



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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September Events



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

September 3 – open pairs

September 10 – open pairs

September 17 – quarterly club championship open pairs – **SPECIAL LOCATION: Blair House**

September 24 – open pairs

Contact Betty Capodice at 309-827-3318 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 - 99ers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, September 4, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, September 5, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 6, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 8, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, September 10, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

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

Wednesday, September 12, NO GAME – Illinois Senior Olympics - Springfield

Thursday, September 13, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 15, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Westminster

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

Tuesday, September 18, 6:15PM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, September 19, 1:15PM –

quarterly club championship 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 20, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 22, NO GAME – Peoria tournament

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

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

Wednesday, September 26, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 27, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 29, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

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

All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

Announcement: Effective 4/1/2012, all ACBL-sanctioned bridge games held in Bloomington-Normal are

fragrance free. Please be respectful of those who are fragrance intolerant. Thank you!

The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders

As of 9/1/2012 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,437.13	Betty Capodice
2	2,818.07	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	1,900.10	Mike Tomlianovich
4	1,855.90	Zack Freehill
5	1,733.66	Steve Hawthorne
6	1,607.81	Hank Hoffman
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
7	1,450.22	Eunice Patton
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,392.92	Dewey Gronau
9	1,171.72	Stan Gutzman
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
10	1,088.35	Jeanne Strand
11	1,071.11	Ivey Weaver
12	952.35	Jean Barnett
13	903.56	Charlie Morton
14	867.93	Ann Schuyler
***	792.95	Don Strand
15	816.87	Randall Motchan
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
16	792.97	Glen Beaman
17	758.65	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
***	610.73	Martin Compton
18	607.04	Peg Deutsch
19	572.64	Dennis Moll
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
20	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	481.88	Bev Upp
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
21	517.35	Dave Freehill
22	475.39	Steve Wulfers
23	461.74	Bob Smith
24	403.08	Bev Meginnes
25	379.33	Stevie Joslin
***		deceased

Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	10,879.01	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,960.48	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,882.26	Larry Matheny-Colorado
	3,356.43	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,294.07	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,847.32	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
	2,430.66	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,457.15	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,444.74	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,339.49	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,227.28	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,161.56	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,150.84	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,057.14	Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
	1,980.59	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	1,937.23	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,571.76	Tim Cull-Arizona
	1,508.67	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,443.91	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	1,246.96	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,118.00	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,051.93	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	909.60	Ron Emmett
	863.56	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
	793.85	Bev Fast-Peoria
	756.47	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	632.54	Bill Carley-Peoria
	605.63	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
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#1

Most players like to bid but there are some who don't know when to stop. These people don't seem to trust their partners and always "bid one more."

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#12-15	♣ 72				
Dir E	♥ 62	West	North	East	South
Vul none	♦ 1094			2♦	3♣
	♠ QJ8653	4♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
♣ Q10		DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ AQ10975					
♦ KQ2					
♠ K10					
	♣ K4				
	♥ J4				
	♦ AJ7653				
	♠ 942				
	♣ AJ98653				
	♥ K83				
	♦ 8				
	♠ A7				

BIDDING: The auction started with a simple weak-two bid but soon exploded. South jumped to 3♣ showing a hand too good for a simple overcall. With a great fit for his partner's diamond suit, West bid a bold 4♥. South should have realized with this much bidding, his partner was broke but he took another bid. This was his undoing as West doubled to end the auction.

Play: West made the good lead of the queen of diamonds. He wanted his partner to win the trick and that indeed happened. East made the obvious shift to the jack of hearts, declarer ducked, and West won the second round. Now West continued with the ace of hearts and East was able to over-ruff dummy for the fourth defensive trick. East exited with a trump and West still had to win the queen of spades and the king of clubs.

Down three for +500 was worth more than the +420 that 4♥ would have earned but it's doubtful South learned his lesson. After all, he had a seven-card suit.

#2

Most of my hands come from local games but I spotted this one on the internet. It was well bid and well played.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#12-16	♠ K74	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ AQ72		1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Vul none	♦ K42	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
	♣ 854	Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
♠ Q10652	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4NT
♥ 98		Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
♦ Q865		Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
♣ 93		Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♠ J9				
	♥ 1065				
	♦ J10				
	♣ QJ10762				
	♠ A85				
	♥ KJ43				
	♦ A975				
	♣ AK				

BIDDING: As soon as North opened the bidding, South was thinking slam. North first showed a minimum hand but then cooperated with a diamond cue bid. South asked about keycards (4 aces + heart king) and North showed one. South then asked his partner if he held the queen of hearts and North acknowledged that he did along with the king of spades and the small slam was reached.

Play: West led a trump and South stopped to analyze the hand. He counted ten top tricks along with a club ruff for eleven. The only chance for a twelfth trick appeared to be with a squeeze. If the same opponent held length in diamonds and spades, that would work. He drew trumps, cashed the A-K of clubs, and followed with a low diamond ducked to East. A club was returned but it didn't matter for West was soon in trouble. Declarer ruffed the club in his hand, went to dummy with a diamond, and then played dummy's last heart. Here was the end position:

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                S-K74 H-Q D-2
S-Q106
D-Q8
                S-A85 D-A9
    
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Declarer discarded a spade and West had to discard either a spade or a diamond and declarer had his twelfth trick. The result was duplicated at the other table for a tie.

#3

Far too often bridge players don't take the form of scoring into consideration when planning their line of play or defense. In this example, one of the declarers put a possible overtrick ahead of ensuring the safety of his game contract.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#12-17	♠ KQJ62	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ K74		1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Vul N/S	♦ QJ5	Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
	♣ 106	Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
♣ 984		Pass			
♥ Q96					
♦ 9842					
♣ J43					
	♠ A83				
	♥ 103				
	♦ 1076				
	♣ KQ952				
	♠ 107				
	♥ AJ852				
	♦ AK3				
	♣ A87				

BIDDING: South cue bid clubs to suggest slam but North said game was high enough.


Play: West led a low club won by declarer with the ace. Declarer didn't give this hand much thought because he saw only three losers: 1 spade, 1 club, and assuming the hearts behaved only one trump trick. He led a second club and won the diamond shift with the ace. Next he ruffed his last club followed by the king of hearts and a low heart to the jack. West won the queen and shifted to the nine of spades. East won and put a fourth round of clubs on the table the suddenly West's nine of hearts had been promoted to a winner. Declarer struggled but finally admitted defeat.

At the other table in this team game, declarer didn't take any chances. After ruffing the third club in dummy, he led a heart to the ace followed by another to dummy's king. He only lost the three obvious tricks and made his game. The +100 and +620 meant a 12 IMP swing.

#4

As declarer when your first idea doesn't succeed, it helps to have a plan B.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#12-18	♠ 105	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ A8		Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Vul N/S	♦ J9865	Pass	2 ♦*	Pass	3NT
	♣ A764	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ A8432					
♥ 1074					
♦ 2					
♣ J1095					
	♠ K76				
	♥ Q953				
	♦ Q74				
	♣ 832				
	♠ QJ9				
	♥ KJ62				
	♦ AK103				
	♣ KQ				

*inverted raise

BIDDING: North's raise showed 10+ support points and South bid game.

Play: West led the three of spades to East's king. The seven was returned and declarer's queen won the trick as West ducked playing the deuce. It was clear West had led from a five-card suit so

declarer could not allow the opponents to win a trick. If the diamonds were favorable declarer could count eleven tricks so he next cashed the ace and the king. He was disappointed to see West discard on the second round. Still, declarer was not finished; he unblocked the king and queen of clubs followed by a heart to dummy's ace. He cashed the ace of clubs and then led a low heart to his jack. When that won he had his nine tricks: 1 spade, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs.

Unfortunately, at several tables 3NT was declared from the North hand and a heart lead from East allowed those declarers time to concede a diamond trick and collect ten tricks. Matchpoint bridge is a difficult game and the scoring often seems unfair.

September 12, 2012

Illinois Senior Olympics Duplicate Bridge Registration Form

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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What: One session duplicate bridge pairs game (must have own partner). Sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL and Unit 208)

When: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, corner of Southwind and South Second Street—4965 S. Second, Springfield

Fee: \$20 per pair, which includes refreshments. Mail entry form w/check for \$20.00 made payable to the Springfield Park District by September 6, 2012 to:

Springfield Park District
Illinois Senior Olympics
1601 North 5th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Questions: Contact Ron Sholes, coordinator, at srathlete@aol.com, or call Deborah at the Springfield Park District 753-0700; email dstaley@springfieldparks.org

Format:

- You will play approximately 26 boards (hands) of bridge with your partner
- You will have the opportunity to win ACBL Master Points based on your results as a pair. Senior Olympic medals will be awarded based on how well you do individually in your age group
- Registration required by Thursday, September 6, 2012; limited to first 40 pairs to sign up

Player Number 1

Name: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: ____
Zip Code: _____ Tele: _____
E-mail address _____
ACBL Member #: _____

Player Number 2

Name: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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Illinois Senior Olympics Duplicate Bridge

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2012/08/29	72.22%	Vi Kothe & Dorothy Berg(NLMers)
2012/08/15	72.78%	Carol Denny & Mary Houska(NLMers)
2012/08/15	72.78%	Mary Tweedie & Cindy Moore(NLMers)
2012/08/01	72.78%	Cindy Moore & Jerry Oswald(NLMers)
2012/07/25	75.00%	Nancy Callis & Sallie Boge(NLMers)
2012/06/18	72.22%	Melissa Paschold/Bev Branning & Mike Gross(99ers)
2012/06/18	71.67%	Dorothy Berg & Joyce Werner(99ers)
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

BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#81 – RUFFS IN THE LONG HAND

	♠ JT98 ♥ AK74 ♦ K52 ♣ T2	
♠ A32 ♥ QJT ♦ J97 ♣ AQJ8	North West East Declarer	♠ 4 ♥ 9832 ♦ QT863 ♣ K94
	♠ KQ765 ♥ 65 ♦ A4 ♣ 7653	

We'll spare you the auction, but it looks like Partner's been overbidding again, as you find yourself declaring 4♠ on slender values. The good news is that the hands fit well and after the opening lead of the ♥Q you actually have a chance. You have four natural trump tricks and four side-suit winners, so the other two must come from ruffs. The obvious solution is to ruff two Clubs in Dummy (the "short hand"). Do you see any snags?

The problem with going after Club ruffs in Dummy is that the lead must be lost twice. If the trumps are 3-1 this will allow the defense to lead three rounds of trumps, holding Dummy's ruffs to just one and leaving Declarer a trick short. The solution is to go after *three* ruffs in *Declarer's* hand. That way ten tricks are reached via Dummy's three natural trump tricks, plus Declarer's three ruffs, plus the four side-suit winners. So, Declarer wins the opening lead with the ♥A, cashes ♥K, ruffs a Heart, cashes ♦A and ♦K and ruffs a Diamond. Declarer eventually reaches Dummy with a trump, and can score that third ruff in the long hand.

When Declarer is ruffing those red suits she will take care to ruff high, thereby ensuring that she actually can reach Dummy later on. If, after taking two low ruffs, Declarer left herself with ♠KQ7, West would be able to thwart Declarer's plan.

P.S. Yes, an opening trump lead sets the contract.

#82 – A MATTER OF TIMING

	♠ A964 ♥ QT9632 ♦ ♣ KQ3	
♠ 83 ♥ KJ ♦ KQT72 ♣ JT96	North West East Declarer	♠ 752 ♥ 875 ♦ AJ86 ♣ A52
	♠ KQJT ♥ A4 ♦ 9543 ♣ 874	

E-W Vulnerable

	South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass	
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4♠ is a precarious contract, and requires careful timing if Declarer is to succeed. West leads the ♦K, which Declarer ruffs in Dummy. What are the dangers, and how will Declarer overcome them?

Some Heart tricks are required, but it won't do to draw trumps and then play on Hearts, in that case the defense will cash their Diamonds. Better timing is required and Declarer must play on Hearts first, allowing Dummy to handle a Diamond continuation. So, the ♥A is cashed, and a Heart lost to West's King. Back comes a Diamond, ruffed in Dummy, what next?

It's still too soon to draw trumps! That would leave Dummy without a quick entry to the Hearts, and the defense would get in with their ♣A and again have Diamond winners to cash. So, Declarer makes another fine play, he leads Dummy's ♠K! Now East has only losing options:

- He can take his ♣A and persist with Diamonds, in which case Dummy ruffs (with the Ace!), trumps are drawn, and the ♠Q is an entry to Dummy's Hearts.

- He can take the ♠A and return a Club (knocking out Dummy's entry), in which case Declarer can scamper home on a cross-ruff, scoring one Heart, one Club, and all eight of those trumps.
- He can duck the ♠A, in which case it's another cross-ruff.

That was delicately timed, as drawing even a single round of trumps early in the play would be a mistake. Look what happens: Diamond opening lead is ruffed, Spade to Declarer's King, ♥A, Heart to West's King, Diamond ruff, ♥Q ruffed by West, ♠J covered by the King and Ace, Club to Dummy's Queen. Now Declarer has an awkward guess ... if the remaining two enemy trumps are split then Dummy's Ace must be cashed before running the Hearts ... but if East has both missing trumps (the actual case) then the Hearts must be played first. It's better to avoid that guess!

#83 – AN ESSENTIAL PRECAUTION

	♠ K ♥ J854 ♦ J75 ♣ AKQJ6	
♠ Q932 ♥ 9763 ♦ A6 ♣ 875	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 854 ♥ K ♦ KQ982 ♣ T942
	♠ AJT76 ♥ AQT2 ♦ T43 ♣ 3	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

N-S zip into 4♥, and West sensibly leads the unbid suit. After the defense has cashed three Diamonds, East exits a Spade and now the contract depends on Declarer picking up the trumps for no losers. Any thoughts?

Of course, Declarer will finesse against East for the ♥K and the lazy way of doing that is to run the Jack around, thereby keeping the lead in Dummy for a repeat finesse, if necessary. But, alas for Declarer, there is no repeat finesse! East's King covers the ♥J and, when East shows out on the second Heart, Declarer realizes that he has blundered! Now West's Heart Nine will eventually score a trick and Declarer is down one.

It was necessary for Declarer to lead a *low* Heart from the board, an essential precaution against East having a singleton King. This is the kind of problem that nobody gets wrong when they see it in the newspaper. But in the heat of battle it is a different story, as evidenced at a recent club duplicate game where four (embarrassed) Declarers managed to lose a trump trick and go down.

#84 – A SHOW-OFF SQUEEZE

	♠ K87 ♥ AKJ84 ♦ 6 ♣ K982	
♠ QJT654 ♥ T653 ♦ 52 ♣ 3	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 3 ♥ Q7 ♦ 987 ♣ AQJT765
	♠ A92 ♥ 92 ♦ AKQJT43 ♣ 4	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
		1♥	3♣
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against 6♦ West led a Club, won by East's Ten. Hoping for a trump promotion, East returned a low Club, but Declarer could afford to ruff high and draw trumps. There are 11 tricks on top, where's the 12th?

Plan A is to cash the top Hearts and ruff a Heart, hoping that the ♥Q comes down in three rounds. That happens to work on the actual lie of the cards, but it's not a good way to play the hand. More often than not,

West will have long Hearts with the Queen (remember that East has long Clubs and is therefore likely to be short in Hearts).

Plan B is the doomed Heart finesse, but fortunately there's a Plan C which is guaranteed to succeed, regardless of who has the ♥Q! Declarer cashes the ♠A, ♠K and ♥A, and returns to hand with a Club ruff. With West showing out on the second Club, and East showing out on the second Spade, East is known to have started with 1=2=3=7 distribution.

Does that change things? Sure it does! Declarer rattles off the remaining Diamonds, keeping ♥KJ in Dummy and putting West under pressure. West must hang on to a high Spade, which will leave room in his hand for just one Heart. At Trick 12 a Heart is led and when West does not show up with the Queen, Declarer can be sure that it is dropping from the East hand. It's called a Show-Up Squeeze, and there's no guesswork required! Actually, Declarer could have flaunted his mastery by claiming after Trick 5. That would have been a Show-Off Squeeze.

P.S. After drawing trumps, Declarer did well to cash the ♠A next. That way, if East is void in Spades then the Hearts must be 3-3, and Declarer can revert to Plan A.

Announcement: Effective 4/1/2012, all ACBL-sanctioned bridge games held in Bloomington-Normal are fragrance free. Please be respectful of those who are fragrance intolerant. Thank you!



Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!

Upcoming tournaments:





**Illinois Senior Olympics Bridge
September 12, 2012
Springfield, IL**

**Peoria Fall Sectional
September 21-23, 2012
Hult Health Center
Peoria, IL**