



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## August Events



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

**August 5 – open pairs      August 12 – open pairs**

**August 19 – open pairs      August 26 – NAP qualifier open pairs**

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

**Thursday, August 1, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, August 3, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, August 5, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs - Heartland**

**Wednesday, August 7, 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, August 8, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, August 10, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, August 12, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, August 14, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, August 15, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard Charity CC open pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, August 17, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard Charity CC open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, August 19, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, August 21, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, August 22, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, August 24, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, August 26, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, August 28, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus**

**Thursday, August 29, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs– Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, August 31, August 10, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier 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](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 7/1/2013 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,490.99	Betty Capodice
2	3,000.06	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,052.57	Zack Freehill
4	1,973.14	Mike Tomlianovich
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
5	1,743.83	Eunice Patton
6	1,703.10	Hank Hoffman
7	1,458.09	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,205.17	Stan Gutzman
9	1,112.57	Jeanne Strand
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
10	1,085.86	Ivey Weaver
11	1,046.68	Ann Schuyler
12	1,017.25	Ron Emmett
13	1,006.66	Charlie Morton
14	980.83	Jean Barnett
15	862.02	Randall Motchan
16	807.40	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
17	764.09	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
18	719.75	Cindy Moore
19	642.83	Peg Deutsch
20	613.92	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
21	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
22	567.97	Dave Freehill
23	532.47	Lori Moore
24	521.19	Steve Wulfers
***	481.88	Bev Upp
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
25	452.79	JoAnn Schroeder
***		deceased

**Other players:**

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,087.99	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	4,064.53	Larry Matheny-Colorado
	3,971.77	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,489.75	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,431.62	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,833.32	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,585.32	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,461.42	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,534.69	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,258.92	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,238.50	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,232.65	Joanne Glazebrook-Peoria
	2,241.83	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,098.95	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,006.27	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,638.19	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,517.57	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,484.88	Marilyn Stickel-Laon
	1,364.13	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,245.96	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,244.17	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,126.32	Donna Kaufman-Peoria
	985.71	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	900.60	Melissa Fitton-Champaign
	812.80	Bev Fast-Peoria
	778.12	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	699.77	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
	668.56	Doug Steele-Seymour
	613.56	Carole Miller-Champaign
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#1

The auction is often your guide to the suit in which you will win tricks. However, as this hand demonstrates, it's good to have a plan B.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-06	♠ 3	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ AKQJ	-	-	Pass	1 ♣
Vul E/W	♦ J103	Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
	♣ 98654	Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3NT
♠ KJ865		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ 102	♠ Q97				
♦ 852	♥ 8653				
♣ Q107	♦ K976				
	♣ A2				
	♠ A1042				
	♥ 974				
	♦ AQ4				
	♣ KJ3				

**Bidding:** Sitting South in a pairs game, my partner invited game by jumping in clubs. I visualized five club tricks and bid 3NT.

**Play:** West led the six of spades and I was disappointed by dummy's club holding. But, I realized her bid did describe her hand. I stopped to analyze the hand and with only six sure tricks, it was clear I was going to need some luck. I could hope for 4-4 spades and a very favorable club position, or I could hold up in spades and hope the ace of clubs and king of diamonds were in the East hand. I finally chose the second option and won the third spade pitching two clubs from dummy. Next I went to dummy with a heart and led a low club. It was clear I was going down if West held the ace so I played the king and was delighted when it held. Now it was back to dummy with a heart, followed by the other two hearts, and then the jack of diamonds. When that finesse also won I had my nine tricks: 1 spade, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds, and 1 club.

So on a hand where I expected to take five or more club tricks, I took only one but still succeeded.

#2

Some hands are won by good declarer play or strong defense. Others are won by good bidding. This N/S pair had just the right conventions to find a grand slam missed by most other pairs.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-07	♠ AK75	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ 8643	-	-	Pass	1♠
Vul E/W	♦ 5	Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
	♣ K1085	Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
♠ 83	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
♥ K105		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ Q9642					
♣ 763					
	♠ QJ10642				
	♥ A				
	♦ AJ107				
	♣ A9				

**Bidding:** North's jump in diamonds was a Splinter bid showing 10-12 high card points, 4+spades, and diamond shortness. South's 4NT asked about keycards (4 aces + king of spades) and North admitted to holding two. 5NT asked about kings and North showed the king of clubs. South confidently bid the grand slam.

**Play:** West led the three of spades that South won in his hand. Declarer only had to ruff one diamond low in dummy and two diamonds with the ace and king of trumps for his 13 tricks. Most N/S pairs stopped in game or a small slam.



#4

As a young man I knew of only one person who was color blind. Today I find that many bridge players are similarly afflicted. Or at least they don't seem to notice the color red.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-09	♠ Q875	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ J643	-	Pass	1♦	2♣
Vul N/S	♦ 975	Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
	♣ 73	Pass	Pass		

♠ 62	□	♠ J943
♥ AQ8		♥ K1095
♦ J108		♦ AKQ3
♣ AK865		♣ 2
♠ AK10		
♥ 72		
♦ 642		
♣ QJ1094		

Bidding: South overcalled at the two-level and after looking at the vulnerability, West passed in tempo. East had an automatic reopening double and that became the final contract.

Play: West led the jack of diamonds and continued with a second round. East cashed a third diamond followed by a low heart. West won the queen and continued with the ace and a third round. Declarer ruffed but could only win two spade tricks and two more club tricks for down three and a score of -800. Most E/W pairs played 3NT scoring either +400 or +430.

I don't know how many players in the South chair chose to overcall but vulnerable bids at the two-level and higher must be sound.



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<b>2013/08/01</b>	<b>73.15%</b>	<b>Cindy Moore &amp; Eunice Patton</b>
<b>2013/05/29</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>Bob Ragland &amp; Jim Swanke(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/05/06</b>	<b>86.81%</b>	<b>Vi Kothe &amp; Lou Savage(99ers)</b>
<b>2013/03/30</b>	<b>70.37%</b>	<b>Ann Schuyler &amp; Camilla Rabjohns</b>
<b>2013/03/07</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Cindy Moore &amp; Eunice Patton</b>
<b>2013/02/20</b>	<b>74.44%</b>	<b>Carroll Kinnaman &amp; Jerry Oswald (NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/01/30</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Joyce Werner &amp; Dorothy Berg(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/01/23</b>	<b>74.31%</b>	<b>Mary Tweedie &amp; Sallie Boge(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/01/23</b>	<b>70.83%</b>	<b>Carroll Kinnaman &amp; Jerry Oswald(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/01/09</b>	<b>79.63%</b>	<b>Lou Savage &amp; Joe Krause(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/01/02</b>	<b>73.96%</b>	<b>Don Randall &amp; Bob Clay(NLMers)</b>

## BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



### #125 – MANAGING THE ENTRIES

	♠ 42 ♥ J97 ♦ JT984 ♣ 872	
♠ 73 ♥ 532 ♦ Q532 ♣ QT94	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ KQJT865 ♥ 4 ♦ K76 ♣ J6
	♠ A9 ♥ AKQT86 ♦ A ♣ AK53	

*E-W Vulnerable*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	3♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

After East's 3♠ preempt, South couldn't see a scientific way of bidding his hand so he leapt majestically to 6♥, hoping that Dummy would have a few crumbs for him. After West leads a Spade, a mediocre Dummy appears, now how should Declarer play the hand?

The road to success requires setting up Dummy's Diamonds via two ruffing finesses, playing East to have one or both of the missing Diamond honors. This line requires three entries to Dummy (two entries for the ruffing finesses, plus one to enjoy the proceeds), and those entries can only come from the trump suit.

That's the general idea, but the devil is in the details. For that line to work, Declarer will be sure to use high trumps for any Diamond ruffs. And Declarer must also pay careful attention to the Heart spots. If, for example, on the first round of trumps, he plays the Heart Six to Dummy's Jack then he can kiss the contract goodbye. It has to be the Six to the Seven, and so on.

With those caveats in mind, the play is simple enough. After winning the ♠A, Declarer cashes the ♦A, crosses to Dummy with a trump (say the Six to the Seven), runs the ♦J around to West's Queen (pitching a Spade), ruffs the Spade return high, and gets to Dummy with another trump. Another Diamond is led, East plays the King and Declarer ruffs (high, of course). Now it's over to Dummy with yet another trump, and the established Diamonds are enjoyed.



#126 – HERO OR ZERO

	♠ 75 ♥ A52 ♦ K72 ♣ AJT62	
♠ K3 ♥ KQT8 ♦ T986 ♣ 853	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ T86 ♥ J643 ♦ QJ3 ♣ Q74
	♠ AQJ942 ♥ 97 ♦ A54 ♣ K9	

*Both Vulnerable*

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

**4♠ is an iron-clad contract, and the play is simply a battle for overtricks. Not a big deal if you are playing rubber bridge, but in the world of duplicate bridge, overtricks are important. You are West, do something brilliant!**

**All the West players led the ♥K (nothing brilliant there), won by Dummy's Ace, after which it was a routine matter for**

**Declarer to lose the Spade finesse. West cashed a Heart, and Declarer won the Diamond shift in her hand. Trumps were drawn, then came the ♣K, the ♣A and the ♣J. When the ♣Q tumbled down, Declarer had 11 tricks.**

**The resulting -650 was the standard E-W score around the room, except at one table, where West did something wickedly clever. Yes, no doubt you spotted it right away, West ducked the ♠K on the first round of trumps! Of course, Declarer had no way of knowing that West now had the unprotected King, so she crossed to Dummy's ♦K and repeated the finesse. West won the King, cashed a Heart, and shifted to a Diamond and, although Declarer had made her contract, there were no overtricks and her score of +620 was worth zero matchpoints. That diabolical duck by West had persuaded Declarer to waste a valuable Dummy entry on a futile finesse.**

**However, West's play was not without risk, and he would hardly have been a hero if his Partner's trumps were, for example, Jx or JT<sub>x</sub>. But, if that had turned out to be the case, then at least he would have had an amusing story to tell on himself later. And he could no doubt count on Partner's legendary sense of humor as they ruefully scored -680 and zero matchpoints.**

## #127 – CREATING AN ILLUSION

	♠ QJ2 ♥ KJT2 ♦ Q43 ♣ J63	
♠ 963 ♥ 74 ♦ KJ865 ♣ 984	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ T85 ♥ A8653 ♦ A7 ♣ T72
	♠ AK74 ♥ Q9 ♦ T92 ♣ AKQ5	

*E-W Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

In a rubber bridge or team game, this would be a pretty dull deal, with N-S making 10 or 11 tricks in about 30 seconds flat. But in a duplicate bridge game, where overtricks are well rewarded, this dull deal suddenly becomes most interesting!

When this deal was played, all the West players led a Diamond to East's Ace, and a Diamond was returned, South playing the Two on the first trick, followed by the Nine. The

West players knew that, if East had two remaining Diamonds, he would have returned the higher one at Trick 2. Therefore, Declarer had the missing Ten, and there was no point in ducking the second Diamond, he had to take his King while he still could. The defense won the ♥A later and it was just 10 tricks for Declarer.

But at one table Declarer created an illusion by playing the Diamond Nine and Ten on the first two tricks. Now West had a chance to go wrong as, in this case, the missing Diamond was the Two. In West's mind, unless Declarer was being diabolically devious (which we know to be the case!), the missing Two was surely with East. So West ducked the second Diamond and sat back, patiently waiting for East to get in and fire back a Diamond. He's still waiting, and it was 11 tricks (and a top board) for Declarer.

In the post mortem West apologized for not grabbing the ♦K while he could, but East could have saved the day. He could count Declarer for 18-19 HCP, leaving only 3-4 for West. That being so, West presumably had the ♦K and no entries, and the defense could never score the long Diamonds. So East must cash the ♥A at Trick 2, making it clear to one and all that the defense must take its three tricks and give up.

#128 – ESCHEWING THE FINESSE

	♠ A943 ♥ AQJ5 ♦ A54 ♣ KQ	
♠ Q86 ♥ 98 ♦ KQJ8 ♣ 9532	North  West East  Declarer	♠ T2 ♥ T643 ♦ T632 ♣ 876
	♠ KJ75 ♥ K72 ♦ 97 ♣ AJT4	

*Both Vulnerable*

	South	West	North	East
1♣		Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠		Pass	6♠	All Pass

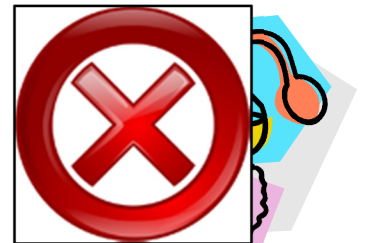
Your writer cannot recall seeing the word “eschew” other than in bridge books. Football players and golfers never eschew, nor do NASCAR drivers, but bridge players seem to do it all the time. Here, North charges into slam (eschewing Blackwood), now see how Declarer makes her contract.

6♠ is a fine place to be but, after the lead of the ♦K, Declarer is in danger of losing a Spade and a Diamond. Declarer could take the trump finesse now, and that is certainly the percentage play when looking only at the Spade suit. Of course, the danger is that, if the Spade finesse loses, Declarer will be down one in a hurry. Declarer can do better by combining her chances in two suits rather than staking everything on luck in the Spade suit.

The right plan is to eschew the Spade finesse and play the ♠A and ♠K. That will be an immediate success if someone has the doubleton Queen but, even if they don't, Declarer has a second string to her bow. Leaving the ♠Q at large, Declarer sets about pitching away Diamond losers. There are two choices ... cash the Hearts hoping for one Diamond pitch from hand ... or cash the Clubs hoping for two Diamond pitches from Dummy. Whichever suit is run, for the contract to make, the defender with the ♠Q must follow three times. Which suit is more likely to succeed?

As the defenders have more Clubs than Hearts, running the Clubs is more likely to succeed. So Declarer wins the ♦A, cashes the ♠A and ♠K, and plays four rounds of Clubs (pitching Diamonds). Making 12 well-deserved tricks. Those Declarers who finessed in Spades, or who ran the Hearts, also get what they deserve, which is only 11 tricks.

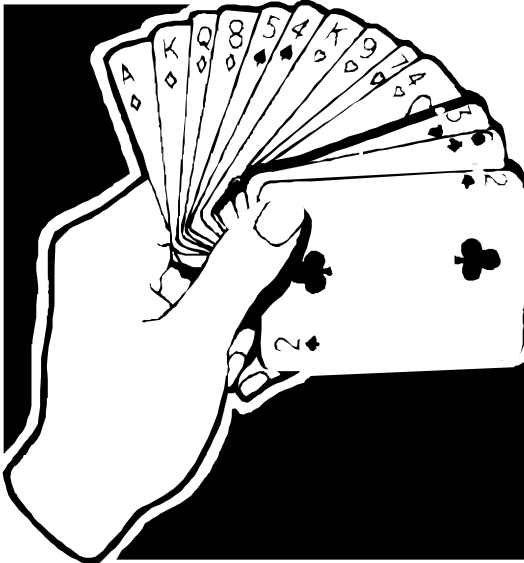
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**Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!**

## **Upcoming tournaments:**



**Peoria Fall Sectional  
September 20-22, 2013  
Peoria Hult Center**

