



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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January Events



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

January 6 – open pairs January 13 – open pairs

January 20 – open pairs January 27 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Wednesday, January 1, **NO GAME – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thursday, January 2, 11:45AM – open pairs – Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 4, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

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

Wednesday, January 8, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 9, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 11, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, January 13, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

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

Thursday, January 16, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 18, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, January 20, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, January 22, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 23, 11:45AM – open pairs– Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 25, **NO GAME – TOURNAMENT AT UAW 2488**

Monday, January 27, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, January 29, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 30, 11:45AM – open 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 12/6/2013 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,522.10	Betty Capodice
2	3,062.95	Steve Babin
	*** 2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,130.28	Zack Freehill
4	1,990.47	Mike Tomlianovich
5	1,835.54	Eunice Patton
6	1,752.69	Hank Hoffman
	*** 1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
7	1,487.79	Dewey Gronau
	*** 1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
	*** 1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,229.99	Stan Gutzman
9	1,199.42	Ann Schuyler
10	1,123.99	Jeanne Strand
	*** 1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
11	1,092.18	Ivey Weaver
12	1,052.58	Charlie Morton
13	1,038.04	Ron Emmett
14	987.24	Jean Barnett
15	936.33	Cindy Moore
16	867.78	Randall Motchan
17	807.40	Glen Beaman
	*** 792.95	Don Strand
	*** 780.34	Jack Kessler
18	768.71	Henrietta Crain
	*** 741.06	Pearl Harris
19	697.75	Lori Moore
20	653.01	Peg Deutsch
21	636.90	Dennis Moll
	*** 610.73	Martin Compton
22	579.11	Dave Freehill
	*** 570.80	Ann Farnsworth
	*** 567.22	Ruth Wettaw
23	547.00	Steve Wulfers
24	530.88	JoAnn Schroeder
	*** 481.88	Bev Upp
	*** 474.92	Nona Wooley
25	452.45	Stevie Joslin

*** deceased

Other players:


*** 12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
11,158.96	Chris Benson-LeRoy
4,129.43	Larry Matheny-Colorado
*** 4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
3,986.74	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
3,543.18	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
3,525.55	Ron Sholes-Springfield
2,982.48	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
2,642.59	Liz Zalar-Springfield
2,562.80	Paul Lindauer-Varna
2,470.08	Georgia Heth-Morton
2,412.51	Gail Moon-Tennessee
2,296.51	Ray Russ-Henry
2,293.26	Carole Sholes-Springfield
2,272.13	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
2,153.86	Joanne Glazebrook
2,136.79	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
2,035.54	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
1,893.35	Mary Allen-Peoria
*** 1,776.22	John Burdon
1,683.56	Tim Cull-Springfield
1,523.21	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
1,512.24	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
1,419.21	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
1,279.21	John Maloney-Champaign
1,245.96	Jim Moon-Tennessee
1,031.69	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
*** 916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
946.13	Melissa Fitton-Champaign
798.92	Phil Kenney-Eureka
734.23	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
678.61	Doug Steele-Seymour
619.78	Carole Miller-Champaign
452.68	Chris Biggs-South Carolina



Bloomington-Normal Sectional

January 24-26, 2014



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Location:	UAW Local 2488 10226 East 1400 North Road Bloomington, Illinois
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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
Entry fees:	<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.
 \$3.00 additional per person, per session -
 for non or unpaid ACBL members



We appreciate participants not use any fragrance as some are sensitive to it.

Additional information: Mike Tomlianovich, mjtomlia@gmail.com 309-825-5823





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#1

A safety play is simply playing a suit in the correct manner. Here is a good example.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#13-26	♠ KQJ5	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 62	-	Pass	Pass	1♣
Vul None	♦ 965	1♥	Dbf	Pass	2NT
	♣ Q873	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
♣ 8632		Pass			
♥ AJ9843					
♦ AJ7					
♣					
	♠ 1094				
	♥ Q75				
	♦ 1042				
	♣ J1064				
	♠ A7				
	♥ K10				
	♦ KQ83				
	♣ AK952				

Bidding: After West overcalled in hearts, North made a negative double showing four spades. South wished he held a better heart stopper but still made the value showing jump to 2NT. North carried on to game.

Play: West led the eight of hearts and declarer won the king. Declarer counted only eight tricks (4 spades, 1 heart, and 3 clubs) so he needed the clubs to behave. He saw his only worry was if the clubs divided 4-0. If West had all of the clubs, declarer could not bring in the suit but he could handle four clubs in the East hand. Therefore, at trick two he led a low club from his hand. West failed to follow suit and declarer was able to finesse twice through East to bring in all five club tricks. Those who started with a high club from their hand were soon very disappointed.

This type of safety play occurs frequently and is often missed.

#2

Some hands require aggressive defense in order to establish tricks before they are lost. Other hands require a more passive approach. Knowing which approach is best is often difficult.

Scoring: Imps (Teams)

#13-27	♠ KQ108	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ AK107	Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Vul E/W	♦ 72	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
	♣ Q87	Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
♠ 73		Pass			
♥ 9642	□				
♦ AKJ65					
♣ 105					
	♠ J654				
	♥ J				
	♦ 10943				
	♣ AJ42				
	♠ A92				
	♥ Q853				
	♦ Q8				
	♣ K963				

Bidding: North accepted South's game try of 3 ♣ and bid the heart game.


Play: West led the A-K of diamonds and then erred by switching to the ten of clubs. Declarer played the queen from dummy and East won the ace. It was now easy for declarer to finesse East for the jack of clubs and wrap up his game. He ended up losing only two diamonds and one club.

After cashing the two diamonds, if West simply exits with a trump or a spade declarer will lose two clubs and be down one.

#3

Some people make a bid because they can, not because they should. This hand shows it's not always wise to preempt.

Scoring: Imps (Teams)

#13-28	♠ K1097	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ AK987	Pass	Pass	1♣	2♦
Vul none	♦ 94	Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
	♣ 106	Pass	Pass		
♠ 64					
♥ 432					
♦ AQJ87					
♣ 842					
	♠ A85				
	♥ Q1065				
	♦ AKJ975				
	♠ QJ32				
	♥ J				
	♦ K106532				
	♣ Q3				

Bidding: After South's weak jump overcall, East reopened with a takeout double and West passed for penalties.


Play: West led a low club and the defense soon collected 7 tricks: 1 spade, 4 diamonds, and 2 clubs. Down two for +300 was a top result for E/W. Most of the E/W pairs played in a club partscore and scored +130.

There were at least two reasons against bidding 2♦; the suit wasn't that good and the South hand is a great dummy for a spade contract.

#4

Preemptive bids often goad opponents into making bad bids. Sometimes preempts work and you just have to accept that.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-29	♠ KQ952	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ K32	-	-	2♦	2♥
Vul Both	♦	3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
	♣ Q9852	Pass			
♠ A86					
♥ Q965					
♦ 1094					
♣ KJ4					
	♠ J73				
	♥ 7				
	♦ KQ8652				
	♣ A103				
	♠ 104				
	♥ AJ1084				
	♦ AJ73				
	♣ 76				

Bidding: After East's weak 2♦ bid, South made a very poor overcall. North bid game wondering if perhaps a slam had been missed.

Play: West led the 10 of diamonds and declarer was quickly in trouble. He ruffed in dummy followed by the king and another heart. He managed to score only 7 tricks for a poor score. South was much too weak to overcall at the two-level. He was so determined to make sure the opponents didn't take advantage of him that he forgot he had a partner to protect him.

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Mon., February 17-Thurs., February 20, 2014

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 17 5:00-5:30 check-in 6:00 supper 7:00-7:30-mini-lesson 8:00-9:30 pairs tourn	Tuesday, Feb. 18 8:00 breakfast 9:00-Noon lessons Noon-12:45 lunch 1:00-1:30 lessons 2:00-5:00 pairs tourn 5:30 supper 7:00 tourn continues	Wednesday, Feb. 19 Repeat of Tuesday	Thursday, Feb. 20 8:00 breakfast 9:00 Swiss teams tourn Noon lunch 1:00-4:00 more Swiss 4:00 adjourn
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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM

CAMP FEE: single/\$260 - double occupancy/\$240 each - Includes nine meals and tournament fees. Checks only please. No credit cards please. Make your \$60.00 deposit check payable to Unit 223 Youth Bridge Camp and mail it with the bottom half of this form to *Mary Beth & Chris Shaw 17255 Cottonwood Lane, Carlinville, IL 62626* - Deposits refundable through Feb.10.

E-mailing this form is acceptable also. mary.lattanshaw@gmail.com

CHECK-IN: 5:00-5:30 Monday, February 17, 2014 at the Activities Center (look for the fountain).

Dinner is at 6:00PM. A short class and tournament start at 7:00PM. (If weather hinders the start of Feb. 17, camp will begin on Feb. 18 and run till Feb. 21.) Check out Lake Williamson at www.lakewilliamson.org

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Topics you would like presented during lesson time



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2013/11/23	70.00%	Steve Wulfers & Randall Motchan
2013/11/11	71.67%	Margaret Wolf & Sue McGroarty(99ers)
2013/09/30	72.22%	Lynda Frankeberger & Mary Houska(99ers)
2013/09/18	70.56%	Sallie Boge & Jason Cannell(NLMers)
2013/09/11	70.00%	Bob Ragland & Jim Swanke(NLMers)
2013/08/26	71.25%	Doug Lamb & John Ford(99ers)
2013/08/24	70.00%	Stan Gutzman & John Maloney
2013/08/01	73.15%	Cindy Moore & Eunice Patton
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



#145 – EAST TO THE RESCUE

	♠ 54 ♥ A7 ♦ 43 ♣ AJT8765	
♠ K863 ♥ QT52 ♦ Q862 ♣ 4	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ QT9 ♥ K943 ♦ JT9 ♣ Q32
	♠ AJ72 ♥ J86 ♦ AK75 ♣ K9	

N-S Vulnerable

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

North saw no good reason to show his Clubs and went straight to 3NT, giving West the minimum amount of information for his opening lead. But West guessed well, leading her fourth-highest Heart, not only attacking the defense's best suit, but also knocking out Dummy's entry to the Clubs.

The opening low Heart lead was ducked, in the hope that West had led from the King-Queen. But East took his King and continued the suit, after which Declarer had to bring home the Clubs if he was to make his contract. The obvious play was to cash the ♣K, and lead towards Dummy, either playing for the drop, or finessing against the Queen. Playing for the drop is the slight favorite, but that became a moot point when West showed out on the second round of Clubs. Now things were hopeless, and Declarer could score no more than six tricks.

North had obviously forgotten that Dummy's main role in life is to be supportive and soothing when Declarer fails in his contract. Instead, he conducted an unhelpful post mortem. "You knew, from the opening lead of the Heart Two, that the suit was 4-4, so you could afford a safety play in Clubs, protecting against East holding Qxx. Just run the Club Nine on the first round of the suit. East wins the Queen, but the defense has only four tricks. When you get in again you overtake your ♣K with the Ace and run the suit. Nine easy tricks!"

But North had been guilty of faulty analysis as well as poor behavior, and it was East who came to the rescue of Declarer. "That line won't work", she explained, "I simply duck the first round of Clubs!" Yes, indeed, that would be a fine play.

#146 –VARIATION ON A THEME

	♠ 54 ♥ 5 ♦ 763 ♣ AJT8765	
♠ JT9 ♥ T876432 ♦ Q4 ♣ 4	North West East Declarer	♠ Q87632 ♥ 9 ♦ K52 ♣ Q32
	♠ AK ♥ AKQJ ♦ AJT98 ♣ K9	

North opened 3♣, after which every South player in the room charged into slam. Some got to 6♣ or 7♣, but could manage only 11 tricks after East's opening Diamond lead.

Other South players tried 6NT on the grounds that, if both slams made, 6NT was the better-scoring contract. If you read last week's Bite, "East to the Rescue", then the Club suit may look eerily familiar, and our question to you is "How do you play 6NT?"

An opening Diamond lead holds no terrors for 6NT, that merely hands Declarer 12 tricks without needing the long Clubs. Instead, West led the less helpful ♠J, won by Declarer. At this point most Declarers took the simple approach, laying down the ♣K, then leading another Club. When West showed out, and when there was no good fortune in the Diamonds (such as doubleton or singleton honor with East), Declarer was down.

Declarer has a better line of play. At Trick 2, he leads the Club Nine and overtakes with Dummy's Jack. East, perhaps a regular reader of Bridge Bites, knows that it would be fatal to take her ♣Q, that would give Declarer access to all those Club winners in Dummy. So she cleverly plays low on this trick. The good news for East is that she has deprived Declarer of a bunch of Club winners, the bad news is that now Declarer has *two* entries to Dummy. Those entries will be used to finesse twice in Diamonds, allowing Declarer to bring home 12 tricks in a different way (two Spades, four Hearts, four Diamonds and just two Clubs).

#147 – THE NINE OF HEARTS

	♠ J94 ♥ AKQT8 ♦ J64 ♣ J3	
♠ T753 ♥ 762 ♦ K973 ♣ T2	North West East Declarer	♠ AQ82 ♥ J93 ♦ T2 ♣ K954
	♠ K6 ♥ 54 ♦ AQ85 ♣ AQ876	

When this deal was played in a duplicate club game, all but one of the 12 N-S pairs played in 3NT, scoring 9 or 10 tricks. But at one table Declarer managed to go down. How was such a thing possible? As you might have guessed from our title, the Heart Nine played a surprisingly important role in the proceedings.

Against 3NT, West found a Diamond opening lead, not the best for the defense as it happened. Declarer won that trick with the Queen, and now had to decide how to tackle the Heart suit. The odds favor playing for the drop of the ♥J, rather than finessing Dummy's Ten, and the plan was (hopefully) to cash the Hearts and to play on Clubs for an overtrick or two. But the plan changed when East casually dropped the Jack under Dummy's Ace on the first round of Hearts. Quite a play, don't you think?

This seemed liked good news for Declarer, as surely there were five Heart tricks available by taking the "marked" finesse of the Heart Eight. So, Declarer led the ♠J, covered by the King and Ace, and confidently finessed the Heart Eight. Oops! That lost to East's Nine, after which Declarer could not avoid going down one! Congratulations to Dan Jacobs of Jacksonville, FL, who sat East and found that lovely Heart play.

Post Script: After Dan had won the Heart Nine he shifted to the ♠A. Could Declarer have salvaged her contract by dumping the King under the ♠A in an attempt to force an entry to Dummy? A clever play, for sure, but not quite good enough. Dan would shift to a Club and, one way or another, the defense would get their five tricks.

#148 – A PROFITABLE SACRIFICE

	♠ Q43 ♥ A9754 ♦ ♣ QJ985	
♠ K95 ♥ Q86 ♦ AJ85 ♣ AK7	North West East Declarer	♠ AJ2 ♥ ♦ KQ6432 ♣ T432
	♠ T876 ♥ KJT32 ♦ T97 ♣ 6	

None Vulnerable

When this was dealt at a duplicate game, most E-W pairs missed their slam and played in 5♦, making 12 tricks and scoring +420. At three tables, South played in 5♥ doubled. The object of the exercise here was to make 9 tricks, which would be down two and -300. Could South escape for down two, or would it be down three and the dreaded -500?

At Table 1, West led the ♦A, ruffed on the board. Now a Heart to Declarer's King, East showing out. The bad trump break meant that Declarer could not ruff three Diamonds in Dummy and also pick up West's trump holding. That being so, the only way to avoid -500 was to set up some Club tricks. So, after winning the ♥K, Declarer led a Club which West won with the King. The defense cashed three Spades, and then a Diamond was ruffed on the board. A Club was ruffed (low), followed by a Heart to the Nine, another Club ruff (setting up the suit), then back to Dummy's ♥A to enjoy the Club winners. Down only two, for -300.

But West could have done better. After Declarer has taken the first Club ruff, the trump situation is:

♥ A9
 ♥ Q8 ♥ --
 ♥ JT3

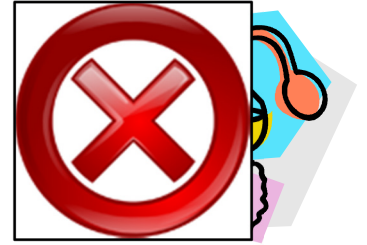
At Table 2, when Declarer led the Heart Three, West was a star, majestically rising with the Queen! That blocks the Heart suit and means that it's no longer possible later to win the third round of trumps in Dummy. Very nice defense, indeed, and -500 for N-S.

At Table 3, Declarer anticipated that blocking problem and cleverly ruffed the first Club with her Jack. Now the trumps were:

♥ A9
 ♥ Q8 ♥ --
 ♥ T32

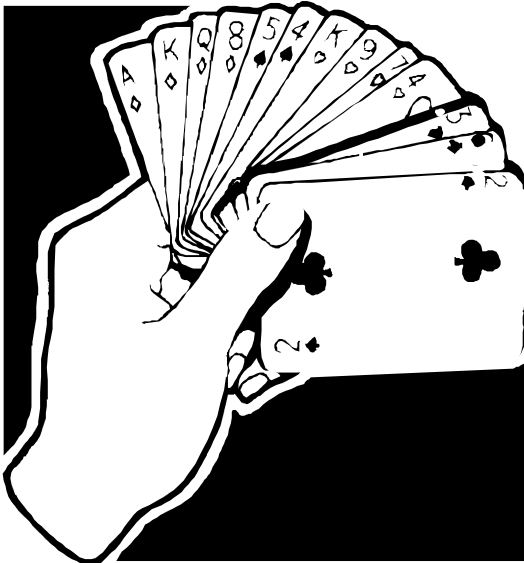
No blockage in this layout, so N-S escaped with -300 for a profitable sacrifice.

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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:



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