



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## June Events

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

**June 2 – quarterly club championship open pairs      June 9 – NAP qualifier open pairs**

**June 16 – open pairs      June 23 – open pairs      June 30 – open pairs**

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

**Monday, June 2, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, June 4, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick**

**Thursday, June 5, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick**

**Saturday, June 7, 11:45AM – WWBC open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, June 9, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, June 11, 1:15PM – club champ 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick**

**Thursday, June 12, 11:45AM – club champ open pairs– St Patrick**

**Saturday, June 14, 11:45AM – club champ open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, June 16, 6:15PM – club champ 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, June 18, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick**

**Thursday, June 19, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick**

**Saturday, June 21, 11:45AM – The Longest Day - 5 pairs events – Westminster**

**Monday, June 23, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**Wednesday, June 25, 1:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick**

**Thursday, June 26, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – St Patrick**

**Saturday, June 28, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Westminster**

**Monday, June 30, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers only pairs – Heartland**

**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 5/6/2014 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

- 1 3,539.00 Betty Capodice
- 2 3,092.06 Steve Babin
- \*\*\* 2,557.18 Laura Addison
- 3 2,179.80 Zack Freehill
- 4 2,003.88 Mike Tomlianovich
- 5 1,929.93 Eunice Patton
- 6 1,775.68 Hank Hoffman
- \*\*\* 1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne
- 7 1,495.71 Dewey Gronau
- \*\*\* 1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar
- \*\*\* 1,320.43 Ed Lombard
- 8 1,272.65 Ann Schuyler
- 9 1,240.55 Stan Gutzman
- 10 1,130.11 Jeanne Strand
- 11 1,099.74 Ron Emmett
- \*\*\* 1,091.94 Marian Edmunds
- 12 1,096.04 Ivey Weaver
- 13 1,073.16 Charlie Morton
- 14 1,037.16 Cindy Moore
- 15 995.05 Jean Barnett
- 16 882.89 Randall Motchan
- 17 814.21 Glen Beaman
- \*\*\* 792.95 Don Strand
- \*\*\* 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 18 773.53 Henrietta Crain
- 19 769.95 Lori Moore
- \*\*\* 741.06 Pearl Harris
- 20 753.34 JoAnn Schroeder
- 21 658.07 Peg Deutsch
- 22 646.99 Dennis Moll
- \*\*\* 610.73 Martin Compton
- 23 594.22 Dave Freehill
- 24 574.41 Steve Wulfers
- \*\*\* 570.80 Ann Farnsworth
- \*\*\* 567.22 Ruth Wettaw
- \*\*\* 481.88 Bev Upp
- 25 476.14 Stevie Joslin

**Other players:**

- \*\*\* 12,741.55 Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 11,337.23 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 4,188.58 Larry Matheny-Colorado
- \*\*\* 4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3,991.51 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3,578.31 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 3,547.69 Carl Brueckner-Champaign
- 3,168.18 Kish Devaraj-Georgia
- 2,661.99 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 2,598.38 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 2,472.57 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2,423.21 Gail Moon-Tennessee
- 2,328.45 Ray Russ-Henry
- 2,327.05 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 2,288.30 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 2,211.67 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 2,173.01 Joanne Glazebrook
- 2,058.76 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 1,981.15 Mary Allen-Peoria
- \*\*\* 1,776.22 John Burdon
- 1,706.65 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 1,523.21 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,544.05 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,454.72 Dennis Fitton-Champaign
- 1,357.87 John Maloney-Champaign
- 1,256.66 Jim Moon-Tennessee
- 1,049.22 Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
- \*\*\* 916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 964.78 Melissa Maloney-Urbana
- 813.83 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 753.53 Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
- 704.62 Doug Steele-Seymour
- 628.55 Carole Miller-Champaign

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#1

A good defender will use all of the information available. In this hand, East used the auction and the play to the first three tricks to give him the answer.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-51	♠ 1074	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ K765	-	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Vul E/W	♦ QJ4	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
	♣ QJ2	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ KQ3	□	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ J4	♠ A985				
♦ 932	♥ Q10				
♣ 109854	♦ 108765				
	♣ 73				
	♠ J62				
	♥ A9832				
	♦ AK				
	♣ AK6				

Bidding: North-South had a routine auction to game.


Play: West led the king of spades and his partner encouraged with the nine. West continued with queen and a third spade to the ace. East stopped to analyze the hand and realized declarer probably held the rest of the missing honors cards to justify the leap to game. He felt his only hope was to promote a trump trick. At trick four East played the last spade. Declarer discarded a club and West ruffed with the jack of hearts and declarer had no answer.

Down one was a good result.

#2

The form of scoring in a Pairs event must be considered during the auction. Before bidding a game you must decide if 3NT is best, perhaps four of a major, or even a lowly minor suit game.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#13-52	♠ 97	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ A94	-	-	Pass	1 ♠
Vul E/W	♦ AJ764	Pass	2NT	Pass	4 ♠
	♣ A72	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ 653		♠ 84			
♥ J432		♥ 1086			
♦ 982		♦ KQ103			
♣ J93		♣ KQ105			
	♠ AKQJ102				
	♥ KQ5				
	♦ 5				
	♣ 864				

Bidding: North's 2NT bid showed 13-15 high card points along with a doubleton spade. Sitting South I knew my hand with the solid spade suit would be a good dummy for 3NT, but I also considered the spade game. I finally let the singleton diamond sway me into bidding 4♠.

Play: West led a low heart and I stopped to analyze the hand. I had 11 top tricks: 6 spades, 3 hearts, 1 diamond, and 1 club. These same tricks were available to those in 3NT so I needed an overtrick. I decided to work on the diamond suit. I won the heart in my hand followed by the ace and a diamond ruffed with a high trump. Next I led the 2 of spades to dummy's 9 in order to ruff another diamond. I drew the rest of the trumps and then led a heart to dummy's ace. A third diamond ruff found that suit dividing 4-3 and the jack of diamonds became my 12<sup>th</sup> trick. The ace of clubs provided the entry.


I made the right decision because those in 3NT had to settle for 11 tricks. However, an opening club lead would have removed a vital dummy entry and I would have wished I had bid 3NT. Matchpoints is a difficult game.

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#3

In duplicate bridge you hold the same cards as your opponent. While this reduces Lady Luck as a factor, it does not eliminate her altogether.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-01	♠ QJ643		West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ K4		-	-	Pass	2♣
Vul E/W	♦ J102		Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
	♣ 542		Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
♣ 972		♠ 1085	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ 832		♥ Q106				
♦ 963		♦ K8754				
♣ QJ87		♣ 96				
	♠ AK					
	♥ AJ975					
	♦ AQ					
	♣ AK103					

Bidding: South opened with a forcing bid and North showed his spade suit. South's rebid showed 25-27 high card points and North invited slam. Although holding nothing extra, South liked his hand and accepted the invitation.


Play: West led the queen of clubs and declarer counted 10 tricks: 5 spades, 2 hearts, 1 diamond, and 2 clubs. The extra tricks would have to come from the heart suit. He won the ace of clubs, unblocked the AK of spades, and then entered dummy with the king of hearts. He cashed his good spades discarding 1 diamond and 2 clubs. He then led a heart to his jack followed by the ace. With the kind distribution of the suit he now had 13 tricks. At another table West led a low club that sailed around to declarer's 10. With 11 tricks this declarer simply played the ace and queen of diamonds to establish his 12<sup>th</sup> trick.

So the declarer who received a trick on the opening lead ended with one less trick than the declarer who gained nothing from the opening lead. Luck is still a part of the game.

#4

There are several ways to establish extra tricks. These include setting up a side suit, trumping cards in dummy, reversing dummy, squeezing the opponents, and the old standby: the cross-ruff.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-02	♠ A1062	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ 10865	-	-	Pass	2♣
Vul E/W	♦ 1074	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
♣ QJ97		Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
♥ 92		Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
♦ 63		Pass			
♣ J10932					
	♠ 853				
	♥ KQ7				
	♦ KJ82				
	♣ 865				
	♠ K4				
	♥ AJ43				
	♦ AQ95				
	♣ AKQ				

Bidding: I was South and my rebid showed 22-23 high cards points and a balanced hand. North used Stayman to find our heart fit.

Play: West led the jack of clubs and I saw possible losers in hearts and diamonds. I also saw a cross-ruff might be possible. I won the ace of clubs followed by the king and ace of spades. Next, I led a diamond to my queen followed by the ace. I then cashed my other top clubs pitching a diamond from dummy. Then it was ruff a diamond, ruff a spade to my hand, ruff a diamond, and ruff a spade. I was now down to the AJ of hearts in my hand and I had 12 tricks.

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**WHEN: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**Schedule of events:**

**8:15am-9:45am (1st game)**

**10:00am-11:30am (2nd game)**

**11:45am-3:15pm (3<sup>rd</sup> & main game)**

**3:00pm-3:30pm (lesson)**

**3:45pm-6:00pm (4th game)**

**6:15-9:45(5th game)**



**Participate in as many events as you want.**



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Westminster Village  
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<b>2014/04/28</b>	<b>70.24%</b>	<b>Tom Teeters &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>
<b>2014/04/24</b>	<b>72.50%</b>	<b>Jeff Furler &amp; Jason Cannell</b>
<b>2014/04/21</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Linda Odette &amp; Joyce Werner (99ers)</b>
<b>2014/04/16</b>	<b>72.00%</b>	<b>Joyce Clay &amp; Jason Cannell (NLMers)</b>
<b>2014/04/14</b>	<b>72.92%</b>	<b>Jeff Furler &amp; Hank Hoffman</b>
<b>2014/04/10</b>	<b>75.56%</b>	<b>Lori Moore &amp; Jason Cannell</b>
<b>2014/04/02</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Bob Ragland &amp; Jim Swanke (NLMers)</b>
<b>2014/03/26</b>	<b>73.33%</b>	<b>Zoe Freeman &amp; Jim Fernstrom (NLMers)</b>
<b>2014/03/19</b>	<b>70.14%</b>	<b>Kirk Kimmel &amp; Jim Swanke (NLMers)</b>
<b>2014/02/19</b>	<b>71.67%</b>	<b>Carroll Kinnaman &amp; Jerry Oswald (NLMers)</b>
<b>2014/01/29</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Joyce &amp; Bob Clay (NLMers)</b>
<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>
<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



### #9 – A DOUBLE ORDER OF DUCK

	♠ K74 ♥ A987 ♦ A9743 ♣ Q	
♠ QJT3 ♥ 4 ♦ JT6 ♣ T8652	North  West East  South	♠ 9865 ♥ 53 ♦ Q8 ♣ A9743
	♠ A2 ♥ KQJT62 ♦ K52 ♣ KJ	

*None Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West leads the ♠Q and, when Dummy goes down, Declarer can see that his 6♥ contract is quite hopeless. The ♣A must be lost and there is no way to avoid a Diamond loser. Declarer will win the opening Spade, draw trumps and then cash the ♦K and ♦A before conceding the third round of Diamonds. When West wins the ♦J, he will quickly shift to a Club, and East's ♣A scores the setting trick before

Declarer's Clubs disappear on the long Diamonds. Down one.

But that's not what happened! It's true, looking at all four hands, that 6♥ *should* go down, but West was looking at only two hands. Taking advantage of that, Declarer came up with a truly brilliant deception. He ducked the opening lead in both hands! The defense can now cash the ♣A to beat the contract, but it never occurred to West that his partner might have the ♣A and not the ♠A. So, naturally enough, West persisted with Spades. Imagine West's surprise when Declarer's Ace won the second Spade trick! Next, trumps were drawn, a Diamond was pitched on the ♠K, the ♦K was cashed, then the ♦A, and a Diamond was ruffed. Now there were two good Diamonds in Dummy, on which Declarer was able to pitch his losing Clubs. Making 12 tricks!

A most unusual hand! Declarer started out with an inescapable loser in Diamonds and another in Clubs. But, thanks to that lovely first round double duck, he ended up losing a Spade but nothing else!

## #10 – A PRACTICE FINESSE

The humble finesse is the first thing we learn, and we also learn that some finesses win, some lose. Later we learn that some finesses are purely for practice and serve no useful purpose. Here is a case in point.

	♠ QJ965 ♥ KJ97 ♦ A2 ♣ AQ	
♠ 843 ♥ ♦ KJ983 ♣ J9875	North  West East  South	♠ ♥ Q65432 ♦ QT4 ♣ KT63
	♠ AKT72 ♥ AT8 ♦ 765 ♣ 42	

Both Vulnerable

**South West North East**

1♠ 2NT Dbl 5♣

Pass Pass 6♠ All Pass

West's 2NT was the "Unusual No Trump", showing both minors, and North eventually plunged (some would say recklessly) into slam. West leads a Club, your job is to make 12 tricks.

A Diamond loser is unavoidable, so you must guess the whereabouts of the ♥Q if this slam is to make. And then there is the small matter of the Club suit. Do you take the finesse? Surprisingly, it's not necessary! We've already

determined that you need to bring in the Hearts, and if that is the case then the 4<sup>th</sup> round of Hearts can be used to pitch the Club loser.

OK, you hop up with the ♣A, and draw trumps, ending on the board. Who has the ♥Q? Surely East! West's bidding showed both minors (usually 5-5) and later he played three Spades. That doesn't leave room for many Hearts! So, Declarer runs the ♥J around and West predictably shows out. Another Heart finesse, the ♥A is cashed, over to the ♦A, then the Club loser goes on the ♥K. Making 12 tricks, losing just a Diamond.

Getting the Heart suit right did not require rocket science. Realizing that the Club finesse was not needed? Not so obvious. The winning train of thought was: I must lose a Diamond ... so I cannot lose a Heart ... if I don't lose a Heart then I can park the losing Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> round of Hearts.

## #11 – FINESSES ARE EASY

Of course they are! You just lead towards the AQ or KJ or some such holding, and, when fate is kind, an extra trick materializes. But, if they can, experienced players will avoid the whims of fate, as in this deal.

	♠ JT765 ♥ 652 ♦ A7 ♣ AT8	
♠ 98 ♥ QJT7 ♦ KJ6 ♣ Q652	North  West East  South	♠ 4 ♥ 983 ♦ QT9852 ♣ K97
	♠ AKQ32 ♥ AK4 ♦ 43 ♣ J43	

*Both Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass

4♠ All Pass

West leads the ♥Q, and Declarer can see a certain loser in Hearts and another in Diamonds. So, if 4♠ is to make, then Declarer must avoid losing two Clubs. Any ideas?

One way to play Clubs (after drawing trumps) is to finesse the Ten, hoping that West has the King *and* the Queen. That's somewhat unlikely (around 25%). Another possibility is to finesse the *Eight*, and later finesse the Ten, hoping that West has K9 or Q9. That's a 37% chance. Or, Declarer might

run the Jack, giving himself the extra chance that West might neglect to cover with his honor.

Which finesse will you choose? The correct answer is that you don't care for *any* of these finesses, you much prefer the 100% method! Draw trumps, cash the red suit winners and exit with a Heart (or a Diamond). The defenders can take their Heart and Diamond tricks but now their goose is cooked. If they lead another red card then Declarer pitches a Club loser from one hand and ruffs in the other hand (the so-called "ruff and sluff"). And if they break open Clubs then Declarer will lose only one trick in the suit. Yes, finesses are easy, especially when you can avoid taking them!

## #12 – ONE FINESSE TOO MANY

It's great when our finesse works, but against a cunning opponent, when we try that same finesse a second time, we sometimes get an unpleasant surprise.

	♠ J ♥ QJT ♦ T97 ♣ AJT954	
♠ 862 ♥ K953 ♦ 865 ♣ Q87	North West      East South	♠ 73 ♥ 872 ♦ K432 ♣ K632
	♠ AKQT954 ♥ A64 ♦ AQJ ♣	

*N-S Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass

3♠ Pass 3NT Pass

6♠ All Pass

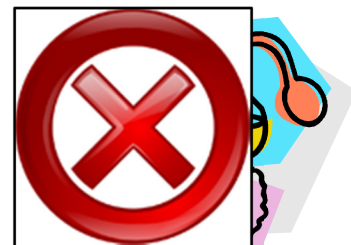
After that artificial (and strong) 2♣ opening, the rest of the auction was natural. West leads a trump against your slam, how do you propose to make 12 tricks?

It may be too late already, but let's do this one without peeking at the E-W hands. The opening trump lead has knocked out your entry to Dummy, and you must use that entry to take one of those red suit finesses. Which one?

Surely it must be right to finesse in Hearts because, if that loses to West, you'll have a Heart entry back to the board for the Diamond finesse.

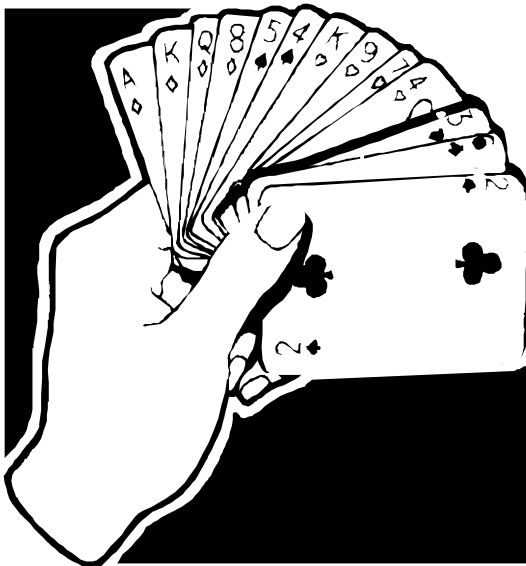
So, the ♥Q is led from the board and it holds. Yippee! Now Dummy's ♣A is cashed (pitching a Diamond) and the winning Heart finesse is repeated. Oops! This time that dastardly West fellow produces the King! Even worse, Declarer now has no way of avoiding a Diamond loser also. Down one! When the first Heart finesse worked, Declarer took his eye off the ball. He must realize that a second Heart finesse is unnecessary. After the ♥Q wins, the 100% safe line is to cash the ♣A (pitching a *Heart*), ruff a Club high (just in case there is an overruff in the cards), then draw trumps and give up a Diamond.

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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:



**Bloomington-Normal Summer Sectional  
July 11 – July 13, 2014  
UAW 2488 – Bloomington, IL**