



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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September events:



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

September 3 – quarterly club championship open pairs September 10 – open pairs

September 17 – open pairs September 24 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, September 1, 11:45AM - open pairs – Westminster

Monday, September 3, 6:15PM – NO GAME – enjoy your Labor Day holiday!

Tuesday, September 4, 6:15PM – quarterly club championship open teams – Heartland

Thursday, September 6, 11:45AM - quarterly club championship open pairs– Crossroads

Saturday, September 8, 11:45AM - quarterly club championship open pairs – Westminster

Monday, September 10, 6:15PM - quarterly club championship 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, September 11, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, September 13, 11:45AM - open pairs– Crossroads

Saturday, September 15, NO GAME – PEORIA TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 17, 6:15PM - 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, September 18, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Wednesday, September 19, 6:15PM – SPECIAL GAME – ACBLWide Instant Matchpoints - Heartland

Thursday, September 20, 11:45AM - open pairs – Crossroads

Saturday, September 22, 11:45AM open pairs – Westminster

Monday, September 24, 6:15PM - 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, September 25, 6:15PM – open teams – Heartland

Thursday, September 27, 11:45AM - open pairs – Crossroads

Saturday, September 29, 11:45AM - open pairs – 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.

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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- 2 2,509.42 Laura Addison
- 3 2,032.65 Gail Moon
- 4 1,913.00 Steve Babin
- 5 1,518.92 Mike Tomlianovich
- 6 1,033.31 Steve Hawthorne
- 7 955.33 Ivey Weaver
- 8 944.69 Eunice Patton
- 9 926.66 Hank Hoffman
- 10 914.31 Jeanne Strand
- 11 866.66 Jim Moon
- 12 856.30 Zack Freehill
- 13 717.64 Stan Gutzman
- 14 710.37 Glen Beaman
- 15 684.52 Don Strand
- 16 674.66 Henrietta Crain
- 17 647.09 Jean Barnett
- 18 625.28 Sam Katz
- 19 571.44 Martin Compton
- 20 529.39 Ruth Wettaw
- 21 499.92 Ann Farnsworth
- 22 471.10 Charlie Morton
- 23 450.63 Carole Bardwell
- 24 431.61 Bob Smith
- 25 417.02 Randall Motchan

Other players:

- 11,968.49 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 9,336.64 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 3,901.72 Norinne Nelson
- 3,545.52 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 2,826.32 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2,458.88 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2,389.06 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,254.59 Dick Nelson
- 2,141.83 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 1,989.57 Kish Devaraj
- 1,934.94 Pat Carrington-Champaign
- 1,882.50 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 1,757.12 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 1,672.51 Ray Russ-Henry
- 1,653.78 Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 1,616.92 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,473.11 Leah Newell- Springfield
- 1,346.56 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 1,301.48 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 1,210.72 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 1,209.39 John Burdon-Washington
- 1,160.36 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,137.60 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,098.67 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 928.89 Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 925.28 Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 757.78 Donna Kaufman-Peoria
- 750.65 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 735.38 John Brandeberry-Champaign
- 641.09 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 613.18 Eunice Viktor-Morton
- 589.18 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 582.49 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 465.53 Bill Carley-Peoria

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#1

An experienced declarer will always look for ways to avoid a finesse. This hand shows that some of these opportunities can be difficult to see.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #1 S AJ96
 Dir E H Q3
 Vul N/S D K943
 C 763

S 102		S 74	West	North	East	South
H AK6		H J985			Pass	1S
H 2		D QJ2	Pass	3S	Pass	4S
D 10875		C J1095	All			
C K82			Pass			
	S KQ85					
	S 3					
	H 1074					
	D A6					
	C AQ4					

BIDDING: South had just enough to continue on to game over his partner's limit (10-12 pts.) raise.

PLAY: West led the ace of hearts and then shifted to a spade. Declarer counted two heart losers and two possible club losers. Rather than rely on the club king being on-side, declarer looked for another way to make the hand. South returned a heart at trick three and West exited with his last trump. Next, declarer played ace, king, and a third diamond ruffing in his hand. He then ruffed his last heart in dummy and led the last diamond. When East showed out, declarer pitched a low club from his hand. Poor West won the diamond but now had to lead a club into declarer's AQ or give a ruff/sluff. If East had held the last diamond, South would ruff and fall back on the club finesse.

You can see there was nothing difficult about this hand. Declarer merely needed to look at all of his options and select the one with the best chance of success. Here he found one that was 100%.

#2

In a pairs event too many players play bridge rather than matchpoints. Believe me when I say matchpoints is a different game. Making your contract may not be an issue; rather you need to achieve the greatest plus or smallest minus possible. This hand is a good example.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #2 S Q1063
 Dlr E H J7652
 Vul N/S D AQ8
 C 7

	S A5	West	North	East	South
S 82	H K109			Pass	1S
H Q43	H 8	Pass	4C*	Pass	4S
D 964	D 7532	All			
C AQ932	C K105	Pass			
	S KJ97				
	4				
	H A				
	D KJ10				
	C J864				

*splinter bid

BIDDING: In this partnership, North's leap to 4C showed four-card spade support, shortness in clubs, and around 9-12 HCP. South had no interest in getting higher and signed off in game.

PLAY: Realizing South may have to ruff some clubs, West led a low trump to his partner's ace. A second round of spades followed as declarer stopped to analyze his position. He saw the contract was not in jeopardy as he had ten tricks with four spades, one heart, three diamonds, and two club ruffs in dummy. But, he also saw that if the outstanding hearts divided 4-3, he could make a valuable overtrick. After winning the second spade in his hand he unblocked the ace of hearts and conceded a club. Declarer won the diamond return in dummy and ruffed a heart. Next he led another diamond to dummy to ruff another heart. He still had two dummy entries with club ruffs to establish dummy's fifth heart. Scoring +650 instead of only +620 earned a lot of matchpoints.

Notice there is nothing difficult about this hand but so many declarers worry only about making their contract rather than looking for the best matchpoint score.

#3

We spend approximately half of our time on defense but most players prefer discussing and dealing with bidding and declarer issues. Here is a defensive problem that was solved by merely counting points. Take a look.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #3	S A75				
Dlr E	H Q542				
Vul N/S	D A8				
	C 10543				
S J9642		West	North	East	South
H KJ8	S 83			Pass	1C
D K105	H A10976			Pass	
4	D 732	1S			
C A	C 982		DBL*		1NT
		All			
	S KQ10	Pass			
	H 3				
	D QJ96				
	C KQJ7				
	6				

* Negative double

BIDDING: West had a poor suit to overcall 1S but he held enough values to justify his action. After North's negative double, South closed the bidding with 1NT showing 12-14 HCP.

PLAY: Seeing no future in his spade suit, West led the four of diamonds. The eight held the trick in dummy and declarer next led a club to his king. After winning the ace, West started to play another diamond to establish his king but instead stopped to analyze what he had learned. From the bidding he knew South held one if not both of the spade honors. It was also clear declarer held the QJ of diamonds and the top two (or three) club honors. Any logical combination of those cards placed South with 12-14 high card points so one thing became clear: South did not hold the ace of hearts. With that card along with the others, he would have too many points for the auction. So at trick three, West put the heart jack on the table and then continued with the king and another. These six tricks for the defenses held declarer to his contract and a great result. In fact, at two tables, N/S bid and made 3NT.

Notice West did nothing more than count the high card points South had shown from the bidding and play of the hand. Defense can be simple.

#4

There are so many conventions available that some convention cards are heavy with the amount of ink they contain. One popular convention is Roman Keycard used by many players as an enhancement to Blackwood. This convention includes the king of the agreed trump suit when showing the number of aces held by the partnership. It also allows you to ask about the queen of the trump suit. Here is the convention in action.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

	S K72				
Hand #4	H K103				
Dlr E	D KQ7				
Vul N/S	2	West	North	East	South
	C AQ5			Pass	1H
S QJ10954	S 863	2S	3S	Pass	4NT*
H 74	H 986				
D 9	D J106	Pass	5H**	Pass	5NT
C 9873	C J1064	Pass	7NT	All	
	S A			Pass	
	H AQJ52				
	D A8543				
	C K2				

*Roman Keycard

**Two keycards w/o the heart queen

BIDDING: After West made a weak jump overcall, North's cue bid showed game going values and heart support. South used 4NT to ask about keycards (4 aces + heart king) and North's response of 5H showed two without the heart queen. Next South bid 5NT to ask about kings and, most importantly, promised the partnership held all five keycards along with the trump queen. North could now count thirteen tricks: 2 spades, 5 hearts, 3 diamonds, and 3 clubs so he promptly bid the grand slam.

PLAY: With fifteen top tricks available, declarer quickly claimed his contract. Note without the agreement that 5NT promised all of the keycards, North would show two kings (heart king is not shown again) and South could not for certain count thirteen tricks. There are a lot of features to this convention so I urge all partnerships to study it carefully before adding it to their convention card.



August results:

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 2 – 7 ½ tables:

- 1st. (64.10%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 2nd. (59.93%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 3rd. (59.30%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 4th. (57.05%) Linda Mitchell-Cambridge, On, CA & Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 5th. (55.45%) Henrietta Crain-Normal & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 6th. (53.85%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 7th. (52.57%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 4 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (68.29%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (66.90%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.47%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal
- 4th. (51.39%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West:

- 1st. (58.80%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 2nd. (55.56%) Dennis Fitton-Sidney & Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 3rd. (53.94%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.62%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.46%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 6th. (50.23%) Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap & Phil Kenney-Eureka

Gayl West Duplicate – August 6 – 8 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (56.55%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.25%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3rd. (53.57%) Jan Rolfs-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda
- 4th. (51.49%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.63%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.06%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Glen Beaman-Bloomington
- 3rd. (52.08%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 4th. (50.60%) Ivey Weaver-Bloomington & Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 6 – 4½ tables:

- 1st. (59.38%) Tanya & Al Colman - Champaign
- 2nd. (56.25%) Barb Lysuhir-Bloomington & Linda Hanfland-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.32%) Ben Snyder-Bloomington & Harber Hal-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.08%) Dorothy Berg-Bloomington & Fran Morton-Bloomington
- 5th. (51.57%) Mary Houska-Normal & Jon Gilpin-Normal

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – August 7 – 6 teams:

1st. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

2nd. Gail & Jim Moon-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington

3rd. Sue & Mike McGroarty-Normal, Dottie & Ken Peters-Normal

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 9 – 7 tables:

North-South:

1st. (55.06%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington

2nd. (53.57%) Dennis Moll-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

3rd. (51.79%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal

4th. (50.30%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Margaret Hansell-Champaign

East-West:

1st. (62.50%) Zack Freehill-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

2nd. (56.85%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

3rd. (51.79%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

4-5. (50.00%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Steve Babin-Normal

Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 11 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

1st. (73.22%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal

2nd. (60.71%) Praveen Jayachandran-Champaign & Bill Lindemann,Sr-Champaign

3rd. (52.38%) Helen Guthery-Bloomington & Bob Smith-Normal

East-West

1st. (53.44%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington

2nd. (53.17%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington

3rd. (52.38%) Carole Bardwell-Normal & Ray Dostal-Bloomington

4th. (51.06%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Megennes-Towanda

5th. (50.26%) Steve Wulfers-Normal & Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 13 – 8 tables:

North-South:

1st. (59.82%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

2nd. (54.46%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Jean Barnett-Bloomington

3rd. (53.27%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

4th. (50.60%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington

5th. (50.30%) Steve Volz-Bloomington & Charlie Morton-Bloomington

East-West:

1st. (62.20%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Floyd Sherry-Eureka

2nd. (58.04%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

3rd. (55.06%) Bill Carley-Peoria & John Burdon-Washington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 13 – 6 tables:

1st. (60.56%) Patty & Rodger Paul - Bloomington

2nd. (58.89%) Roberta Weddig-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington

3rd. (56.11%) Barbara Grissinger-Bloomington & Jim Dirks-Bloomington

4th. (54.44%) Tanya & Al Colman - Champaign

5th. (52.78%) Linda O'Dette-Bloomington & Mary Houska-Normal

6th. (50.56%) Elaine Cousins-Bloomington & Steve Green-Goodfield

7th. (50.00%) Harber Hall-Bloomington & Ben Snyder-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – August 14 – 4 teams:

1st. Gail & Jim Moon-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

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

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 16 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (63.39%) Jeanne Strand-Normal & Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 2nd. (59.52%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.47%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.30%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City

East-West:

- 1st. (57.14%) Ramesh-Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.61%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 3rd. (56.08%) Ann Farnsworth-Bloomington & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 4th. (55.56%) Stan Gutzman-Normal & Darryl Bremner-Clinton
- 5th. (52.65%) Ruth Wettaw-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 18 – 8½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (61.61%) Gail & Jim Moon - Bloomington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.28%) Marlys Clark-Mahomet & Martin Compton-Bloomington
- 4th. (51.49%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal

East-West

- 1st. (56.88%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 2nd. (53.97%) Esther Dunn-bloomington & Steve Volz-Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.70%) Bret Van Fleet-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.12%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Bev Meginnis-Towanda
- 5th. (51.59%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 20 – 9½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (57.29%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Gail Moon-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.21%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (53.65%) Jeanne & Don Strand - Normal
- 4-5. (52.61%) Eunice Viktor-Morton & Charlie Morton-Bloomington
- 4-5. (52.61%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
- 6th. (51.04%) Babe Fullan-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (58.80%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Jean Barnett-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.94%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. (51.62%) Joanne Glazebrook-Washington & Hank Hoffman-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.69%) Anita Carney-Bloomington & Ivey Weaver-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.23%) Bill Carley-Peoria & John Burdon-Washington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only pairs – August 20 – 5 tables:

- 1st. (60.42%) Roberta Weddig-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.94%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington
- 3rd. (56.25%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & John Sheen-Downs
- 4th. (54.86%) Linda O'Dette-Bloomington & Mary Houska-Normal

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – August 21 – 6 teams:

- 1st. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. Gail & Jim Moon-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 3rd. Jeanne & Don Strand-Normal, Darryl Bremner-Clinton, Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 4th. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Ray Dostal-Bloomington, Randall Motchan-Bloomington

Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 23 – 7½ tables:

- 1st. (66.35%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington

- 2nd. (65.39%) Dave & Zack Freehill - Bloomington
- 3rd. (58.98%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
- 4th. (55.45%) Gail Moon-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 5th. (54.81%) Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Bill Carley-Peoria
- 6th. (52.89%) Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 7th. (51.60%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal

Mike's Saturday open pairs – August 25 – 10 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (64.12%) Leah Newell-Springfield & Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.48%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Betty Capodice-Bloomington
- 3rd. (55.32%) Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria & Dennis Fitton-Sidney
- 4-5. (51.85%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Dewey Gronau-Farmer City
Hank Hoffman-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal

East-West

- 1st. (62.04%) Mary Allen-Peoria & Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2nd. (55.32%) Madhu Viswanathan-Champaign & Kris Maillacheruvu-Peoria
- 3rd. (53.24%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Laura Addison-Bloomington
- 4th. (52.31%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Zack Freehill-Bloomington
- 5th. (50.00%) Jeanne Nord-Bloomington & Steve Volz-Bloomington

Gayl West Duplicate – August 27 – 9 tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (64.81%) Eunice Patton-Bloomington & Gail Moon-Bloomington
- 2nd. (55.79%) Margaret Hansell-Champaign & Steve Babin-Normal
- 3rd. (53.24%) Joann Rouse-Bloomington & Peg Deutsch-Bloomington
- 4th. (53.01%) Bess Fitch-Bloomington & Henrietta Crain-Normal
- 5th. (52.31%) Darryl Bremner-Clinton & Martin Compton-Bloomington

East-West:

- 1st. (57.64%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 2nd. (56.48%) Chris Biggs-Bloomington & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 3rd. (51.39%) Jean Barnett-Bloomington & Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 4th. (51.16%) Laura Addison-Bloomington & Stan Gutzman-Normal
- 5th. (50.23%) Bill Carley-Peoria & John Burdon-Washington

Mike's Monday evening 99ers only teams – August 27 – 4 tables:

- 1st. (72.83%) Tanya & Al Colman - Champaign
- 2nd. (56.46%) Barbara Schaad-Bloomington & Joe Krause-Bloomington
- 3rd. (54.65%) Wendy Anderson-Bloomington & Anne Garrett-Bloomington

Mike's Tuesday evening open teams – August 28 – 5 teams:

- 1st. Carole Bardwell-Normal, Ann Farnsworth-Normal, Steve Wulfers-Normal, Dave Poindexter-Bloomington
- 2nd. Chris & Kirk Biggs-Bloomington, Steve Babin-Normal, Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington
- 3rd. Gail & Jim Moon-Bloomington, Betty Capodice-Bloomington, Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington

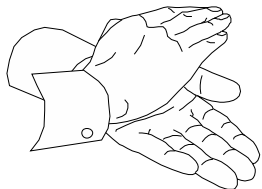
Mike's Thursday open pairs – August 30 – 8 ½ tables:

North-South:

- 1st. (59.52%) Betty Capodice-Bloomington & Joanne Glazebrook-Washington
- 2nd. (54.17%) Glen Beaman-Bloomington & John Burdon-Washington
- 3rd. (51.79%) Ramesh Chaudhuri-Normal & Dennis Moll-Bloomington
- 4th. (50.60%) Mary Cralley-Normal & Eunice Viktor-Morton

East-West:

- 1st. (62.17%) Ann Schuyler-Bloomington & Steve Hawthorne-Bloomington
- 2nd. (58.73%) Mike Tomlianovich-Bloomington & Steve Babin-Normal



Congratulations to all winners!



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 silver life masters: Steve Hawthorne

New gold life masters: Laura Addison

Bloomington-Normal entries in the unit 208

2007 masterpoint races - updated 7/5/2007

Mini-McKenney (all masterpoints earned):

0-5 masterpoints:

5-20 masterpoints:

20-50 masterpoints:

50-100 masterpoints:, Bev Upp #4 with 42.46, Ramesh Chaudhari #7 with 37.56

100-200 masterpoints: Ann Schuyler #2 with 74.33, Dennis Moll #5 with 61.14

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #1 with 63.41, Dave Freehill #10 with 24.39

300-500 masterpoints: Carole Bardwell #4 with 82.26, Randall Motchan #8 with 57.63

500-1000 masterpoints:

Steve Hawthorne #2 with 213.90, Eunice Patton #4 with 146.31, Zack Freehill #10 with 83.02

1000-2500 masterpoints: Steve Babin #4 with 166.82

2500-5000 masterpoints: Betty Capodice #4 with 178.48

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 #3 with 21.40

200-300 masterpoints: Chris Biggs #1 with 29.19, Dave Freehill #5 with 17.96

300-500 masterpoints: Ruth Wettaw #8 with 24.58

500-1000 masterpoints:

Zack Freehill #6 with 40.68, Steve Hawthorne #8 with 37.98, Stan Gutzman #9 with 36.53

1000-2500 masterpoints: Gail Moon #4 with 55.58, Laura Addison #8 with 42.46

2500-5000 masterpoints Betty Capodice #2 with 40.58

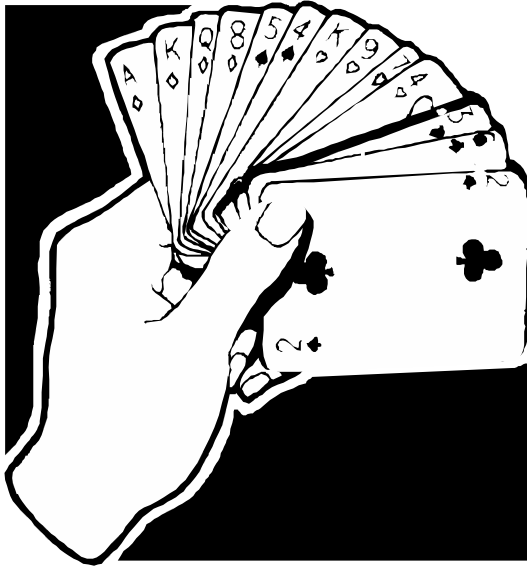


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Upcoming tournaments:



**Peoria Fall Sectional
September 14-16, Hult Health Center**

**Springfield Fall Sectional
October 12-14, IEA**





Tip of the month:

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

This month: the sections titled “the defensive carding section”

This section is used to describe how you and your partner communicate while playing defense. Since every card played needs to show information to partner, you and your partner need to adopt a system for defensive carding. This section of the convention card describes that system.

Notice there is a system choice for defending against suit or no trump contracts. Most players use the same system for both. But, just in case they are different, the space is available to mark.

Many players use standard carding methods, i.e. show positive attitude with a 7 or higher card or negative attitude with a 5 or lower card and count as high-low for even and low-high for odd. If this is your agreement, then check the first box under each of “vs SUITS” and “vs NT” for standard carding. You might have some exceptions to this agreement. If so, check the except box and describe the exception.

Some players reverse their defensive carding, i.e. show positive attitude with a 5 or lower card or negative attitude with a 7 or higher card and count as high-low for odd and low-high for even. This is called upside down carding. If you and your partner have adopted any upside down attitude or count agreements, mark this in the “upside down” sub-section.

Then there is your discard agreement. If your first discard uses attitude, i.e. positive with a 7 or higher card or negative with a 5 or lower card, this is standard discarding. If you and your partner use the Lavinthal or odd-even discard agreements, check the boxes accordingly. Remember: you can use only 1 of standard, Lavinthal, or odd-even discarding agreements.

If you use any other discard agreement, i.e. the first discard suit is the suit desired, then mark accordingly and describe this method. There is a final section for describing any other carding agreements.

Lastly, if you and your partner use any carding agreement that is considered “special”, then mark the box at the bottom of the page.