



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 3 – open pairs June 10 – open pairs

June 17 – quarterly club championship open pairs June 24 – NAP qualifier open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, June 8, 11:45AM – WWBC open pairs – Westminster

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

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

Wednesday, June 12, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, June 15, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

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

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

Wednesday, June 19, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, June 22, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Westminster

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

Tuesday, June 25, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, June 26, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, June 27, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, June 29, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Westminster

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

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All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

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***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,014.05	Zack Freehill
4	1,949.79	Mike Tomlianovich
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
5	1,696.34	Hank Hoffman
6	1,695.65	Eunice Patton
7	1,442.53	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,194.77	Stan Gutzman
9	1,109.98	Jeanne Strand
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
10	1,084.62	Ivey Weaver
11	1,009.12	Ann Schuyler
12	987.38	Charlie Morton
13	978.75	Jean Barnett
14	849.50	Randall Motchan
15	803.51	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
16	763.81	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
17	646.94	Cindy Moore
***	610.73	Martin Compton
18	639.84	Peg Deutsch
19	605.96	Dennis Moll
20	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
21	555.86	Dave Freehill
22	506.36	Steve Wulfers
***	481.88	Bev Upp
23	480.18	Lori Moore
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
24	417.16	JoAnn Schroeder
25	411.87	Stevie Joslin
***		deceased

Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,066.56	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	4,028.28	Larry Matheny-Colorado
	3,970.10	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,419.86	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,410.13	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,938.32	Leonard Kaufman-Peoria
	2,786.71	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,552.58	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,455.81	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,504.03	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,254.25	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,222.90	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,218.40	Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
	2,223.97	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,070.71	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	1,993.87	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,630.37	Tim Cull
	1,515.75	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
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	1,354.92	Dennis Fitton-Sydney
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#1

It's not always clear whether it is best to compete or to pass. This hand illustrates that problem.

Hand 12-51	♠ AK6				
Dir E	♥ J106	West	North	East	South
Vul Both	♦ Q643	-	-	1 ♣	Pass
	♣ 1082	Pass	DBL	Pass	2 ♥
♠ J10732	□	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ Q84					
♦ J1085					
♣ 6					
	♠ Q854				
	♥ A97				
	♦ 2				
	♣ AK973				
	♠ 9				
	♥ K532				
	♦ AK97				
	♣ QJ54				

Bidding: North would have been better off if he passed East's opening bid but he made a balancing double and South jumped in hearts to end the auction.

Play: West led his singleton club to his partner's king. East cashed the ace of clubs and then shifted to his singleton diamond. Declarer won the queen in dummy and led a low trump. East rose with the heart ace and gave his partner a club ruff. West returned a diamond for East to ruff and then East played a fourth club. West ruffed with the queen and gave East another diamond ruff.

East-West earned +200 which was worth more than the partscore in spades bid at several tables. Poor North kept mumbling "I should have passed."

#2

You usually need to be in the best contract for a good result but sometimes you can win with good declarer play.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 12-52	♠ AJ9					
Dir E	♥ 4		West	North	East	South
Vul Both	♦ K10543		-	-	Pass	1 ♥
	♣ Q974		2 ♣	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
♠ K643		♠ 1082	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ Q10		♥ 86				
♦ J		♦ Q9862				
♣ AK10865		♣ J32				
	♠ Q75					
	♥ AKJ97532					
	♦ A7					
	♣					

Bidding: North was hoping to punish a club contract if his partner would reopen with a takeout double but South jumped to game in hearts. North finally decided to pass.

Play: West led the ace of clubs ruffed by declarer. Next, declarer played the top two hearts and was pleased to see the suit behave. Now he looked for overtricks. First, he checked the diamond suit by playing the ace followed by a low one to dummy's king. Seeing this suit was not a source of extra tricks, he realized West very likely held the king of spades for his overcall along with the king of clubs. This meant a squeeze was likely. He ruffed a diamond back to his hand followed by a spade to dummy's jack. Now he ruffed a club to his hand and ran the rest of his hearts. Here was the end position with one heart left to play:

	♠ A9	♣ Q
♠ K6		
♣ K		
	♠ Q7	♥ 2

When the heart was led, poor West was toast. N/S missed the slam but making all 13 tricks was a near top.

#3

When investigating slam potential, the usual tools are Blackwood (regular or Roman) and cue bids. The old style of cue bidding showed the ace when the suit was first bid. The more popular Italian cue bidding shows first or second round control, either shortness or strength. It is best to show an honor and not shortness when you cue a suit in which partner has made a 2/1 bid. The Serious 3NT convention is also helpful to show a hand that has extra values.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 12-53	♠ Q76	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ AQ10975	Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Vul Both	♦ 6	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
	♣ A42	Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
♠ 53		Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
♥ J86		Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
♦ 9843		Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
♣ K1097		Pass			
	♠ 8				
	♥ 432				
	♦ AK102				
	♣ J8653				
	♣ AKJ10942				
	♥ K				
	♦ QJ75				
	♣ Q				

*Serious 3NT


Bidding: The auction was standard until the 3NT bid. N/S had agreed on spades and were never going to play 3NT, so this was an artificial bid showing extra values. North cue bid clubs and South's heart cue bid showed an honor and denied a diamond control since he bypassed that suit. With a diamond control and knowing South held the king of hearts, North used Roman Blackwood (4 aces + spade king) to discover they were missing one keycard and signed off in the small slam.

Play: West led the nine of diamonds to his partner's king and South had no problems collecting the rest of the tricks.

#4

Frequently the play to trick one can make or break a contract. Too often not enough thought is given at this very important moment and the contract is doomed to failure. This hand is a very good example of the importance of careful planning at trick one.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #13-01	♠ A72	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ K	Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Vul Both	♦ AK632	Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
	♣ KJ86	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ QJ9					
♥ 10865					♠ QJ743
♦ 10874					♥ QJ95
♣ 72					♣ A1054
	♠ K1086543				
	♥ A92				
	♦				
	♣ Q93				

Bidding: I was sitting South and after my partner's strength showing jump to game, I optimistically bid the slam.

Play: West led the five of hearts to dummy's king. I saw the slam was cold unless the missing spades were 3-0. Next, I addressed two questions: 1) What if the spades were 3-0? And, 2) is there any play for an overtrick? I saw the answer was the same to both questions: I needed the outstanding diamonds to be 4-4. With this in mind, at trick two I ruffed a diamond to my hand. Next, I cashed the king of spades and received the bad news. Continuing with my plan, I led another spade to dummy's ace. Then I cashed the ace-king of diamonds pitching two clubs. I next ruffed a diamond to my hand and was delighted to find the 4-4 break. I now had to simply ruff my small heart in dummy and play the last diamond. I discarded my last club as West ruffed with the queen of spades.

Note the contract cannot be made without the diamond ruff at trick two. Of course, I was extremely fortunate West's opening lead was not a club.

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BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#117 – PRETTY SOON, IT ADDS UP

	♠ QJ432 ♥ 5 ♦ A5 ♣ AKQ52	
♠ K86 ♥ T9743 ♦ K32 ♣ J4	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ AT9 ♥ J62 ♦ T874 ♣ 763
	♠ 75 ♥ AKQ8 ♦ QJ96 ♣ T98	

Sometimes it pays to have a good sense of the ridiculous, witness this hand from a recent team game. N-S declined to admit how they reached 6NT, and given the utter awfulness of their final contract, who could possibly blame them?

A Spade lead would have worked rather well for the defense but, not unreasonably, West started out with the Heart Ten. Now let's see how alert defense by East averted an overtrick!

That opening Heart lead was won by Declarer's Ace. Next came the ♦Q and West probably now regrets that he covered this with the King. Dummy's Ace won the trick and the Clubs were rattled off. West had discarding problems on the run of the Clubs and, with the benefit of hindsight we can see that it

was ill-advised of West to pitch a couple of Hearts, but pitch them he did. Next, the Diamond Nine was successfully finessed and, with the Hearts now good, Declarer was up to 12 tricks.

But could he make an overtrick? No, East became the star of the show when, on the last Heart, he pitched away his ♠A! Declarer's last two cards were ♦J6 but East had grimly held on to ♦T8 and the battle for the thirteenth trick was won by East's Diamond Ten. So, only +1440 for N-S, thanks to East's heads-up defense.

"For a moment there I thought you would make all the tricks", mused Dummy.

"Wasn't possible, East defended too well".

"Well, let's hope our team-mates aren't -1470. An IMP here, an IMP there, pretty soon it starts to add up".

#118 – AN EXTRA CHANCE

	♠ AK6 ♥ T3 ♦ J7 ♣ QT9764	
♠ 87 ♥ K542 ♦ KQ943 ♣ 85	North West East Declarer	♠ 542 ♥ AJ9 ♦ 8652 ♣ K32
	♠ QJT93 ♥ Q876 ♦ AT ♣ AJ	

E-W Vulnerable

	South	West	North	East
1♠		Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠		Pass	Pass	Pass

The opening lead is the ♦K, won by Declarer's Ace. A Heart is lost to East, but Declarer's hopes of getting two Heart ruffs on the board are dashed when East returns a trump. So much for Plan A. Setting up the Clubs is Plan B, will it succeed?

At first glance it may appear that the only chance is for East to hold the singleton or doubleton Club King. If that is the case then Declarer can cross to the Spade Ace, lead a Club and finesse (assuming that the King does not appear from East). If the Club King comes down in two rounds, and if trumps are 3-2, then the Clubs will run and there will be no fewer than 12 tricks.

As you can see, the Club King does not come down in two rounds. Does this mean the contract fails? Not if Declarer realizes the potential of the Spade Six! That valuable card is a potential Dummy entry if one opponent or the other has Eight-Seven doubleton of trumps. And just as valuable as the Six is Declarer's precious Three!

When East returns that trump at Trick 3, Declarer plays the *Queen* from hand and overtakes in Dummy. Now the Club finesse works and the Club Ace is cashed. The Spade Jack is overtaken in Dummy, and a Club is ruffed *high*. Now Dummy's Clubs are good and, thanks to West's doubleton Eight-Seven of trumps, the Spade Six is an entry to those Clubs. Well done, Declarer! If she had carelessly played the Three on the first round of trumps she would not have reaped the benefit of her extra chance.

#119 – THE ONLY CHANCE

	♠ 93 ♥ T98 ♦ AK92 ♣ 7652	
♠ JT7 ♥ J52 ♦ QT854 ♣ A4	North West East Declarer	♠ Q4 ♥ AQ7643 ♦ 7 ♣ KQJT
	♠ AK8652 ♥ K ♦ J63 ♣ 983	

Suppose that you are playing in a duplicate (matchpoint) event. Nobody is vulnerable and E-W bid up to 3♥. Now N-S compete with 3♠ and that gets doubled. Playing in Hearts, E-W would probably make 9 tricks, and that's -140 for N-S. But here N-S are in 3♠ doubled and will get a good result only if they can hold their losses to down one, scoring -100. Down two for -300 would be very bad indeed. How do you escape for down one?

Playing 3rd and 5th leads, West starts out with the Heart Two to the Ace, and East shifts to the ♣K. West overtakes with the Ace and the defense proceeds to play out all four rounds of Clubs. As Declarer, what do you play on the fourth round

of Clubs? Remember, you have already lost four tricks and can lose only one more if you are to escape with a good board.

Ruffing the Club high cannot be right, that will ensure that the defense scores two trump tricks. Nor can it be right to pitch a Diamond, that is also a guaranteed down two. Perhaps surprisingly, the only chance is to ruff low. Your hope is that West has three trumps and that therefore, if he overruffs, it will be with a natural trump trick. So, that's what you do, West does overruff, the return of the ♥J is ruffed and trumps fall in two rounds.

So far, so good, but you still have to bring in the Diamonds for no losers if you are to accomplish your goal. Does somebody have the doubleton Queen? Not possible! The opening lead tells you that West started with three Hearts, and the play tells you that he also started with two Clubs and three Spades. That leaves five Diamonds with West and one with East. Therefore, the percentage play in Diamonds is to run the Jack (in case East has the singleton Ten). If West covers with the Queen you can finesse the Nine later. "Down one is good bridge" as they always say.

#120 – DOUBLE END-PLAY

	♠ A8 ♥ K987 ♦ AJT8 ♣ AJ8	
♠KJT6532 ♥ J6 ♦ 32 ♣ K3	North West East Declarer	♠ 9 ♥ Q53 ♦ 9764 ♣ 97652
	♠ Q74 ♥ AT42 ♦ KQ5 ♣ QT4	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♣	3♠	Dbl	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

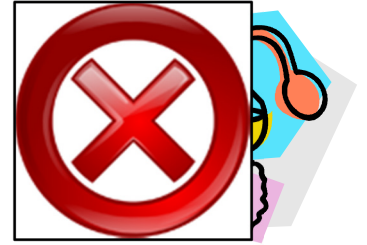
This is not a good slam! After a Diamond opening lead, even if trumps are 3-2 and the Club finesse works, it still looks as if Declarer must lose a Heart and a Spade for down one. How does Declarer avoid that Spade loser?

West's 3♠ overcall (showing seven Spades) points the way to the winning line. Declarer wins the opening lead with the ♦K,

and now proceeds to remove all of East's safe exit cards. At Trick 2 he takes the Club finesse, then cashes the ♥K, back to hand with the ♥A, and another Club. After Declarer has taken his minor suit winners, the ♠A is cashed, at which point East is down to the ♥Q and two Clubs. Declarer now throws in East with a trump, and East is forced to return a Club, allowing Declarer a so-called "ruff and sluff", whereby one hand pitches a (Spade) loser and the other one takes the ruff. That's a pretty elimination play for 12 tricks.

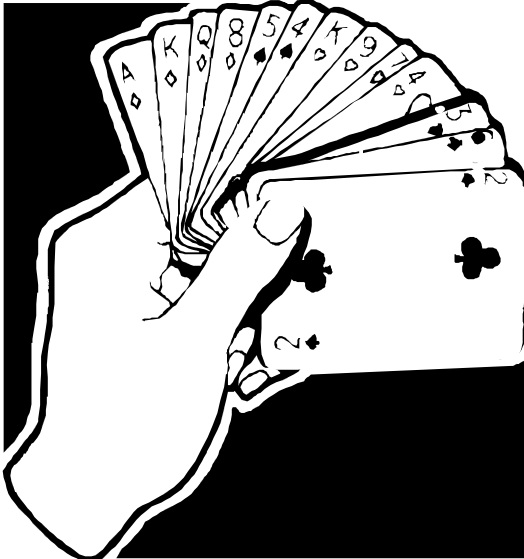
Strangely enough, if South declares 6NT, there is a totally different elimination play, this time directed against West. Say that West leads a Diamond as before. Declarer wins, finesses the Club, returns to hand with another Diamond, and plays off the rest of the Clubs and Diamonds. By now, West is down to ♥J6 and ♠KJT5. Dummy's ♥K is cashed and a Heart is run around to West's Jack. West must return a Spade and that gives Declarer the 12th trick. West might try and wriggle out of the end-play by throwing his ♥J under the ♥K, but to no avail as that only serves to set up a Heart finesse against East.

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