



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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May events:



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

May 7 – open pairs

May 14 – open pairs

May 21 – open pairs

May 28 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Tuesday, May 1, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, May 3, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, May 5, NO GAME – GNT in SPRINGFIELD

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

Tuesday, May 8, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, May 10, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

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

Monday, May 14, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

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

Thursday, May 17, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, May 19, open pairs(11:45AM) & pupils only(12:30PM) – Westminster

Monday, May 21, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only pairs(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, May 22, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, May 24, open pairs(11:45AM), 99ers only pairs(12:15PM), pupils only(12:30PM) – Crossroads

Saturday, May 26, NO GAME – ILLINI REGIONAL

Monday, May 28, pupils only(7:00PM) & 99ers only(6:15PM) – Heartland

Tuesday, May 29, 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:

The Safe Harbor homeless shelter is in need of winter coats for men. If have any man's coat you would like to donate, please contact Safe Harbor.

Westminster Village offers a variety of living options, from an individual duplex in the "Willows" to comprehensive skilled nursing care at the Martin Health Center. Westminster Village provides the opportunity for an independent lifestyle with services and security. Please phone Jean Daily at 309-663-6474, visit Jean at the Westminster Village office at 2025 E Lincoln Street in Bloomington, or check their web site: <http://www.westminstervillageinc.com/>

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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 2,005.61 Gail Moon
- 4 1,781.05 Steve Babin
- 5 1,489.64 Mike Tomlianovich
- 6 946.22 Ivey Weaver
- 7 895.82 Jeanne Strand
- 8 890.64 Hank Hoffman
- 9 854.90 Steve Hawthorne
- 10 837.81 Eunice Patton
- 11 835.78 Jim Moon
- 12 815.78 Zack Freehill
- 13 689.21 Glen Beaman
- 14 683.70 Stan Gutzman
- 15 667.05 Don Strand
- 16 663.73 Henrietta Crain
- 17 617.06 Jean Barnett
- 18 567.01 Martin Compton
- 19 526.70 Sam Katz
- 20 512.91 Ruth Wettaw
- 21 492.02 Ann Farnsworth
- 22 453.00 Charlie Morton
- 23 426.56 Bob Smith
- 24 404.03 Carole Bardwell
- 25 377.81 John Ferrell

Other players:

- 11,659.16 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 9,015.61 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,862.82 Norinne Nelson
- 3,501.75 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,635.98 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,448.25 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2,264.49 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,217.80 Dick Nelson
- 2,093.12 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 1,891.17 Pat Carrington-Champaign
- 1,872.96 Kish Devaraj
- 1,807.24 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 1,690.88 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 1,631.14 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,589.83 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,513.36 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,280.66 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,278.65 Leah Newell- Springfield
- 1,152.61 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,147.65 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,127.72 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,079.99 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 1,074.45 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,023.03 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 905.48 Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 900.18 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 744.90 Donna Kaufman-Peoria
- 732.20 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 694.90 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 660.37 Adrian Hutber-Champaign
- 623.19 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 603.63 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 569.25 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 571.42 Phil Kenney-Eureka
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#1

Some hands have such wild distribution it's difficult to know what to bid. Here is one such hand that paid off when both partners took aggressive views.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S A7				
	H KJ86542				
Dlr W	D K987				
Vul N-S	C				
S 83	S QJ10962	West	North	East	South
H AQ10973	H	2H	Pass	Pass	5C
D 654	D QJ103	Pass	6C	All	
C 108	C 754			Pass	
	S K54				
	H				
	D A2				
	C AKQJ9632				

BIDDING: North couldn't believe it when he heard a 2H bid on his right but passed hoping his partner would make a takeout double. South didn't know what was right but finally leaped to 5C. Now it was up to North to determine how valuable his cards were to his partner. A jump to a vulnerable game at the five level showed a very good hand so he finally decided his spade ace and diamond king were great cards and bid the slam. He understood his heart cards would not help his partner.

PLAY: West led the spade eight and declarer saw his only loser was a spade trick. However, the bidding suggested East might have length in spades and diamonds so a squeeze was possible. The play was easy. He won the spade ace and ruffed a heart to his hand. He then ran his eight clubs and East could not protect both pointed suits and eventually surrendered peacefully. Bidding six and making seven was an excellent score.

There is no doubt North took a gamble raising with a void but he had confidence his partner would have an exceptionally strong hand to bid 5C. Note that South was reluctant to double at his first opportunity because he was concerned his partner may pass and an eight card club suit certainly doesn't suggest defending.

When declaring the hand, it is important to remember the bidding. The auction usually holds information that will help place the opponents' high cards. Here is an example.

Scoring: IMPs

	S Q8				
Dlr E	H K108				
	D J8643				
Vul N-S	C K86				
		West	North	East	South
S 75	S AJ10963			2S	DBL
H QJ53	H 762				
D K752	D	Pass	3D*	Pass	3NT
C 932	C QJ54	All			
		Pass			
	S K42				
	H A94				
	D AQ109				
	C A107				

* natural with 7-10 high card points

BIDDING: Over East's 2S bid, South had the values for 2NT but was concerned about holding only one spade stopper. A takeout double normally includes four cards in the other major but South finally decided this was his best call. This partnership uses the Lebensohl convention so North's response of 3D showed values. With a weaker hand, North would have bid 2NT relaying his partner to 3C and he would then show a weak hand by bidding 3D. South bid 3NT hoping for help in the spade suit.

PLAY: West led his partner's suit and declarer saw he needed the diamond suit to come to nine tricks. Remembering the bidding, South realized the king of diamonds very likely to be in the West hand. Accordingly, he rose with dummy's queen so that East would not duck the first spade. East could do no more than continue spades and declarer won the third round. It was now safe to enter dummy and take the diamond finesse. Declarer ended with nine tricks (1 spade, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds, and 2 clubs).

Note if declarer played low from dummy on the first trick, East would insert the nine of spades. It would be essential for South to duck this trick. By rising with the queen, declarer would win two spade tricks if East failed to play his ace.

#3

It's exciting when both declarer and the defenders are pushed to their limits to succeed. Here is a hand where good defense prevailed.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S	KQ7			
	H	A			
Dlr S	D	K93			
Vul E/W	C	KQJ964			
S 1052	S	A984	West	North	East
H 10873	H	9			South
D J2	D	A107654	Pass	4H	All
C A532	C	107			Pass
	S	J63			
	H	KQJ6542			
	D	Q8			
	C	8			

BIDDING: South had a normal preempt and North had enough high cards to expect the game to make.

PLAY: At most tables South was successful in 4H losing only three aces. However, at this table West decided to lead his jack of diamonds and things got really interesting. East encouraged as declarer won the queen. Next South led a heart to dummy's ace and tried to get back to his hand with a small spade toward his jack but East was alert and rose with the ace. East had a count on declarer's hand and led a low club to West's ace. Now a second diamond to the ace followed by a third diamond forced declarer to ruff with a high trump. The heart ten had been promoted and the defense now had a trump trick to go with their three aces. This hand was not going to succeed against best defense.

The old "second hand low" rule did not apply here. If East ducked the first spade, declarer would win the jack and draw trumps.

#4

It's important to know how to play the various card combinations. Try this one.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		S AQ53			
Dlr	S	H 10762			
	E/	D 104			
Vul	W	C 987			
			West	North	East
					South
S	10764	S			1H
H	85	H			
D	K97	D	Pass	2H	Pass
C	KJ42	C	All		4H
			Pass		
		S			
		J2			
		H			
		AKQJ43			
		D			
		QJ			
		C			
		A106			

BIDDING: South bid game after North's raise.

PLAY: West led a low trump and declarer stopped to count his losers. He saw one possible spade loser along with two in both diamonds and clubs. The only suit that offered any hope was the spade suit. So declarer won the heart lead followed by another to dummy's ten. He then led a low spade from dummy and East had no good answer. Finally he won the king and shifted to a club. Declarer won the ace, unblocked the spade jack, and then led another trump to dummy. Next he discarded two of his losers on the spade ace and queen.

It is important you see that no other spade play by declarer would have succeeded. Also, note that if East ducked the first spade lead, declarer would win the jack and follow with another to the ace. A third spade from dummy would allow South to ruff East's king and later discard a loser on the spade queen. He would lose only three tricks.

Also notice how lucky declarer was. An opening club lead (or two rounds of diamonds and then a club shift) would defeat the contract. West chose the wrong time for a trump lead.



April results:

Gayl West Duplicate – April 2 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (69.35%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (55.95%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.08%) Fran Morton-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.52%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2nd. (55.65%) Bobbie Straker-Pekin & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (52.38%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – April 2 – 3½ tables:

- 1st. (62.50%) Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington & Fran Morton-Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Mary Lou Gold-Bloomington & Roberta Weddig-Normal
- 3rd. (52.78%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 4th. (51.39%) Vern Shelton-Downs & John Sheen-Downs

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – April 3 – 8 teams:

- 1st. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 2nd. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. Maggie Stephens-Champaign, Pat Carrington-Champaign,
Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign, John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 4th, Margaret Hansell-Champaign, Stan Gutzman-Normal, Bill Carley-Peoria, Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

Mike's Thursday open pairs – April 5 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.56%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.35%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.32%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (65.67%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.99%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (56.89%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.79%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – April 7 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.56%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.42%) Marilyn Stickel-Leon & Ray Russ-Henry
- 3rd. (51.88%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Tim Cull-Springfield

East-West:

- 1st. (62.79%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (56.89%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.54%) Donna Kaufman-Peoria & Georgia Heth-Morton

4th. (50.77%) Fei Dong-Peoria & Chris Shaw-Carlinville

Gayl West Duplicate – April 9 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (55.95%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 2nd. (52.38%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.49%) Joanne Rouse-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.04%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.95%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.30%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only teams – April 9 – 5½ tables:

- 1st. (62.50%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2-3. (58.60%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
Tanya Wahl-Champaign & Al Colman-Champaign
- 4th. (55.56%) Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington & Michelle Tomlin-Normal
- 5th. (52.78%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Fran Morton-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – April 10 – 4 teams:

- 1st. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – April 12 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.69%) Bev Fast-Peoria & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.61%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.65%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4th. (54.17%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 5th. (52.08%) Anny Schuyler-Bloomington & Darryl Bremner-Clinton

East-West:

- 1st. (63.69%) Mary & John Cralley- Normal
- 2nd. (60.42%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.55%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.60%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Bill Carley-Peoria

Mike's Saturday open pairs – April 14 – 10½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (64.61%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (61.52%) Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.41%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.73%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5th. (51.44%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 6th. (51.23%) Linda Mitchell-Cambridge,ON,CA & Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 7th. (50.62%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Meginnis-Towanda

East-West:

- 1st. (62.73%) Steve Babin-Normal & Sandy Singer-Peoria
- 2nd. (57.87%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 3-4. (54.86%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
Mary Cralley-Normal & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Donna Kaufman-Peoria & Georgia Heth-Morton

Gayl West Duplicate – April 16 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.49%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Anita Carney-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.48%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.02%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.32%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.69%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

East-West:

- 1st. (61.34%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 2nd. (57.87%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.71%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 4th. (51.85%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – April 16 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (69.44%) Mary Houska-Normal & Michelle Tomlin-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.67%) Tanya Wahl-Champaign & Al Colman-Champaign
- 3rd. (55.00%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 4th. (54.44%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.22%) Joan & Vern Shelton - Downs
- 6th. (50.00%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – April 17 – 6 teams:

- 1st. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Stan Gutzman-Normal, Phil Kenney-Eureka, Floyd Sherry-Eureka

Mike's Thursday open pairs – April 19 – 6 ½ tables:

- 1st. (64.17%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (62.08%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 3rd. (58.75%) Anny Schuyler-Bloomington & John Sheen-Downs
- 4th. (57.04%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 5th. (55.84%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.67%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 7th. (50.00%) Charlie Morton-Bloomington & Phil Kenney-Eureka

Mike's Saturday open pairs – April 21 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.06%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 2nd. (54.40%) Liz & Chuck Zalar - Springfield
- 3rd. (51.16%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.69%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

- 1st. (64.81%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Sandy Singer-Peoria
- 2nd. (53.47%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.01%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (52.78%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 5th. (51.16%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – April 23 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (56.92%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Gail Moon-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.16%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (52.23%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.94%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 5th. (50.26%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (61.82%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 2nd. (57.55%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.70%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 4th. (52.63%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Chris Biggs-Bloomington
- 5th. (52.40%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 6th. (52.25%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

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

- 1st. (61.11%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd, (58.33%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield
- 3rd. (55.56%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 4-5. (50.00%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington

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

- 1st. Jeanne & Don Strand-Normal, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Leonard Johnson-Bloomington,
Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – April 26 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (58.52%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.15%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.59%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & John Cralley-Normal
- 4th. (51.85%) Phil Kenney-Eureka & Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 5th. (55.84%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 6th. (50.37%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Margaret Hansell-Champaign

Mike's Saturday open pairs – April 28 – 6 1/2 tables:

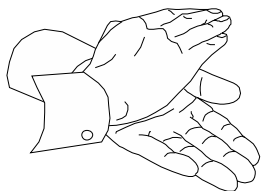
- 1st. (61.25%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 2nd. (56.67%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 3rd. (54.59%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.75%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (53.33%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 6th. (52.59%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 7th. (52.08%) Bret Van Fleet-Blomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – April 30 – 7 1/2 tables:

- 1-2. (60.58%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 3-4. (58.65%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal
Laura Addison-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 5th. (56.41%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Dave Freehill-Bloomington
- 6th. (55.13%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 7th. (54.17%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 8th. (50.64%) Bev Meginnes-Towanda & Henrietta Crain-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – April 30 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (61.67%) Jerry Hinds-Morton & Jim Swanke-Morton
- 2nd, (58.89%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 3rd. (55.00%) Roberta Weddig-Normal & joe Krause-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.78%) Gaye Hoselton-Chenoa & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.56%) Ann Schimelpfenig-Bloomington & John Sheen-Downs
- 6th. (50.00%) Sam Weiler-Bloomington & Bev Upp-Bloomington



Congratulations to all winners!



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208 2007 masterpoint races - updated 4/5/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints: Joe Krause #10 with 5.55

50-100 masterpoints: Bev Upp #3 with 2.42, Ramesh #7 with 14.87, Kirk Biggs #8 with 14.74

100-200 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 31.04, Dennis Moll #9 with 13.27

200-300 masterpoints:

Chris Biggs #2 with 36.80, Ray Dostal #4 with 16.24, Dave Freehill #9 with 10.66

300-500 masterpoints:

Carole Bardwell #4 with 34.66, Charlie Morton #5 with 28.24, Peg Deutsch #7 with 21.04

500-1000 masterpoints: Steve Hawthorne #3 with 53.08, Jim Moon #4 with 50.10,

Zack Freehill #6 with 42.50, Eunice Patton #8 with 41.02

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #7 with 40.22

2500-5000 masterpoints: Betty Capodice #2 with 43.66

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

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints:

50-100 masterpoints:

100-200 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #7 with 8.27, Dennis Moll #7 with 6.01,

200-300 masterpoints:

Chris Biggs # with 16.64, Dave Freehill #5 with 9.10, Walter Fox #8 with 6.56, Bev Meginnes #10 with 5.46

300-500 masterpoints: Ruth Wettaw #3 with 12.04

500-1000 masterpoints: Jim Moon #3 with 21.76, Zack Freehill #6 with 20.29, Steve Hawthorne #7 with 20.13

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #1 with 31.88, Laura Addison #5 with 18.62

2500-5000 masterpoints Betty Capodice #2 with 19.97



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 12 of a 16-part series

This month: the sections titled “OVER OPP”S T/O DOUBLE”.

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

When your partner opens the bidding and your RHO calls a takeout double, you and your partner should discuss bidding agreements that usually are different than when your RHO simply passes.

The first thing to do is to decide how to handle the bidding of a new suit at both the 1 and 2 levels. Most players will treat the 1 level as forcing and the 2 level as not forcing, so check the first box on the first line. For example, if your partner opens 1 club, your RHO doubles, your bidding 1 spade would be forcing just as if the double had not been called. Another example, if your partner opens 1 heart, your RHO doubles, your bidding 2 clubs would not be forcing, which is different from when the double had not been called.

Then determine how a jump shift is to be interpreted. Check forcing if you treat the jump as being forcing, i.e. the same when no double is called; check good if the bid is invitational (not used very much); or check weak if the bid is pre-emptive. Many players are treating a jump shift after a takeout double as being weak-preemptive to try to jam the likely stronger opponents' auction.

Also, show what a redouble means. Standard bidding says a redouble shows 10+ HCPs, with or without a fit with partner. Many players now use a redouble to show 10+ HCPs without a fit, using a convention for when there is a fit.

That convention is the Jordan 2NT. If partner opens 1 heart, RHO doubles, your jump to 2NT shows a limit major raise, or better, in partner's suit. Then a jump to the 3 level in partner's suit could show a weak hand. Check the portions of Jordan 2NT you and your partner use on the next 3 lines, selecting majors and/or minors with limit+, limit, or weak strength hands.

If you and your partner have any special agreements for when RHO does a takeout double, describe them on the last line of this section.

Next month's tip: The section titled “VS Opening Preempts Double is”.

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, Art Adams, Bev Upp

New NABC masters: Peg Deutsch, Chris Biggs

New life masters:

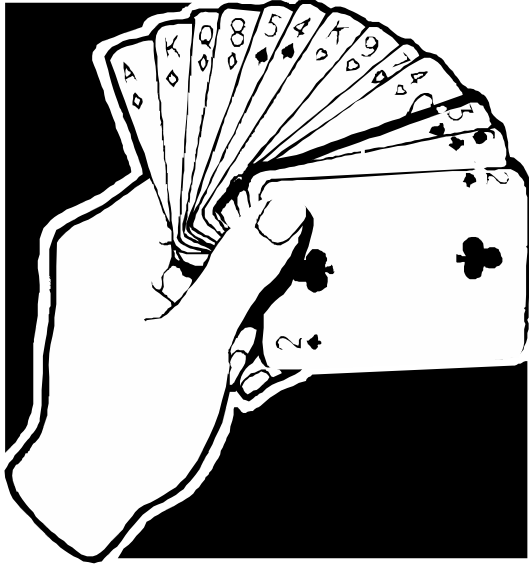
New bronze life masters: Ruth Wettaw

New gold life masters:

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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

Upcoming tournaments:

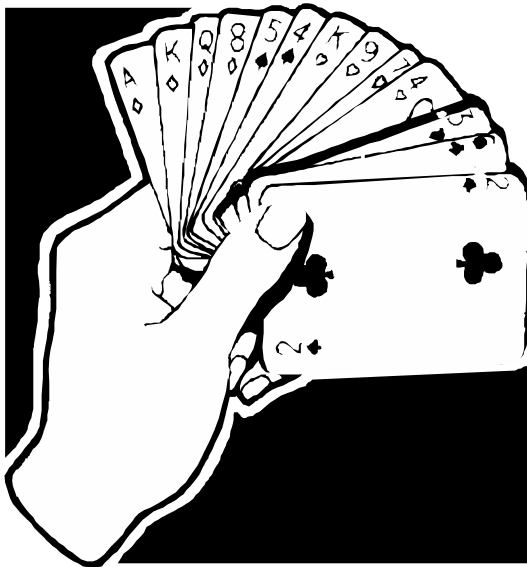


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