



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## February Events



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

February 3 – STaC open pairs      February 10 – open pairs

February 17 – open pairs      February 24 – open pairs

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

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

Monday, February 3, 6:15PM – STaC 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Tuesday, February 4, 6:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, February 5, 1:15PM – STaC 99ers & STaC NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Wednesday, February 5, 6:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Thursday, February 6, 11:45AM – STaC open pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, February 6, 6:15PM – STaC 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Friday, February 7, 6:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Saturday, February 8, 11:45AM – STaC open pairs – Westminster

Sunday, February 9, 1:15PM – STaC open pairs – Heartland

Monday, February 10, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, February 12, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, February 13, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

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

Monday, February 17, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, February 19, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, February 20, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, February 22, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, February 24, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, February 26, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, February 27, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

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.

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 1/6/2014 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,524.95	Betty Capodice
2	3,068.72	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,135.81	Zack Freehill
4	1,992.41	Mike Tomlianovich
5	1,850.12	Eunice Patton
6	1,755.58	Hank Hoffman
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
7	1,488.03	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,230.44	Stan Gutzman
9	1,205.60	Ann Schuyler
10	1,125.15	Jeanne Strand
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
11	1,093.16	Ivey Weaver
12	1,056.34	Charlie Morton
13	1,042.42	Ron Emmett
14	987.24	Jean Barnett
15	947.32	Cindy Moore
16	868.69	Randall Motchan
17	807.79	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
18	770.22	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
19	701.93	Lori Moore
20	653.01	Peg Deutsch
21	640.96	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
22	579.11	Dave Freehill
***	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
23	562.84	JoAnn Schroeder
24	552.21	Steve Wulfers
***	481.88	Bev Upp
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
25	456.92	Stevie Joslin

**Other players:**

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,161.89	Chris Benson-LeRoy
	4,143.90	Larry Matheny-Colorado
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,986.74	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,544.38	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,534.17	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	2,983.09	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,645.62	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,566.15	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,470.08	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,413.35	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,297.75	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,294.26	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,272.62	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,165.37	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,156.86	Joanne Glazebrook
	2,038.36	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
	1,894.80	Mary Allen-Peoria
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,689.43	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,523.21	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,513.62	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	1,426.97	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,297.59	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,246.80	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,033.30	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	946.97	Melissa Maloney-Urbana
	802.02	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	736.14	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
	680.09	Doug Steele-Seymour
	622.54	Carole Miller-Champaign
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#1

Bidding hands of 1NT opening strength containing a five-card major cause problems for many partnerships. This hand demonstrates a way to show the extra strength.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-30	♠ AQ952	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ KQ82	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Vul Both	♦ Q9	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
	♣ A2	Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
		Pass	Pass	Pass	

♠ K86	♠ J73
♥ A93	♥ 765
♦ 10854	♦ A62
♣ 1093	♣ Q754
♠ 104	
♥ J104	
♦ KJ73	
♣ KJ86	

\*forcing

Bidding: After South took a simple preference to 2♣, North pushed on with 2NT. This showed a semi-balanced hand with 16-17 high card points and South continued on to game.


Play: West led the 10 of clubs and declarer won the queen with the king. Next, declarer led the jack of hearts. West won the second round to switch to a low diamond. Declarer could do no wrong as the cards were favorably placed. He ended up winning ten tricks: 2 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs.

Why is this seemingly routine hand of interest? Several N/S pairs failed to reach game. The South players weren't sure how to continue after North's 2♣ bid. This should be a topic with your regular partners.

#2

Proper hand evaluation is so important. Too many players simply use the 4-3-2-1 method to count their high card points and bid accordingly. Other factors such as distribution, the auction, and good intermediate cards should also be considered.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-31	♣ KJ108		West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ Q1086		-	-	Pass	Pass
Vul Both	♦ AK6		Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
	♣ J7		Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
♠ Q4		♠ A7	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ J9432		♥ K75				
♦ J94		♦ Q8532				
♣ A86		♣ 943				
	♣ 96532					
	♥ A					
	♦ 107					
	♣ KQ1052					

Bidding: After North showed a sound raise by bidding 2♣ (he would have passed 1♣ with less), South boldly bid game.

Play: West led a low diamond and declarer won the ace. Next declarer came to his hand with a heart and led a low spade to the jack and ace. East shifted to a club won by West. Declarer won the second club and was delighted when the queen of spades appeared on the next play. Making five was a very good result because half of the field stopped in a spade part score.


It's true the South hand contains only nine high card points, but with a second 5-card suit and the knowledge partner will usually have 4-card support, game becomes a good bet. Unfortunately, I held the West hand and could only congratulate South on a good bid.

#3

Many players make overalls that deserve to be punished. It becomes extremely dangerous after an opponent has shown his strength by opening 1NT.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-32	♠ K1098	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥	-	Pass	1NT	2♥
Vul none	♦ KJ1072				
	♣ J642	DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ AQJ7		♠ 532
♥ 1073		♥ A9842
♦ 984		♦ AQ
♣ 1095		♣ AQ7
	♠ 64	
	♥ KQJ65	
	♦ 653	
	♣ K83	

**Bidding:** Holding a five-card major, East started to open 1♥ but was concerned about a rebid if partner responded 1♠. He was too strong to rebid 1NT so to avoid this problem, he simply opened 1NT. South made a dangerous overcall and after West made a negative double, East had no problem passing and defending.


**Play:** West led the 9 of diamonds to East's queen. Next, East led a low spade to his partner's ace and a club was returned. East won the ace followed by another spade. Declarer scored the king of spades, the king of clubs, and three trump tricks for down three and -500. This was a zero.

**Lesson:** Two-level overcalls are dangerous.

#4

Many bridge players love to bid and often do so when they should not. Here is a hand that shows that malady.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-33	♣ 102				
Dir S	♥ KJ93		West	North	East
Vul Both	♦ Q1073		-	-	-
	♣ KQ9				Pass
			1♦	Pass	1♣
♠ 7		♠ QJ9843	2♣	DBL	2♣
♥ 64		♥ A82	Pass	Pass	3♥
♦ AK965		♦ 42			
♣ AJ763		♣ 84			
	♠ AK65				
	♥ Q1075				
	♦ J8				
	♣ 1052				

**Bidding:** The auction started in a normal manner until North decided that she should enter the bidding. South accepted the invitation and competed with 3♥ to close the auction.

**Play:** West's singleton spade lead was won by South. Declarer continued with a trump to East's ace. East returned a spade which West ruffed. The defense also captured two diamonds and one club to defeat the contract by one trick. Why is this hand of interest? With so much defense in the minor suits, it made no sense for North to enter the auction. By doing so she turned a plus score into a minus. Most of the N/S pairs were +200 or +300 and there was even one +800. North just could not resist and paid the price with -100.

Discipline is important at bridge.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.lakewilliamson.org)

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<b>2014/01/11</b>	<b>70.53%</b>	<b>Betty Capodice &amp; Jason Cannell</b>
<b>2013/11/23</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Steve Wulfers &amp; Randall Motchan</b>
<b>2013/11/11</b>	<b>71.67%</b>	<b>Margaret Wolf &amp; Sue McGroarty(99ers)</b>
<b>2013/09/30</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Lynda Frankeberger &amp; Mary Houska(99ers)</b>
<b>2013/09/18</b>	<b>70.56%</b>	<b>Sallie Boge &amp; Jason Cannell(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/09/11</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Bob Ragland &amp; Jim Swanke(NLMers)</b>
<b>2013/08/26</b>	<b>71.25%</b>	<b>Doug Lamb &amp; John Ford(99ers)</b>
<b>2013/08/24</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Stan Gutzman &amp; John Maloney</b>
<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>
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<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>
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<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>



# PEORIA'S Warren F. Tatting Memorial BRIDGE SECTIONAL

***February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014***

## **NEW LOCATION: Fon du Lac Park District Administration Center**

201 Veterans Drive, **EAST PEORIA**, IL 61611 Ph. 309 699-3923

***Take I-74 to Exit 96, Turn Right, then Right at first stoplight (Veterans Drive)***

### ***Schedule of Events***

#### ***Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>***

1:00 PM - Stratified Open Pairs.

6:30 PM - Stratified Open Pairs

#### ***Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> –Pairs event!\****

10:30 AM – Stratified Pairs (1 of 2)

4:00 PM – Stratified Pairs (2 of 2)

\*Single session pairs will be accommodated

#### ***Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

10:30 AM – Stratified Open Swiss teams

Double session with lunch provided. Break approximately 2:00 or 2:30

### ***Stratification***

A- Open; B - Under 2000; C - Non Life Master under 500

NOTE: All stratifications will be determined by the team or partnership's average points

### ***Entry Fees***

Friday and Saturday - \$10 per session

Sunday - \$25 per person (\$100 per team) Lunch provided

Note: \$3 extra for non-ACBL member or unpaid members

### ***General Comments***

Complimentary Coffee and Snacks during the tournament.

**ALL GAMES WELCOME NEW PLAYERS.**

**IF ATTENDANCE WARRANTS, WE WILL HAVE '99ers GAMES.**

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Partnerships: Marilyn Stickel or Camilla (Chair)  
(309) 246-8915

[bdmup1@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmup1@hotmail.com)

**Motel:** Recommendations: *Nicer:* Holiday Inn and Suites, Embassy Suites, Stoney Creek, Par-a-Dice

*Moderate:* Hampton Inn East Peoria (close to Par-a-Dice), Fairfield Inn & Suites

*Budget:* Super 8—Closest to Tournament Site

## BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



### #149 – A PRACTICAL CERTAINTY

	♠ 8 ♥ 862 ♦ 7543 ♣ QJT62	
♠ QJT9 ♥ 43 ♦ KJT ♣ A943	North West      East Declarer	♠ 765432 ♥ ♦ 986 ♣ K875
	♠ AK ♥ AKQJT975 ♦ AQ2 ♣	

Both Vulnerable

	South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass	
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass	
5NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♣ showed a strong hand, 2♦ was weak, 4NT asked for Key Cards (which are the Aces and the King of trumps), 5NT asked for *specific* Kings (not the number of Kings), and 6♥ said “no side-suit King”.

When this deal came up in a team game, both the South players had visions of a grand slam if only North would be obliging enough to hold the ♦K. When that turned out not to be the case, they settled for the small slam. The first Declarer won the opening ♠Q lead, drew the missing trumps, cashed the ♦A (just in case West had the singleton King), crossed to Dummy with a trump, and led up to his ♦Q. That was down one when West produced the King. “Not a bad slam”, announced Declarer, “it just needed a finesse”

The second Declarer also did some finessing, but she brought home her contract with ruffing finesses in Clubs. She won the ♠A, led the Heart *Seven* to Dummy’s Eight, and ran the ♠Q around, pitching a Diamond from hand. West took his Ace and fired back a Spade, but Dummy ruffed Declarer’s winner, and the ♠J was played next. East covered this and Declarer ruffed *high*. Now Dummy’s Heart Six provided an entry to the Club Ten, on which was pitched the ♦Q. Declarer needed three entries to the board for this line of play to work, and had to be careful with those trump spots. In fact, switch the Five and Six of trumps and the contract does not make (for lack of a third Dummy entry).

Why is it better to take the ruffing finesses in Clubs than to rely on the Diamond finesse? The Diamond finesse is a 50% proposition. However, the ruffing finesses require only that East has one or both of the missing high Clubs, which is approximately a 75% chance. In reality, though, it’s a practical certainty as surely West’s opening lead would be a high Club if he held both of them.

#150 – WRONG QUESTION

	♠ 9542 ♥ AQJ64 ♦ AT8 ♣ 7	
♠ K ♥ K832 ♦ QJ97 ♣ 8652	North  West East  Declarer	♠ JT8 ♥ T9 ♦ K6542 ♣ JT9
	♠ AQ763 ♥ 75 ♦ 3 ♣ AKQ43	

N-S Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Once North opens the bidding it is hard for South to stay out of slam. Not that it's a bad slam but it does require a little bit of luck in one or both of the major suits. But good players make their own luck!

West leads the ♦Q, won in Dummy. There are two ways to play the trump suit ... either Declarer can take a first round finesse, which is the best way to play the suit for no losers ... or Declarer can cash the ♠A first, and later lead towards the Queen, a line of play designed to maximize the chances of escaping with only one trump loser (as it caters for singleton King offside). Which line of play do you adopt (we'll pretend that you have not already peeked at the E-W hands)?

Actually, that's the wrong question, the right question is *when* should Declarer play trumps. At Trick 2 Declarer does not know what is the objective in the trump suit. That depends upon the Heart suit:

- If the Heart finesse loses, then Declarer must play the trump suit all out, finessing the Queen on the first round and hoping that the King is doubleton and onside.
- If the Heart finesse wins, then Declarer has some leeway and can improve the chances of not losing *two* trump tricks, by cashing the Ace and later leading towards the Queen.

It's not a difficult hand when Declarer realizes that the success or failure of the Heart finesse will allow the trumps to be played in optimal fashion. On the actual layout, the play goes: Diamond lead won in Dummy, Diamond ruff, successful Heart finesse, and a Spade to the Ace, dropping the King with great aplomb and holding the trump losers to one. Making 12 tricks.

## #151 – A NASTY SURPRISE

	♠ Q75 ♥ Q3 ♦ K53 ♣ KQT96	
♠ T93 ♥ 742 ♦ J86 ♣ 8542	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ AKJ8 ♥ JT98 ♦ QT9 ♣ J7
	♠ 642 ♥ AK65 ♦ A742 ♣ A3	

**N-S Vulnerable**

**South West North East**

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

After this auction, the failure to use Stayman suggests that the defense attacks one of the major suits, unless there is a compelling alternative. In a recent team game, both West players led a Spade, but only one of the East players was extraordinarily devious.

It looks like a most straightforward deal. West leads a Spade, East takes his four tricks in the suit and, with no reason to take the Club finesse, Declarer plays that suit from the top and takes the rest. And that's exactly what happened at the first table. Making 9 tricks.

At the second table, East did some counting. He had 12 HCP, Declarer purported to have 15-17, and there were 12 in Dummy. That left West with one point or none. East also counted 10 tricks for Declarer, as he would surely be playing the Clubs from the top. That being the case, it seemed obvious to cash the Spades and give up, as happened at the other table. How did East trick Declarer into taking the losing Club finesse?

East won the opening lead with the ♠J, cashed the ♠K and ♠A and, instead of finishing off the Spades, shifted to a Heart! Declarer reasonably concluded that West has led from ♠T983, and that East had started with ♠AKJ. In that case, it was essential to develop a fourth Club trick without letting West gain the lead. There was a simple solution. Declarer would cash the ♣A and finesse the Club, making sure of 9 or 10 tricks. But Declarer got a nasty surprise when that devious East fellow won his ♠J and promptly cashed the last Spade for down one!

## #152 – DUMMY REVERSAL

	♠ 8642 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ6 ♣ AKQ	
♠ AQJT53 ♥ 542 ♦ T42 ♣ 4	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ K97 ♥ 6 ♦ 9873 ♣ J9853
	♠ ♥ AJT873 ♦ AQ5 ♣ T762	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♠	3♠	Dbf
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

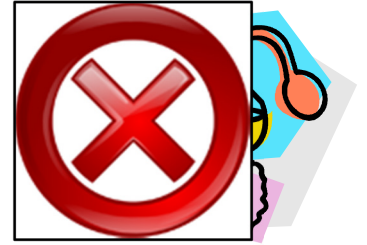
N-S do well to reach 7♥. North's 3♠ said "Good hand with Heart support", South's Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said "Two Aces and a void". That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13<sup>th</sup> might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13<sup>th</sup> trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here's how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

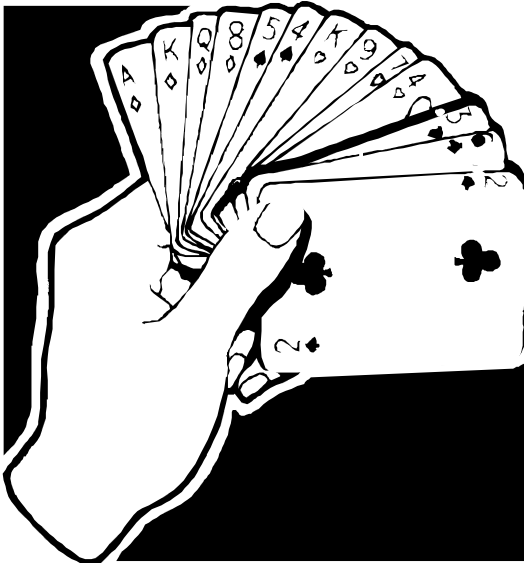
P.S. If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

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