



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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April events:



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

April 2 – open pairs

April 9 – open pairs

April 16 – open pairs

April 23 – open pairs

April 30 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Monday, April 2, pupils only(7:00PM) & STaC 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, April 3, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, April 5, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, April 7, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – SPECIAL LOCATION - Crossroads

Monday, April 9, pupils only(7:00PM) & STaC 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, April 10, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

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

Saturday, April 14, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, April 16, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, April 17, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, April 19, pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

Monday, April 23, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only club championship pairs(6:15PM) – Heartland

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

Thursday, April 26, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, April 28, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, April 30, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – 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.

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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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Bridge classes and seminars available!

If you know of anybody who would like to attend a beginner or intermediate class or if your social bridge group would like a topic-focused seminar, please contact accredited bridge teacher Mike Tomlianovich. Each class consists of 24 hours of instruction and practice at a cost of tuition plus \$15 for a textbook. 1-2 hour seminars on a variety of bridge topics are available for a donation. Contact Mike at 309-825-5823 for details.

Public service announcement:

OSF St Joseph Medical Center is in need of volunteers to help staff the gift shop, reception desk, or patient transport. Please contact OSF's volunteer coordinator by phone at 309-662-3311 extension 1118 to discuss where you can help. Thank you!



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3	1,980.94	Gail Moon
4	1,775.64	Steve Babin
5	1,483.97	Mike Tomlianovich
6	943.08	Ivey Weaver
7	891.00	Jeanne Strand
8	887.73	Hank Hoffman
9	818.58	Steve Hawthorne
10	814.37	Eunice Patton
11	812.22	Jim Moon
12	794.55	Zack Freehill
13	680.06	Glen Beaman
14	676.22	Stan Gutzman
15	662.86	Don Strand
16	662.37	Henrietta Crain
17	614.96	Jean Barnett
18	564.69	Martin Compton
19	526.70	Sam Katz
20	505.36	Ruth Wettaw
21	492.02	Ann Farnsworth
22	437.00	Charlie Morton
23	426.56	Bob Smith
24	390.03	Carole Bardwell
25	377.81	John Ferrell

Other players:

11,615.87	Dick Benson-LeRoy
8,988.36	Chris Benson-LeRoy
3,855.96	Norinne Nelson
3,479.92	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
2,625.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
2,445.49	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
2,224.78	Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,210.94	Dick Nelson
2,076.77	Georgia Heth-Morton
1,866.86	Kish Devaraj
1,862.92	Pat Carrington-Champaign
1,761.25	Liz Zalar-Springfield
1,665.46	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
1,624.87	Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
1,576.89	Ray Russ-Henry
1,493.50	Carole Sholes-Springfield
1,278.25	Paul Lindauer-Varna
1,187.32	Leah Newell- Springfield
1,140.05	John Burdon-Washington
1,137.31	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
1,122.93	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,069.47	Tim Cull-Springfield
1,062.33	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
1,028.67	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
897.71	Dennis Fitton-Sidney
889.93	Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
780.34	Jack Kessler
742.94	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
724.91	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
691.66	John Brandeberry-Champaign
652.29	Adrian Hutber-Champaign
620.10	Bev Fast-Peoria
601.99	Eunice Viktor-Morton
568.32	Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
567.55	Phil Kenney-Eureka
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#1

Defense can be difficult but it's a lot easier if you use the basic technique of counting. Look at this simple part score contract that resulted in a top score for declarer.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S J974				
	H J10				
Dlr W	D AJ843				
Vul none	C J6				
S KQ105	S 83	West	North	East	South
2	H K732	Pass	Pass	Pass	1D
H Q95	D Q10	1S	2D	All	
D 62	C A10532			Pass	
C K97					
	S A6				
	H A864				
	D K975				
	C Q84				

BIDDING: This is a simple auction with North-South ending in a part score.

PLAY: West led the spade king won by South. As is usually the case, declarer saw that it would be easier to establish the hand with the long trumps so he fired back a spade at trick two. West won and played a heart to the king and ace. Declarer guessed trumps correctly by playing the top two rounds and exited with a heart to West's queen. Saying later he was afraid to switch to a club in case South held the ace and queen, West got out with the heart nine. Declarer trumped this in dummy, led a diamond to his hand, and played the eight of hearts discarding a club from dummy. He then conceded a club and scored +130 for making four. A diamond partial was the popular contract but most defenders took one spade, one heart, and two clubs for -110. How should West know he could safely switch to a club? Declarer had shown up with the ace of spades, the ace of hearts, the king of diamonds, and a balanced hand. If he had also held both club honors, he would have opened 1NT.

Note there was nothing difficult about this hand but that's what makes matchpoints (pairs) a different game from rubber bridge or team games. Each overtrick or undertrick can be as important as getting to the right contract. To be successful, you must remember the auction and count the high cards in declarer's hand.

#2

While there are many conventions to help you reach the best contract, sometimes using them can be fatal. Take a look at this one.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S 102				
	H K8				
Dlr E	D KQJ8				
Vul N-S	3				
	C AJ96	West	North	East	South
				Pass	1H
S	KJ987				
6	S 54	2H*	DBL	2C	Pass
H	H J109532	Pass	3D	Pass	3S
D 62	D 104	Pass	4C	Pass	6NT
C	C 742	All			
	Q10853	Pass			
	S AQ3				
	H AQ764				
	D A975				
	C K				

*Michael's Cue bid

BIDDING: West's cue bid showing spades and a minor certainly started something. North doubled to deny heart support but show a good hand. East ran to 2C and hoped for the best. With no clear direction, South passed to see what North would do next. After hearing 3D from his partner, South forced again with a cue bid. North next showed clubs and South leaped to the slam to protect the spade queen from the opening lead.

PLAY: West guessed to lead a low club won by South's king. Declarer could count eleven tricks and was fairly confident from the bidding that the hearts would break badly. However, West was marked with both the spade king and the club queen so an endplay might be possible. First, declarer played the top three honors confirming the bad heart break. Next, he played all five diamonds and with the lead in dummy, was down to this ending: North: S 102, H AJ South: S AQ3, H 7. West was doomed; his last four cards were: S KJ, C Q10. Declarer could play ace and another spade for a club return or the ace and another club for a spade return. Either way, declarer would make his slam. Without the revealing 2H cue bid, declarer might have tried to make the contract by taking the spade finesse.

This is not to say you should not use the Michael's cue bid or other tools, but rather realize that like the preempt, they are double-edged swords which may cut you. Note 7D can be made only if played by South. A heart lead would defeat it if declared by North.

It's so important to listen to the bidding. While this may seem simple and obvious, it is surprising so many people listen but do not hear. Take a look, or rather, a listen.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S AK10				
	8				
Dlr W	H J7				
Vul N-S	D KJ3				
	C KQ72				
		West	North	East	South
S 2	S QJ97	1H	DBL	RDBL	1S
H AK96	H Q8	2D	2S	Pass	Pass
2	D 942	3D	3S	DBL	All
D AQ875	C AJ83				Pass
C 105					
	S 6543				
	H 10543				
	D 106				
	C 964				

BIDDING: North had a very good takeout double and East redoubled to promise ten or more HCP. South properly took a preference to spades and West's 2D bid showed a red two-suiter with no extras and no particular desire to defend. North wasn't done and competed to 2S. East was tempted to double but passed knowing West must make another call. After West bid 3D, North loved his hand and bid one more. East knew what to do and 3S doubled became the final contract.

PLAY: It's too gory to describe the details but declarer ended up with only five tricks for down four and -1100. North was heard to say " But, I had 17 HCP, I had to bid again". Let's do the math that North should have done at the table: (approx. numbers) West: 13 HCP, North: 17 HCP, East: 10 HCP, South: well, that doesn't leave South with any, does it? North must know as soon as the redouble is made that his partner is broke. This is a terrible case of a player bidding his hand without LISTENING to his partner.

Note that East could (and perhaps should) have doubled 2S but he had faith that his partner would take another call. Auctions with the redouble should be discussed thoroughly with your partners.

The 4-3-2-1 point count system is used by most people to evaluate their hands, but this doesn't help when it comes to the intermediate spot cards. This hand is a good example of their importance.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S J1092				
	H AK5				
Dlr N	H 4				
Vul E-W	D A83				
	C 72				
S K5		West	North	East	South
H QJ6	S 8643		1D	Pass	1H
D 1075	H 87				
C KQ108	D QJ942	Pass	2H	All	
3	C A9			Pass	
	S AQ7				
	H 10932				
	D K6				
	C J654				

BIDDING: The auction was straight forward. South thought about trying for game but decided to take his plus score. West might have ventured an overcall but the vulnerability convinced him to defend.

PLAY: East overtook his partner's king of club and led one back. South ducked the nine of clubs but West won with the ten to play a third round. His play of the queen requested a spade return. (A low club would have asked for a diamond return.) Declarer saw no good choice and finally ruffed with the four. East over-ruffed and obediently returned a spade. Now South had another dilemma: should he be talked out of the spade finesse or go up with the ace? Since this was a pairs event and overtricks were important, he played low but West won the spade king. Now another club gave declarer yet another option. He finally ruffed low and East gleefully won the heart eight. Declarer still had another trump to lose and ended up down one.

Declarer had two ways to make this contract. He could ruff the third club high or he could have refused the spade finesse. A wily defender will often give false signals attempting to persuade declarer to take (or refuse) finesses so perhaps it wasn't that clear the spade finesse was going to lose. Notice the value of the heart eight; if it had been in dummy rather than the four, declarer would have had no problem.



March results:

Mike's Thursday open pairs – March 1 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (72.76%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne -Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.65%) Chris & Dick Benson - LeRoy
- 3rd. (57.69%) Chris & Kirk Biggs - Bloomington
- 4th. (54.81%) Ann Garrett-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (53.87%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 6th. (52.89%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

Mike's Saturday open pairs – March 3 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.19%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 2nd. (59.03%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.64%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 4th. (52.78%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 5th. (50.46%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney

East-West:

- 1st. (59.03%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (57.64%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 3rd. (51.39%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – March 5 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (67.26%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2nd. (58.65%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 3rd. (56.73%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.81%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 5th. (54.17%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 6th. (50.96%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Walter Fox-Bloomington

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

- 1st. (57.94%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 2nd. (52.38%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 3rd. (51.59%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.79%) Tanya Wahl-Champaign & Al Colman-Champaign
- 5th. (50.00%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – March 6 – 8 teams:

- 1st. Pat Carrington-Champaign, Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign,
Adrian Hutber-Champaign, Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 2nd. Mary & John Cralley-Normal, Dave & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington,
Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 4th. Ken Vogelbaugh-Bloomington, Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington,



Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington, Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Thursday open pairs – March 8 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (57.50%) Chris & Kirk Biggs - Bloomington
Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.67%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.30%) Bev Fast-Peoria & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 5th. (56.25%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 6th. (54.59%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 7th. (53.33%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 8th. (52.59%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – March 10 – 5 tables:

- 1st. (65.28%) Ray Dostal-Bloomington & Leonard Johnson-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.94%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.17%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 4th. (53.24%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – March 12 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.50%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Joyce McEldowney-Dunlap
- 2nd. (55.06%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.17%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.79%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Babe Fullan-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (62.50%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.63%) Bev Megennes-Towanda & Jeanne Strand-Normal
- 3rd. (54.17%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only teams – March 12 – 4½ tables:

- 1-2. (65.63%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
Tanya Wahl-Champaign & Al Colman-Champaign
- 3rd. (59.38%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Fran Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.04%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – March 13 – 4 teams:

- 1st. Gail & Jim Moon-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. Arlene & Carroll Drablos-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign, Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign

Mike's Thursday open pairs – March 15 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (61.67%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 2nd. (58.52%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.92%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4th. (55.00%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.96%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 6th. (52.59%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Babe Fullan-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – March 17 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (66.07%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield
- 2nd. (59.82%) Martin Compton-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Sandy Singer-Peoria
- 4th. (54.17%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.89%) Ray Dostal-Bloomington & Leonard Johnson-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (57.41%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

2nd. (55.03%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

3rd. (53.97%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

4-5. (50.53%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal

Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – March 19 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (61.90%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

2nd. (56.85%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

3rd. (55.95%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

4th. (53.87%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

5th. (52.08%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (60.85%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

2-3. (54.50%) Margaret Ferguson-Peoria & David Thornton-London,UK

Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington

4th. (50.26%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

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

1st. (59.72%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton

2nd. (55.56%) Joan & Vern Shelton - Downs

3rd. (52.78%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

4th. (51.39%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – March 20 – 7 teams:

1st. Jeanne & Don Strand-Normal, Phil Kenney-Eureka, Floyd Sherry-Eureka

2nd. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington

3rd. Chris Biggs-Bloomington, Eunice Patton-Bloomington,

Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – March 22 – 8 tables:

North-South:

1st. (58.04%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

2nd. (55.65%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton

3rd. (52.08%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Eunice Viktor-Morton

4th. (50.60%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (63.69%) Becky Lagouros-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

2nd. (57.44%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap

3rd. (54.46%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – March 24 – 11 tables:

North-South:

1st. (59.26%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

2nd. (59.25%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield

3rd. (53.94%) Bill Carley-Peoria & John Burdon-Washington

4-5. (53.70%) Dennis Fitton-Sidney & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign

Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield

6th. (53.24%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (56.94%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Sandy Singer-Peoria

2nd. (54.40%) Mary Stecher-Peoria & Bill Bulfer-East Peoria

3rd. (54.17%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

4th. (53.24%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Sallie Boge-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – March 26 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.04%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.74%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (50.60%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (55.65%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 2nd. (55.06%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (54.46%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 4th. (53.87%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.19%) Chris & Dick Benson - LeRoy

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – March 26 – 4 tables:

- 1st. (61.90%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Dorothy Berg-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.11%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 3rd. (60.32%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – March 27 – 7 teams:

- 1st. Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington, Charlie Morton-Bloomington, Dave & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. Chris Biggs-Bloomington, Eunice Patton-Bloomington,
Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington,
Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 4th. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – March 29 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (68.75%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.92%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.50%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 4th. (56.67%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 5th. (55.00%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 6th. (54.17%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 7th. (53.75%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Phil Kenney-Eureka

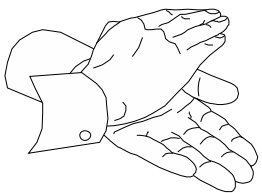
Mike's Saturday open pairs – March 31 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.75%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 2nd. (50.60%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield

East-West:

- 1st. (60.71%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Sandy Singer-Peoria
- 2nd. (57.74%) Fei Dong-Peoria & Chris Shaw-Carlinville
- 3rd. (55.06%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Ray Dostal-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.46%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington



Congratulations to all winners!



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2007 masterpoint races - updated 3/7/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Joe Krause #7 with 4.50

50-100 masterpoints: Ramesh #2 with 13.15, Bev Upp #10 with 7.84

100-200 masterpoints: nn Schuyler #3 with 13.21, Dennis Moll #4 with 11.79

200-300 masterpoints:

Chris Biggs #2 with 16.82, Ray Dostal #4 with 13.28, Steve Wulfers #10 with 8.44

300-500 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #4 with 21.66, Charlie Morton #9 with 12.24, Peg Deutsch #10 with 11.48

500-1000 masterpoints: Jim Moon #3 with 26.54,

Zack Freehill #5 with 21.27, Glen Beaman #8 with 19.19, Stan Gutzman #10 with 18.67

1000-2500 masterpoints: Steve Babin #6 with 29.46, Mike Tomlianovich #10 with 19.75

2500-5000 masterpoints: Betty Capodice #2 with 30.29

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

0-5 masterpoints: Sam Weiler #10 with .53

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Joe Krause #7 with 2.71

50-100 masterpoints: Ramesh #7 with 5.89

100-200 masterpoints: Dennis Moll #6 with 4.53, Ann Schuyler #7 with 3.96

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #3 with 9.30, Dave Freehill #6 with 5.36, Bev Meginnes #10 with 4.03

300-500 masterpoints: Peg Deutsch #5 with 6.81

500-1000 masterpoints: Zack Freehill #7 with 11.63, Steve Hawthorne #8 with 10.36

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #3 with 15.55

2500-5000 masterpoints Betty Capodice #2 with 6.60



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 11 of a 16-part series

This month: the sections titled “JUMP OVERCALL” & “OPENING PREEMPTS”.

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

For the section titled “JUMP OVERCALL”, consider when your LHO opens the bidding 1 club and your partner overcalls 2 hearts. What does this bid mean? If this means your partner has a strong hand (16+ points and a good suit), then check “strong” on the convention card in this section. If this bid shows intermediate values (ex: 8-15 HCPs and a 5+ card suit), then mark intermediate. Both of these agreements MUST be alerted when used. The most common method is the jump overcall is the equivalent of a weak 2 opening bid (i.e. 6-card suit with less than an opening hand). Check “weak” for this agreement.

For the section titled “OPENING PREEMPTS”, describe your partnership agreement for opening at the 3 level or 4 level. The choices are ‘sound’ (i.e. 2 of the top 3 or 3 of the top 5 honors in the bid suit), ‘light’ (i.e. values less than ‘sound’), or ‘very light’ (i.e. even less than ‘light’). The best suggestion is to mark ‘sound’ for vulnerable preempts and light for non-vulnerable preempts. Hardly anyone does ‘very light’. If your partnership has a special agreement to respond to 3 or 4 level opening bids, record on the line after ‘conv/resp’. Any agreement marked on this line must be alerted.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “OVER OPP’S T/O DOUBLE”.



Bloomington-Normal new rank achievers – so far in 2007:

New junior masters:

New club masters:

New sectional masters: Joann Rouse

New regional masters: Walter Fox, Ann Schuyler

New NABC masters:

New life masters:

New bronze life masters:

New gold life masters:

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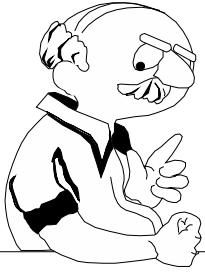
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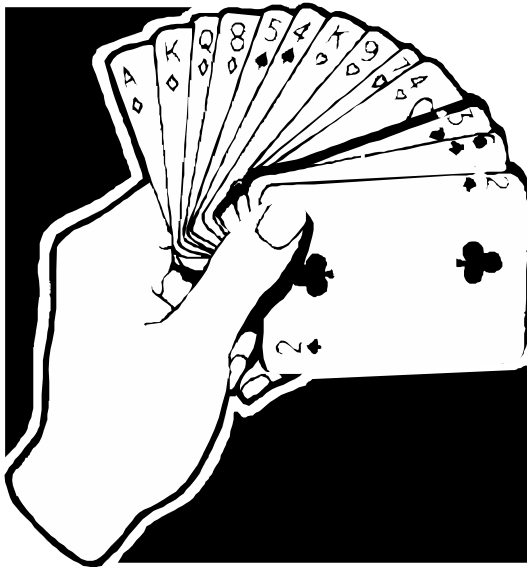
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2007/03/01	72.76%	Betty Capodice & Steve Hawthorne
2007/01/08	70.96%	Roberta Weddig & Joe Krause
2006/10/23	70.00%	Linda Hanfland & Sarah Bourland
2006/09/14	71.39%	Zack Freehill & Steve Hawthorne
2006/09/04	70.63%	Gail & Jim Moon
2006/08/03	70.54%	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
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