



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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July Events

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

July 7 – open pairs July 14 – open pairs

July 21 – open pairs July 28 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Wednesday, July 2, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, July 3, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, July 5, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, July 7, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, July 9, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, July 10, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, July 12, NO GAME – TOURNAMENT – UAW 2488

Monday, July 14, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, July 16, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, July 17, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, July 19, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, July 21, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, July 23, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, July 24, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, July 26, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, July 28, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, July 30, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, July 31, 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

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

1	3,544.18	Betty Capodice
2	3,110.68	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,195.67	Zack Freehill
4	2,004.88	Mike Tomlianovich
5	1,950.12	Eunice Patton
6	1,777.56	Hank Hoffman
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
7	1,496.82	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,285.64	Ann Schuyler
9	1,242.39	Stan Gutzman
10	1,131.35	Jeanne Strand
11	1,110.83	Ron Emmett
12	1,096.64	Ivey Weaver
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
13	1,082.03	Charlie Morton
14	1,079.45	Cindy Moore
15	996.53	Jean Barnett
16	896.73	Randall Motchan
17	815.83	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
18	807.12	JoAnn Schroeder
19	792.88	Lori Moore
20	774.03	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
21	658.63	Peg Deutsch
22	648.86	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
23	598.08	Dave Freehill
24	578.27	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
	11,362.10	Chris Benson-LeRoy
	4,200.67	Larry Matheny-Colorado
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,992.07	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,584.90	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	3,574.28	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,205.04	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,669.41	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,603.98	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,474.43	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,423.21	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,335.59	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,331.37	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,288.65	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,224.72	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,177.45	Joanne Glazebrook
	2,076.79	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
	1,994.56	Mary Allen-Peoria
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,707.13	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,523.21	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,545.22	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	1,479.93	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,390.12	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,256.66	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,049.46	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
	982.45	Melissa Maloney-Urbana
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#1

Some hands are won by good declarer play or great defense. Others are won in the auction.

Scoring: Teams (Imps)

#14-03	♠ AQJ874		West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ KQ3		-	-	Pass	1♣
Vul E/W	♦ J103		Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
	♣ 7		Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
♠ 6		♠ 5	Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
♥ 10987	□	♥ 6542	Pass	6♥	Pass	7♣
♦ Q976		♦ 842	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ KQ98		♣ J10652	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♠ K10932					
	♥ AJ					
	♦ AK5					
	♣ A43					

Bidding: North's 2NT response was a game forcing spade raise. The 3♣ rebid showed 17+ points and North's 4♣ cue bid showed first or second round control in that suit. South next used Roman Keycard Blackwood to discover if North held the ace of spades. The diamond response showed one keycard and the follow-up 5♥ bid asked if North also held the queen of spades. The heart response indicated possession of the queen along with the king of hearts. This also denied the king of clubs so South now knew the club cue bid was a singleton or void. Realizing North had to hold some other red honors, South bid the grand slam.


Play: West led the ten of hearts to declarer's ace. Next he drew trumps and then discarded his losing diamond on dummy's queen of hearts. It was left only to ruff his two clubs in dummy and the grand was wrapped up.

The team at the other table stopped in 6♣.

#2

We all know the importance of watching which aces, kings, and other high honors have been played, but it's also important to keep any eye on the intermediate cards.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-04	♠ 1097	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ K64	-	1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠
Vul N/S	♦ Q73	2 ♦	DBL	3 ♦	3 ♠
	♣ AK65	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ 65					
♥ AQ53					
♦ 10986					
♣ 984					
	♠ A4				
	♥ 98				
	♦ AKJ42				
	♣ J1072				
	♠ KQJ832				
	♥ J1072				
	♦ 5				
	♣ Q3				

Bidding: North made a Support Double to show three spades. South competed to the 3-level to end the auction.


Play: West led the ten of diamonds and declarer ruffed the continuation. Declarer saw the contract was safe with only 4 possible losers (1 spade, 2 hearts, and 1 diamond) so his thoughts went to finding an overtrick. At trick three he led the king of spades won by East. Diamonds were continued and declarer ruffed and stopped to consider his options. It seemed likely West held both heart honors for his raise. After drawing the last trumps, declarer played three rounds of clubs discarding a heart. Next he ruffed the last club in his hand as West discarded his last diamond. Now with the minor suits eliminated, he tried to sneak through the ten of hearts. But West accurately covered with the queen and declarer won the king. Things looked bad for declarer until he noticed that East had followed with the eight of hearts. Declarer had a good count on the hand and knew the East probably held only two hearts so he continued with another heart from dummy and was delighted when East followed with the nine. The jack lost to the ace but the seven of hearts was the overtrick. He lost only 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 diamond for a good matchpoint score.

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#3

Math isn't a favorite subject for many players but to be successful at bridge, you must know the percentages of various suit combinations.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-05	♠ AJ86	West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ QJ1082	-	-	Pass	1 ♠
Vul E/W	♦ Q85	Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
	♣ J	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣ 7		♠ K5			
♥ 765		♥ 943			
♦ 9763		♦ KJ4			
♣ AQ984		♣ 107632			
	♠ Q109432				
	♥ AK				
	♦ A102				
	♣ K5				

Bidding: North made a 4 ♣ splinter bid showing 10-12 high card points, 4+card spade support, and shortness in clubs. With no slam interest, South signed off in game.


Play: West led the ace of clubs and then accurately shifted to a diamond. Declarer played low from dummy and won the jack with the ace. The contract was not in danger but this was a Pairs event so overtricks were important. Holding ten cards in the trump suit, the percentage play was to finesse for the king. However, the strong heart suit added another angle to this math problem. A superior line was to play the ace of trumps and if the king did not drop, declarer would play good hearts. If the person holding the king of spades held at least three hearts, declarer could discard both diamond losers. So at trick three he led the queen of spades (might as well tempt a cover) and went up with dummy's ace. The king did not drop so after unblocking the ace-king of hearts, he ruffed his good king of clubs to get back to dummy. He continued with the queen of hearts and was relieved when it wasn't ruffed. He discarded a low diamond and then the other on the jack of hearts as East ruffed.

Making eleven tricks was a good matchpoint score.

#4

There are several reasons to enter the auction after the opponents have opened the bidding. You might want to try to buy the contract, suggest a sacrifice, impede the opponents, or make a lead-directing overcall. Some players enter for no reason other than they can.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-06	♠ 1083				
Dir E	♥ 9	West	North	East	South
Vul none	♦ AJ765	-	-	1♦	Pass
	♣ QJ74	1♣	Pass	1NT	2♥
♠ AJ965		DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass
♥ KQJ7					
♦ 84					
♣ 103					
	♠ KQ2				
	♥ 854				
	♦ KQ1092				
	♣ K9				
	♠ 74				
	♥ A10632				
	♦ 3				
	♣ A8652				

Bidding: East-West were on their way to a 4♠ contract when South decided to enter the auction. West doubled to end the bidding.

Play: West led a diamond and declarer was lucky to find six tricks for down two. Since the distribution doomed the spade contracts, this score of +300 was a top for East-West. On defense against the East-West spade contracts, the North-South pairs usually took the first eight tricks.

It is difficult to understand why South entered the auction. At least North thought so.



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2014/06/11	70.85%	Bev Branning & Jim Fernstrom (NLMers)
2014/04/28	70.24%	Tom Teeters & Steve Wulfers
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)



Bloomington-Normal Sectional

July 11-13, 2014



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Location:

UAW Local 2488
10226 East 1400 North Road
Bloomington, Illinois

Schedule of events:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>1:00 PM Stratified open (scored as pairs and BAM teams)</p> <p>6:00 PM Stratified open pairs (scored as pairs and BAM teams)</p>	<p>10:30AM Stratified open pairs 1st of 2 sessions– 2-session event (single session entries welcome)</p> <p>10:30AM 199ers only pairs</p> <p>4:00PM Stratified open pairs – 2nd of 2 sessions – 2-session event (single session entries welcome)</p> <p>4:00PM 199ers only pairs</p>	<p>10:30AM Stratified open Swiss teams double session play through – lunch served</p>
<p>Entry fees:</p>	<p><u>Friday and Saturday</u> \$10.00 per open session \$8.00 per 199ers session 1st time tournament entrant: \$5.00 for 1st session \$2 per session student discount</p>	<p><u>Sunday</u> \$100.00 per team including meal</p>

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.

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BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#13 – NO SAFE EXIT

This month's deals have been about finessing. In earlier weeks we were trying to avoid them in favor of better alternatives. But this week, we are actually going to take a finesse. Eventually.

None Vulnerable

South West North East

1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

6♥ All Pass

	♠ AQ654 ♥ K843 ♦ K7 ♣ 76	
♠ JT9 ♥ 65 ♦ J965 ♣ QJT9	North West East South	♠ K8 ♥ T ♦ T8432 ♣ 85432
	♠ 732 ♥ AQJ972 ♦ AQ ♣ AK	

N-S take the express lane to 6♥ and West leads the ♠Q. You will win that and draw trumps in two rounds, but then what? You have 11 tricks, can you find the 12th?

This hand appears to depend on a successful Spade finesse and, if the ♠K is with West, then 6♥ makes. But that King is with East on the actual lie of the cards. Does that mean it's down one? Not at all! Having drawn trumps, Declarer cashes those minor suit winners, and leads a Spade to the Ace. Then he crosses back to hand with a trump and leads a

Spade towards the Queen. East wins the King but has no safe exit. With nothing left but minor suit cards, whatever he plays will give Declarer a ruff and sluff. Declarer will pitch the Spade loser from his hand and ruff on the board. Making 12 tricks.

Taking the delayed finesse gave Declarer a second way to win. He would still make his slam whenever West had the ♠K, and he would also succeed when the King was doubleton with East. But only if Declarer cashes his minor suit winners first, forcing East to concede that ruff and sluff after winning the doubleton King.

#14 –A COUPLE OF UPPER-CUTS

This month we take a look at “trump promotion”. Put yourself in the West seat, defending 4♠.

Both Vulnerable

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♦ 4♥

4♠ All Pass

	♠ T9 ♥ J ♦ AQJ32 ♣ Q5432	
♠ J87 ♥ A ♦ 98754 ♣ AKT8	North West East South	♠ 64 ♥ KQ986532 ♦ 6 ♣ 76
	♠ AKQ532 ♥ T74 ♦ KT ♣ J9	

To start with, please locate a sheet of paper or your morning slice of toast (marmalade side facing up). Place it diagonally across the diagram, so that only the West and North hands are showing. As West, your opening lead is the ♠A on which Partner plays the Seven and Declarer the Nine. Next, you cash the ♣K (everyone following the suit), then the ♥A. You’ve cashed your three winners, where’s the setting trick? A Diamond ruff? No, Partner had two Clubs, and can hardly have more than two Spades. He cannot have 2=9=0=2 distribution, with that shape he would surely have pushed

on to 5♥. The only other possibility is a trump trick. Yes, indeed! The magic card here, amazingly enough, is the Spade Six! You lead another Club, and if East ruffs with the Six he forces Declarer to overruff with an honor, promoting a trick for your ♠J! This form of trump promotion is known as an upper-cut, and East must ruff with the Smashing Six to deliver the knock-out blow. Ruffing with the Feeble Four would be no more than a tickle under Declarer’s chin.

A Second Upper-Cut! Next, imagine that *East* is Declarer, playing in 4♥. South cashes the ♠A, ♠K, and leads a third Spade, which North ruffs with the ♥J. Another upper-cut, promoting South’s ♥T? No, Declarer simply pitches away his Diamond loser and makes his contract. Let’s have a do over. After cashing the top two Spades, South cashes the ♦K, and *then* leads the third Spade. Now Declarer really is done for, this time the upper-cut sets the contract.

#15 – A CHOICE OF PROMOTIONS

Continuing this month's theme, here is a hand where E-W can beat South's 3♥ contract in one of two ways, each involving a trump promotion.

	♠ JT7 ♥ 98 ♦ AQ54 ♣ 9543	
♠ K2 ♥ Q2 ♦ JT32 ♣ AKJT7	North West East South	♠ AQ8653 ♥ J3 ♦ 987 ♣ 62
	♠ 94 ♥ AKT7654 ♦ K6 ♣ Q8	

None Vulnerable

East South West North

2♠ 3♥ All Pass

East's 2♠ was a "Weak Two", showing a 6-card suit and less than opening values.

With trumps 2-2, it may appear that the defense can manage four black suit winners and nothing else. But, no, the defense can also rustle up a trump trick! West cashes the ♣A and ♣K and leads a third Club. East must ruff with the Jack and now the defense has a trump trick, because an overruff by Declarer sets up West's ♠Q. But you see the snag? Yes, of course, Declarer won't overruff, instead she'll

dump a Spade loser, still making 9 tricks.

Let's try it a different way. This time the defense starts out by cashing its *Spade* winners, and, at Trick 3, East leads another Spade. As before, this promotes a trump trick for the defense, whether Declarer ruffs high or low. But, she won't do either, again she'll wriggle out of her predicament by pitching a loser, this time it will be a Club.

OK, here's the defense's last chance to get it right! They must cash *all four* of their side-suit tricks first. So, the ♣A, ♣K, ♠K, ♠Q take the first four tricks. Now, at Trick 5, another Spade from East dooms Declarer. The defense having cashed all their winners first, Declarer has no losers left to pitch, and this time the trump promotion produces a 5th trick. Down one!

Post Script It may be trump promotion overkill, but there is even a *third* one on this deal. Picture East declaring 2♠ (perhaps South was snoozing through the auction). The ♥A, ♥K are cashed, then the three Diamond winners. When North leads a fourth Diamond, Declarer is helpless, and the defense has conjured up the setting trick in trumps.

#16 – DON'T OVERRUFF!

This week you are South, defending 3♠. You must make *three* good plays in order to beat this contract. Are you up to the challenge?

	♠ K5 ♥ AKT98 ♦ J ♣ KJ985	
♠ 2 ♥ Q764 ♦ KQ752 ♣ QT4	<i>North</i> <i>Dummy Declarer</i> <i>South</i>	♠ QJT9743 ♥ 53 ♦ AT3 ♣ A
	♠ A86 ♥ J2 ♦ 9864 ♣ 7632	

Both Vulnerable

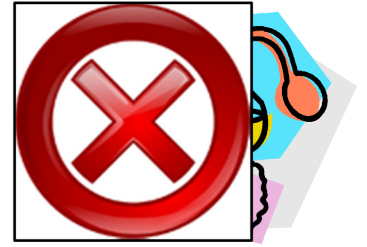
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♠	All Pass

Before you take your place in the South seat, let's admire Declarer's robust Spade suit. The ♠T and ♠9 are big cards! After the high enemy Spades have been knocked out, those intermediates can look after the rest of the suit. In fact, even if the trumps split 4-1, that lovely Spade Nine will come to the rescue and make sure that the enemy ♠8 does no damage. Well, "Phooey!" is what N-S have to say to about

that. They are about to score their lowly ♠8, even though trumps are 3-2!

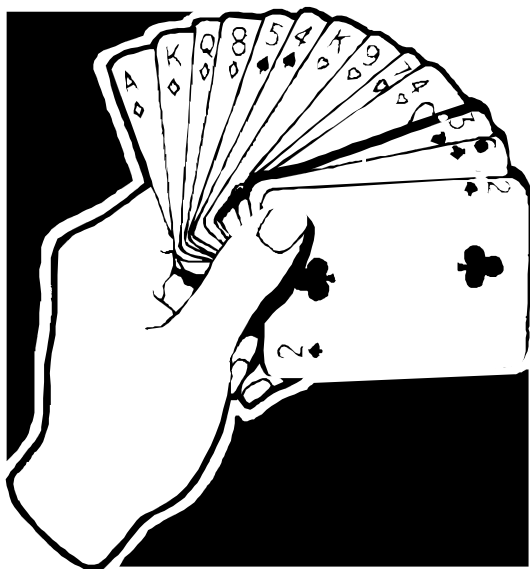
Sitting South, you lead the ♥J. That holds the trick, Partner playing the Ten. You lead another Heart, this one being won by Partner's Eight. Declarer ruffs the third round with the ♠9, and it's time for your first good play. *Don't overruff!* Now Declarer leads the ♠Q, and you make your second good play, *you duck your Ace!* Well, perhaps that play was not so brilliant, there was no rush to take that trick. And, anyway, you would look extremely foolish if your Ace crashed Partner's singleton King! As it happens, Partner wins the trick with the ♠K and, with relentless single-mindedness, leads another round of Hearts. Declarer ruffs with the Ten and it's time for the third good play. *Don't overruff!* That's right, your stubborn refusal, on three occasions, to play the ♠A has orchestrated a trump promotion! The defense scores two Hearts and three trumps for down one. Who would have thought that A86 would produce *two* natural trump 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:



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