



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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June Events



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

June 4 – open pairs June 11 – quarterly club championship open pairs

June 18 – NAP qualifier open pairs June 25 – open pairs

Contact Betty Capodice at 309-827-3318 for information or to arrange for a partner.

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, June 2, 11:45AM – WWBC open pairs – Westminster

Monday, June 4, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, June 5, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, June 6, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 7, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 9, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, June 11, quarterly club championship 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, June 12, 6:15PM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, June 13, 1:15PM – quarterly club championship 99ers & NLMers only pairs –
Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 14, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 16, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Westminster

Monday, June 18, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, June 19, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, June 20, 1:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 21, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 23, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Westminster

Monday, June 25, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland

Tuesday, June 26, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, June 27, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 28, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 30, NO GAME - TOURNAMENT AT UAW 2488

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

All game results are posted online: clubresults.acbl.org

Post game online discussions of deals are available at: mikesbridge.blogspot.com

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The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders
 As of 4/6/2012 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

- 1 3,411.52 Betty Capodice
- 2 2,761.30 Steve Babin
- *** 2,557.18 Laura Addison
- 3 1,892.13 Mike Tomlianovich
- 4 1,779.36 Zack Freehill
- 5 1,682.61 Steve Hawthorne
- 6 1,567.44 Hank Hoffman
- *** 1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar
- 7 1,375.11 Eunice Patton
- *** 1,320.43 Ed Lombard
- 8 1,372.32 Dewey Gronau
- 9 1,141.83 Stan Gutzman
- *** 1,091.94 Marian Edmunds
- 10 1,085.83 Jeanne Strand
- 11 1,054.10 Ivey Weaver
- 12 928.26 Jean Barnett
- 13 866.43 Charlie Morton
- 14 825.89 Ann Schuyler
- *** 792.95 Don Strand
- 15 790.43 Glen Beaman
- *** 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 16 781.86 Randall Motchan
- 17 758.18 Henrietta Crain
- *** 741.06 Pearl Harris
- *** 610.73 Martin Compton
- 18 594.37 Peg Deutsch
- 19 570.80 Ann Farnsworth
- *** 567.22 Ruth Wettaw
- 20 540.11 Dennis Moll
- *** 481.88 Bev Upp
- *** 474.92 Nona Wooley
- 21 485.80 Dave Freehill
- 22 461.74 Bob Smith
- 23 440.94 Steve Wulfers
- 24 398.63 Bev Meginnes
- 25 358.78 Stevie Joslin
- *** deceased

Other players:

- ***12,741.55 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 10,758.54 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- *** 4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3,938.86 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3,767.14 Larry Matheny-Colorado
- 3,316.71 Carl Brueckner-Champaign
- 3,163.81 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 2,813.84 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
- 2,424.49 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2,410.93 Gail Moon-Tennessee
- 2,419.58 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 2,411.25 Kish Devaraj-Georgia
- 2,215.70 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 2,244.83 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 2,235.68 Leah Newell- Springfield
- 2,120.85 Ray Russ-Henry
- 2,037.24 Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
- 2,058.54 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 1,919.42 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 1,908.13 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- *** 1,776.22 John Burdon
- 1,559.82 Tim Cull-Arizona
- 1,492.24 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,425.22 Marilyn Stickel-Laon
- 1,244.38 Jim Moon-Tennessee
- 1,076.86 John Maloney-Champaign
- 1,034.41 Donna Kaufman-Peoria
- *** 916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 882.87 Ron Emmett
- 825.12 Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
- 785.50 Bev Fast-Peoria
- 728.42 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 691.84 Marilyn Toubeaux-Peoria
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#1

As declarer you must manage your entries carefully. As a defender you must make it as difficult as possible to prevent declarer from moving effortlessly between his hand and dummy. In this hand, a defender made it way too easy.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

| | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| #12-03 | ♠ 64 | | West | North | East | South |
| Dir S | ♥ K1092 | | | | | 1 ♠ |
| Vul N/S | ♦ J108 | | | | | |
| | ♣ AK42 | | Pass | 1NT | 2♥ | 2♣ |
| ♣95 | | ♠ A82 | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| ♥Q87 | | ♥ AJ654 | Pass | 4♣ | Pass | Pass |
| ♦9652 | | ♦ A73 | Pass | | | |
| ♣Q1085 | | ♣ 97 | Pass | | | |
| | | ♠ KQJ1073 | | | | |
| | | ♥ 3 | | | | |
| | | ♦ KQ4 | | | | |
| | | ♣ J63 | | | | |

BIDDING: North-South reached a marginal game but it was a team event and vulnerable games with any potential should be reached.


PLAY: West led the seven of hearts and East hesitated a moment before playing the jack. This convinced declarer that West had led from Q87. Declarer noted one potential loser in each suit. At trick two, East cashed the ace of diamonds and after a discouraging card from West, exited with a club. Declarer's only chance was to establish a heart for the discard of a club loser and, to accomplish this, he needed three entries to dummy. So he unblocked the queen of diamonds on the ace and won the club switch in dummy. Next, he played the king of hearts from dummy and ruffed East's ace. Now he led the king of spades won by East. East exited with his last club won in dummy. Declarer now ruffed a heart and the queen fell on his left. He simply drew trumps and entered dummy with the jack of diamonds to discard his club loser on the good nine of hearts.

East should have realized the danger in the heart suit and prevented declarer from reaching dummy with a diamond. At trick two he should attack dummy's entries by shifting to a club.

#2

Bidding too quickly has caused many headaches. It pays to slow down and imagine how the auction might continue. In this hand, declarer avoided a problem by following this sound advice.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

| | | | | | |
|----------|---|---------|-------|------|-------|
| #12-04 | ♠ A102 | West | North | East | South |
| Dir N | ♥ QJ962 | | 1♥ | Pass | 1NT* |
| Vul N/S | ♦ AK62 | Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♣ |
| | ♣ 2 | Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| ♠ K4 |  | | | | |
| ♥ A87 | | | | | |
| ♦ 109853 | | | | | |
| ♣ A85 | | | | | |
| | ♠ Q986 | | | | |
| | ♥ K1054 | | | | |
| | ♦ QJ | | | | |
| | ♣ 974 | | | | |
| | ♠ J753 | *forcin | | | |
| | ♥ 3 | g | | | |
| | ♦ 74 | | | | |
| | ♣ KQJ1063 | | | | |

BIDDING: South’s first reaction was to respond 1♣ to his partner’s opening bid, but instead stopped to anticipate the rest of the auction. He soon realized that if his partner made the very likely rebid of 2♦, he would have no good bid. Since he wanted to show a weak hand with a long club suit, he avoided the “One Spade Trap” and instead made a forcing 1NT response. North did indeed rebid 2♦ but now South could show his weak hand and long suit. North wasn’t crazy about passing but trusted his partner.


PLAY: West led the ten of diamonds to dummy’s ace. Declarer led a club to the king and West’s ace. Declarer won the diamond continuation and led a low heart won by West. East ruffed the third diamond with the nine in an attempt to promote a trump trick for his partner. But, declarer over ruffed and two more rounds of clubs took care of the trumps. Declarer now led a low spade to the ten and ended up with nine tricks: 2 spades, 2 diamonds, and 5 clubs.

This was a gain of 6 IMPs as the N/S pair at the other table failed in a spade partscore.

#3

When a competitive auction reaches a high level it’s not always clear who can make what. In this hand, I received less than best defense and that allowed me to bring home the contract.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| #12-05 | ♠ Q | | West | North | East | South |
| Dir W | ♥ | | 1♥ | 2NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Vul E/W | ♦ AK862 | | Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♣ |
| | ♣ KQ109754 | | 5♥ | 6♣ | DBL | Pass |
| ♠ 1072 |  | ♠ K85 | Pass | Pass | | |
| ♥ AKQJ82 | | ♥ 1096543 | | | | |
| ♦ Q53 | | ♦ J7 | | | | |
| ♣ J | | ♣ A2 | | | | |
| | ♠ AJ9643 | | | | | |
| | ♥ 7 | | | | | |
| | ♦ 1094 | | | | | |
| | ♣ 863 | | | | | |

BIDDING: I was in the South chair at a sectional Swiss team game when this wild auction broke out. My partner first bid 2NT to show the minors and later 4NT to insist that I choose one of them. West decided she did not have enough defense so she bid hearts again. My partner was not done and bid the slam. East doubled to finish the auction.


PLAY: West made the killing lead of the jack of clubs. Fortunately for me, after winning the ace, East decided to smash dummy's queen of spades with his king. That left me with two club entries to my hand. I won the ace of spades and ruffed a spade with a high club. Then I led the four of clubs to my six drawing the last trump. I cashed the jack of spades and was delighted to see the spades break 3-3. I discarded dummy's three small diamonds on my good spades and wrapped up the slam. If East returns a club at trick two, I may go down. If East covers the queen of spades when it is led, I still succeed but if he ducks, I will be an entry short.

This was a gain of 12 IMPs as the N/S pair at the other table was allowed to play and make game in clubs.

#4

It's bad enough when your opponents make a doubled contract. But it's even worse when you are in a team game and your teammates also go minus. Here is a deadly double game swing.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|---|----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| #12-06 | ♠ K1042 | | West | North | East | South |
| Dir S | ♥ 987543 | | | | | 1♣ |
| Vul E/W | ♦ 7 | | 1♥ | Pass | 3NT | 4♣ |
| | ♣ 42 | | DBL | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| ♠ 7 |  | ♠ J653 | | | | |
| ♥ AKQ102 | | ♥ J | | | | |
| ♦ Q532 | | ♦ AKJ864 | | | | |
| ♣ 976 | | ♣ K5 | | | | |
| | ♠ AQ98 | | | | | |
| | ♥ 6 | | | | | |
| | ♦ 109 | | | | | |
| | ♣ AQJ1083 | | | | | |

BIDDING: After South opened the bidding, West made a routine overcall and East jumped to 3NT. Taking advantage of the favorable vulnerability, South competed to the four-level. For some strange reason, West made a penalty double. He had no extras, no surprise for South, and no reason to double.

PLAY: West led the ace of hearts and then shifted to his singleton spade. Declarer won in his hand and led a diamond. East won and gave his partner a spade ruff. It was now easy for declarer to ruff the heart return, ruff a diamond in dummy, take the winning club finesse, and write +510 in his scorecard.

At the other table, E/W played in 5♦ and lost only the two black aces. This was worth +600 and combined with the +510 totaled +1110 and a 15 IMP swing.

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| 2012/05/16 | 78.89% | Jason Cannell & Jerry Oswald(NLMers) |
| 2012/05/09 | 71.11% | Don Randall & Dan Liu(NLMers) |
| 2012/05/02 | 76.11% | Bob Bye & Jason Cannell(NLMers) |
| 2012/04/25 | 70.15% | Roberta Weddig & Joe Krause(NLMers) |
| 2012/04/18 | 79.17% | Carol Denny & Gaye Hoselton(NLMers) |
| 2012/04/11 | 70.56% | Lou Savage & Jim Fernstrom(NLMers) |
| 2012/04/02 | 72.65% | Dorothy Berg & Joyce Werner(99ers) |
| 2012/03/15 | 75.46% | Mike Tomlianovich & Steve Babin |
| 2012/02/22 | 70.56% | Joyce & Bob Clay(NLMers) |
| 2012/02/09 | 72.92% | Eunice Patton & Jeff Furler |

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 2011/12/07 72.92% Joyce Clay & JoAnn Schroeder(NLMers)
 2011/12/03 72.62% Jeff Furler & Hank Hoffman
 2011/11/16 77.78% Cindy Moore & Lori Moore(NLMers)
 2011/11/14 72.22% Patty & Rodger Paul(99ers)
 2011/10/09 70.56% JoAnn Schroeder & Sallie Boge(NLMers)
 2011/10/24 71.88% Gaye Hoselton & Calvin Wu(99ers)
 2011/09/08 70.00% Betty Capodice & Steve Babin
 2011/09/03 74.21% Eunice Patton & Steve Babin
 2011/08/24 72.78% Sallie Boge & Stevie Joslin(NLMers)
 2011/08/18 74.07% Ray Russ & Steve Babin
 2011/08/03 72.78% JoAnn Schroeder & Sallie Boge(NLMers)
 2011/08/01 70.14% Dorothy Berg & Balu Nair(99ers)
 2011/07/28 70.84% Hank Hoffman & Mike Tomlianovich
 2011/07/25 72.06% Lynn Steffen & Lori Moore(99ers)
 2011/07/14 71.43% Steve Hawthorne & Zach Freehill
 2011/06/13 70.14% Mary Tweedie & Lori Moore(99ers)
 2011/05/16 73.89% Joyce Werner & Dorothy Berg(99ers)
 2011/05/12 73.81% Lane O'Connor & Jerry Oswald
 2011/03/23 72.22% Marilyn & Gene Byers(99ers)
 2011/03/15 72.00% Hank Hoffman & Steve Babin
 2011/03/02 84.26% Joyce Werner & Dorothy Berg(99ers)
 2011/03/01 72.00% Steve Wulfers & Randall Motchan
 2011/02/10 70.00% Steve Hawthorne & Zach Freehill
 2011/02/08 71.00% Margaret Hansell & Steve Babin
 2011/01/24 70.00% Sallie Boge & Hank Hoffman
 2011/01/21 70.31% Dennis Moll & Steve Babin



BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | ♠ 8754 ♥ ♦ KQJT52 ♣ AKQ | |
| ♠ J63 ♥ KQJT87 ♦ 73 ♣ 32 | North West East Declarer | ♠ 9 ♥ A9543 ♦ A98 ♣ T964 |
| | ♠ AKQT2 ♥ 62 ♦ 64 ♣ J875 | |

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
 2♥ 3♦ 4♥
 4♠ Pass 6♠ All Pass

West's 2♥ was a so-called Weak Two, typically showing around 6-10 points and six cards in the bid suit. After that, N-S stumbled into 6♠ which turned out to be a great contract. At least it was until Declarer botched the play.

West led the ♥K and North tabled a rather yummy Dummy. "Perfect!" said Declarer. He ruffed the Heart on the board, drew two rounds of trumps and then, when East showed

out on the second round, he said to himself "Oops!" or "Oh, rats!" or something like that. What had just gone wrong? Declarer still had a Heart loser in his hand, so he could not draw the last trump and knock out the ♦A ... in that case the defense would cash a Heart. Nor could Declarer ruff the Heart loser in Dummy ... in that case he would be unable to get back to hand to draw the last trump and, one way or another, West would score his ♠J. Down one. Oops, indeed!

Declarer would have made his contract if he had postponed his celebration of Dummy's yumminess and instead asked himself "What can possibly go wrong?" The answer is a 3-1 trump break and having realized that he would draw just one round of trumps. Then he would ruff the remaining Heart loser on the board and still have a trump in Dummy with which to return to hand, before drawing West's last trump, and setting up the Diamonds.

#70 -- SQUEEZED IN THREE SUITS

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | ♠ A954 ♥ QJT ♦ J5 ♣ AJT2 | |
| ♠ KJT ♥ 9763 ♦ KQT3 ♣ K8 | North West East Declarer | ♠ 872 ♥ A854 ♦ 742 ♣ 754 |
| | ♠ Q63 ♥ K2 ♦ A986 ♣ Q963 | |

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
 1♦ Dbl Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

3NT is an optimistic contract, but things get better when West leads the Heart Three to East's Ace, followed by a second Heart. With the ♥A in the East hand, the bidding marks all the remaining HCP with West. How will you take advantage of this?

The Club finesse is sure to work, taking the trick count to eight. The bad news is that the Spade King is surely sitting over the Queen ... the good news is that, as West holds the

missing high cards, he is likely to come under pressure when you play the Clubs. So, after winning the ♥K at Trick 2 you successfully run the ♣9, play a low Club to the King and Ace, and cash the ♠J. When West shows out, what do you know about his distribution? Not five Diamonds (West didn't lead one), nor three Diamonds (East didn't raise), so assume four Diamonds. How many Hearts? West would have led top-of-nothing with three (also, East might have bid 1♥ with five), so assume West has four Hearts. That means West is 3=4=4=2 and the hand is an open book.

What does West pitch on the third Club? Not a Spade, in that case you cash the ♠A and duck a Spade to West's King, scoring the 9th trick with the ♠Q ... not a Heart, in that case you cash the ♥Q and run the ♦J around to West (now West must play on Diamonds or Spades, either of which gives up the 9th trick) ... and not a Diamond, in that case you run the ♦J around to West's Queen and have

the timing to set up the 13th Diamond. Poor West was squeezed in three suits, but it required accurate card reading to take advantage of that.

#71 -- DECLARE OR DEFEND?

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | ♠ AKQJ ♥ A7432 ♦ ♣ K963 | |
| ♠ 65 ♥ KJT5 ♦ KJ9 ♣ AJT2 | North West East Declarer | ♠ 432 ♥ Q9 ♦ T876 ♣ 8754 |
| | ♠ T987 ♥ 86 ♦ AQ5432 ♣ Q | |

Both Vulnerable

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|----------|
| | | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Dbl | 4♠ | All Pass |

South's hand was not good enough to bid her Diamonds at the two-level, so she responded 1♥ and soon found herself declaring a 4♠ contract.

You can see all four hands, it's time to place your bets. Do you want to declare or defend?

Declarer can count a trick in each side-suit, so one route to success would be to cross-ruff the hand, scoring those trumps separately. But not so fast! West cleverly finds the opening lead of a trump, and Declarer can be sure that the defense will lead another trump next time they get in. The second trump lead holds Declarer to only six trump tricks (♠A, ♠K, plus two ruffs in each hand) to go with the three side-suit tricks.

So 4♠ is down one? Not necessarily, it may be possible to set up a long Heart for the 10th trick, and the best way to do that is to lose a Heart at Trick Two. The defense returns another trump, and now Dummy's ♥A is cashed, then a Heart ruffed. Declarer's ♣Q is taken by West, who cannot lead another trump. He does best to exit with a Club, but Declarer wins that in Dummy, ruffs another Heart, cashes the ♦A, ruffs a Diamond, draws East's last trump, and scores Dummy's long Heart. Making 10 tricks!

West could have made Declarer's life more difficult by letting Declarer's ♣Q hold the trick! This surprising play leaves Dummy an entry short of being able to enjoy the long Heart. So, down one after all? No, of course not, if West finds that fine play then Declarer counters by overtaking with the Queen with the King! That provides the extra Dummy entry, and 4♠ does indeed make. Was that how you bet?

#72 -- A SPORTING DOUBLE

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | ♠ KQ642 ♥ AT ♦ T86 ♣ AK3 | |
| ♠ JT7 ♥ ♦ AKQJ532 ♣ 874 | North West East Declarer | ♠ A98 ♥ Q7432 ♦ 97 ♣ T92 |
| | ♠ 53 ♥ KJ9865 ♦ 4 ♣ QJ65 | |

N-S Vulnerable

| South | West | North | East |
|----------|------|-------|------|
| 2♥ | 3♦ | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 5♦ | 5♥ | Dbl |
| All Pass | | | |

We suspect that East doubled 5♥ with great glee, no doubt anticipating a sizeable penalty. In some quarters this is ironically known as a "sporting double", meaning that it is far from sporting and actually a sure thing. Well, most of the time, anyway!

West led the ♦A, then the ♦K which was ruffed by Declarer.


With one Ace already lost, and the ♠A to be lost later, Declarer could not afford to lose a trump trick. Given the 5-0 break, avoiding a trump loser might seem impossible, but watch what happened! After ruffing the Diamond at Trick 2, Declarer lost to the ♠A, won the Spade return, and ran the ♥T. The good news was that this held the trick and, when West showed out, that (surprisingly) wasn't really bad news at all!

Next, a Spade was ruffed, and three Clubs were cashed, ending in Dummy. Here was the end position (West was merely a spectator at this point):

| | | |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| <i>Dummy</i> | ♠64 | |
| | ♥A | |
| | ♦T | |
| | | <i>East</i> ♥Q743 |
| <i>Declarer</i> | ♥KJ9 | |
| | ♣6 | |

Dummy led a Diamond and East now had to suffer the ignominy of (a) being forced to ruff that in front of Declarer; then (b) under-ruffing when Dummy ruffed a Club; and finally (c) at Trick 12, falling victim to a Trump Coup, being obliged to ruff with his Q7 in front of Declarer's KJ! It really was most unsporting of Declarer to play the hand so well.

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|  | <p>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!!</p> |
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Upcoming tournaments:





Twin City Summer Sectional
June 29 – July 1, 2012
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