



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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August Events

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

August 4 – open pairs August 11 – open pairs

August 18 – open pairs August 25 – NAP qualifier open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Saturday, August 2, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, August 4, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, August 6, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, August 7, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, August 9, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, August 11, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, August 13, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Heartland

Thursday, August 14, 11:45AM – open pairs – Heartland

Saturday, August 16, 11:45AM – open pairs – Westminster

Monday, August 18, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, August 20, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, August 21, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard Charity CC open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, August 23, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard Charity CC open pairs – Westminster

Monday, August 25, 6:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, August 27, 1:15PM – NAP qualifier 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, August 28, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, August 30, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier 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.

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

- 1 3,552.54 Betty Capodice
- 2 3,125.57 Steve Babin
- *** 2,557.18 Laura Addison
- 3 2,214.93 Zack Freehill
- 4 2,006.51 Mike Tomlianovich
- 5 1,958.62 Eunice Patton
- 6 1,786.90 Hank Hoffman
- *** 1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne
- 7 1,502.91 Dewey Gronau
- *** 1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar
- *** 1,320.43 Ed Lombard
- 8 1,298.86 Ann Schuyler
- 9 1,249.01 Stan Gutzman
- 10 1,138.46 Jeanne Strand
- 11 1,114.95 Ron Emmett
- 12 1,099.10 Ivey Weaver
- *** 1,091.94 Marian Edmunds
- 13 1,105.90 Cindy Moore
- 14 1,091.51 Charlie Morton
- 15 1,001.56 Jean Barnett
- 16 902.97 Randall Motchan
- 17 816.49 Glen Beaman
- *** 792.95 Don Strand
- *** 780.34 Jack Kessler
- 18 855.94 JoAnn Schroeder
- 19 799.01 Lori Moore
- 20 774.03 Henrietta Crain
- *** 741.06 Pearl Harris
- 21 659.46 Peg Deutsch
- 22 655.17 Dennis Moll
- *** 610.73 Martin Compton
- 23 599.21 Dave Freehill
- 24 588.07 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
- 11,363.37 Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 4,210.09 Larry Matheny-Colorado
- *** 4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton
- 3,992.07 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 3,597.93 Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 3,574.68 Carl Brueckner-Champaign
- 3,208.34 Kish Devaraj-Georgia
- 2,673.04 Liz Zalar-Springfield
- 2,623.05 Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 2,476.40 Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2,424.65 Gail Moon-Tennessee
- 2,341.76 Ray Russ-Henry
- 2,333.84 Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 2,292.24 Chuck Zalar-Springfield
- 2,225.07 Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 2,184.22 Joanne Glazebrook
- 2,077.11 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 2,012.97 Mary Allen-Peoria
- *** 1,776.22 John Burdon
- 1,713.33 Tim Cull-Springfield
- 1,523.21 Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,547.80 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,479.93 Dennis Fitton-Champaign
- 1,392.15 John Maloney-Champaign
- 1,258.10 Jim Moon-Tennessee
- 1,050.82 Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
- *** 916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 982.45 Melissa Maloney-Urbana
- 817.02 Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 764.20 Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
- 720.93 Doug Steele-Seymour
- 630.91 Carole Miller-Champaign

*** deceased

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Because of its frequent misuse, the great bidding theorist Alvin Roth often regretted having created the Unusual NT convention. Its purpose is to show two-suited hands with one bid and, when used properly, it can be very effective.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-08	♠ A10					
Dir E	♥ Q		West	North	East	South
Vul E/W	♦ AJ986		-	-	Pass	Pass
	♣ AQJ104		1♥	2NT	Pass	3♣
♠ KJ6		♠ 98543	3♥	4♣	Pass	5♣
♥ AKJ1074	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♥ 62	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ K1043		♦ Q52				
♣		♣ 975				
	♠ Q72					
	♥ 9853					
	♦ 7					
	♣ K8632					

Bidding: North used the Unusual NT convention to show the minor suits. His rebid of 4♣ showed extras and South realizing the potential of his singleton diamond and long trumps went on to game.

Play: West led the ace of hearts and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed in dummy and proceeded to establish dummy's diamond suit. He played the ace and another diamond ruffing in his hand. Now a low club to dummy was followed by another diamond ruff. He repeated this two more times and dummy's jack of diamonds was established. Now he led a spade to dummy's ace and he had 11 tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart ruff, 2 diamonds, 3 diamond ruffs, and 4 clubs.

Since so much information is given when the convention is used, there should be some expectation that you can either buy the contract or can push the opponents past their comfort level. Too often it is used simply because one has a two-suited hand.

Illinois Senior Olympics

Duplicate Bridge Form



Tuesday, September 2, 2014
1p.m. — 5p.m.

WHAT One session duplicate bridge pairs game (must have own partner). Sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL and Unit 208).

WHEN Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, corner of Southwind and South Second Street — 4965 S. Second Street, Springfield.

FORMAT You will play approximately 26 boards (hands) of bridge with your partner. You will have the opportunity to win ACBL Master Points based on your results as a pair. Senior Olympic medals will be awarded based on how well you do individually in your age and gender group.

FEE \$20 per pair, which includes refreshments. Mail entry form with check made payable to Illinois Senior Olympics by **August 22, 2014** to:

Illinois Senior Olympics
701 West Mason
Springfield, IL 62702

Jennifer Phillips, State
Games Director
217.528.4035 ext. 130
seniorolympics@ssoci.org
Illinois Senior Olympics
701 West Mason
Springfield, IL 62702
www.ilsenoly.org

Player Number 1

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Tele: _____

ACBL # _____ # Master Pts. _____

Player Number 2

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Tele: _____

ACBL # _____ # Master Pts. _____



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2014/07/21	74.31%	Linda Odette & Joyce Werner (99ers)
2014/07/09	70.14%	Mary Houska & Lynda Frankeberger (NLMers)
2014/06/21	70.83%	John Maloney & Steve Babin
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)

BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#17 – A TRUMP DEMOTION

If you've been following this month's series of articles, then by now you are familiar with trump promotions. They are not so difficult once you get the hang of them, but it takes real talent to organize a trump *demotion*! Observe this tragic E-W performance:

E-W Vulnerable

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

	♠ T64 ♥ T832 ♦ 3 ♣ AQJ87	
♠ AK ♥ Q97652 ♦ T9432 ♣ T9432	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ QJ3 ♥ QJ976 ♦ AJT ♣ 65
	♠ AK98752 ♥ 54 ♦ K84 ♣ K	

Looking just at N-S, playing in 4♠, you can see 3 top losers in the red suits. Of course, when tackling the trump suit, Declarer plays the ♠A first. Most (89%) of the time trumps will be 2-1 and there will be 10 easy tricks. But this deal is in the unlucky 11%, and so Declarer is destined to go down one.

But, no! Here come E-W, galloping to Declarer's rescue! West's opening lead is the ♥K, followed by the ♥A. This

sequence of plays cleverly shows a doubleton in the E-W methods (with a longer suit, this pair would lead the Ace first). Then a Diamond switch is won by East's Ace, and a Heart comes back. Declarer ruffs resignedly with the Nine and, when that unexpectedly holds, the jig is up! Declarer now has no trouble working out the trump position, and crosses to Dummy (twice if necessary) to finesse East out of his ♠QJ3. Making 10 tricks!

It was not too smart of West to advertise a doubleton Heart when he had no trumps with which to ruff the third round. And East, knowing the trump situation, might have done better not to play that third round of Hearts (although a suspicious Declarer would surely have smelled a rat if East had *not* done so). So, there you have it, the dreaded trump demotion!

#18 – SMARTER THAN A SECOND-GRADER?

We learn to count in first- and second-grade, but somehow this basic skill deserts many bridge players in the heat of battle.

	♠ A832 ♥ Q85 ♦ QJ7653 ♣	
♠ 6 ♥ K63 ♦ K842 ♣ AQ543	North West East Declarer	♠ 754 ♥ AJ94 ♦ T9 ♣ 8762
	♠ KQJT9 ♥ T72 ♦ A ♣ KJT9	

None Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West leads a low Heart and East (correctly) inserts the Jack. Two more Hearts are cashed, followed by a trump shift. “Rats!” mutters Declarer, who had been planning to cross-ruff the entire hand, scoring all nine trumps separately. Those ruffs, plus the ♦A, would be enough to fulfill the contract. But, after the trump return, the cross-ruff leaves Declarer a trick short, so it’s time for Plan B.

Our Declarer’s (faulty) Plan B was to set up Dummy’s Diamonds. He won the trump return in hand, cashed the ♦A, then Club ruff, Diamond ruff, Club ruff, Diamond ruff. This line of play required good breaks (such as Spades 2-2 and Diamonds 3-3, or failing that the doubleton ♦K). But Declarer’s luck was out and, as the cards lie, it was impossible to enjoy those long Diamonds.

Our second-graders need no luck, instead they’ll do some counting:

- N-S have 23 HCP, so the other guys have 17
- In the Heart suit East showed up with 5 of those 17 missing HCP
- West opened the bidding and surely has the remaining 12 HCP

Once Declarer realizes that West has the missing high cards (obviously including the ♠A and ♠Q), it’s routine to win the trump return in hand, and take ruffing finesses against West’s high Clubs. Declarer leads the ♠K which is covered by the Ace and ruffed. Back to hand with a trump. Then the ♠J is led, and run around if West declines to cover. When the dust has cleared, Declarer will have scored 5 trumps in his hand, plus two Club ruffs in Dummy, plus two Club tricks, and the ♦A. 10 easy tricks for the second-graders!

#19 – STUFF THAT *DOESN'T* HAPPEN

Last time, our astute Declarer remembered that his opponent had opened the bidding, sensibly deduced that said opponent must have the missing high cards, and then played the hand accordingly. This week's deal is a bit more difficult, as Declarer must be alert to something which did *not* happen!

	♠ 9542 ♥ QT32 ♦ K43 ♣ A4	
♠ 86 ♥ K986 ♦ J952 ♣ JT8	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ AK7 ♥ J4 ♦ T76 ♣ Q6532
	♠ QJT3 ♥ A75 ♦ AQ8 ♣ K97	

E-W Vulnerable

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

N-S stumble into 4♠ after a Stayman auction and West leads the ♣J. It looks like a simple enough hand, and so it is. Declarer loses two trumps and must avoid also losing two Heart tricks. How would you play the hand?

You win the first trick with the ♣K and lead the ♠Q. East wins that, then cashes his second high Spade, and exits a Spade.

You can cash some minor suit winners if you like but you already have all the information that you need to make the contract a virtual certainty.

What was it which “did not happen”? That’s right, East did not open the bidding! He has already shown up with the ♠AK ... and West’s lead of the ♣J denied the Queen. That gives East 9 HCP, so surely he cannot also hold the ♥K, that would be 12 HCP, and enough to open. So, you cash the ♥A and lead low towards the board. West is an expert and nonchalantly plays low, perhaps while stifling a yawn. But you are having none of that malarkey! You confidently call for the Queen and it’s 10 tricks for the good guys!

#20 – THE POWER OF DEDUCTION

This deal follows continues the month's theme of counting the opponents' HCP.

	♠ ♥ 985 ♦ KJ842 ♣ 98432	
♠ 532 ♥ A764 ♦ AT3 ♣ JT6	North West East Declarer	♠ Q764 ♥ QJT ♦ Q75 ♣ A75
	♠ AKJT98 ♥ K32 ♦ 96 ♣ KQ	

Both Vulnerable
South West North East
 Pass Pass
 1♠ Pass Pass Pass

This is not the most swashbuckling auction ever to appear in Bridge Bites but the deal does provide a test for Declarer's powers of deduction. Cover up the E-W hands if you would like to test your own powers.

West leads the ♣J won by East's Ace and it takes half a nano-second for East to find the ♥Q shift. You could duck Hearts twice, hoping that West has the doubleton ♥A, but that would give East 5 Hearts and he would be unlikely to

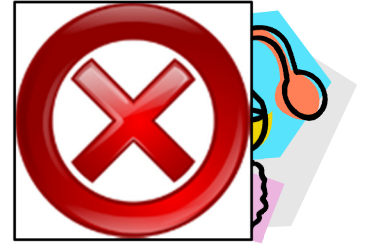
sell out to 1♠ in that case. So, you hopefully play the ♥K, taken by West's Ace. Two more Hearts are won by East's ♥JT, then a Club which you win. The ♠A and ♠K are cashed, followed by the ♠J to East's Queen (West following).

Back comes East's last trump, and decision time has arrived! You've already lost 5 tricks, and must avoid the loss of two Diamonds if you are to make your contract. A Diamond to the Jack? Or a Diamond to the King? Do you have your guessing shoes on?

Guess? What guess? Let's reflect upon East's bidding. Oh, that's right, he didn't bid - which is the whole point of this hand. So far East has shown up with ♣A, ♥QJ, and ♠Q. That's 9 High Card Points (HCP). Can East also have the ♦A? Absolutely not! He passed originally, that ♦A would give him 13 HCP and too much for said Pass. So, you lead a Diamond towards the board, West smoothly plays low, and you rise majestically with the ♦K. Making 7 tricks thanks to a little deduction.

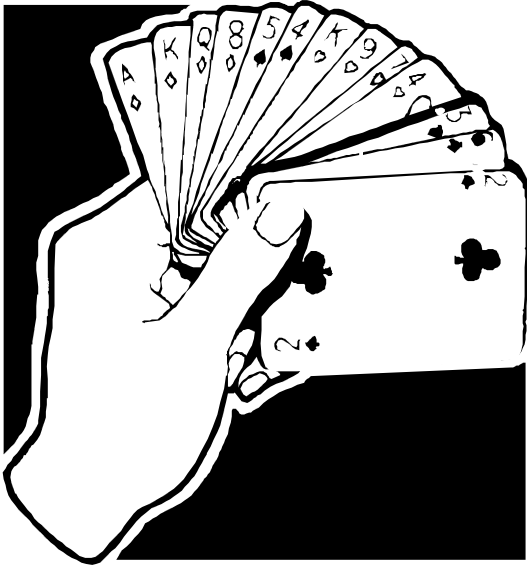
Post Script: Upon winning the ♥A, West would have done better to shift fiendishly to a low Diamond, putting Declarer to the test in that suit before all the clues had been collected!

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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:



Peoria's Wienman Memorial Bridge Sectional

Sep 12-14, 2014

Masonic Temple

2900 West Lake St. Peoria, IL