



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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December Events



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

December 3 – open pairs December 10 – open pairs

December 17 – quarterly club championship open pairs and Christmas party

December 24 – open pairs December 31 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, December 1, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, December 3, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 12, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 13, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 15, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – location TBA

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

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

Wednesday, December 19, 1:15PM –

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

Thursday, December 20, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 22, 11:45AM – open pairs – location TBA

Monday, December 24, 6:15PM – NO GAME – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday, December 25, NO GAME – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

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

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

Monday, December 31, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – location TBA

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 **3,444.42 Betty Capodice**
- 2 **2,880.56 Steve Babin**
- *** **2,557.18 Laura Addison**
- 3 **1,915.94 Mike Tomlianovich**
- 4 **1,886.23 Zack Freehill**
- *** **1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne**
- 5 **1,636.68 Hank Hoffman**
- 6 **1,547.34 Eunice Patton**
- 7 **1,402.89 Dewey Gronau**
- *** **1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar**
- *** **1,320.43 Ed Lombard**
- 8 **1,178.14 Stan Gutzman**
- 9 **1,094.50 Jeanne Strand**
- *** **1,091.94 Marian Edmunds**
- 10 **1,071.62 Ivey Weaver**
- 11 **957.87 Jean Barnett**
- 12 **917.59 Charlie Morton**
- 13 **895.07 Ann Schuyler**
- 14 **829.55 Randall Motchan**
- 15 **792.97 Glen Beaman**
- *** **792.95 Don Strand**
- *** **780.34 Jack Kessler**
- 16 **759.21 Henrietta Crain**
- *** **741.06 Pearl Harris**
- 17 **616.81 Peg Deutsch**
- *** **610.73 Martin Compton**
- 18 **582.78 Dennis Moll**
- 19 **570.80 Ann Farnsworth**
- *** **567.22 Ruth Wettaw**
- 20 **525.06 Dave Freehill**
- 21 **497.01 Cindy Moore**
- 22 **485.72 Steve Wulfers**
- *** **481.88 Bev Upp**
- *** **474.92 Nona Wooley**
- 23 **461.74 Bob Smith**
- 24 **403.48 Bev Meginnes**
- 25 **385.29 Stevie Joslin**
- *** **deceased**

Other players:

- *** **12,741.55 Dick Benson-LeRoy**
- 10,896.88 Chris Benson-LeRoy**
- *** **4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 3,966.38 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap**
- 3,923.33 Larry Matheny-Colorado**
- 3,372.41 Carl Brueckner-Champaign**
- 3,328.03 Ron Sholes-Springfield**
- 2,868.60 Leonard Kaufman-Peoria**
- 2,527.86 Kish Devaraj-Georgia**
- 2,485.50 Liz Zalar-Springfield**
- 2,430.66 Georgia Heth-Morton**
- 2,412.51 Gail Moon-Tennessee**
- 2,374.53 Paul Lindauer-Varna**
- 2,241.91 Chuck Zalar-Springfield**
- 2,172.60 Carole Sholes-Springfield**
- 2,172.08 Ray Russ-Henry**
- 2,077.45 Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria**
- 1,994.10 Margaret Hansell-Champaign**
- 1,949.34 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign**
- *** **1,776.22 John Burdon**
- 1,597.83 Tim Cull**
- 1,513.13 Bobbie Straker-Pekin**
- 1,450.51 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon**
- 1,245.96 Jim Moon-Tennessee**
- 1,139.80 John Maloney-Champaign**
- 1,066.87 Donna Kaufman-Peoria**
- *** **916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka**
- 918.58 Ron Emmett**
- 885.71 Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights**
- 798.05 Bev Fast-Peoria**
- 751.32 Phil Kenney-Eureka**
- 638.40 Bill Carley-Peoria**
- 615.47 Bill Bulfer-East Peoria**
- 596.42 Carole Miller-Champaign**
- 441.95 Chris Biggs-South Carolina**

#12-28	♠ 73	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ A62	2♣	Pass	3♣	4♣
Vul E/W	♦ Q84	Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
	♣ K8753	Pass			
♣ KJ9654					
♥ Q75					
♦ 109					
♣ Q4					
	♣ Q1082				
	♥ 9843				
	♦ KJ762				
	♣ A				
	♥ KJ10				
	♦ A53				
	♣ AJ10962				

BIDDING: East considered bidding 4♣ but the adverse vulnerability kept him at the three-level. South showed a good hand by entering the auction at the four-level and North raised to game.


Play: West led the six of spades and declarer stopped to count his possible losers. That count came to three: one heart and two diamonds. It appeared he needed the king of diamonds to be in the West hand or he had to find the queen of hearts. However, declarer saw the contract was safe no matter where those honor cards were. He drew trumps, ruffed dummy's last spade in his hand, and then played ace and another diamond. The defenders could cash a second diamond trick but then must lead a heart or concede a sluff/ruff.

Another guess eliminated.

#4

Matchpoint bridge is all about maximizing your plus scores and minimizing your minus scores. That means overtricks are extremely important. In this hand, declarer read the opponents' cards correctly and was rewarded with three extra tricks.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#12-30	♠ AQ974	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ K873	Pass	1♣	2♣	2♦
Vul N/S	♦ Q72	Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
	♣ A	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ K108632					
♥ 942					
♦ 1043					
♣ 3					
	♠ AQJ106				
	♥ 9				
	♣ Q1087652				
	♠ J5				
	♥ 5				
	♦ AKJ865				
	♣ KJ94				

BIDDING: South decided the vulnerability suggested game would be more valuable than defending a club contract. North's heart rebid kept East from showing his second suit.

Play: West led the three of clubs won by dummy's ace. Declarer saw the contract was safe so he went after overtricks. He led a diamond to his hand followed by the jack of spades. West covered

with the king and declarer won the ace as East discarded a high heart. Declarer returned to his hand with a diamond, led another spade to dummy's nine, and then cashed the spade queen. Next, he led the queen of diamonds overtaking with the ace. Here was the 3-card ending after the last diamond was played:

H- A
C- Q10
H-5 C- KJ

Declarer simply exited with his heart and East had to return a club so South had 12 tricks for a good result.

Bloomington-Normal 70% club – year 2012 only
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2012/11/21	77.78%	Mary Tweedie & Cindy Moore(NLMers)
2012/11/01	70.74%	Hank Hoffman & Steve Babin
2012/10/24	79.16%	Dorothy Berg & Mike Gross(99ers)
2012/09/29	73.75%	Asher Kach & Aaron Hanford
2012/09/26	73.44%	Joe Krause & John Sheen(NLMers)
2012/09/24	70.62%	Melissa Paschold & Mike Gross(99ers)
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

#93 - A SURE THING

♠ 4		
♥ K32		
♦ T743		
♣ KQ752		
♠ KQ3	<i>North</i>	♠ JT976
♥ AQJT	<i>West</i>	♥ 8
♦ Q5	<i>East</i>	♦ KJ82
♣ T986	<i>Declarer</i>	♣ J43
♠ A852		
♥ 97654		
♦ A96		
♣ A		

E-W Vulnerable

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

We don't condone the N-S bidding, we just report the facts. Back in the good old days West's Double might have been thunderous, but now we have bidding boxes, keeping down the decibels on those occasions when West thinks he is on to a sure thing.

After leading the ♠K, West got the first bit of bad news when he saw the ♥K in Dummy, and realized that he did not have

four certain trump tricks. "No matter", thought West, "surely we can scrounge up a trick or two in the side-suits". Not so! Declarer was able to abscond with 10 tricks thanks to this well-timed line of play:

At Trick 1 he won the ♠A
 Then he cashed the ♣A and ♦A
 Over to Dummy with a Spade ruff
 Cash ♠K and ♠Q (pitching Diamonds)

**Diamond ruff
Spade ruff**

By now Declarer had 8 tricks. Next came another Club winner, and luck was on Declarer's side when it turned out that West was the defender with four Clubs. East gamely ruffed the Club with the Eight, but was overruffed by Declarer's Nine.

Now for the *coup de grace* or, more specifically, a *coup en passant*. West's last four cards were the AQJT of trumps, and Dummy was down to the singleton King. But, when Declarer led her last Spade, that singleton King would score a trick one way or the other ... if West ruffed high then the King would be good ... if West ruffed low then Dummy would overruff.

#94 - DODGING AN UPPERCUT

	♠ 95 ♥ A63 ♦ K8 ♣ 876432	
♠ KT ♥ JT72 ♦ 642 ♣ AKQT	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ Q432 ♥ Q5 ♦ QJT53 ♣ J9
	♠ AJ876 ♥ K984 ♦ A97 ♣ 5	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♠	Dbl	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

After a particularly virulent outbreak of overbidding, one which afflicted all the combatants other than West, South found herself in the sickly contract of 3♠. The defense started with high Clubs, and Declarer ruffed the second round. How should she proceed?

With only four side-suit tricks, Declarer would need no fewer than five from the trump suit ... a Diamond ruff in Dummy

would be one of them ... and hopefully three Club ruffs and the ♠A would make up the rest. Declarer made the key play of cashing the high Hearts next, a necessary step as otherwise, on the second Club ruff, East would be able to dump a Heart. With the Hearts safely cashed, Declarer crossed to the ♦K, ruffed another Club, cashed ♦A, ruffed a Diamond, ruffed a third Club, and had her 9 tricks.

That was good timing by Declarer, but East could have offered sterner resistance. Look what happens if East ruffs the fourth round of Clubs with his *Queen* (a so-called "uppercut"). Now, if Declarer overruffs with the Ace, that will be her eighth and final trick. Her last four cards will be ♠J8 and two Heart losers. She'll exit with a Heart but East will alertly ruff his partner's winner, and fire a trump through. Down one.

However, Declarer can dodge that uppercut by declining to over-ruff with the Ace. Instead, she pitches a Heart loser, and will come to nine tricks one way or another. If South is going to overbid like that then she needs to play them well.

#95 - ROLE REVERSAL

	♠ AK4 ♥ T94 ♦ T5432 ♣ AK	
♠ Q72 ♥ J852 ♦ KQ6 ♣ 843	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ J6 ♥ 763 ♦ J987 ♣ QT62

♠ T9853
♥ AKQ
♦ A
♣ J975

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
 2NT Pass 4♣ All Pass

At rubber bridge, you win the Club lead, cash a second Club, then the top two trumps, and later take a Club ruff. The dust clears and it's 11 easy tricks. Now let's replay this at duplicate scoring, where a second overtrick would be the difference between a great board and a merely average one.

If Declarer is looking for 12 tricks, it won't do to take a second Club ruff on the board, that would promote a second trump trick for the defense. No, instead of taking two ruffs in the short hand, Declarer does better to take *three* Diamond ruffs in her own (the long) hand. Here is the sequence of plays:

- ♣A wins opening lead
- Cash ♦A
- Cash the Hearts
- Cross to the ♠A
- Ruff a Diamond
- Cross to the ♠K
- Ruff a Diamond
- Cross to the ♠K

That's 10 tricks in, and here's the end-position:

Dummy: ♠4 ♦T5
West: ♠Q ♥J ♣8 *East:* ♦J ♣QT
Declarer: ♠T ♣J9

Another Diamond is ruffed by Declarer and West has two choices:

- If he overruffs then Dummy is good
- If he pitches a Club, then Declarer leads a Club and scores Dummy's low trump *en passant*

Usually, we seek extra tricks by taking a ruff or two in the hand with the short trumps (which is usually Dummy). But occasionally, as here, there is a reversal of roles, and we go for multiple ruffs in the long hand, the so-called "dummy reversal".

#96 - A HOPELESS CONTRACT

	♠ AQ8 ♥ JT873 ♦ 65 ♣ 764	
♠ 9 ♥ 92 ♦ KQT98432 ♣ AQ	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ KT76532 ♥ 6 ♦ J7 ♣ K83
	♠ J4 ♥ AKQ54 ♦ A ♣ JT952	

E-W Vulnerable
South West North East
 1♥ 2♦ 4♥ 4♣
 5♥ Dbl All Pass

North's jump to 4♥ was supposedly preemptive and hardly ideal given those defensive Spade tricks. The consequence was that South pushed on to 5♥, expecting that 4♣ would make and that 5♥ doubled would be a profitable sacrifice. As it happened she was wrong on both counts.

4♣ would have been down, and 5♥ also looked pretty hopeless. West led the Spade Nine, won by Dummy's Ace, Declarer dropping the devious Jack. It might seem obvious

to draw trumps next, but instead Declarer did something rather clever. At Trick 2, she led a Club to her Jack, won by West's Queen. The Diamond shift was won by Declarer who crossed to the ♥J, ruffed a Diamond (high), crossed back to the ♥T, and led a Club, won by West's Ace. "Rats!"

muttered West, who should have smelled one earlier. Left with nothing but Diamonds, West had to concede a ruff and sluff, a Club being pitched from Dummy and the Diamond ruffed in hand. Now a Club ruff set up the suit and Declarer had 11 astonishing tricks. Some sacrifice!

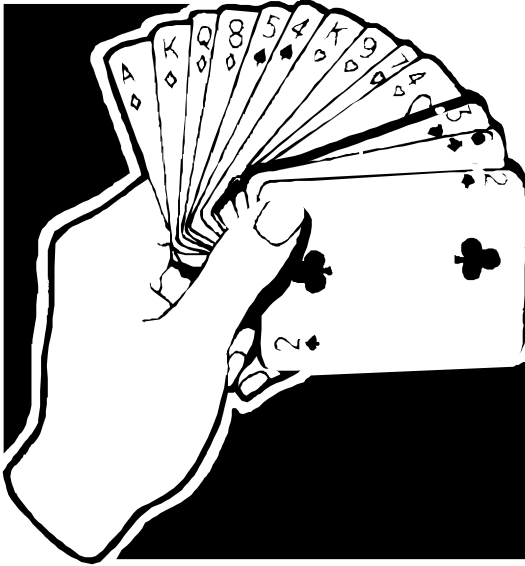
Either of the defenders could have saved the day. East could have hopped up with his ♣K at Trick 2 and cashed a Spade, though that was far from obvious. But West was the real culprit for walking straight into the end-play. In the post mortem West claimed that his defense was correct if Declarer held ♠J, ♥AKQxx, ♦Ax, ♣KJTxx, but in that case West should have wondered why Declarer was risking a defensive Club ruff before drawing trumps. Even though West erred, let's give credit to Declarer for playing Clubs early. If, after winning the ♠A, she had cashed the ♦A, crossed to the ♥J, ruffed a Diamond (high), crossed to the ♥T and *then* led a Club, West would have a road map to the right defense ... he'd squander the ♣A, lead his ♣Q to East's ♣K, and the ♠K would be the setting trick.

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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:



Twin City Winter Sectional
January 25-27, 2013
UAW 2488