



# 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 7 – open pairs      September 14 – quarterly club championship open pairs

September 21 – open pairs      September 28 – open pairs

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

Tuesday, September 1, 1:00pm – Illinois Senior Olympics Bridge Event - Springfield

Wednesday, September 2, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, September 3, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, September 5, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, September 7, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, September 9, 1:15PM - quarterly club champ 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, September 10, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, September 12, 11:45AM – quarterly club championship open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, September 14, 6:15PM – quarterly club championship 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, September 16, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, September 17, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, September 19, NO GAME – Peoria area tournament

Monday, September 21, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, September 23, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, September 24, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, September 26, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, September 28, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, September 30, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for information or to arrange for a partner.

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# The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders

As of 6/7/2015 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only –  
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- 1    **3,628.97 Betty Capodice**
- 2    **3,268.55 Steve Babin**
- \*\*\* **2,557.18 Laura Addison**
- 3    **2,377.79 Zack Freehill**
- 4    **2,185.80 Eunice Patton**
- 5    **2,049.21 Mike Tomlianovich**
- \*\*\* **1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne**
- 6    **1,552.72 Dewey Gronau**
- 7    **1,461.16 Cindy Moore**
- 8    **1,444.63 Ann Schuyler**
- \*\*\* **1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar**
- \*\*\* **1,320.43 Ed Lombard**
- 9    **1,307.49 JoAnn Schroeder**
- 10   **1,263.31 Stan Gutzman**
- 11   **1,180.75 Ron Emmett**
- 12   **1,157.80 Jeanne Strand**
- 13   **1,156.19 Charlie Morton**
- 14   **1,118.67 Ivey Weaver**
- \*\*\* **1,091.94 Marian Edmunds**
- 15   **1,080.86 Lori Moore**
- 16   **1,024.08 Jean Barnett**
- 17    **935.59 Randall Motchan**
- 18    **822.26 Glen Beaman**
- \*\*\* **792.95 Don Strand**
- 19    **782.71 Henrietta Crain**
- \*\*\* **780.34 Jack Kessler**
- \*\*\* **741.06 Pearl Harris**
- 20    **699.24 Dennis Moll**
- 21    **672.63 Peg Deutsch**
- 22    **651.54 Steve Wulfers**
- 23    **648.59 Dave Freehill**
- \*\*\* **610.73 Martin Compton**
- \*\*\* **570.80 Ann Farnsworth**
- \*\*\* **567.22 Ruth Wettaw**
- 24    **551.58 Jeff Furler**
- \*\*\* **481.88 Bev Upp**
- 25    **515.20 Stevie Joslin**
- \*\*\* **deceased**

## Other players:

- \*\*\* **12,741.55 Dick Benson-LeRoy**
- 11,671.89 Chris Benson-LeRoy**
- 4,499.06 John Seng-Champaign**
- 4,394.61 Larry Matheny-Colorado**
- \*\*\* **4,073.45 Alan Wienman-Morton**
- 4,013.73 Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap**
- 3,776.03 Ron Sholes-Springfield**
- 3,573.24 Kish Devaraj-Georgia**
- 2,714.01 Paul Lindauer-Varna**
- 2,485.66 Georgia Heth-Morton**
- 2,437.71 Gail Moon-Tennessee**
- 2,465.99 Pat Carrington-Champaign**
- 2,417.00 Ray Russ-Henry**
- 2,427.61 Carole Sholes-Springfield**
- 2,298.33 Margaret Hansell-Champaign**
- 2,261.68 Mary Allen-Peoria**
- 2,133.09 Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign**
- 1,831.87 Hank Hoffman-East Peoria**
- \*\*\* **1,776.22 John Burdon**
- 1,769.55 Tim Cull-Springfield**
- 1,612.93 Marilyn Stickel-Lacon**
- 1,550.53 Dennis Fitton-Champaign**
- 1,528.93 Bobbie Straker-Pekin**
- 1,520.52 John Maloney-Champaign**
- 1,270.74 Jim Moon-Tennessee**
- \*\*\* **916.41 Floyd Sherry-Eureka**
- 846.87 Phil Kenney-Eureka**
- 846.16 Bill Bulfer-East Peoria**
- 768.73 Doug Steele-Seymour**
- 657.64 Carole Miller-Champaign**



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## #1 - Find An Entry

Establishing side suits, taking finesses, and trumping losers are methods used to take tricks. To accomplish any of these you need entries and these are sometimes very scarce.

### Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand #15-08	♠ J643	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ AJ10	Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
Vul E/W	♦ 54	3 ♣	4 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♣
	♣ 10853	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ K1085					
♥ K64	□				
♦ J7632					
♣ 4					
	♠ AQ972				
	♥ Q932				
	♦ K9				
	♣ K7				
	♠				
	♥ 875				
	♦ AQ108				
	♣ AQJ962				

**Bidding:** The bidding was very aggressive. West's 3♣ cue bid showed 10+ support points for spades and North raised his partner. Although the king of clubs was in harm's way, East pushed on to game. South carried on to the five-level and E/W gave up.

**Play:** West led a low spade and declarer stopped to analyze the hand. It seemed unlikely E/W would succeed in their spade game so South needed to make his contract for a good score. He saw that his best chance was to find one or both minor suit kings in the East hand. Entries to dummy were a concern so after ruffing the opening lead, he turned his attention to the heart suit. He led a low heart and the ten lost to the queen. A spade came back and declarer ruffed again. Next, he led a heart to the jack. The ten of clubs was led next and it held the trick. Still in dummy, he led a diamond to the queen and then drew the last trump. All that was left was to cash his ace of diamonds and trump his two losing diamonds in dummy to wrap up twelve tricks.

Declarer could have reached dummy by conceding a trick in either of the minor suits but then he could only win eleven tricks. When playing in a pairs event, it is important to fight for every matchpoint.

## #2 - One Hand-Two Results

Here's a hand from the inter-net that shows how one hand can have very different results.

### Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

Hand #15-09	♠ 10	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ 10876	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠	3NT
Vul both	♦ Q64	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♣ AKQ95				

♠ 52		♠ AQ643
♥ QJ943		♥ K2
♦ 97		♦ KJ103
♣ 8762		♣ 103
		♠ KJ987
		♥ A5
		♦ A852
		♣ J4

**Bidding:** After East's overcall, South bid what he expected to make.

**Play:** West led the queen of hearts and declarer won the ace. South ran his club suit and East had to come up with three discards. He chose 2 spades and 1 diamond. Next, declarer led a spade from dummy and East rose with the ace. He cashed the ace of hearts and now had to give up a trick in either spades or diamonds. He finally led a diamond that rode around to dummy's queen. Declarer now had his nine tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart, 2 diamonds, and 5 clubs for a score of +600.


At the other table North opened 2 ♣ showing long clubs and 11-15 high card points. East made a spade overcall followed by a pass from South and West. North reopened with a double that was passed out. South led the jack of clubs and another to North. A spade was returned won by South who continued the suit. East ended up winning only 2 spades and 1 heart for down five and -1400. This +800 gain meant 13 IMPs.

While East's overcall wasn't terrible, it does remind us that a vulnerable overcall at the two-level is very dangerous. It also tells us that the introduction of the negative double many years ago did not mean overcalls could no longer be punished.

### #3 - Suit Combinations

New players soon learn when to play top honors and when to take finesses; however there are many different suit combinations that require careful thought.

#### Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

Hand #15-10	♠ 87	West	North	East	South
Dir W	♥ 94	-	Pass	1♦	1♠
Vul N/S	♦ K982	2♥	Pass	3♥	4♠
	♣ 107642	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♠ A					
♥ AQ10875					
♦ 654					
♣ 985					
	♠ K104				
	♥ KJ32				
	♦ QJ7				
	♣ K3				
	♠ QJ96532				
	♥ 6				
	♦ A10				
	♣ AQJ				


**Bidding:** South jumped to game hoping for some help from North.

**Play:** West led the ace of hearts and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed and stopped to count his losers. To make the contract, he must keep his spade losers to two and hope the king of clubs was favorably placed. He realized he could not handle a 4-0 break in the spade suit and he couldn't fail if the suit divided 2-2. Looking at the 3-1 breaks, he saw he could not succeed if either opponent held the AK10 so he considered the other 3-1 divisions. His conclusion was that there would be a singleton ace or king twice as often as a singleton ten so the correct play was a low spade from his hand. West won the ace and exited with a diamond won in hand by declarer. South continued with the queen of spades and won East's diamond exit in dummy. He used this only entry to dummy to take the club finesse. After the queen of clubs held the trick, declarer drew the last trump and was delighted when the king of clubs dropped under the ace. While this hand was a bit lucky, it does demonstrate the importance of learning the correct play for various suit combinations.

#### #4 - Elimination Play

The search for overtricks at matchpoint scoring is so important. Simply making the contract is a goal best left to team games and Rubber Bridge.

#### Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#15-13	♠ KJ876	West	North	East	South
Dir N	♥ 932	-	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Vul E/W	♦ 72	Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
	♣ AQ8	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
♠ Q		Pass			
♥ K10764		Pass			
♦ J1096					
♣ K94					
	♠ 94				
	♥ J5				
	♦ AQ53				
	♣ J7653				
	♠ A10532				
	♥ AQ8				
	♦ K84				
	♣ 102				

**BIDDING:** North's 2♣ bid was the Drury convention showing 10-12 support points and spade support. South responded 2♦ to show an opening hand but no interest in game if North had only 3-card support with no other feature. North loved his hand and bid the game.

**Play:** West led the jack of diamonds to his partner's ace. The diamond return was won by the king and declarer stopped to analyze the hand. He saw he had three other possible losers: 2 hearts and 1 club. He drew trumps with the king and ace and then took the club finesse. When this succeeded, he turned his attention to an overtrick. He played the ace of clubs and ruffed the last one back to his hand. Next he trumped his last diamond in dummy followed by a low heart. He covered East's card and West won the ten but was end-played. He had to either lead a heart into declarer's AQ or lead a minor suit allowing declarer to discard a heart while ruffing in the other hand. Note it would not help for East to play the jack when the heart was led from dummy.

The overtrick earned declarer a good result. Those who simply took the club and heart finesses made only ten tricks. The opportunity to eliminate the other suits before giving up the lead to the opponents occurs frequently.

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# TIP OF THE MONTH

The Convention Card – part 3 of a 16-part series

**This month: The section titled “opening 1 of a major suit”.**

Last month’s tip described the portion of the convention card that shows the partnership’s agreement for no trump opening bids. It would be best to have a copy of the latest convention card used at your local club as you read this tip.

If the item is written in black, the agreement is considered normal. If the item is written in red, then the agreement must be alerted whenever the agreement is used. If the item is written in blue, then the agreement must be announced whenever used.

Most bridge players use an agreement for opening 1 of a major suit that shows 5 or more cards in the suit. This agreement is called 5-card majors. Some players use an agreement where opening 1 of a major suit promises only 4 or more cards in the suit. This agreement is called 4-card majors. In the first portion of the major opening section, mark whether you use 5-card or 4-card major opening bids. Note there is a separate line for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> seat openings versus 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> seat openings. Most players use the same for both.

The next portion is for indicating what your agreement is for a “3-over-1” raise of the opening 1 or a major bid. If your agreement is for this call to be forcing to at least the game level, then check forcing (note: most party bridge players use forcing for a “3-over-1” raise). If your agreement means the “3-over-1” raise is invitational (i.e. limit major raise – 4 card support with 10-12 points, the agreement that most duplicate players use), then check “Inv.”. If your agreement means the “3-over-1” raise is pre-emptive, then check “weak” (and remember to alert this agreement when used!).

The next line is similar to the prior except when the opponents make an overcall. Check “forcing”, “inv.”, or “weak” with the same rationale as when there is no overcall. Note: most duplicate players will use a double raise as weak when there is an overall and a cue bid of the opponents overcalled suit when they really have a limit major raise or better.

The next line is for describing your agreement for a conventional raise. If your 2NT response to partner’s 1 or a major is the “Jacoby 2NT” agreement (4-card support and an opening hand), then check “2NT” (note this is an alertable agreement). There is also a conventional 3NT response that hardly anybody uses. If you use splinter responses (i.e. responding with a double jump showing a singleton or void and at least the value of a limit major raise), then check “splinter”. Then there is a red line for other conventional agreements (i.e. constructive raise – 8-9 hcp & 3-card support, or Bergen raises, etc).

The next line is for showing if your agreement’s 1NT response is forcing instead of the normal 6-10 HCPs with less than 3-card support. Bidding systems such as “2-over-1 game forcing” need 1NT to be a forcing bid in order to complete the system. Notice this agreement is in blue so when used, it must be announced.



There are lines for non-conventional 2NT and 3NT raises.

If your agreement makes use of the Drury or reverse Drury convention for responding to partner's 1 of a major opening in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, then check one of these 2. The Drury convention uses a response of 2 clubs to ask partner of the opening bid was full (i.e. would have been done in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seat) or light (i.e. to protect the partnership). The Drury agreement says partner's 2-of-a-major rebid shows a full opening hand. The reverse Drury agreement says partner's 2-of-a-major rebid shows a light opening hand with a 2 diamond rebid showing the full opening hand. Most players who adopt Drury, use the reverse Drury agreement.

Next month's tip: The section titled "opening 1 of a minor suit".



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2015/08/17	73.33%	Mary Lou Gold & Gaye Hoselton(99ers)
2015/08/10	70.56%	Linda & Dave Odette(99ers)
2015/07/29	71.25%	Marilyn & Gene Byers(NLMers)
2015/07/15	71.67%	Mary Tweedie & Michelle Tomlin(NLMers)
2015/06/17	70.00%	Linda Odette & Ramesh Chaudhari(NLMers)
2015/06/08	81.25%	John Stahly & Rick Kern(99ers)
2015/03/23	71.79%	Eunice Patton & Jeff Furler
2015/03/02	71.11%	Lynn Steffen & Bev Branning (99ers)
2015/02/04	70.00%	John Stahly & John Ford (NLMers)
2015/02/02	71.30%	John Stahly & Rick Kern (99ers)
2015/01/05	70.83%	Kay Marvin & Terri Huebsch (99ers)
2014/10/30	77.50%	Doug Lamb & John Ford (99ers)
2014/10/08	70.00%	Bev Branning & Sallie Boge (NLMers)
2014/09/08	73.89%	Vi Kothe & Kirk Kimmel (99ers)
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



### #69 – AN “OOPS!” MOMENT

	♠ 8754 ♥ ♦ KQJT52 ♣ AKQ	
♠ J63 ♥ KQJT87 ♦ 73 ♣ 32	North West      East Declarer	♠ 9 ♥ A9543 ♦ A98 ♣ T964
	♠ AKQT2 ♥ 62 ♦ 64 ♣ J875	

*Both Vulnerable*

South	West	North	East
	2♥	3♦	4♥
4♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West's 2♥ was a so-called Weak Two, typically showing around 6-10 points and six cards in the bid suit. After that, N-S stumbled into 6♠ which turned out to be a great contract. At least it was until Declarer botched the play.

West led the ♥K and North tabled a rather yummy Dummy. “Perfect!” said Declarer. He ruffed the Heart on the board, drew two rounds of trumps and then, when East showed

out on the second round, he said to himself “Oops!” or “Oh, rats!” or something like that. What had just gone wrong? Declarer still had a Heart loser in his hand, so he could not draw the last trump and knock out the ♦A ... in that case the defense would cash a Heart. Nor could Declarer ruff the Heart loser in Dummy ... in that case he would be unable to get back to hand to draw the last trump and, one way or another, West would score his ♠J. Down one. Oops, indeed!

Declarer would have made his contract if he had postponed his celebration of Dummy's yumminess and instead asked himself “What can possibly go wrong?” The answer is a 3-1 trump break and having realized that he would draw just one round of trumps. Then he would ruff the remaining Heart loser on the board and still have a trump in Dummy with which to return to hand, before drawing West's last trump, and setting up the Diamonds.

#70 – SQUEEZED IN THREE SUITS

	♠ A954 ♥ QJT ♦ J5 ♣ AJT2	
♠ KJT ♥ 9763 ♦ KQT3 ♣ K8	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 872 ♥ A854 ♦ 742 ♣ 754
	♠ Q63 ♥ K2 ♦ A986 ♣ Q963	

*Both Vulnerable*

	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
		1♦	Dbf	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT is an optimistic contract, but things get better when West leads the Heart Three to East's Ace, followed by a second Heart. With the ♥A in the East hand, the bidding marks all the remaining HCP with West. How will you take advantage of this?

The Club finesse is sure to work, taking the trick count to eight. The bad news is that the Spade King is surely sitting over the Queen ... the good news is that, as West holds the

missing high cards, he is likely to come under pressure when you play the Clubs. So, after winning the ♥K at Trick 2 you successfully run the ♣9, play a low Club to the King and Ace, and cash the ♣J. When West shows out, what do you know about his distribution? Not five Diamonds (West didn't lead one), nor three Diamonds (East didn't raise), so assume four Diamonds. How many Hearts? West would have led top-of-nothing with three (also, East might have bid 1♥ with five), so assume West has four Hearts. That means West is 3=4=4=2 and the hand is an open book.

What does West pitch on the third Club? Not a Spade, in that case you cash the ♠A and duck a Spade to West's King, scoring the 9<sup>th</sup> trick with the ♠Q ... not a Heart, in that case you cash the ♥Q and run the ♦J around to West (now West must play on Diamonds or Spades, either of which gives up the 9<sup>th</sup> trick) ... and not a Diamond, in that case you run the ♦J around to West's Queen and have the timing to set up the 13<sup>th</sup> Diamond. Poor West was squeezed in three suits, but it required accurate card reading to take advantage of that.

#71 – DECLARE OR DEFEND?

	♠ AKQJ ♥ A7432 ♦ ♣ K963	
♠ 65 ♥ KJT5 ♦ KJ9 ♣ AJT2	North  West East  Declarer	♠ 432 ♥ Q9 ♦ T876 ♣ 8754
	♠ T987 ♥ 86 ♦ AQ5432 ♣ Q	

*Both Vulnerable*

**South West North East**

1♠      Dbl      1♥      Pass  
 4♠      All Pass

South's hand was not good enough to bid her Diamonds at the two-level, so she responded 1♠ and soon found herself declaring a 4♠ contract.

You can see all four hands, it's time to place your bets. Do you want to declare or defend?

Declarer can count a trick in each side-suit, so one route to success would be to cross-ruff the hand, scoring those trumps separately. But not so fast! West cleverly finds the opening lead of a trump, and Declarer can be sure that the defense will lead another trump next time they get in. The second trump lead holds Declarer to only six trump tricks (♠A, ♠K, plus two ruffs in each hand) to go with the three side-suit tricks.

So 4♠ is down one? Not necessarily, it may be possible to set up a long Heart for the 10<sup>th</sup> trick, and the best way to do that is to lose a Heart at Trick Two. The defense returns another trump, and now Dummy's ♥A is cashed, then a Heart ruffed. Declarer's ♣Q is taken by West, who cannot lead another trump. He does best to exit with a Club, but Declarer wins that in Dummy, ruffs another Heart, cashes the ♦A, ruffs a Diamond, draws East's last trump, and scores Dummy's long Heart. Making 10 tricks!

West could have made Declarer's life more difficult by letting Declarer's ♣Q hold the trick! This surprising play leaves Dummy an entry short of being able to enjoy the long Heart. So, down one after all? No, of course not, if West finds that fine play then Declarer counters by overtaking with the Queen with the King! That provides the extra Dummy entry, and 4♠ does indeed make. Was that how you bet?

#72 – A SPORTING DOUBLE

	♠ KQ642 ♥ AT ♦ T86 ♣ AK3	
♠ JT7 ♥ ♦ AKQJ532 ♣ 874	<i>North</i>  <i>West    East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ A98 ♥ Q7432 ♦ 97 ♣ T92
	♠ 53 ♥ KJ9865 ♦ 4 ♣ QJ65	

*N-S Vulnerable*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
2♥	3♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

We suspect that East doubled 5♥ with great glee, no doubt anticipating a sizeable penalty. In some quarters this is ironically known as a “sporting double”, meaning that it is far from sporting and actually a sure thing. Well, most of the time, anyway!

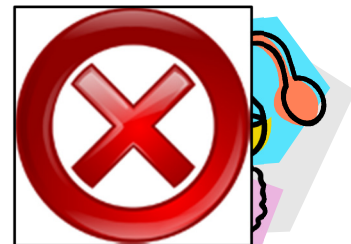
West led the ♦A, then the ♦K which was ruffed by Declarer. With one Ace already lost, and the ♠A to be lost later, Declarer could not afford to lose a trump trick. Given the 5-0 break, avoiding a trump loser might seem impossible, but watch what happened! After ruffing the Diamond at Trick 2, Declarer lost to the ♠A, won the Spade return, and ran the ♥T. The good news was that this held the trick and, when West showed out, that (surprisingly) wasn't really bad news at all!

Next, a Spade was ruffed, and three Clubs were cashed, ending in Dummy. Here was the end position (West was merely a spectator at this point):

<i>Dummy</i>	♠64 ♥A ♦T	
		<i>East</i> ♥Q743
<i>Declarer</i>	♥KJ9 ♣6	

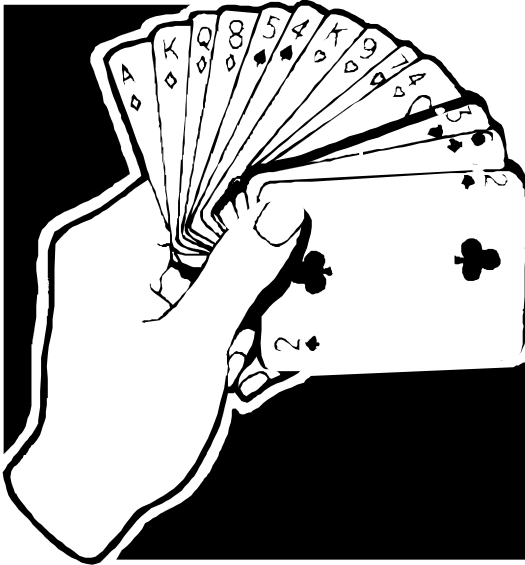
Dummy led a Diamond and East now had to suffer the ignominy of (a) being forced to ruff that in front of Declarer; then (b) under-ruffing when Dummy ruffed a Club; and finally (c) at Trick 12, falling victim to a Trump Coup, being obliged to ruff with his Q7 in front of Declarer's KJ! It really was most unsporting of Declarer to play the hand so well.

**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!**



**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 Fall Sectional

Sep 18-20, 2015

Fri: 10:30 & 3:30 – 99ers only and open pairs

Sat: 10:30 & 3:30 – 99ers only and 2 session open pairs

Sun: 10:30 – swiss teams – 2 session play through

Fon du Lac Park District

201 Veterans Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611

### Silver Leaves Duplicate Bridge Sectional

Oct 9-11, 2015

Fri: 10:30 – stratified open pairs

Fri: 4:00 – stratified open charity pairs

Sat: 10:30 – 99ers only pairs

Sat: 10:30 & 4:00 – 2-session stratified open pairs

Sun: 10:30 – swiss teams – 2 session play through

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