



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## April Events



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

April 1 – open pairs      April 8 – open pairs

April 15 – open pairs      April 22 – open pairs      April 29 – open pairs

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

Monday, April 1, 6:15PM – 99ers only and open pairs - Heartland

Tuesday, April 2, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, April 3, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 4, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 6, 11:45AM – open pairs – Michael's Restaurant – SPECIAL LOCATION

Monday, April 8, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland

Tuesday, April 9, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, April 10, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, April 13, 11:45AM – open pairs – SPECIAL LOCATION - TBA

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

Tuesday, April 16, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, April 17, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 18, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 20, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, April 22, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, April 23, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, April 24, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 25, 11:45AM – open pairs – Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 27, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, April 29, 6:15PM – 99ers only and open pairs - Heartland

Tuesday, April 30, 6:15PM – open pairs – Heartland

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

All game results are posted online: [clubresults.acbl.org](http://clubresults.acbl.org)

Post game online discussions of deals are available at: [mikesbridge.blogspot.com](http://mikesbridge.blogspot.com)

All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

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## The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders

As of 3/1/2013 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,473.25	Betty Capodice
2	2,920.87	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	1,972.16	Zack Freehill
4	1,934.01	Mike Tomlianovich
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
5	1,680.72	Hank Hoffman
6	1,637.89	Eunice Patton
7	1,426.87	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,183.95	Stan Gutzman
9	1,102.55	Jeanne Strand
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
10	1,078.94	Ivey Weaver
11	970.64	Jean Barnett
12	965.76	Charlie Morton
13	962.04	Ann Schuyler
14	841.97	Randall Motchan
15	801.70	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
16	761.06	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
17	629.47	Peg Deutsch
***	610.73	Martin Compton
18	600.88	Dennis Moll
19	576.80	Cindy Moore
20	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
21	546.00	Dave Freehill
22	497.13	Steve Wulfers
***	481.88	Bev Upp
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
23	410.20	Lori Moore
24	406.50	Bev Meginnes
25	402.37	Stevie Joslin
***		deceased

### Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	10,983.10	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,979.71	Larry Matheny-Colorado
	3,970.10	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,381.77	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,370.75	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,898.95	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
	2,637.94	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,519.82	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,437.44	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,443.27	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,248.47	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,191.89	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,212.88	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,105.90	Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
	2,036.18	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	1,973.74	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,623.31	Tim Cull
	1,515.43	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,465.71	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	1,320.37	Dennis Fitton-Sydney
	1,245.96	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,198.90	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,088.86	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
	975.17	Ron Emmett
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	941.23	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
	807.19	Bev Fast-Peoria
	761.09	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	645.44	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
	641.64	Bill Carley-Peoria
	597.97	Carole Miller-Champaign
	446.00	Chris Biggs-South Carolina



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#1

Many players do not have the tools to invite slam after finding a 4-4 major suit fit. This pair employed an agreement that prevented them from getting too high.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #12-43 ♠ Q1094  
 Dir E ♥ AQ5  
 Vul E/W ♦ K82  
 ♣ AJ3

♠ K2  
 ♥ 1082  
 ♦ 95  
 ♣ Q96542



♠ AJ53  
 ♥ J63  
 ♦ AQ4  
 ♣ K108

♠ 876  
 ♥ K974  
 ♦ J10763  
 ♣ 7

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

**Bidding:** After his partner opened 1NT, North immediately thought about slam. He started by using the Stayman convention and uncovered a spade fit. North was strong enough to invite slam but not insist upon it. He jumped to 4♦, an agreement showing a balanced hand with spade support and slam invitation strength. South held a minimum and signed off in game.

**Play:** West led the deuce of hearts and declarer stopped to examine his chances. He saw three possible losers: 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club. He saw no way to avoid a heart loser unless the king was in the West hand so he played low from dummy. East won the king and returned his singleton club. Declarer considered two possibilities: 1) East had a singleton club, or 2) East held the spade king and was trying to talk declarer out of taking the spade finesse. This was a matchpoint event so overtricks were important. Declarer finally decided the seven of clubs was a singleton so after winning the club he immediately followed with the ace and another spade. West won the king, noted East had played hi-low in trumps to show an odd number, and gave his partner a club ruff. South had his ten tricks and realized that once he took the heart finesse, he could not have prevented the club ruff.

Those who bid the slam were very disappointed.

#2

Most new players shudder when you mention a squeeze. While complex play may sometime be needed, often you have to do no more than play off your winners. Here is a good example of a simple squeeze.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #12-44	♠ AKQ10	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 653		1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Vul E/W	♦ Q4		1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥*
	♣ K543	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
		Pass	3 ♦	Pass	6NT
		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ 8762	♠ J943	*4 <sup>th</sup> suit forcing			
♥ Q98742	♥ KJ10				
♦ 75	♦ J63				
♣ 2	♣ Q86				
	♠ 5				
	♥ A				
	♦ AK10982				
	♣ AJ1097				

**Bidding:** As soon as North opened, South was thinking slam. South forced to game with the 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing convention and then rather than settle for a minor-suit slam, he made the bold matchpoint bid of 6NT.

**Play:** West led the seven of hearts and declarer stopped to count his tricks. If the diamond suit behaved he had twelve tricks and opportunities for an overtrick. At trick two he led a diamond to the queen and one back to his ace. Happy that the suit broke, he now went after the extra trick. He needed either the spade jack or the club queen to drop and he saw a way to combine his chances. First, he cashed the king-ace of clubs but the queen did not appear. Now he simply played all of his diamonds coming down to four spades in dummy opposite a low spade and the J109 of clubs in his hand. Poor East could not keep the queen of clubs and protect the spades and conceded the 13<sup>th</sup> trick.

Establishing a “threat” card like the jack of clubs in this hand is far superior to simply cashing the spades hoping the jack will drop.

#3

The 1NT overcall may be the most dangerous bid in bridge. It is easy to double and often there is no place to run. The vulnerability is also a factor often ignored.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #12-45	♠ J10983	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 10542		Pass	1 ♣	1NT
Vul N/S	♦ 643	DBL	Pass?	Pass	Pass
	♣ 3				

♠ KQ5  
♥ J976  
♦ K108  
♣ Q72



♠ 42  
♥ A  
♦ AJ92  
♣ KJ10654

♠ A76  
♥ KQ83  
♦ Q75  
♣ A98

**Bidding:** After East opened the bidding, South counted his points and overcalled 1NT which West promptly doubled. North should have bailed out to spades or used some Stayman bid to find the heart fit, but for reasons unknown decided to pass. Of course with this vulnerability there was no safe place to run.

**Play:** West led the deuce of clubs and the rout began. South won the third round and, perhaps in panic mode, led a low spade. West won the queen and continued with the nine of hearts showing no high honor in that suit. East won the ace and cashed the rest of the clubs. After the clubs, East led a low diamond and the massacre was completed. The defense captured 1 spade, 1 heart, 4 diamonds, and 5 clubs for a score of +1400.

At most other tables, South made a takeout double of the opening bid and E/W reached a routine 3NT. Some lessons have to be learned the hard way.

#4

It is difficult to bid minor suit slams. There is a natural reluctance to move past 3NT and possibly end in a poor scoring minor suit game contract if slam is not reached. This N/S pair used a nice tool to help them reach a grand slam in diamonds.

**Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)**

Hand 12-46	♠ AQ9	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ Q	-	-	Pass	1NT
Vul N/S	♦ K1074	Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♦
	♣ AQ963	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
♠ 107543		Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
♥ J83		Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass
♦ J8		Pass	Pass		
♣ 1082					
	♠ 62				
	♥ K9742				
	♦ 962				
	♣ J75				
	♠ KJ8				
	♥ A1065				
	♦ AQ53				
	♣ K4				

\*short hearts

**Bidding:** North's jump to 3♥ showed heart shortness and either 4-1-4-4 or 3-1-5-4 distribution. Steered away from 3NT, South showed his diamond suit and North moved toward slam by using the Roman Keycard convention. South showed two keycards plus the queen of diamonds. When North

asked about kings, South admitted to holding two and North bid the grand slam.

Play: West led the four of spades and after finding a 3-2 break in the trump suit, declarer soon claimed all 13 tricks. Most N/S pairs were in 6NT making an overtrick when the club suit behaved.



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2013/03/07	72.22%	Cindy Moore & Eunice Patton
2013/02/20	74.44%	Carroll Kinnaman & Jerry Oswald (NLMers)
2013/01/30	70.00%	Joyce Werner & Dorothy Berg(NLMers)
2013/01/23	74.31%	Mary Tweedie & Sallie Boge(NLMers)
2013/01/23	70.83%	Carroll Kinnaman & Jerry Oswald(NLMers)
2013/01/09	79.63%	Lou Savage & Joe Krause(NLMers)
2013/01/02	73.96%	Don Randall & Bob Clay(NLMers)
2012/12/17	75.56%	Carroll Kinnaman & Mike Gross(99ers)
2012/12/12	71.11%	Terri Huebsch(99ers) & Anita Carney(NLMers)
2012/12/05	71.53%	Lane O'Connor & Jerry Oswald(NLMers)
2012/12/03	74.44%	Marilyn & Gene Byers(99ers)
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



### #109 – RIGHT THROUGH THE PACK

	♠ 32 ♥ 2 ♦ J9876 ♣ 87543		
♠ JT7654 ♥ T86 ♦ 54 ♣ K2	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ KQ98 ♥ 9754 ♦ KT2 ♣ A6	
	♠ A ♥ AKQJ3 ♦ AQ3 ♣ QJT9		

Perhaps the most charming bridge book of all time is *Right Through The Pack*, published back in the late forties. The setting is a bridge club in London, the players go home at the end of the game, and the cards then come to life, all 52 of them eager to tell a delightful tale in which they had excelled. If this deal were in that book then it might well be *The Tale of the Heart Two*. See how that heroic little trump saves the day in 4♥.

West leads the ♠J and North tables a rather sad Dummy. To make her contract, Declarer must set up some minor suit tricks. But it won't do to draw trumps first and then start establishing minor winners, in that case the defense will keep pounding away in Spades, forcing Declarer to lose trump control. Well, if drawing trumps won't work then one must do the other thing and not draw trumps. Instead, Declarer plays on the minors, leaving Dummy's valiant Heart Two at large to handle the defensive Spade onslaught.

Which minor should Declarer attack at Trick 2? There won't be enough tricks from Clubs alone because the suit is blocked, so Declarer plays the ♦Q at Trick 2. But East wickedly withholds the King, allowing the Queen to hold the trick! Now the Diamonds are dead and Declarer must play on Clubs. She loses a Club, ruffs the Spade return, and loses another Club. The defense can lead

another Spade if they wish, but to no avail, Dummy's Heart Two is there to take care of that and bring home the contract. So there you have it, a modern-day version of *The Tale of the Heart Two*, with a villainous co-starring role for the Diamond King.

### #110 – ODDS-ON FAVORITE

	♠ 82 ♥ 73 ♦ Q982 ♣ A6432	
♠ 97 ♥ QJT98 ♦ J63 ♣ QT8	North  West East  Declarer	♠ 654 ♥ AK6 ♦ KT754 ♣ 95
	♠ AKQJT3 ♥ 542 ♦ A ♣ KJ7	

*Both Vulnerable*

	South	West	North	East
1♠		Pass	1NT	Pass
4♠		Pass	Pass	Pass

Against 4♠, West led the ♥Q and when Dummy went down both defenders could see the need to stop a Heart ruff in Dummy. In case it was necessary to lead through Declarer (West might have ♠Kx), East overtook with his ♥K and fired back a trump.

You can count nine top tricks and are clearly not going to be allowed to get your tenth via the aforementioned Heart ruff. So, Clubs must come to the rescue, and one obvious line of

play is simply to draw trumps, cross to the ♣A and finesse the ♣J. There's a 50% chance that East will have the ♣Q, in which case you'll make your contract. Can you find a line that is odd-on favorite to succeed?

It's better than 50% that the missing Clubs are split 3-2. In fact the odds of that are 68%, so a substantially better bet for developing an extra trick from that Club holding is to lose the first round of Clubs and later to play the ♣K, then ♣A, hoping that the suit behaves.

But it won't work to win the trump shift at Trick 2, draw the remaining trumps, and then lose a Club. In that case the defense will take two Heart tricks and four altogether. Better timing is required. The Club must be lost *before* drawing trumps, that way there will still be a trump on the board to handle that third round of Hearts.

A Rule of Thumb: You don't need to memorize probability tables in order to know if a suit is likely to break evenly. Here's a short cut ... when missing an *even* number of cards in the suit then the odds are against it splitting 1-1 or 2-2 or 3-3 ... when missing an *odd* number then the suit is odds-on to split 2-1 or 3-2 or 4-3.

### #111 – ANTI-DISCOVERY PLAY

	♠ J6 ♥ 862 ♦ AKQ642 ♣ 63	
♠ K75 ♥ Q3 ♦ JT975 ♣ Q75	North  West East  Declarer	♠ Q843 ♥ KJ974 ♦ 3 ♣ J42
	♠ AT92 ♥ AT5 ♦ 8 ♣ AKT98	

*E-W Vulnerable*

	South	West	North	East
1♣		Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠		Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT		Pass	Pass	Pass

Against 3NT, West led the ♥Q and Declarer held up on the first trick. West continued the suit, and Declarer had to decide whether to win this or hold up again. Looking only at the N-S hands what would be your choice?

If the Heart suit is 4-3 then it's a good idea to hold up a second time, that way, if the Diamonds don't break, it may be possible to develop the Clubs for a total of nine tricks,

without the defense scoring five tricks first. But if Hearts are 5-2 then the second hold-up is pointless.

At Trick 1 Declarer had no idea of the Heart situation. Clearly the King was with East, but West's opening lead could have been from Qx or QJx or QJ9x or QJ9xx, all were equally likely as a Heart opening lead was almost inevitable given the auction. But at Trick 2 all became clear when East played the Jack. Now, unless West was a remarkably slippery customer, given to making extravagant opening leads, surely the suit was 5-2. So, Declarer won the second trick, and played Diamonds from the top. When that suit didn't break, Declarer ducked a Club to West, who could cash a couple of Diamonds. But that was all for the defense, scoring those two Diamonds, a Club, and only one Heart.

In order to beat the contract, East must practice the art of concealment. At Trick 2, if he plays the ♥K, then Declarer will be none the wiser. Now it will appear to Declarer that West has led from ♥QJ93, in which case a second hold-up *is* required. But, in fact, it turns out to be fatal, that second Heart trick for the defense will result in the ultimate defeat of the contract.

### #112 – A SECOND CHANCE

♠ 76 ♥ J743 ♦ T65 ♣ J643		
♠ QJT42 ♥ 986 ♦ Q98 ♣ KT	North West East Declarer	♠ AK53 ♥ ♦ 7432 ♣ Q9872
		♠ 98 ♥ AKQT52 ♦ AKJ ♣ A5

*Both Vulnerable*

	South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass		2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass		4♥	All Pass

2♣ and 2♦ were artificial (strong and weak respectively), and West led the ♠Q against 4♥. Can you spot the winning defense? And, when East fails to find it, can you see how Declarer takes advantage of her second chance?

The winning defense is for East to overtake the Spade and shift to a Diamond at Trick 2. Sooner or later, Declarer will be forced to take the losing Diamond finesse and that will be down one.

What actually happened was that East did overtake the ♠Q at Trick 1 but cashed a second Spade before shifting to Diamonds. Declarer's Ace won that, then trumps were drawn, at which point it might appear that Declarer must put her money on the Diamond finesse. Down one, as before? Not at all! Before putting all her eggs in the Diamond basket, Declarer loses nothing by cashing the ♣A and exiting a Club. This end-plays West if he happens to hold both the ♣K and ♣Q, or if he holds ♣KT or ♣QT doubleton. It was somewhat unlikely that the Club position would allow the end-play to work, but it was an extra chance that cost nothing, and Declarer always had the Diamond finesse to fall back on, if necessary. *Question:* Wouldn't West also be end-played if he held, say, ♠K2? No, because he would dump that ♠K under Declarer's Ace like a hot potato, cleverly allowing East to win the second Club trick, thereby avoiding the end-play!

Did East misdefend when he failed to shift to a Diamond at Trick 2? Well, there were hands when his defense would have been necessary (picture Declarer with ♠98, ♥AKQT2, ♦AKQ8, ♣K5, for example) so let's just count East as somewhat unlucky.

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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:**



**District 8 GNT  
May 4-5, 2013  
Springfield Eagles Club**

