



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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May Events



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

May 5 – open pairs May 12 – open pairs

May 19 – open pairs May 26 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Thursday, May 1, 11:45AM – open pairs– St Patrick

Saturday, May 3, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, May 5, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, May 7, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, May 8, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, May 10, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, May 12, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, May 14, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, May 15, 11:45AM – open pairs– St Patrick

Saturday, May 17, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, May 19, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, May 21, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, May 22, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, May 24, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, May 26, 6:15PM – 99ers only & open pairs – location TBA

Wednesday, May 28, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, May 29, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, May 31, 11:45AM – 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

Post game online discussions of deals are available at: 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 4/1/2014 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,533.73	Betty Capodice
2	3,083.35	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,160.39	Zack Freehill
4	2,001.96	Mike Tomlianovich
5	1,891.36	Eunice Patton
6	1,770.10	Hank Hoffman
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
7	1,493.85	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,241.40	Ann Schuyler
9	1,236.25	Stan Gutzman
10	1,128.55	Jeanne Strand
11	1,094.79	Ivey Weaver
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
12	1,084.27	Ron Emmett
13	1,068.15	Charlie Morton
14	1,014.40	Cindy Moore
15	990.80	Jean Barnett
16	881.29	Randall Motchan
17	813.43	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
18	772.73	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
19	738.90	Lori Moore
20	702.13	JoAnn Schroeder
21	657.53	Peg Deutsch
22	646.99	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
23	585.38	Dave Freehill
***	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
24	567.65	Steve Wulfers
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
***	481.88	Bev Upp
***	474.92	Nona Wooley
25	471.04	Stevie Joslin

Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,287.58	Chris Benson-LeRoy
	4,179.36	Larry Matheny-Colorado
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,991.51	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,547.69	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,550.18	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	3,071.06	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,660.43	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,577.51	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,472.57	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,422.10	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,313.81	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,300.35	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,278.51	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,206.32	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,171.85	Joanne Glazebrook
	2,054.58	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
	1,939.72	Mary Allen-Peoria
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,700.35	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,523.21	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,531.46	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	1,446.75	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,354.37	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,255.55	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,045.91	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	962.96	Melissa Maloney-Urbana
	809.30	Phil Kenney-Eureka
	748.76	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
	697.44	Doug Steele-Seymour
	626.69	Carole Miller-Champaign

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#1

Counting is important for both declarer and the defenders. This hand shows how recalling the auction along with a little math can help find the best defense.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-42

Dir E

Vul N/S

♠ KJ94

♥ J43

♦ 8632

♣ Q2

♠ A87653

♥ A7

♦ K109

♣ 75



♠ 10

♥ 1065

♦ J754

♣ J10986

♠ Q2

♥ KQ982

♦ AQ

♣ AK43

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			


Bidding: South's 2NT opener was a bit off-shape, but he wanted to describe his hand with one bid. North used Puppet Stayman (3♣) asking for a four or five-card major. South showed five hearts and North bid the game.

Play: West didn't like any opening lead but finally selected the seven of clubs. Declarer saw a possible loser in each suit but realized at least one loser could be discarded on a good spade. He won the club lead in hand followed by the king of hearts. West won the ace and stopped to consider the hand. Since it was unlikely declarer had opened 2NT with a singleton spade, West continued with the ace and eight spades for East to ruff. The high eight spot was a suit preference signal asking for a return of the higher side suit. After trumping the spade, East returned a diamond. Declarer rose with the ace, drew trumps, and was able to discard a diamond and a club on the good spades. Declarer made his contract losing only the two aces and a spade ruff, but the ace of spades opening lead would have defeated the contract. However, most N/S pairs made eleven tricks losing only the two aces when the spade ruff wasn't found. As you can see, it came down to simply counting the spades.

#2

The Splinter bid is a valuable tool. It's usually a double jump in a side suit to show shortness, support for your partner's suit, and values. As the following hand demonstrates, telling partner about the shortness can be very important.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-43	♠					
Dir W	♥ J1032		West	North	East	South
Vul E/W	♦ AJ754		Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
	♣ KJ95		1♠	3♠	DBL	4♣
♣ A10742		♠ K9863	Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
♥ 875		♥ 6	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ Q986		♦ 1032				
♣ Q		♣ 8742				
	♠ QJ5					
	♥ AKQ94					
	♦ K					
	♣ A1063					

Bidding: North's jump to 3♠ was a Splinter bid promising heart support and spade shortness. The vulnerability was wrong for a sacrifice, but East doubled to encourage a spade lead. South was excited because the auction made it very likely North's high cards were in the minor suits. South cue bid clubs, North showed the ace of diamonds, and South bid the slam.

Play: West led the ace of spades ruffed in dummy. Now it was a heart to declarer's hand followed by another spade ruff. This was repeated and declarer returned to his hand with the king of diamonds to draw the last trump. When the queen of clubs popped up, declarer had all thirteen tricks.


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#3

On many hands the timing of the play must be exact. This hand is a good example of how important that can be.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-44	♠ 642	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 1062	-	Pass	1♣	4♠
Vul both	♦ K542	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♣ Q53				

♠ 83		♠ 5
♥ 8754		♥ KQ9
♦ AQJ9		♦ 1063
♣ J102		♣ AK9764
	♠ AKQJ1097	
	♥ AJ3	
	♦ 87	
	♣ 8	

Bidding: After his partner passed, South jumped to game over East's bid.

Play: West led the jack of clubs and declarer stopped to analyze his position. He counted 5 possible losers: 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 1 club. To succeed he needed the ace of diamonds to be in the West hand and both heart honors in the East hand. He ruffed the second round of clubs and drew trumps. Next he played a low heart from his hand to dummy's 10 and East won the queen. A third club was led and ruffed by declarer. Next a diamond was led and West rose with the ace. West exited with the queen of diamonds won by the king. Declarer now led a low heart to his jack and made the contract.

Note a heart must be conceded before the diamond entry is used. Otherwise, when declarer leads a heart from dummy, East will split his honors and declarer has no good answer. If declarer ducks, East will exit with a diamond leaving declarer with a second heart loser and no entry to dummy.

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#4

In a team game you want to avoid going for large numbers and you certainly don't want the opponents to succeed at both tables.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

#13-45 ♠ KJ6542
 Dir S ♥ 87
 Vul Both ♦ A7643
 ♣

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	4 ♥
4NT	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ AQ3
 ♥
 ♦ KQJ105
 ♣ AQ1087

♠ 987
 ♥ J104
 ♦ 92
 ♣ KJ953

♠ 10
 ♥ AKQ96532
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 642

Bidding: West bid 4NT to show the minors. North continued the preempt and East passed unwilling to commit to slam. West's double ended the auction.

Play: West led the ace of spades and then shifted to the king of diamonds. Declarer won the ace, cashed the king of spades to discard a club, and then ruffed a spade to his hand. He ruffed another club in dummy, ruffed a diamond to his hand, and ruffed his last club in dummy. Now he merely had to ruff another diamond to his hand, pull the trumps, and enjoy the overtrick.

At the other table, North passed over the 4NT bid and East bid 5♣ to end the auction. South led the ace of hearts that was ruffed in dummy. East drew trumps followed by a diamond. North won the ace but declarer was able to discard two spades and one heart on the good diamonds and also made an overtrick. The +1050 at the first table and the +620 at the second table resulted in swing of 17 IMPs.



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Tuesday, May 20 — 7:00 pm

Big Ten KO Teams (continues Wed AM/Alt/Eve)
"Play for the Pets" Charity Pairs

Wednesday, May 21 — Seniors Day

- ♣ \$2 off Pair or Compact KO for ages 65+.
- 9:30..... Charity AM Series Pairs
- 9:30, 1:30 & 7:00..... Big Ten KO (2nd-3rd-4th)
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Stratified Open Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Rose Bowl Compact KO
- 1:30 & 7:00..... 299er Pairs (single sessions)
- 7:00..... One-session Swiss Teams

Thursday, May 22

- 9:30..... Orange AM Swiss (continues Fri AM)
- 9:30..... Charity AM Series Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Chief Illiniwek KO (continues Fri)
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Stratified A/X Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs
- 7:00..... One-session Swiss Teams

Friday, May 23 — Juniors Day

- ♣ Age 25 and under play FREE in Swiss, 299er or Open Pairs.

- 9:30..... Orange AM Swiss (2nd sess)
- 9:30..... Charity AM Series Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Chief Illiniwek KO (3rd-4th sess)
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Stratified Swiss Teams
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Stratified Open Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... 299er Pairs (single sessions)

Saturday, May 24

- 9:30..... Blue AM Swiss (continues Sun AM)
- 9:30..... Charity AM Series Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... OskeeWowWow KO (cont. Sun)
- 1:30 & 7:00..... Stratified A/X Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs
- 7:00..... One-session Swiss Teams

Sunday, May 25 — Mini Fans Day

- ♣ Wear Illini orange & blue for \$2 off aft. entry
- 9:30..... Blue AM Swiss (2nd sess)
- 9:30..... Charity AM Series Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... A/X Barometer Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs
- 1:30 & 7:00..... OskeeWowWow KO (3rd-4th sess)
- 7:00..... Barometer Final & Side Game

Monday, May 26 — 10:30 am

- ♣ Free continental breakfast

FAST Swiss Teams — On the road by 5:45 pm

Strata: A-Open A/X-3500 B-2000 C-500 D-200

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2014/04/24	72.50%	Jeff Furler & Jason Cannell
2014/04/21	71.11%	Linda Odette & Joyce Werner (99ers)
2014/04/16	72.00%	Joyce Clay & Jason Cannell (NLMers)
2014/04/14	72.92%	Jeff Furler & Hank Hoffman
2014/04/10	75.56%	Lori Moore & Jason Cannell
2014/04/02	71.11%	Bob Ragland & Jim Swanke (NLMers)
2014/03/26	73.33%	Zoe Freeman & Jim Fernstrom (NLMers)
2014/03/19	70.14%	Kirk Kimmel & Jim Swanke (NLMers)
2014/02/19	71.67%	Carroll Kinnaman & Jerry Oswald (NLMers)
2014/01/29	70.00%	Joyce & Bob Clay(NLMers)
2014/01/11	70.53%	Betty Capodice & Jason Cannell
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



#5 – IT PAYS TO COUNT

	♠ 852 ♥ KQ ♦ AKT98 ♣ 742	
♠ KT ♥ 8642 ♦ Q76 ♣ AK93	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i>	♠ J94 ♥ A975 ♦ J3 ♣ QJT8
	♠ AQ763 ♥ JT3 ♦ 542 ♣ 65	
1♠	Dbf	2♠ All Pass

Before seeing the auction, imagine that you are South, playing in 2♠. Looking just at the N-S hands, how would you tackle the trump suit? The percentage play to avoid a second loser is to cash the Ace (a precaution against West having the singleton King), then cross to Dummy and lead towards the Queen. That gets the job done whenever East has the King and it is doubleton or tripleton. As you can see, that is not a success on the actual hand. Declarer loses two trump tricks and ends up going down one. Now let's replay the hand, this time bearing in mind the auction.

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
		1♦	Pass

West leads the ♣A and East plays the Queen (showing the Jack). Clubs are continued and you ruff the third round. Next, you cash the ♠A, and lead a Heart which East wins. A Heart comes back, won on the board, and it's time to lead a Spade. Is there any reason for Declarer to be inspired now and play a *low* Spade from hand? Yes, there is! Declarer needs only to remember West's Double of 1♠ and do some counting. West has 7 points in Clubs, a maximum of 3 in Diamonds and none in Hearts. That's not enough for his bidding! He surely has the ♠K and Declarer's only chance is that West started with King doubleton. Such an easy hand for those who take the trouble to do a little counting.

#6 - DELIGHTFUL DECEPTION

The game of bridge is enriched by many beautiful plays and stratagems, and we all love to talk about our latest Trump Coup or Double Squeeze. But even that pales into insignificance when compared to the fun we get from hoodwinking the opponents with a deceptive play. There's nothing a bridge player enjoys more than a little bit of larceny!

	♠ 652 ♥ 874 ♦ A654 ♣ A64	
♠ AKJ ♥ 6532 ♦ JT9 ♣ 987	North West East	♠ 43 ♥ QT9 ♦ Q873 ♣ JT53
	South	
	♠ QT987 ♥ AKJ ♦ K2 ♣ KQ2	

The N-S auction goes 1♠-2♠-4♠. West leads ♦J and when Dummy goes down it's apparent that the success of the contract depends upon not losing three Spades and one Heart. It's a simple hand, wouldn't you say? Declarer wins the Diamond lead in Dummy, and finesses the ♠T, losing to West's Jack. Oh, well, now there are three sure trump losers and Declarer uses Dummy's sole remaining entry to take the Heart finesse. That works, and it's 10 tricks for Declarer, losing just three trumps.

Rewind! That was easy for Declarer, but only because West made it so. On the first round of trumps, when Declarer finessed the ♠T, a more wily West would have played the Ace (or King)! This doesn't cost anything as West still scores three trump tricks eventually. Now, a bamboozled Declarer crosses to Dummy for the last time and repeats the Spade finesse (which he "knows" will work), rather than take the Heart finesse (which may not work). Beating 4♠ by one trick? A fine result! The look on Declarer's face when the second Spade finesse loses? Priceless!

#7 – AN OLD RUSE

Here's a neat deception, but, alas, it won't work against modern signaling methods.

	♠ 54 ♥ 7542 ♦ AQJT ♣ Q93	
♠ KT86 ♥ KT86 ♦ 542 ♣ K4	North West East South	♠ J932 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 976 ♣ 865
	♠ AQ7 ♥ Q9 ♦ K83 ♣ AJT72	

None Vulnerable

South West North East

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

Against 3NT West leads his 4th-best Spade. East's Jack is taken by Declarer's Queen, then a Diamond to Dummy and the losing Club finesse. At this point West can count 9 or 10 tricks for Declarer, via 2 Spades, 4 Diamonds and 3 or 4 Clubs. West's only hope for defeating 3NT is that the defense can cash 4 Hearts. Bingo! He shifts to a low Heart and it's down one.

Take Two! West leads a low Spade, as before, but this

time Declarer wins East's Jack with the Ace! Yes, really! Declarer doesn't need a second Spade trick, but he does want to avoid a Heart shift and that extravagance in the Spade suit is just the way to do it. Later, when West wins his ♣K, he's likely to be duped into assuming that East has the ♠Q and will lead another low Spade. 10 tricks!

The Antidote! Twenty or thirty years ago, this sneaky ruse worked every time, but nowadays there is a defensive antidote. It involves East telling partner whether or not he likes that opening Spade lead. When Declarer leads a Diamond at Trick 2, East can signal with the Nine (high means "I like your opening lead"), or with the Six (low means "I don't"). On the actual deal, East plays the discouraging Six, alerting West to Declarer's shenanigans. That signal is called a Smith Echo and is a common agreement among tournament players. For more on this, please Google "smith echo for dummies". No offense, dear readers, it's merely a search which takes you to a most helpful article.

#8 – A LITTLE WHITE LIE

On defense, sometimes a little white lie is necessary in order to point Partner in the right direction. No more clues, here's your problem:

♠ K86 ♥ KQ6 ♦ KQJT6 ♣ 76	
Dummy	♠ 9732 ♥ T982 ♦ A8 ♣ 843
West East	
South	

None Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

You are sitting East, trying to beat 4♥. Partner leads the ♣A. Where can you find four defensive tricks? No doubt Declarer has the ♠A and the ♥A for that opening bid, so at first glance it may appear that the best the defense can do is to take its two Club tricks and the ♦A. Any ideas for an

extra trick? OK, now that you've solved the problem, the full hand:

	♠ K86 ♥ KQ6 ♦ KQJT6 ♣ 76	
♠ QJT5 ♥ --- ♦ 7432 ♣ AKT95	Dummy	♠ 9732 ♥ T982 ♦ A8 ♣ 843
	West East	
	South	
	♠ A4 ♥ AJ7543 ♦ 95 ♣ QJ2	

That's right, at Trick 1 East false-cards with the ♣8, showing a doubleton! East's plan is to conjure up a trump trick out of thin air. Look what happens! West next cashes the ♣K, and East completes his fake high-low. Then West plays a third round of Clubs and who can blame Declarer for ruffing that trick high in Dummy? Obviously he doesn't want to get overruffed by East, and, anyway, squandering that high trump costs nothing if the trumps are 3-1 or 2-2. But they are 4-0, so East gets a trump trick and it's down one!

It was necessary to fool Partner as well as Declarer. If East had signaled honestly in Clubs, then, at Trick 3, West would no doubt have shifted to the ♠Q, hoping that East has the

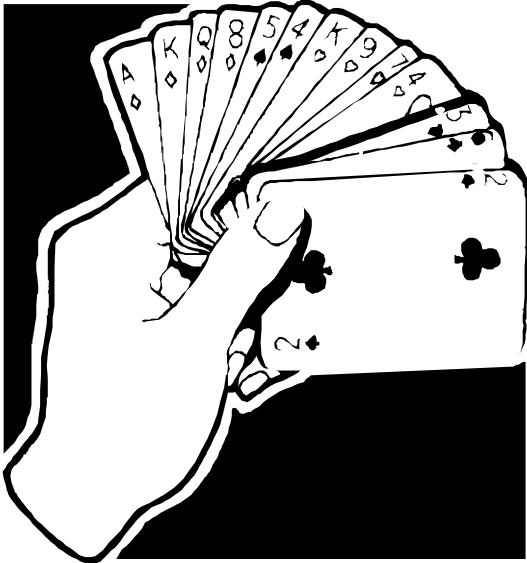
Ace and trying to grab a couple of Spade tricks before they disappear on the Diamonds.

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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:



**Illini Regional
May 20 - May 26, 2014
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