



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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July events:



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

July 2 – NAP qualifier open pairs

July 9 – open pairs July 16 – open pairs July 23 – open pairs July 23 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

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

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

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

Saturday, July 7, NO GAME – SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT IN DOWNS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 31, 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/>

Heartland Community College offers community education courses, including bridge. Get a catalog at bridge games or access the web page at: <http://www.heartland.edu/cce/corpcom/index.html>

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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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- 3 2,017.24 Gail Moon
- 4 1,806.12 Steve Babin
- 5 1,506.74 Mike Tomlianovich
- 6 950.20 Ivey Weaver
- 7 905.25 Hank Hoffman
- 8 904.85 Jeanne Strand
- 9 897.04 Steve Hawthorne
- 10 851.37 Eunice Patton
- 11 847.80 Jim Moon
- 12 828.07 Zack Freehill
- 13 702.94 Glen Beaman
- 14 695.09 Stan Gutzman
- 15 676.08 Don Strand
- 16 667.59 Henrietta Crain
- 17 632.48 Jean Barnett
- 18 568.32 Martin Compton
- 19 526.70 Sam Katz
- 20 520.96 Ruth Wettaw
- 21 494.74 Ann Farnsworth
- 22 462.81 Charlie Morton
- 23 441.79 Carole Bardwell
- 24 428.44 Bob Smith
- 25 409.59 Randall Motchan

Other players:

- 11,880.88 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 9,222.27 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,876.32 Norinne Nelson
- 3,515.95 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,689.80 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,453.30 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2,380.57 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,231.43 Dick Nelson
- 2,116.03 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 1,931.82 Kish Devaraj
- 1,917.81 Pat Carrington-Champaign
- 1,865.23 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 1,746.98 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 1,637.36 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,635.50 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,613.78 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,290.34 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,364.45 Leah Newell- Springfield
- 1,230.19 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 1,182.56 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,178.29 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,142.81 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,113.25 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,094.86 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 913.74 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 912.69 Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 753.15 Donna Kaufman-Peoria
- 745.14 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 707.36 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 678.46 Adrian Hutber-Champaign
- 636.24 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 605.64 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 587.96 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 571.90 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
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#1

Some people take finesses just for the practice but a good declarer will take only those that are necessary. Take a look at this hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

S 952
 Dir E H QJ93
 Vul E/ D J2
 W C AQJ3

S KQ10	S A873	West	North	East	South
H 54	H 10			Pass	1H
D K108	D 96543	Pass	3H	Pass	4H
7	C 1052	All			
C K986		Pass			

S J64
 H AK876
 2
 D AQ
 C 74

BIDDING: North invited game with a limit raise and South accepted.

PLAY: West led the king of spades and East encouraged with the eight. West continued with the queen of spades and East won the third spade with the ace. East now switched to a low diamond and without much thought, declarer played the queen to end up one down when the finesse lost. This was not good bridge. It didn't matter where the diamond king was located; the contract depended upon finding the king of clubs in the West hand. When that finesse succeeded, a repeat club finesse would allow declarer to discard his diamond loser on the ace of clubs. This was not difficult and declarer should have understood the contract depended upon the king of clubs before he played to trick one. This shows the importance of playing the hand, not the suit.

It's efforts like this that send players scampering to the Partnership Desk.

#2

The successful declarer will study the entire hand before he plays to trick one. Here is a good example.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		S Q2				
		H AK				
Dlr	E	KQ875				
	E/	D 2				
Vul	W	C 1073	West	North	East	South
					Pass	1S
S	9763					
		S J5	Pass	2D	Pass	2H
H	876	H 10952				
D	A9	D 1063	Pass	3C	Pass	3S
C	KQ9	C A865	Pass	3S	Pass	4S
	4					
			All			
		S AK108	Pass			
		4				
		H QJ43				
		D J4				
		C J2				

BIDDING: This N/S pair plays the 2/1 system so 2D was forcing to game. Over his partner's 2H bid, North's bid of the fourth suit (instead of notrump) suggested he did not have a stopper in that suit. South next showed a mild preference to diamonds also denying a club feature. After North showed a doubleton in spades, South carried on to game.

PLAY: The bidding practically begged for a club lead and the defenders quickly led three rounds. Declarer trumped the third club and carefully studied his situation. Since he still had to lose a diamond, he could not afford to lose a spade trick. That meant the outstanding trumps must divide 3-3 or the jack had to be doubleton. But if he drew trumps and they were 4-2, the defenders would lead another club after winning the diamond ace. So declarer played a diamond to dummy's king and the defenders could no longer defeat the contract. Declarer next unblocked the heart ace-king and drew trumps.

Note if the defenders win the diamond and lead another club, declarer can ruff this in dummy. Then he unblocks the hearts, plays the spade queen, and returns to his hand with the jack of diamonds to draw trumps. Be sure to see that declarer must not draw trumps before ensuring his tenth trick, a diamond.

#3

If you're not in the best contract, even good declarer play isn't enough. Here's a good example.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		S K762				
Dlr	E	H J92				
Vul	E/ W	D A975 C K8				
			West	North	East	South
S	Q10				Pass	1C
H	AK1075	S J9854				
	3	H 64	1H	DBL*	Pass	3C
D	J4	D Q863	Pass	3H	Pass	4C
C	1065	C 74	Pass	5C	All Pass	
		S A3				
		H Q8				
		D K102				
		C AQJ932				

* Negative Double

BIDDING: North's cue bid of 3H asked South to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. Not realizing the value of the queen opposite JXX, South declined and North raised to the club game.

PLAY: After winning the first two heart tricks, West continued with a third round. The first reason was to allow partner to ruff out dummy's jack, and the second was the possibility partner would ruff with an honor and promote the ten of clubs. Declarer was now stuck with what appeared to be a losing trick in diamonds. After drawing three rounds of trumps, he realized that West had started with nine cards in hearts and clubs and therefore would likely be short in the other two suits. With a squeeze against East in mind, declarer next played three rounds of spades ruffing in hand. Now he knew West held only two diamonds so he tightened the noose around East. On the last trump, East had to discard from spade J and diamond Q86 while dummy held spade 7 and diamond A9 and declarer held diamond K102. A discard from either suit would give declarer his eleventh trick.

This was a well played hand by declarer. Unfortunately, several pairs were in 3NT also making eleven tricks for a better score. In most of those cases, South opened the bidding 1NT and the higher scoring game was quickly reached.

#4

This example shows why it's important to "play the hand" rather than "play the suit". Take a look.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

S AQJ3
 Dir N H Q10
 Vul E/ D A1032
 W C J76

S 87	S 109	West	North	East	South
H K865	H 97432		1D	Pass	1S
D Q98	D K74		2S	All	
C AK8	C Q109	Pass		Pass	
5					

S K654
 2
 H AJ
 D J65
 C 432

BIDDING: This was a standard bidding sequence to a spade part score. Notice that E/W failed to balance over 2S. West should reopen with a takeout double and they will reach 3H and succeed for a score of +140.

PLAY: Against 2S, West led the ace of clubs and after receiving an encouraging signal from his partner, continued with the king and then a third round to the queen. East then shifted to a low heart and declarer stopped to analyze his situation. South realized he would probably lose two diamonds if he had to break the suit. That meant if the heart finesse lost he would fail by one trick. Then he saw the solution: He rose with the ace of hearts, drew trumps, and then exited with his last heart. Now the opponents had to lead diamonds or give him a sluff/ruff. Either way he would make his contract. He simply ducks the diamond lead and wins in the other hand. Please note it doesn't matter who wins the heart king for him to succeed.

So while the best way to play this heart combination is to take the finesse, the best way to play the hand is to rise with the ace.



June results:

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 2 – 12 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (60.98%) Chuck Young-Peoria & Pat Moos-Peoria
- 2nd. (59.09%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (56.44%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 4th. (51.70%) Paul Lindauer-Varna & Ray Russ-Henry
- 5th. (50.95%) Ann & Art Adams - Bloomington
- 6th. (50.00%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (59.28%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.95%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 4th. (55.11%) Praveen Jayachandran-Champaign & Dan Bunde-Champaign
- 5th. (53.22%) Bill & Bill Lindemann - Champaign
- 6th. (51.50%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – June 4 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (62.20%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (61.61%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (57.44%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Bev Meginnes-Towanda
- 4th. (50.60%) Henrietta Crain-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (58.47%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.29%) Darry Bremner-Canton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.44%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington
- 8th. (51.06%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only teams – June 4 – 6 tables:

- 1st. (67.78%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & John Sheen-Downs
- 2nd. (66.67%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.67%) Linda Frankeberger-Bloomington & Harber Hall-Bloomington
- 4-5. (53.33%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
Sue McGroarty-Normal & Dottie Peters-Normal
- 6th. (52.78%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 7th. (50.00%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – June 5 – 5 teams:

- 1st. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. Jean Barnett-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington,
Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Jim Moon-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 7 – 7 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.77%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (55.06%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.49%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (60.71%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (55.06%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (53.27%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.38%) Bill Carley-Peoria & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.79%) John Sheen-Downs & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 9 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.61%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (55.95%) Fred Clark-Mahomet & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.36%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.19%) Martin compton-Bloomington & mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1-2. (54.46%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Shirley Bloch-Peoria
Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 4th. (53.27%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 5th. (50.89%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 6th. (50.60%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal

Gayl West Duplicate – June 11 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.18%) Dewey Gronau-Farmer City & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.95%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 3rd. (52.68%) Joan Rouse-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.60%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Babe Fullan-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (57.14%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. (56.85%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.68%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.38%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 5th. (51.79%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights

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

- 1-2. (63.19%) Stevie & Roger Joslin - Bloomington
Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 3-4. (55.56%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & John Sheen-Downs

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – June 12 – 4 teams:

- 1st. Chis & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. Bev Upp-Bloomington, Mary & John Cralley-Normal, Zack Freehill-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 14 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.93%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (58.33%) Ramesh Chaudhari-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 3rd. (50.89%) Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (68.75%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.14%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.17%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (52.08%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Bill Carley-Peoria

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 16 – 10½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (65.23%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (63.37%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (59.47%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4th. (56.79%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Jim Moon-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.03%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign

East-West:

- 1st. (57.18%) Adrian Hutber-Champaign & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 2nd. (56.25%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 3rd. (55.56%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Ray Dostal-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.55%) Steve Wuofers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.70%) Praveen Jayachandran-Champaign & Dan Bunde-Champaign

Gayl West Duplicate – June 18 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1-2. (57.14%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.98%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Walter Fox-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.93%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.87%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.57%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 4th. (52.98%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Stan Gutzman-Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – June 18 – 6½ tables:

- 1st. (65.56%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington
- 2nd. (60.62%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (60.00%) Lyndon Rich-Normal & Bob Gritton-Heyworth
- 4th. (54.38%) Helen Mogil-Bloomington & Cyndy Johnson-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – June 19 – 6 teams:

- 1st. Chis & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal
- 2nd. Mary & John Cralley-Normal, Dave & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 21 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (63.78%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (61.86%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (58.65%) Eunuce Viktor-Morton & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 4-5. (52.89%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 6th. (51.60%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 7-8. (50.32%) Joanne Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 23 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.26%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.80%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 3rd. (53.47%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Jeanie Nord-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.93%) Harber Hall-Bloomington & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Laura Addison-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (56.94%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Ray Russ-Henry
- 2nd. (56.02%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (55.56%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Chris Shaw-Carlinville
- 4th. (50.00%) Praveen Jayachandran-Champaign & Dan Bunde-Champaign

Gayl West Duplicate – June 25 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.35%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 2nd. (57.95%) Judy Muck-Mackinaw & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.39%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4th. (54.63%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 5th. (51.42%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (62.16%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 2nd. (54.29%) Bev Upp-Bloomington & Ann Schuyler-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.17%) Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.43%) Mary & John Cralley - Normal

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – June 25 – 4½ tables:

- 1st. (59.38%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.33%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Sarah Bourland-Normal
- 3rd. (56.25%) Stevie & Roger joslin - Bloomington
- 4th. (55.21%) Mary Houska-Normal & Jill Colledge-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – June 26 – 5 teams:

- 1st. **Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Carole Bardwell-Normal, Randall Motchan-Bloomington**
- 2nd. **Hank Hoffman-Bloomington, Dewey Gronau-Farmer City, Mary & Rea Jones-Champaign**

Mike's Thursday open pairs – June 28 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (58.63%) **John Cralley-Normal & Martin Compton-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (56.85%) **Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 3rd. (53.57%) **Peg Deutsch-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City**
- 4th. (52.68%) **Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington**
- 5th. (51.49%) **Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal**

East-West:

- 1st. (58.93%) **Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (55.65%) **Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal**
- 3rd. (52.38%) **Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 4th. (52.08%) **Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria**

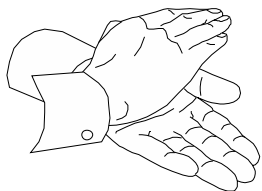
Mike's Saturday open pairs – June 30 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.90%) **Carole Bardwell-Normal & Betty Capodice-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (55.36%) **Dave Freehill-Bloomington & Walter Fox-Bloomington**
- 3-4. (54.17%) **Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Zack Freehill=Bloomington**
Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (59.23%) **Jim Moon-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington**
- 2nd. (57.44%) **Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Steve Babin-Normal**
- 3rd. (54.17%) **Ann Farnsworth-Normal & Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington**
- 4th. (50.60%) **Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington**



Congratulations to all winners!



Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208

2007 masterpoint races - updated 6/5/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints:

50-100 masterpoints: Ramesh Chaudhari #6 with 2817, Bev Upp #8 with 25.52

100-200 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #7 with 36.29, Dennis Moll #8 with 27.74

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #2 with 48.74, Ray Dostal #9 with 20.58

300-500 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #4 with 73.42, Randall Motchan #10 with 50.20

500-1000 masterpoints: Steve Hawthorne #5 with 89.35, Jim Moon #9 with 62.12

1000-2500 masterpoints:

2500-5000 masterpoints: Betty Capodice #4 with 65.85

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 #6 with 12.85

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #2 with 22.539, Dave Freehill #8 with 11.97

300-500 masterpoints: Ruth Wettaw #2 with 19.05

500-1000 masterpoints: Steve Hawthorne #6 with 30.40, Zack Freehill #9 with 26.53, Jim Moon #10 with 24.42

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #4 with 40.17, Laura Addison #9 with 31.35

2500-5000 masterpoints Betty Capodice #2 with 29.46

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

New junior masters: Sam Weiler

New club masters:

New sectional masters: Joann Rouse, Darryl Bremner

New regional masters: Walter Fox, Ann Schuyler, Art Adams, Bev Upp

New NABC masters: Peg Deutsch, Chris Biggs

New life masters: Randall Motchan

New bronze life masters: Ruth Wettaw

New gold life masters: Laura Addison



Tip of the month:

The Convention Card – part 14 of a 16-part series

This month: the sections titled “slam conventions”.

It would be helpful to have a copy of the convention card as you read this tip.

The most common slam convention is Blackwood, where a 4NT bid by one partner asks for the other to show a number of aces held. For example: 5C->all or no aces, 5D->1 ace, 5h-2 aces, 5s->3 aces. This is called “regular Blackwood”. If you and your partner use this convention, then check the box following “4NT: Blackwood”.

If you and your partner use the Gerber convention, where a 4C bid asks for aces, check the box titled “Gerber”. Most players use Gerber only over a 1NT opening bid. If this is your agreement, then write the letters “ONTO” (over no trump only) under the word “Gerber”.

There is a variation of Blackwood called “keycard Blackwood”, where a 5th “ace” is indicated when holding the potential trump suit king. Players who adopt “keycard Blackwood”, when there is an agreed upon suit fit (1S, 3S, 4NT, etc), the king of spades is treated as a 5th ace.

Many players agree that when the immediate last bid is a suit, the king of that suit is treated as a 5th ace (ex: 1S, 3H, 4NT, etc). Here the heart king is the “5th ace”.

Since there are 5 “aces” and only 4 suits to bid, use this guideline:

5 clubs means 3 or no keycards

5 diamonds means 1 or 4 keycards

5 hearts means 2 keycards without the queen of the agreed upon suit

5 spades means 2 keycards with the queen of the agreed upon suit

5NT and higher responses also have a special meaning to involved for this article.

In addition, notice the box titled “RKC”. RKC is for when you use the agreement just described. If you exchange the meaning of 5 clubs and 5 diamonds, then mark “1430” on your agreement sheet.

Lastly, what happens if the opponents bid during your Blackwood auction? This is where the agreements “DOPI”, “DEPO”, or “ROPI” are used. “DOPI” means double for no aces, pass for 1 ace, bid the next suit up the line for 2 aces, etc. If you have a keycard agreement, then double shows what 5 clubs means, pass shows what 5 diamonds, bidding the next suit up the line shows what 5 hearts means, etc.

“DEPO” means double for an even number of aces, pass for an odd number of aces.

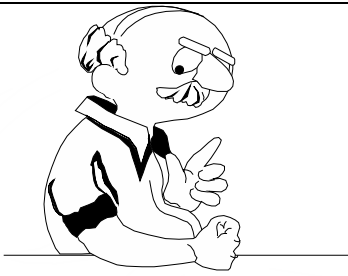
“ROPI” is used when the opponents double your response to 4NT. “ROPI” means redouble for zero aces, pass with 1 ace, bid the next higher suit for 2 aces, etc.

Most players agree to use “DOPI”, not “DEPO” and then possibly ROPI.

Next month’s tip: The section titled “opening leads”.

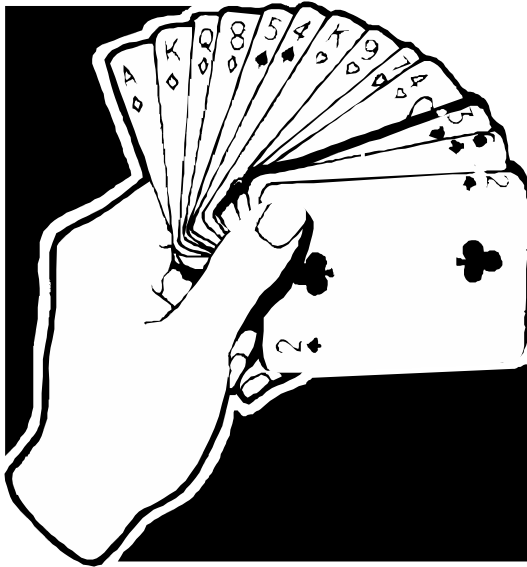
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