained for declarer to draw trumps and ruff dummy's third club in his hand for the thirteenth trick. Note there are only twelve tricks in a no-trump contract.

It's true many players in the North seat might just leap to the grand slam after discovering South had four spades and a maximum hand, but if South held Kxx(x) of diamonds with his values in the other suits, the slam might fail. Roman Keycard is a powerful convention but I urge you to study it carefully before adding it to your convention card.

#3

You need skill to be successful at the bridge table but it also helps to have a little luck. Take a look at this one.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S A972				
	H KQ5				
Dlr E	H 4				
Vul none	D 965	West	North	East	South
	C 75			Pass	1H
S 543	S 1086	DBL		3C	3H
H A3	H 10		2NT*		
D A873	D KJ42	4C	Pass	Pass	4H
C A1098	C QJ643				
	S KQJ	All			
	H J98762	Pass			
	D Q10				
	C K2				

*Limit plus raise

BIDDING: This was a typical matchpoint (pairs) sequence with each side fighting for a plus score. South opened a rather weak hand but had six hearts. Holding three aces West felt obligated to make a takeout double and North's jump showed ten or more support points with four or more hearts. East thought he had just enough high card points to enter the auction and South showed a minimum hand by trying to stop at 3C. West wasn't through and carried on to the four level. North's pass showed no extras and South with little defense and expecting 4C to make, bid 4H hoping to go down only one trick.

PLAY: West was in trouble right away. He hated to lead an ace and certainly didn't want to underlead one finally settled on the club ace. East discouraged with the club three but West continued the suit. After winning the king, declarer led a low heart toward dummy. West made another mistake by playing low as the king won the trick. Next declarer played four rounds of spades discarding a diamond as West ruffed. Making 4H was a top result.

There were many mistakes on this hand. West ignored his partner's discouraging card at trick one and then failed to win the first heart trick. Since it was very likely South held six hearts, dummy's spade suit was a threat. However, it's difficult to blame West too much because it's not clear that switching to the ace of diamonds would succeed. Of course, with spade values East might have played an unusually high club (queen) at trick one to encourage a shift to the higher of the other suits. One thing was clear, East did not want clubs continued.

Note that East-West can make 4C for +130 so South was right to bid on. Perfect defense would beat a 4C contract two tricks.

#4

It's nice to be lucky but you still need to be able to take advantage of it. Here is a good example of just that.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #33	S Q108				
	H K8				
Dlr E	D AQ1063	West	North	East	South
Vul none	C AK7			Pass	1H
S J654	S 973	Pass	2D*	Pass	2S
H 4	H A1032	Pass	2NT	Pass	3H
D KJ72	D 985	Pass	4C	Pass	4S
C J1092	C 654	Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
	S AK2	Pass	6H	All	
	H QJ9765			Pass	
	D 4				
	C Q83				

*Game forcing

BIDDING: This North-South partnership plays a 2/1 system. South's rebid of 2S did not show a six-card suit but was a waiting bid to see where North was headed. After North's 2NT rebid, South showed his extra heart and North cooperated by cue bidding 4C in support of hearts. South showed the spade control and that was all North needed to hear. A quick check of aces with Blackwood and the small slam was reached.

PLAY: West led the jack of clubs and declarer saw his only concern was the trump suit. Accordingly, he won the club in his hand and led a low heart toward dummy to guard against a singleton ace in the West hand. East won the ace and returned a club to dummy. A second heart to his queen uncovered the bad break. To pick up East's trumps, South had to reduce his number of hearts to the same as East. This meant ruffing two of dummy's diamonds and also finding East with 3=4=3=3 distribution. There was no alternative so he led a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond. Then he led a club to dummy followed by another diamond ruff. Now he played the ace and king of spades followed by the deuce to dummy's queen. East had to follow to all of these cards and the lead was now in dummy with declarer's J9 of hearts over East's 103. Another successful slam in the score card.

Note the trump coup will not succeed if declarer doesn't reduce his trumps to the same number as East.



February results:

Mike's Thursday open pairs – February 1 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.40%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.91%) Zack & Dave Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.46%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.23%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.61%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (55.78%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.10%) Jeanie Nord-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda

Mike's Saturday open pairs – February 3 – 11½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.74%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 2nd. (64.32%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 3-4. (54.69%) Walter Fox-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (53.47%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda

East-West:

- 1st. (62.04%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield
- 2nd. (60.88%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (60.19%) Chuck Young-Peoria & Pat Moos-Peoria
- 4th. (53.01%) Donna Kaufman-Peoria & Mary Allen-Peoria

Gayl West Duplicate – February 5 – 11 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.81%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry
- 2nd. (56.71%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.56%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.08%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (58.56%) Chris & Kirk Biggs - Bloomington
Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (53.70%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 4th. (52.55%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 5th. (52.31%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

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

- 1st. (59.52%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.76%) Vern Shelton-Downs & Doug Steele-Seymour
Robert Weddig-Normal & Joe Krause-Bloomington

4th. (53.97%) Tanya Wahl-Champaign & Al Colman-Champaign

5th. (51.59%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

Mike's Special Wednesday evening STaC open pairs – February 7 – 4½ tables:

1st. (59.72%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign

2nd. (56.25%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

4th. (53.47%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

5th. (52.08%) Chuck Young-Peoria & Pat Moos-Peoria

6th. (50.00%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – February 8 – 9 tables:

North-South:

1st. (60.42%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

2nd. (56.71%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

3rd. (53.94%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

4th. (52.78%) Jeanie Nord-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda

5th. (50.69%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Martin Compton-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (59.03%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton

2nd. (56.02%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (54.63%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington

4th. (53.70%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry

Mike's Special Thursday evening STaC open pairs – February 8 – 5 tables:

1st. (56.02%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

2nd. (54.63%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

3rd. (54.17%) Jerry Oswald-Bloomington & Steve Wulfers-Normal

4th. (52.78%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

5th. (51.85%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

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

North-South:

1st. (68.63%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

2nd. (61.16%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

3rd. (58.78%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Wulfers-Normal

4th. (56.03%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

1st. (68.58%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

2nd. (60.37%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry

3rd. (59.70%) Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign

4th. (57.81%) Donna & Leonard Kaufman - Peoria

5th. (55.66%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington

6th. (53.96%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton

Mike's Special Sunday afternoon STaC open pairs – February 11 – 10 tables:

North-South:

1st. (58.32%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Ray Dostal-Bloomington

2nd. (56.75%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Jeanne Strand-Normal

3rd. (54.92%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

4th. (53.16%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Martin Compton-Bloomington

5th. (50.13%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (61.04%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Bill Lindemann-Champaign

- 2nd. (57.98%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (56.46%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.80%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5th. (51.80%) Marilyn Stickel-Lacon & Ray Russ-Henry

Gayl West Duplicate – February 12 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (61.86%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (59.30%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.85%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.52%) Norma McNulty-Edwards & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 5th. (52.24%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.60%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 7th. (50.96%) Bev Megennes-Towanda & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 8th. (50.00%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only teams – February 12 – 2 teams:

Joe's Jewels (Roberta Weddig, Gaye Hoselton, Barbara Schaad, Joe Krause) defeated
Wendy's Winners (Wendy Anderson, Anne Garrett, Joy Szmaj, Mary Lou Gold)

Mike's Thursday open pairs – February 15 – 6 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.00%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (63.58%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (62.50%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.75%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.92%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (52.33%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Bob Singh-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – February 17 – 5 tables:

- 1st. (58.33%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 2nd. (55.56%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.31%) Tim Cull-Springfield & Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 4th. (51.85%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.39%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – February 19 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.04%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 2nd. (56.55%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.36%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 4th. (52.38%) Ray Dostal-Bloomington & Leonard Johnson-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (63.69%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.85%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4th. (55.95%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5th. (55.36%) Bev Megennes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – February 19 – 3½ tables:

- 1st. (68.06%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.56%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.17%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.78%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

Mike's Tuesday evening open pairs – February 20 – 4 tables:

- 1st. (58.93%) Praveen Jayachandran & Bill Lindemann,Sr
- 2nd. (54.76%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (53.57%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.38%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – February 22 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (61.22%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (60.58%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.05%) John Sheen-Downs & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.52%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.20%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 6th. (52.89%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 7th. (51.60%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 8th. (51.28%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 9th. (50.00%) Zack & Dave Freehill - Bloomington

Warren Tatting Memorial Sectional Bridge Tournament

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

Friday afternoon stratified pairs - 23 pairs competing:

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | Mike Waters, Dunlap IL; Pat Moos, Peoria IL |
| 2 | | Eloise Martzahn - Beth Kelly, Bettendorf IA |
| 3 | 2 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL |
| 4 | | Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL; Alan Wienman, Morton IL |
| 5 | | Ray Russ, Henry IL; Marilyn Stickel, Lacon IL |
| 6 | 3 | 1 Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL; Becky Lagouros, Peoria Heights IL |
| | 4 | Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL; Carole Bardwell, Normal IL |
| | 5 | Paul Lindauer, Varna IL; Linda Mitchell, Cambridge ON |
| | 2 | Shirley Bloch - Mary Stecher, Peoria IL |

Friday evening stratified pairs - 21 pairs competing:

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Eloise Martzahn - Beth Kelly, Bettendorf IA |
| 2 | | Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL; Jim Carbaugh, Metamora IL |
| 3 | 1 | Margaret Hansell, Champaign IL; Glen Beaman, Bloomington IL |
| 4 | | Alan Wienman, Morton IL; Ivey Weaver, Bloomington IL |
| 5 | | Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap IL; Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL |
| 6 | 2 | Charlie Morton - Zach Freehill, Bloomington IL |
| | 3 | 1 Jim Swanke, Morton IL; Rich Spengler, Peoria IL |
| | 4 | Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL; Carole Bardwell, Normal IL |
| | 5 | 2 Becky Lagouros - Camilla Rabjohns, Peoria Heights IL |

Future stars shootout:

Peoria's team of Nancy Morgan & Lijana Colen plus

Rich Spengler & Jim Swanke defeated Bloomington-Normal's team.

Saturday stratified pairs - 32 pairs competing:

- | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Leonard Kaufman - Larry Seitzman, Peoria IL |
| 2 | | Mary Allen, Peoria IL; Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap IL |
| 3 | | Jim Carbaugh, Metamora IL; Dick Kemmerer, Peoria IL |

- 4 John Kessinger - Marciann O'Brien, Decatur IL
- 5 1 Bill Carley, Peoria IL; Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL
- 6 2 Leah Newell, Springfield IL; Terry Goodykoontz, Champaign IL
- 3 1 Praveen Jayachandran - Daniel Bunde, Champaign IL
- 4 David Short - Josh Kueker, Champaign IL
- 5 Bobbie Straker, Pekin IL; Pat Moos, Peoria IL
- 2 Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL; Norma McNulty, Edwards IL
- 3 Frank Nester, Mt Carroll IL; Barbara Bass, Princeton IL

Sunday stratified swiss teams - 18 teams competing:

A B C

- 1 1 Ron Diehl - Rich Brummer, Effingham IL;
W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL
- 2 2 1 Bill Lindemann, Jr - Bill Lindemann, Sr, Champaign IL;
Ray Dostal, Bloomington IL; Carole Bardwell, Normal IL
- 3 3 Carole & Ron Sholes, Springfield IL; Donna & Cam Barbian - Sherman IL
- 4 Georgia Heth, Morton IL; Mary Allen, Peoria IL;
Linda Mamula, Mill Creek WA; Joyce McEldowney, Dunlap IL
- 5 4 Tim Cull - Frank Tirsch, Springfield IL;
Jim Moon - Betty Capodice, Bloomington IL
- 5/6 Steve Babin, Normal IL; Ron Vogel, Peoria IL;
Bobbie Straker, Pekin IL; Mike Waters, Dunlap IL
- 5/6 2 Praveen Jayachandran - David Short - Josh Kueker - Daniel Bunde, Champaign IL

Tournament masterpoint race - top 25:

- 1 8.94 Joyce McEldowney-Dunlap
- 2 8.24 Carole Bardwell-Normal
- 3 7.83 Mary Allen-Peoria
- 4-5 7.65 Dick Kemmerer-Peoria & Jim Carbaugh-Metamora
- 6-7 7.52 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria & Larry Seitzman-Peoria
- 8-11 7.00 James McKinney-Carol Stream, Rich Brummer-Effingham, Ron Diehl-Effingham, W Harris Jr-Lombard
- 12 6.26 Mike Tomlianovich, Bloomington IL
- 13-14 6.25 Beth Kelly-Bettendorf IA & Eloise Martzahn-Bettendorf IA
- 15 6.15 Pat Moos-Peoria
- 16 5.92 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 17 5.57 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 18-20 5.25 Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Bill Lindemann, Jr-Champaign, Bill Lindemann, Sr-Champaign
- 21-22 5.12 Georgia Heth-Morton & Linda Mamula-Mill Creek WA
- 23 5.07 Bill Carley-Peoria
- 24 5.06 Mike Waters-Dunlap
- 25 4.71 Betty Capodice-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – February 26 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.31%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (54.46%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.08%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (60.42%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

2nd. (56.55%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

3rd. (54.17%) Chris & Kirk Biggs - Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – February 26 – 3 tables:

1st. (66.25%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington

2nd. (63.75%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

3rd. (53.75%) Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Doug Steele-Seymour

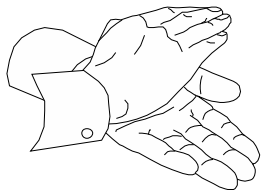
Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – February 27 – 8 teams:

**1st. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington,
Stan Gutzman-Normal, Jim Moon-Bloomington**

**2nd. Maggie Stephens-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign, John Brandeberry-Champaign**

**3rd. Chris Biggs-Bloomington, Eunice Patton-Bloomington,
Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal**

**4th. Ken Vogelbaugh-Bloomington, Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington,
Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington, Floyd Sherry-Eureka**



Congratulations to all winners!



Mike's Bridge Club announces year 2006 Lombard winner

Mike's Bridge Club announces its winner of the Ed Lombard Memorial Masterpoint Award for the year 2006: Betty Capodice

Betty Capodice, a gold life master from Bloomington, earned the most masterpoints at Mike's Bridge Club events held during the year 2006.

This annual award is named after the club's 1996 first year winner, Ed Lombard, a silver life master who died in August, 1997. Past award winners are:

1997-Betty Capodice;	1998-Betty Capodice;	1999-Laura Addison;
2000-Laura Addison;	2001-Steve Babin;	2002-Gail Moon
2003-Mike Tomlianovich	2004-Gail Moon	2005-Betty Capodice

The top 10 players in the year 2006 Lombard:

- 1 74.32 Betty Capodice**
- 2 69.44 Zack Freehill**
- 3 62.59 Steve Babin**
- 4 61.08 Mike Tomlianovich**
- 5 55.28 Dewey Gronau**
- 6 54.91 Steve Hawthorne**
- 7 50.57 Gail Moon**
- 8 49.09 Stan Gutzman**
- 9 41.44 Jean Barnett**
- 10 39.15 Ann Schuyler**



Mike's Bridge Club announces year 2006 McClintock winner

Mike's Bridge Club announces its winner of the Kathy McClintock Memorial 99ers Only Masterpoint Award for the year 2006: Ann Schuyler.

Ann Schuyler, a regional master from Bloomington, earned more masterpoints at Mike's Bridge Club year 2006 events than any other player who began 2006 as a 99er.

This annual award is named after the club's very popular member, Kathy McClintock, a club master who died in May, 2003. Past award winners are:

2003-Randall Motchan 2004-Chris Biggs 2005-Dave Freehill

The top 10 players in the year 2006 McClintock:

- 1 39.15 Ann Schuyler *
- 2 30.10 Dennis Moll *
- 3 24.32 Bev Upp
- 4 16.23 Ann Adams *
- 5 14.58 Jeanie Nord *
- 6 13.26 Jerry Hinds
Jim Swanke
- 8 13.04 Ramesh Chaudhuri
- 9 11.62 Joann Rouse
- 10 11.00 Joe Krause

* not eligible for year 2007 and beyond



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208

Final 2006 masterpoint races - updated 2/6/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints: Roger Joslin #5 with 13.07

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #2 with 73.64, #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 77.16, Randall Motchan #2 with 76.37, Peg Deutsch #5 with 62.56

Bev Meginnes #10 with 37.95

300-500 masterpoints: Charlie Morton #4 with 118.64

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #1 with 270.80, 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: Roger Joslin #4 with 12.09

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #3 with 35.43, Ramesh #8 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 Meginnes #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

Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2007 masterpoint races - updated 2/6/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints:

50-100 masterpoints: Ramesh #2 with 6.54, Bev Upp #8 with 3.42

100-200 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #5 with 6.54, Ken Vogelbaugh #7 with 5.06, Steve Volz #8 with 3.93

200-300 masterpoints:

Chris Biggs #3 with 11.20, Ray Dostal #4 5.62, Dave Freehill #9 with 3.63, Steve Wulfers #10 with 3.52

300-500 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #4 with 10.14, Peg Deutsch #5 with 7.35, Randall Motchan #9 with 5.28

500-1000 masterpoints: Eunice Patton #2 with 18.05, Glen Beaman #3 with 13.35, Jim Moon #10 with 8.25

1000-2500 masterpoints: Steve Babin #5 with 16.93, Mike Tomlianovich #7 with 11.33

2500-5000 masterpoints: Betty Capodice #2 with 10.38

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

0-5 masterpoints: Roberta Weddig #10 with .78

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints:

50-100 masterpoints: Ramesh #8 with 2.82

100-200 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #5 with 2.82, Steve Volz #9 with 1.84

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #1 with 6.81, Dave Freehill #5 with 3.63, Bev Meginnnes #9 with 1,82

300-500 masterpoints: Peg Deutsch #4 with 4.37, Randall Motchan #10 with 2.84

500-1000 masterpoints: Eunice Patton #4 with 7.84, Steve Hawthorne #8 with 6.11, Zack Freehill #9 with 5.77

1000-2500 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #2 with 8.66, Gail Moon #4 with 7.43, Mike Tomlianovich #9 with 6.65

2500-5000 masterpoints Betty Capodice #1 with 4.74



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 10 of a 16-part series

This month: the section titled “simple overcall”.

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

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Take a look at the section titled “simple overcall”. This section is for you to describe what agreements you and your partner have for when the opponents open the bidding with 1 of a suit and you or your partner overcalls.

First show your high card point range. Many players mark 10 to 15 points. It is becoming more typical to mark 8 to 15 points. Some players mark 6 to 15 points. If your partnership often overcalls at the 1 level with 4 card suits or with less than 6 points, mark so (not recommended).

When responding to your partner’s overcall, decide if bidding a new suit is forcing (not recommended), not forcing constructive (most typical), or not forcing.

Then decide how a jump raise is to be handled. Is a jump raise forcing (not recommended), invitational (not recommended), or weak (the best treatment)? If you choose a jump raise is weak, then expect to cue bid the opponent’s bid suit as an invitational or better raise.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “JUMP OVERCALL” & “OPENING PREEMPTS”.

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

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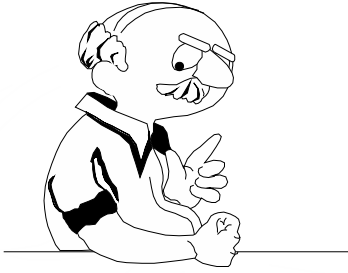
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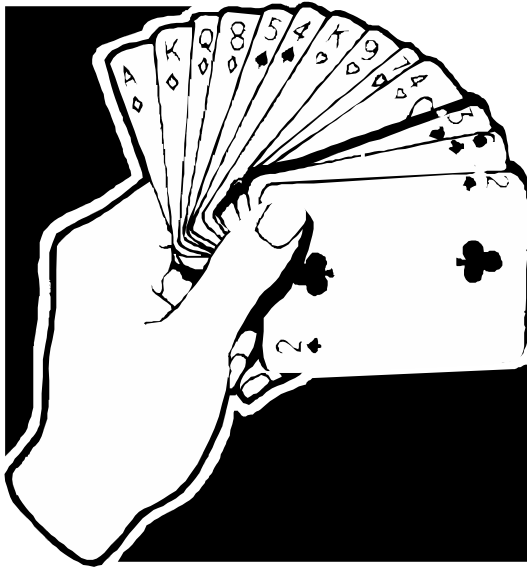
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2007/01/08	70.96%	Roberta Weddig & Joe Krause
2006/10/23	70.00%	Linda Hanfland & Sarah Bourland
2006/09/14	71.39%	Zack Freehill & Steve Hawthorne
2006/09/04	70.63%	Gail & Jim Moon
2006/08/03	70.54%	Chris Biggs & Jean Barnett
2006/07/15	71.13%	Adrian 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:



**Grand National Teams
May 5-6, 2007
IEA, Springfield, IL**

