



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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July Events



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

July 1 – open pairs July 8 – open pairs

July 15 – open pairs July 22 – open pairs July 29 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Monday, July 1, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland

Tuesday, July 2, NO GAME

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

Thursday, July 4, NO GAME – ENJOY YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Saturday, July 6, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

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

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

Wednesday, July 10, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, July 13, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

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

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

Wednesday, July 17, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, July 20, 11:45AM – open pairs – location TBA

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

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

Wednesday, July 24, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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

Saturday, July 27, NO GAME – TOURNAMENT AT UAW 2488

Monday, July 29, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, July 30, NO GAME

Wednesday, July 31, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

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 5/1/2013 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,486.05	Betty Capodice
2	2,989.83	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,037.02	Zack Freehill
4	1,972.59	Mike Tomlianovich
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
5	1,721.46	Eunice Patton
6	1,699.69	Hank Hoffman
7	1,455.12	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,197.01	Stan Gutzman
9	1,111.46	Jeanne Strand
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
10	1,085.02	Ivey Weaver
11	1,036.04	Ann Schuyler
12	995.00	Charlie Morton
13	980.83	Jean Barnett
14	860.62	Randall Motchan
15	805.08	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
16	763.81	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
17	677.68	Cindy Moore
18	640.80	Peg Deutsch
19	612.33	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
20	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
21	566.12	Dave Freehill
22	516.48	Steve Wulfers
***	481.88	Bev Upp
23	504.42	Lori Moore
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
24	442.12	JoAnn Schroeder
25	414.43	Stevie Joslin
***		deceased

Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,082.48	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	4,041.22	Larry Matheny-Colorado
	3,971.77	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,486.54	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,425.53	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,812.55	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,579.47	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,459.67	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,523.12	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,255.65	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,229.05	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,225.15	Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
	2,238.50	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,093.98	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,005.93	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,636.40	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,515.75	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,480.03	Marilyn Stickel-Laon
	1,360.92	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,245.96	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,239.40	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,122.12	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
	1,017.25	Ron Emmett
	977.79	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	811.67	Bev Fast-Peoria
	775.79	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	685.95	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
	668.22	Doug Steele-Seymour
	612.78	Carole Miller-Champaign
	452.68	Chris Biggs-South Carolina



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#1

Matchpoint scoring definitely favors plus scores. Some players will take extreme measures attempting to win 200 points instead of settling for 140. Sometimes it doesn't work.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #13-02	♠ 842	West	North	East	South
Dir S	♥ AKQ53	-	-	-	3♣
Vul N/S	♦ K62	DBL	Pass	Pass!	Pass
	♣ 32				

♠ KQJ73	♠ A9
♥ 10876	♥ J942
♦ J103	♦ Q954
♣ A	♣ Q65
	♠ 1065
	♥
	♦ A87
	♣ KJ109874


Bidding: Preempting at adverse vulnerability is always risky but South decided to tempt fate. West was not to be trifled with and made a very weak takeout double. With scattered values, East decided to defend with the expectation of at least +200.

Play: West led the king of spades and East overtook with the ace to fire back a second round. West cashed a third spade as East discarded a diamond. Next, West exited with the jack of diamonds and declarer assessed his situation. His first thought was that East must hold all four clubs to elect to defend. But, he stopped to consider what he had learned so far. West held 6 points in spades, 1 (at most) in hearts, and, from the diamond switch, only 1 in diamonds. Even the most aggressive bidder would not make a 3-level t/o double with only 7 or 8 points so it was clear to declarer that the ace of clubs was in the West hand. It was doubtful that East would have elected to defend with fewer than three clubs, so the club distribution was clear. Declarer won the diamond in his hand followed by a low club. West won the ace and continued diamonds. Declarer won the king, discarded his other low diamond on the ace of hearts, and took the winning club finesse. Making three for +670 and a good matchpoint result

#3

Strong hands are often difficult to bid. You want to describe your hand to your partner, but sometimes you just have to bid what you hope you can make.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#13-04	♠ 654	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ 976542	Pass	Pass	1♦	DBL
Vul E/W	♦ 53	1♣	2♥	Pass	3NT
	♣ K4	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ KQ832					
♥ 103					
♦ 74					
♣ 9876					
	♠ 10				
	♥ QJ8				
	♦ AK862				
	♣ J1052				
	♠ AJ97				
	♥ AK				
	♦ QJ109				
	♣ AQ3				

Bidding: I was in the South chair and after my partner showed some values, I bid 3NT. Partner considered 4H but finally decided my bid might be based on a long running suit.

Play: West led the seven of diamonds to his partner's king. East shifted to the ten of spades and I covered with the jack. West won the queen followed by his last diamond. East won the ace and exited with a heart. I won the ace and saw I had only eight tricks: 1 spade, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs. Since any extra trick would have to come from spades, I decided to make West do some discarding. I cashed my red suit and club winners and West erred by discarding a club along with a spade. Here was the 3-card ending:

S-K82

S-A97

I led the nine of spades and West won the king but his forced spade return promoted my seven to the game-going trick. At the other table, the same contract was defeated with stronger defense. It appears 4H is a better contract. There are four losers but West can never get in to cash a spade winner. However, three rounds of diamonds will promote the ten of hearts as the 4th trick for the defense.

#4

When declaring a bridge hand, it is important to develop a plan as early as possible. While many hands are easy, some present possible pitfalls that can be avoided with careful play.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#13-05	♠ Q84	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ KQ5	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Vul E/W	♦ K109732	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
	♣ A	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
♠ K103		Pass			
♥ J10943	♠ J65				
♦ J	♥ A8				
♣ Q963	♦ Q84				
	♣ J10872				
	♠ A972				
	♥ 762				
	♦ A65				
	♣ K54				

Bidding: Sitting South in a team game, I invited game and partner accepted.

Play: West led the jack of hearts covered by the king and ace. A heart came back and I won the third round discarding a spade from my hand. The problem seemed clear: I needed only five diamond tricks and I could not allow West to gain the lead. Looking closer, I also saw some transportation issues so I unblocked the ace of clubs before playing a low diamond. East followed with the diamond four so I won the ace followed by a low one toward dummy. West showed out so I ducked the trick to East. After winning the queen, East shifted to a low spade and I won the ace. It was now a simple task to cash my king of clubs followed by a diamond to the king. This gave me nine tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart, 5 diamonds, and 2 clubs.

Note if I had not unblocked dummy's ace of clubs early, I would have had no way to get to back to my king of clubs. This illustrates how important it is to develop a plan before playing to the first trick.



Bloomington-Normal Sectional

July 26-28, 2013



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Location:

UAW Local 2488 Hall
10226 East 1400 North
Road, Bloomington,
Illinois

Schedule of events

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1:00 PM Stratified open pairs 6:30 PM Stratified open pairs	10:30AM Stratified open pairs 10:30AM 199ers only pairs 4:00PM Stratified open pairs 4:00PM 199ers only pairs	10:30AM Stratified open Swiss teams double session play through – lunch served
<u>Entry fees:</u>	<u>Friday and Saturday</u> \$10.00 per open session \$8.00 per 199ers session 1 st time tournament entrant-\$5.00 for 1 st session \$2 per session student discount	<u>Sunday</u> \$100.00 per team including meal

Stratification

A: open; B<2,000; C<Non Life Master under 500.

NOTE: All stratifications will be determined by the team or partnership *average* POINTS.

General comments:

Complimentary coffee and snacks for all sessions.

\$1.00 additional per person, per session, for non or unpaid ACBL members

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2013/05/29	75.00%	Bob Ragland & Jim Swanke(NLMers)
2013/05/06	86.81%	Vi Kothe & Lou Savage(99ers)
2013/03/30	70.37%	Ann Schuyler & Camilla Rabjohns
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)

BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#121 – MR & MRS SMITH

	♠ QJ3 ♥ 3 ♦ T4 ♣ AKJT982	
♠ T96 ♥ 987 ♦ Q765 ♣ 543	<i>North</i> Mrs Mr Smith <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 852 ♥ AQT654 ♦ KJ32 ♣
	♠ AK74 ♥ KJ2 ♦ A98 ♣ Q76	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Playing bridge is a great activity to enjoy with one's spouse. However, some bridge Clubs have a Mr. and Mrs. Smith in their ranks, and perhaps these couples are temperamentally better suited to chess or backgammon.

At a Club duplicate the entire N-S field was having a bad day and missed the lay-down slam. Instead, they played in 3NT

making the obvious 12 tricks, except at the table where a tricky Declarer scored an extra trick from an unlikely source.

Mrs. Smith knew that, after this auction, the lead of a major suit is usually called for. The ♠T was the obvious choice and Declarer won that with Dummy's Queen. Declarer now rattled off Dummy's Clubs, throwing from his hand two Diamonds, the ♥J and the ♥K (cunningly keeping the Heart Two!).

Next, Declarer cashed Spades and the defense lapsed into auto-pilot mode. Declarer seemed to be out of Hearts and so they both felt compelled to hang on to Diamonds. On the last Spade, Mr. Smith, who by now was down to ♥A and ♦KJ, tossed away the ♥A, wondering why Declarer was wasting time playing out the hand. At Trick 12, Declarer cashed the ♦A, and Mr. Smith leaned forward to claim Trick 13 with his ♦K. But Declarer rather took the wind out of Mr. Smith's sails by (somewhat mischievously) announcing "The board's good". And so it was, as the sneaky Heart Two was led to Dummy's Three for the 13th trick.

In the post mortem the Smiths exchanged ideas:

"Why didn't you"

"*Did you really think I*"

"keep a Heart? No reason"

"*pitched Nine-Eight-Seven*"

"to keep the"

"*and kept the Two?*"

"Diamond Queen unless"

"*I wish you would*"

"you were planning"

"*pay attention*"

"to win it at Trick 14"

#122 – IMPROVING THE ODDS

	♠ KJ ♥ AQ83 ♦ 872 ♣ AT93	
♠ Q9653 ♥ 742 ♦ J4 ♣ Q82	North West East Declarer	♠ AT74 ♥ J ♦ AQT93 ♣ J64
	♠ 82 ♥ KT965 ♦ K65 ♣ K75	

Both Vulnerable

	South	West	North	East
				Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦	
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠	
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	

E-W appear well-matched, because East bids most conservatively (he didn't open and he didn't compete to 3♠) whereas West seems to bid a lot (witness his 1♠ call).

The ♦J opening lead was taken by East's Ace, and the ♦Q played to Declarer's King. Trumps were drawn in three

rounds, and with a Club and a Diamond still to be lost, Declarer concluded that a successful Spade guess was required to bring this one home. She'd just finished reading Lawrence's "Counting at Bridge", so she put her new-found technique to work. East had shown up with ♦AQ and ♥J, added to which he might also have a Club honor. With all that, *and* the ♠A, surely East would have opened the bidding instead of passing in first seat. So, with a high degree of confidence, she led a Spade to the King and East's surprising Ace. Down one.

It was unfortunate that Declarer's bedtime reading had not been "End-Plays for the Improving Player". In that case, after drawing trumps, she would have cashed the ♠K and led a Club to the Ten and East's Jack. East could cash the ♦T, but then had no safe exit ... a Spade return would spare Declarer the guess ... and a Club return would allow Declarer to pitch a Spade on the fourth round of Clubs. Making 9 tricks.

It's true that playing on Clubs was not a sure thing. West might have held ♣QJx, in which case he would split his honors and win the third round of the suit. Now West will lead a low Spade and Declarer can revert to her counting activities (without a happy ending, as it happens).

#123 – FIRST THINGS FIRST

	♠ 7 ♥ T743 ♦ AKT9632 ♣ 6	
♠ QT843 ♥ 2 ♦ Q4 ♣ A7432	North West East Declarer	♠ A965 ♥ J986 ♦ 875 ♣ 95
	♠ KJ2 ♥ AKQ5 ♦ J ♣ KQJT8	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
		3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Some players don't approve of preemptive bids when holding a 4-card major, pointing out that it risks missing (in this case) a 4-4 Heart fit. Others will say that North's so-called Heart suit is pitifully weak, and surely that long, strong minor needs to be bid.

On the actual deal, North's 3♦ preempt got N-S to a dubious 3NT when 4♥ was indeed a superior contract. Against 3NT, the opening lead was a Spade to East's Ace, then a Spade to Declarer's Jack and West's Queen, followed by a third Spade. On the second and third Spades, Dummy pitched a Club and a Diamond (a Heart could not be spared as the 4th Heart is a potential entry).

After winning the third Spade trick, how would *you* play the Diamond suit? Would you finesse against the Queen, or would you play for the drop? When the hand was played, our Declarer knew that with an 8-card fit, the Diamond finesse was the percentage play, so he successfully ran the Jack. That held, but the bad news was that Hearts were 4-1, so Dummy had no entry and the good Diamonds were stranded.

Declarer goofed. He should have cashed two high Hearts first ... if that suit split 3-2 then he could take the Diamond finesse, the most likely way to bring in the suit ... but when Hearts were 4-1, the lack of Dummy entries meant that he must rely on the singleton or doubleton ♦Q to make his contract. That would have been 10 tricks, just like those who declared the superior 4♥ contract. Does this deal settle the debate about preempting with a 4-card major? Not at all, it merely tells us that rotten contracts sometimes make, especially when played correctly.

#124 – A “FREE” FINESSE

	♠ AJT ♥ A6543 ♦ AK3 ♣ K7	
♠ 9732 ♥ KJ87 ♦ J6 ♣ 653	<i>North</i>	♠ Q854 ♥ Q2 ♦ QT54 ♣ A84
	<i>West East</i>	
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ K6 ♥ T9 ♦ 9872 ♣ QJT92	

E-W Vulnerable

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

When West led a Spade against 3NT, she offered a “free finesse”, allowing Declarer to score three Spade tricks without having to guess which defender held the Queen. But, in actual fact, that finesse came with a hefty price tag.

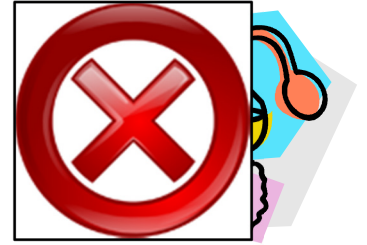
“How kind of West to lead a Spade”, thought Declarer as he played Dummy’s Jack, covered by the Queen and the King.

Having ensured three Spade tricks, Declarer then paused to look at the whole hand. But it was a bit late for that, wasn’t it?

At this point, Declarer could count three Spades, one Heart, and two Diamonds, which got him up to six, so he looked to the Club suit to make up the shortfall, leading the ♣K at Trick 2. But East didn’t have to be a genius to duck this, killing Declarer’s hopes in that suit. His last hope was a 3-3 Heart break, but that failed too, and Declarer (deservedly) went down in a cold contract.

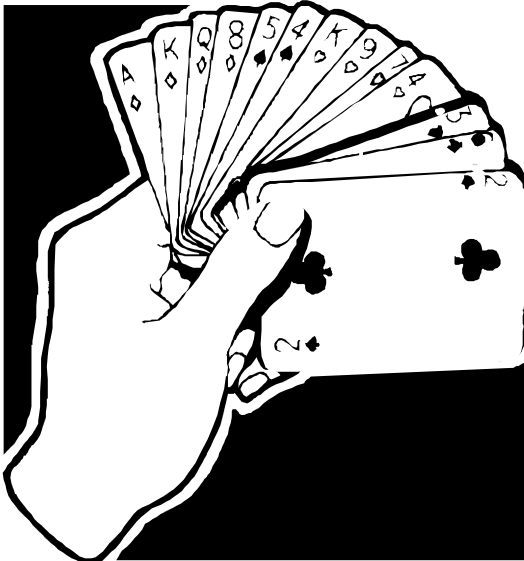
Declarer would have made his contract if he had given up his free finesse in exchange for setting up the Club suit. He wins the opening lead with Dummy’s Ace (goodbye, third Spade trick), and leads the ♣K (hello, second, third and fourth Club tricks, as the ♠K provides an entry to Declarer’s hand). Nine easy tricks for those Declarers who paused to think at Trick 1.

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Upcoming tournaments:



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