



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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September Events

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

September 1 – open pairs September 8 – club championship open pairs

September 15 – open pairs September 22 – open pairs September 22 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Monday, September 1, NO GAME – Enjoy your Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 2, 1:00pm – IL Senior Olympics bridge event - Springfield

Wednesday, September 3, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, September 4, 11:45AM – open pairs– St Patrick

Saturday, September 6, 11:45AM – club championship open pairs – Heartland

Monday, September 8, 6:15PM – club championship 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, September 10, 1:15PM - club championship 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, September 11, 11:45AM – club championship open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, September 13, NO GAME – TOURNAMENT IN PEORIA – see flyer in this newsletter

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

Wednesday, September 17, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, September 18, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, September 20, 11:45AM – open pairs – Heartland

Monday, September 22, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – Heartland

Wednesday, September 24, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – St Patrick

Thursday, September 25, 11:45AM – open pairs – St Patrick

Saturday, September 27, 11:45AM – open pairs – Heartland

Monday, September 29, 6:15PM – 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

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 8/5/2014 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only – paid up ACBL members only

1	3,567.96	Betty Capodice
2	3,146.98	Steve Babin
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
3	2,224.22	Zack Freehill
4	2,015.80	Mike Tomlianovich
5	1,974.33	Eunice Patton
6	1,793.10	Hank Hoffman
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
7	1,503.51	Dewey Gronau
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
8	1,325.29	Ann Schuyler
9	1,255.06	Stan Gutzman
10	1,140.71	Jeanne Strand
11	1,134.58	Cindy Moore
12	1,118.55	Ron Emmett
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
13	1,099.56	Ivey Weaver
14	1,094.91	Charlie Morton
15	1,003.38	Jean Barnett
16	916.29	JoAnn Schroeder
17	904.81	Randall Motchan
18	829.10	Lori Moore
19	816.49	Glen Beaman
***	792.95	Don Strand
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
20	775.15	Henrietta Crain
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
21	660.60	Peg Deutsch
22	658.71	Dennis Moll
***	610.73	Martin Compton
23	600.58	Dave Freehill
24	592.79	Steve Wulfers
***	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
***	481.88	Bev Upp
25	476.73	Stevie Joslin

Other players:

***	12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
	11,391.73	Chris Benson-LeRoy
	4,221.51	Larry Matheny-Colorado
***	4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
	3,994.57	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	3,610.92	Ron Sholes-Springfield
	3,588.07	Carl Brueckner-Champaign
	3,255.25	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
	2,676.91	Liz Zalar-Springfield
	2,631.98	Paul Lindauer-Varna
	2,478.18	Georgia Heth-Morton
	2,424.65	Gail Moon-Tennessee
	2,352.08	Ray Russ-Henry
	2,341.72	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	2,293.99	Chuck Zalar-Springfield
	2,242.89	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	2,197.98	Joanne Glazebrook
	2,082.19	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
	2,036.34	Mary Allen-Peoria
***	1,776.22	John Burdon
	1,726.23	Tim Cull-Springfield
	1,553.02	Marilyn Stickel-Laon
	1,528.93	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	1,493.30	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
	1,410.98	John Maloney-Champaign
	1,258.10	Jim Moon-Tennessee
	1,054.94	Camilla Rabjohns-Peoria Heights
***	916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
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#1

When defending at rubber bridge or in a team game, your main objective is to defeat the contract. In a pairs event with matchpoint scoring, stopping overtricks is also a priority.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-11	♣ 103	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ AKQ7	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Vul E/W	♦ 10842	Pass	1NT	Pass	4♣
	♣ A108	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ 9754		♠ Q			
♥ 102		♥ 98654			
♦ AKQJ7		♦ 95			
♣ 43		♣ QJ976			
	♣ AKJ862				
	♥ J3				
	♦ 63				
	♣ K52				

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


Play: West cashed the top two diamonds and stopped to consider the hand. It seemed likely the contract would succeed but West wanted to stop an overtrick. To do this East must hold either the king of clubs or a spade honor. If East held the king of clubs, not much could be done to change the result. However, if East held a spade honor, West saw a way to create another trick for the defense. At trick three West led the jack of diamonds. Not knowing where the queen was, East trumped. This promoted West's nine of spades into the third trick for the defense and a good matchpoint score.

At other tables most N/S pairs were allowed to bring home eleven tricks. That is except for the declarers who started drawing trumps by leading dummy's ten. When the queen came up singleton, once again West's nine was promoted.

#2

There is no doubt bridge is a “thinking man’s” game but we often complicate it.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-12	♠ AQ62		West	North	East	South
Dir E	♥ J865				Pass	1 ♣
Vul N/S	♦ 7					
	♣ Q762		1♦	DBL	2♦	2NT
♣ 92		♠ K875	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
♥ K73		♥ 1092	Pass			
♦ KJ1098		♦ 6432				
♣ K43		♣ 98				
	♠ J104					
	♥ AQ4					
	♦ AQ5					
	♣ AJ105					

Bidding: South’s hand was too strong for 1NT so he started with 1 ♣. West overcalled and North made a negative double showing both majors. East made a light raise followed by South’s jump to 2NT. North carried on game.

Play: After South’s strong bidding, West was confident both the ace and queen of diamonds were held by declarer. To avoid giving up a trick to the diamond queen, West led the nine of spades. Declarer rose with the ace of spades followed by the queen of clubs. West won the king and exited with a second spade to his partner’s king. East switched to a diamond ducked by declarer. West won the eight and exited with a club. Declarer cashed his black suit winners coming down to this position:




Declarer led a heart to the ace followed by the queen and West had to concede the ninth trick. The irony is that after all of this work by West, it turns out an original diamond lead would have defeated the contract.

#3

The form of scoring should always be considered during the auction. However, when in slam territory, safety is another concern.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-13	♠ 762		West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ J2		-	1♦	Pass	1♥
Vul N/S	♦ KQJ943		Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
	♣ A3		Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
♠ 109854		♠ J3	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ Q4		♥ 9875				
♦ 106		♦ 8752				
♣ KQ52		♣ 1094				
	♠ AKQ					
	♥ AK1063					
	♦ A					
	♣ J876					

Bidding: In a 23-table game a surprisingly low number of 14 N/S pairs reached slam. Some were in diamonds but most ended in notrump for the better matchpoint score. The bidding sequence shown here was typical.

Play: It all came down to the opening lead. The West players who led a passive spade were soon disappointed when those in 6♦ and 6NT soon claimed all 13 tricks. However, those in 6NT were the disappointed ones when West chose an aggressive king of clubs for their opening lead. With their entry to dummy's diamonds removed, they were doomed to defeat. Those in a diamond slam brought home all 13 tricks no matter the lead. Greed can be costly.

#4

In a small 0-500 game this hand caused bidding problems. Of the eight N/S pairs only one reached the excellent slam.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#14-14	♠ A95	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ J106	-	Pass	Pass	2♣
Vul N/S	♦ 73	Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
♣ Q76	□	Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
♥ 872		Pass			
♦ 8652					
♣ 643					
	♠ 1084				
	♥ 943				
	♦ A1094				
	♣ 982				
	♠ KJ32				
	♥ AKQ5				
	♦ KQJ				
	♣ AQ				

Bidding: South's rebid of 3NT showed 25-27 high card points. Holding nine points, North has an easy raise to 6NT. Here is a way of showing strong balanced hands:

20-21 Open 2NT

22-24 Open 2♣ and rebid 2NT

25-27 Open 2♣ and rebid 3NT

28-29 Open 2♣ and rebid 4NT

After South described his hand, this became a simple math problem for North. There are variations to this formula and you should discuss this with your partners.

Play: West led a diamond and declarer soon claimed 12 tricks.

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PEORIA's Wienman Memorial BRIDGE SECTIONAL

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Sept 12, Sept 13, and Sept 14^d, 2014

New Location: Masonic Temple, 2900 West Lake St. PEORIA, IL.

Take Exit 88, Sterling Ave from I-74. Turn towards malls(north), then left into West Lake shopping Center,
Left at T to Paneras, Right on West Lake Ave past Signature Inn. Masonic Temple on Left

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 12 – Open Pairs

1:00 PM - Stratified Open Pairs.

7:00 PM - Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, September 13 – Two session 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, September 14 – Swiss teams

10:30 AM – 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 or unpaid members

General Comments

Complimentary Coffee and Snacks during the tournament.

ALL GAMES WELCOME NEW PLAYERS.

Please note Zero Tolerance Policy is enforced

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

Thank you for not wearing fragrances! No Perfume or Cologne please!

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2014/08/27	70.56%	Jim Swanke & Jason Cannell (NLMers)
2014/08/21	71.48%	Tom Teeters & Jerry Oswald
2014/08/20	70.56%	Mary Tweedie & Jason Cannell (NLMers)
2014/07/21	74.31%	Linda Odette & Joyce Werner (99ers)
2014/07/16	70.00%	Marilyn & Gene Byers (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

BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#21 – VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

Forgive the grandiloquent title, we are not talking here about Lewis and Clark, nor the HMS Beagle, nor even Christopher Columbus. We merely refer to Declarer's intelligent (but hardly epic) play of the ♠K in the following deal:

	♠ K9 ♥ 854 ♦ QT ♣ QJT842	
♠ Q84 ♥ JT7 ♦ 9652 ♣ 975	<i>North</i>	♠ 73 ♥ AKQ2 ♦ A874 ♣ A63
	<i>West East</i>	
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ AJT652 ♥ 963 ♦ KJ3 ♣ K	

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

1NT

2♠ Pass Pass Pass

Just in case it happens to be a really useful clue, we should point out that East's 1NT showed 15-17 HCP.

The defense cashes three Hearts, then East shifts to the ♦A followed by a low Diamond. How do you play the trump suit?

All things being equal, you would play a Spade over to the King, and then finesse the Jack on the way back. This might seem even more appealing when you remember that East

opened 1NT and therefore has most of the missing HCP. But remember also that East has already shown up with ♥AKQ and ♦A. That's 13 HCP. So you can see that if East has the ♠A that gives him 17 HCP and no room for the ♠Q ... and if East does not have the ♠A then he *must* have the ♠Q for his 1NT opening.

What's needed here is a so-called "discovery play" before tackling trumps. After winning the Diamond return, you play the ♠K in order to smoke out the Ace. When East shows up with that card, he's up to his maximum quota of 17 HCP, and now it's a certainty that *West* has the ♠Q. That being the case, you ruff East's Club return and take an immediate finesse of the ♠9! The ♠K is now cashed, then back to hand with a Club ruff (fortunately there is no overruff from West). The remaining trump is extracted and it's 8 tricks for those who did some counting and discovering!

#22 – COUNTING THE HAND

This week we start a series of hands where the key to success is counting the opponents' distribution, in each case turning a guess into a sure thing.

	♠ AJ94 ♥ QJ94 ♦ Q ♣ Q542	
♠ Q8 ♥ T72 ♦ AKT653 ♣ T9	North West East Declarer	♠ K3 ♥ K3 ♦ J9874 ♣ A876
	♠ T7652 ♥ A865 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ3	

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

2♦ Dbl 4♦

4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West's 2♦ was a Weak Two, showing less than opening values and a 6-card suit. East further crowded N-S by jumping to 4♦ and South tried 4♠. The good news for E-W was that they had bounced N-S into a poor contract, the bad news was that South makes her contract if she does a little counting.

West leads the ♦A and shifts to the ♣T. East wins the Ace and returns the suit, vainly hoping that West can ruff. But

Declarer's King wins the trick, then comes the ♠A, and a second Spade won by East. Declarer wins the Club continuation in Dummy, and leads the ♥Q which East declines to cover. What next?

Three tricks have been lost and Declarer must bring in the Heart suit for no losers if she is to make her contract. She can either play a low Heart to the Ace, hoping that East has started with doubleton King ... or she can lead the Jack, hoping to squash West's doubleton Ten and set up the Nine. There's no need to guess this one. West has six Diamonds for his 2♦ bid, and has shown up with two Spades and two Clubs. That leaves three Hearts! So, Declarer plays a *low* Heart from Dummy and, sure enough, the King pops out of East's hand.

Of course, if East had known that Declarer would be so unsporting as to count out the distribution, then he would have covered the Queen with the King and given Declarer a guess for the ♥T.

#23 – AN AFTERNOON NAP

	♠ Q432 ♥ J ♦ AKQT2 ♣ J53	
♠ ♥ 7432 ♦ 753 ♣ AKQ742	North West East Declarer	♠ AKJT965 ♥ 65 ♦ J64 ♣ 9
	♠ 87 ♥ AKQT98 ♦ 98 ♣ T86	

E-W Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
		1♦	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

East's 3♠ bid was preemptive, showing a long suit (usually 7 cards) and a weak hand, its purpose being to make life difficult for the opponents. And so it does, pushing N-S into an ugly 4♥ contract which has 5 top losers.

West cashes his three Clubs and then, for want of better, shifts to a Diamond. Dummy wins that, and draws trumps. It was fortunate for Declarer that West started with no

Spades, otherwise he would have been down two in a hurry. But now, if Declarer can bring home the Diamond suit, both of those Spade losers will disappear and this rotten contract will actually make! Do you play Diamonds from the top (hoping that they are 3-3 or that East has Jx)? Or do you finesse the Ten (playing West to have Jxxx)?

It may be tempting to think "East has seven Spades and West has none, therefore West is more likely to have Diamond length" But that's only part of the picture and Declarer will count the whole hand. East started with seven Spades, two Hearts, and one Club, that much we know. This leaves three Diamonds, no more, no less! So Declarer confidently plays the Diamonds from the top and the Spade losers are thrown off. It pays to count in this game!

It also pays to stay awake. Yes, you noticed, the defense was fast asleep! East must ruff the third Club, just in case West has no Spades. Now the Spades are cashed and it is down two. And let's also mention that West should have helped his dozing partner by leading a *low* Club at Trick 3. *That* will wake him up!

#24 – A HOLD-UP PLAY

	♠ A83 ♥ 432 ♦ QT9 ♣ KQ85	
♠ KQ6 ♥ AQ86 ♦ 4 ♣ J9763	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i>	♠ JT952 ♥ JT95 ♦ 876 ♣ T
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ 74 ♥ K7 ♦ AKJ532 ♣ A42	

N-S Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

After N-S reached 3NT, East, figuring that his side had a profitable sacrifice, offered his partner a choice between 4♥ or 4♠. This pushed N-S to the perilous contract of 5♦, which, as you will see, Declarer is about to bungle.

Against 5♦ West leads the ♠K, won by Dummy's Ace and trumps are drawn. Declarer can count 10 top tricks, but where is the 11th? Not the ♥K as West needs the ♥A to justify his Takeout Double. That means that a 4th Club trick is required. Are Clubs 3-3? Let's count the hand. East bid both majors and is no doubt at least 4-4 in those suits. He also showed up with 3 Diamonds. That leaves two Clubs at most. But would East bid so much with 4=4=3=2 distribution and virtually no HCP? No, it seems more likely that East is 5=4=3=1 and, if so, Declarer must hope that East's Club is the Jack or Ten or Nine. She cashes the ♣A and, seeing East's Ten, prepares to take an impressively deep finesse of the Eight on the second round!

Well counted for 11 tricks except for one tiny detail. That's right, West can also count and he inserts the Nine on the second round of Clubs. Now Declarer is locked in Dummy with no safe way back to his hand (if he plays a Spade, East will be sure to win and fire a Heart through). Down one.

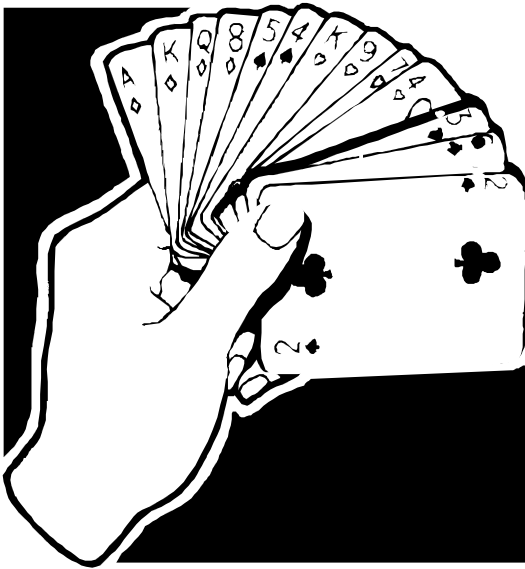
Declarer's play was flawless right up to the point where he called for Dummy's ♠A at Trick 1. Instead, he must hold up the Ace and win the second round. That way, later in the play, he can get safely back to hand with a Spade ruff and take that second Club finesse. Yet another contract bites the dust because of hasty play at Trick 1.

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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

See The "Silver" Leaves Sectional

Oct 10-12, 2014

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