

Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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

June 6 – club championship open pairs June 13 – NAP qualifier open pairs June 20 – open pairs June 27 – open pairs

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

Mike's Bridge Club schedule:

Wednesday, June 1, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian Thursday, June 2, 11:45AM –open pairs – Centennial Christian Saturday, June 4, 11:45AM – World Wide Bridge Contest open pairs – Centennial Christian Monday, June 6, 6:15PM – club champ 99ers only pairs – First Christian Wednesday, June 8, 1:15PM – club champ 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian Thursday, June 9, 11:45AM – club champ open pairs – Centennial Christian Saturday, June 11, 11:45AM - club champ open pairs - Centennial Christian Monday, June 13, 6:15PM - NAP qualifier 99ers only pairs - First Christian Wednesday, June 15, 1:15PM – NAP qual 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian Thursday, June 16, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Centennial Christian Saturday, June 18, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs – Centennial Christian Monday, June 20, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian Wednesday, June 22, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs - Centennial Christian Thursday, June 23, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian Saturday, June 25, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian Monday, June 27, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian Tuesday, June 28, 12:30PM – invitation only pairs – Clinton Country Club Wednesday, June 29, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs - Centennial Christian Thursday, June 30, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for information or to arrange for a partner. All game results are posted online: clubresults.acbl.org 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 4/6/2016 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only paid up ACBL members only



1 3,692.32 Betty Capodice 3,396.48 Steve Babin 2 *** 2,557.18 Laura Addison 3 2,544.66 Zack Freehill 4 2.382.20 Eunice Patton 2,096.29 Mike Tomlianovich 5 *** 1,735.61 Steve Hawthorne 1,741.96 Cindy Moore 6 1.679.67 JoAnn Schroeder 7 1,666.10 Ann Schuyler 8 1,587.15 Dewey Gronau 9 *** 1,398.35 Sharad Chitgopekar *** 1,320.43 Ed Lombard 1,293.86 Lori Moore 10 1,263.31 Stan Gutzman 11 1,240.53 Ron Emmett 12 1,228.31 Charlie Morton 13 1,187.18 Jeanne Strand 14 1,133.56 Ivey Weaver 15 *** 1,091.94 Marian Edmunds 1,042.08 Jean Barnett 16 960.90 Randall Motchan 17 *** 835.37 Glen Beaman *** 792.95 Don Strand 18 794.41 Henrietta Crain *** 780.34 Jack Kessler 753.54 Jeff Furler 19 *** 741.06 Pearl Harris 20 734.92 Dennis Moll 21 723.20 Steve Wulfers 697.00 Peg Deutsch 22 688.36 Dave Freehill 23 *** 610.73 Martin Compton *** 570.80 Ann Farnsworth *** 567.22 Ruth Wettaw 576.64 Stevie Joslin 24 572.40 Joyce Clay 25 *** deceased

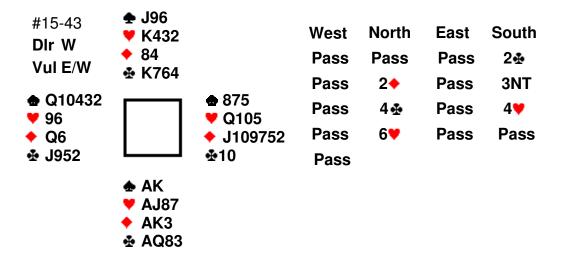
Other players:

***12,741.55	Dick Benson-LeRoy
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4,693.09	John Seng-Champaign
4,599.71	Larry Matheny-Colorado
*** 4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
4,023.05	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
	Ron Sholes-Springfield
3,877.56	Christine Carroll-Champaign
3,765.01	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
2,862.01	Paul Lindauer-Varna
2.558.22	Carole Sholes-Springfield
	Georgia Heth-Morton
	Pat Carrington-Champaign
· ·	Mary Allen-Peoria
	Ray Russ-Henry
	Gail Moon-Tennessee
2,361.61	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
,	Hank Hoffman-East Peoria
· ·	Tim Cull-Arizona
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	Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
	John Maloney-Champaign
	Dennis Fitton-Champaign
,	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
	Jim Moon-Tennessee
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#1 - Many players panic when the topic of squeeze play is mentioned. However, executing a squeeze often requires you to merely cash your winners. Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

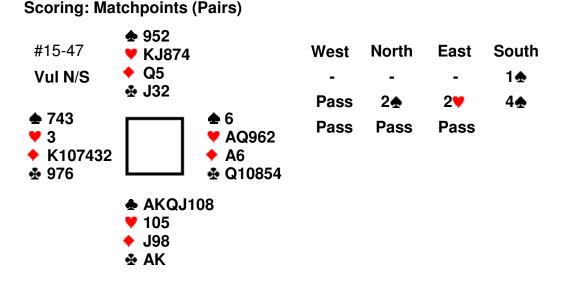


BIDDING: North's 2+ response showed game forcing values and South's 3NT promised 25-26 high card points. North used Stayman to find the heart fit and bid the slam.

PLAY: West led a low spade to declarer's ace. South next led a heart to the king followed by a successful finesse. He drew the last trump and then played three rounds of diamonds ruffing in dummy. With 12 tricks secure, he turns his attention to an overtrick. This will be easy if the clubs divide 3-2 or if the spade queen is doubleton. And, if either opponent holds the club length and the queen of spades, he can be squeezed. So after ruffing the third diamond, declarer came back to his hand with the king of spades noting the queen failed to make an appearance. Now he only had to cash his last trump and in the 5-card ending, West with four clubs and the spade queen had no winning action. He finally discarded a club and declarer had his overtrick.

The play for those who in 6NT was not quite as simple. After winning the spade lead, they would take the winning heart finesse and count 11 tricks: 2 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs. A 12th trick was possible if the clubs behaved, the spade queen dropped, or a squeeze developed. To play for the club-spade squeeze, the count needed to be rectified. After the heart finesse won, they must lead a low diamond. They win the return and cash the rest of their winners. Again West must discard from 4 clubs and the queen of spades so declarer gets his 12th trick. It is imperative to see that the count MUST be corrected or West will have an "idle" card in the end position.

You did not have to lose a trick in 6H because you were able to ruff a diamond in dummy to remove West's extra card. This hand also shows why a suit contract often generates one more trick that a no-trump contract. Copyright ©2015 Larry Matheny We sometimes forget this is a partnership game. We should use every opportunity to get our partner's opinion before we act.



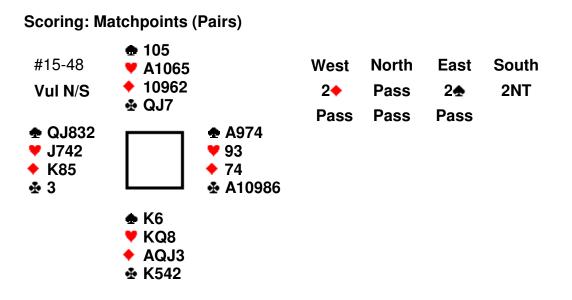
BIDDING: N/S had a routine auction to game.

PLAY: In a local duplicate game the West players led their singleton heart to East's queen. Next, the East players cashed the ace of hearts and then had to decide how to continue. Those who gave the problem very little thought played a third heart hoping their partner could over-ruff South. But, declarer ruffed the heart high, drew trumps ending in dummy, and discarded two diamonds on the good hearts. These declarers lost only two hearts and one diamond and made their contract.

Those East players who decided to get their partner involved cashed the ace of diamonds at trick three. When they received encouragement, they played another diamond to defeat the contract. West would have discouraged if he wanted a third round of hearts led.

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Although it is an easy task, some players forget to simply count their tricks. The chore of counting your opponents' tricks should also be on your things to do list.



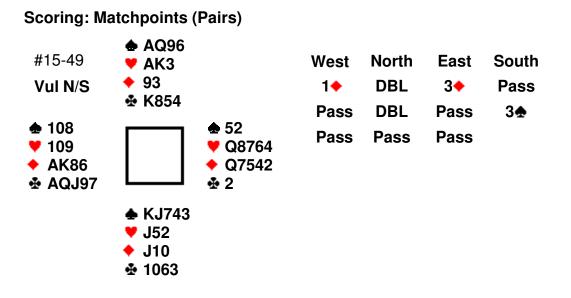
BIDDING: West's artificial two diamond bid showed 9+ cards in the major suits with 8-12 high card points. East took a preference to spades and South closed the auction with 2NT.

PLAY: West led a low spade to his partner's ace. Declarer won the second spade and stopped to count his tricks. He found only 1 spade, 4 hearts (obvious finesse), and 1 club so he needed more tricks from the minor suits. The diamond suit looked like the source for the most tricks so after cashing four heart tricks, he led the 10 of diamonds. This lost to the king and the defense defeated the contract with 4 spades, 1 diamond, and 1 club.

Declarer only needed two extra tricks and those could be obtained by simply leading a club. The defense could cash only 5 tricks and declarer would make his contract and not incur the wrath of his partner.

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It is often very easy to discover the distribution of an opponent's hand. Here declarer simply had to count to thirteen.



BIDDING: West opened one diamond in order to have a convenient rebid in clubs. North made a t/o double and East made a preemptive raise. Holding extras, North made another double and South ended the auction.

PLAY: West cashed the top two diamonds and then shifted to a trump. This was not the best defense. Declarer drew another round of trumps and counted five likely losers: 1 heart, 2 diamonds, and 2 clubs. He expected the ace of clubs to be with West. In order to find out more about the hand, declarer led a club toward dummy. West won the ace and continued with the queen of clubs. Declarer won the king and was surprised when East discarded a heart. Since East probably held five diamonds for the raise, this left West with 2-2-4-5 distribution. This gave declarer two winning options: if West held the doubleton queen of hearts, the jack would be the 9th trick. And if the queen did not drop, East would win the third round and with nothing but red cards remaining, would have to concede a ruff/sluff.

East did win the third heart and exited with a diamond. Declarer discarded a club from his hand and ruffed in dummy. He made his contract losing 1 heart, 2 diamonds, and 1 club.

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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!!





The Convention Card – part 12 of a 16-part series This month: "OVER OPP"S T/O DOUBLE"

It would be best if you have a copy of the convention agreement sheet as you read this description.

When your partner opens the bidding and your RHO calls a takeout double, you and your partner should discuss bidding agreements that usually are different than when your RHO simply passes.

The first thing to do is to decide how to handle the bidding of a new suit at both the 1 and 2 levels. Most players will treat the 1 level as forcing and the 2 level as not forcing, so check the first box on the first line. For example, if your partner opens 1 club, your RHO doubles, your bidding 1 spade would be forcing just as if the double had not been called. Another example, if your partner opens 1 heart, your RHO doubles, your bidding 2 clubs would not be forcing, which is different from when the double had not been called.

Then determine how a jump shift is to be interpreted. Check forcing if you treat the jump as being forcing, i.e. the same when no double is called; check good if the bid is invitational (not used very much); or check weak if the bid is pre-emptive. Many players are treating a jump shift after a takeout double as being weak-preemptive to try to jam the likely stronger opponents' auction.

Also, show what a redouble means. Standard bidding says a redouble shows 10+ HCPs, with or without a fit with partner. Many players now use a redouble to show 10+ HCPs without a fit, using a convention for when there is a fit.

That convention is the Jordan 2NT. If partner opens 1 heart, RHO doubles, your jump to 2NT shows a limit major raise, or better, in partner's suit. Then a jump to the 3 level in partner's suit could show a weak hand. Check the portions of Jordan 2NT you and your partner use on the next 3 lines, selecting majors and/or minors with limit+, limit, or weak strength hands.

If you and your partner have any special agreements for when RHO does a takeout double, describe them on the last line of this section.

Next month's tip: The section titled "VS Opening Preempts Double is".





Bloomington-Normal 70% club Years 2015 & 2016 Sponsored by: TBA

2016/3/16	70.00%	Bev Branning & John Ford(NLMers)
2016/3/14	71.11%	Larry Ziegler & Rick Kern(99ers)
2016/3/14	70.56%	Mike Gross & Carroll Kinnaman(99ers)
2016/2/10	72.02%	Kay Marvin & Linda Odette(NLMers)
2016/2/3	71.67%	Lynn Steffen & Mary Houska(NLMers)
2016/1/12	70.14%	Marilyn & Darryl Bremner(Clinton invitational)
2015/12/14	70.83%	Mike Gross & Carroll Kinnaman(99ers)
2015/12/5	70.31%	Christine Carroll & Wes Seitz
2015/11/30	71.11%	Phil Kenney & Zach Freehill
2015/11/28	72.22%	Ann Schuyler & Zach Freehill
2015/11/2	71.35%	Ann Schuyler & Dennis Moll
2015/10/28	71.11%	Gary Kemp & John Ford(NLMers)
2015/10/10	73.66%	Lane O'Connor & Steve Wulfers
2015/09/02	71.11%	Gary Kemp & John Ford(NLMers)
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)

BRIDGE BITES



from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell

#105 - THE VANISHING TRUMP TRICK

	 ★ 52 ♥ AJ ♦ 9872 ★ AQJT9 	
 ▲ KJ ♥ 9642 ♦ KJ5 ♣ K753 	North West East Declarer	 ▲ Q983 ♥ 875 ◆ AT43 ◆ 86
	 ▲ AT764 ♥ KQT3 ◆ Q6 ▲ 42 	

E-W Vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥ 3♠	Pass All Pas	2 ≜ ss	Pass

None of the N-S bids was completely terrible, but the auction worked out badly, leaving South to labor in a poor $3 \pm$ contract. But careful timing and accurate card reading will win the day.

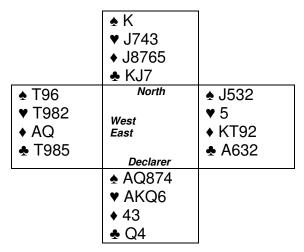
West leads a low Diamond to East's Ace, a Diamond is returned to West's King, and the +J is ruffed by Declarer.

Things are looking pretty bleak! For starters, Declarer will need the Club finesse to work. And then there is the small matter of the trump suit, where Declarer can afford only two losers. Doesn't that require the suit to be 3-3? Not necessarily!

After ruffing the Diamond, Declarer cashes the A and exits a low Spade, West following with the Jack and then winning the second round with the King. West exits with a Heart won by Dummy's Ace, then the \forall J is overtaken by the King. Declarer could now exit with a Spade, making his contract if Spades are 3-3. Is that a good idea? No, West has shown up with AJ and AKJ and needs to have the AK if the contract is to make. That's 11 HCP, so West cannot also have the AQ, that would give him an opening bid. To have a chance, Declarer must assume that West started with AKJ doubleton and East with AQ983. But if that is the case, doesn't East have two trump tricks coming? Not necessarily!

Leaving East's AQ9 at large, Declarer finesses the AQ, ruffs a Diamond, cashes a third Heart (playing East to be 4=3=4=2), and crosses to the AA (no need to repeat the Club finesse). Declarer has carefully arranged to get the lead in Dummy with just two cards left. East has AQ9, and Declarer has the AT and a Heart. Dummy leads a Club and, whether East ruffs high or ruffs low, one of his two Spade "winners" vanishes! It's called a *Coup en Passant*.

#106 – A GOOD ATTITUDE



Both VulnerableSouthWestNorthEast1♠Pass1NTPass2♥Pass3♥Pass4♥All Pass

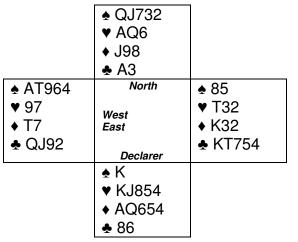
Against 4♥ West leads the Club Ten, won by East's Ace. A Diamond shift is clearly called for, and the standard play from that holding is the Ten, the so-called "top of an interior sequence". Is that your choice or are there other considerations?

If West has Ace doubleton in Diamonds then East can envisage a trump promotion if West also has the right trump

holding. But, as it happens, West has AQ and the danger is that West will win the Q on the first round of the suit. That would be the right play if East held a trump honor but not the K, but it would be disastrous on the actual layout, killing the chance of a trump promotion.

In the middle of the hand (starting at Trick 2), many partnerships play "attitude leads", whereby shifting to a low card usually shows a high card in the suit, and shifting to a high card is either from a weak holding or from the top of a sequence. So, reasoning that it is more important to advertise his *****K than it is to make an ambiguous interior sequence lead, East shifts to the Diamond Two. Of course, West must be alert and majestically squander his Ace on that trick. Then, back comes the *****Q overtaken by East's King, and the third round of Diamonds promotes the setting trump trick. Nice defense!

A Spectacular Deception! Next, imagine that West holds AQ9 and East KT2. Again the opening lead is a Club to East's Ace and again a low Diamond comes back. West, who is a shockingly devious fellow, wins with his Ace and returns the Q. East overtakes that and sends back a third Diamond. Naturally, Declarer ruffs high, and later finds out to his chagrin that trumps are 4-1 and that he has just gone down in a cold contract!



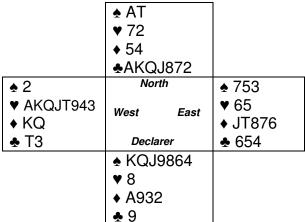
E-W Vulnerable			
South	West	North East	
1♥	Pass	1≜	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West leads the riangle Q, won in Dummy. You are playing a duplicate event, meaning that an overtrick will be well rewarded in the scoring. What is your Plan A for making as many tricks as possible? When Plan A doesn't work, you'll need to follow up with a well-reasoned Plan B.

Plan A must surely be to set up the Spades. If Declarer can lose a Spade, ruff a Spade, and draw trumps ending in Dummy, then there are 10 tricks (assuming that Spades are

4-3 and trumps 3-2), with a valuable overtrick in the offing if the $\star K$ is onside. But Declarer cannot draw trumps before playing on Spades, she needs the $\star A$ and $\star Q$ as later entries to the board. So, Declarer loses the $\star K$ to West's Ace, after which West cashes the $\star J$ and exits a trump, won in Dummy. Declarer ruffs a Spade, cashes a high trump and crosses to Dummy's last trump. But that well-timed play comes to naught when Spades turn out to be 5-2.

Goodbye Plan A, hello Plan B. This requires playing Diamonds correctly, with Dummy's \star J98 opposite Declarer's \star AQ6, and with \star KT732 somehow distributed between the defenders. There are two certain tricks here, but what's the best play for three? Should you finesse the \star Q and cash the Ace, hoping that East has \star Kx? ... or should you lead the \star J, playing for East to have Kxx and West to have \star Tx? As West has the long Spades it makes sense to play for East to have the longer Diamonds. With that in mind, Declarer plays East to hold \star Kxx rather than \star Kx, which means that leading the \star J from Dummy is the route to the coveted overtrick.



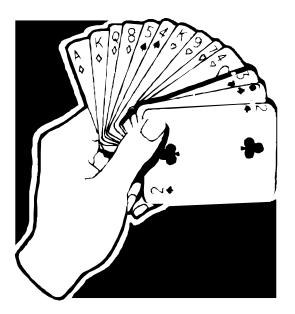
E-W Vulnerable			
West	Nort	th East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
4♥	5♣	Pass	5♦
5♥	Dbl	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pas	S

On this deal, West trusted Declarer's bidding and found a brilliant shift at Trick 2. And Declarer trusted West's bidding enough to find a clever counter and bring home her slam.

 \bullet 9 On lead against 6*, West cashed a high Heart and had to decide what to do at Trick 2. If he had tried to cash a second Heart then there would be no story to tell, as Declarer would ruff that, draw trumps and run the Clubs. But West was in a trusting mood, and concluded that Declarer was unlikely to have two Heart losers on this auction. So he found the fiendish shift of the Club Ten, knocking out Dummy's only side-suit entry before trumps had been drawn.

What should Declarer do now? One possibility was to hope for 2-2 trumps, in which case trumps could be drawn, ending on the board, and the Diamond losers then disposed of on the Clubs. But Declarer reasoned that West had done a considerable amount of vulnerable bidding and probably had 8 or 9 Hearts. That being so, it seemed more likely that West had a singleton trump. So, Declarer cashed just one trump on the board and started running the Clubs, pitching Diamonds. East ruffed the fourth round of Clubs, Declarer overruffed, returned to the board with a trump (drawing East's last trump in the process), and got rid of the last Diamond loser on another Club winner. Well bid, well defended, well declared!

Upcoming tournaments:





Rochester Sectional

Jul 8-10, 2016 Rochester Public Library 1 Community Drive, Rochester, IL 62563

Illinois Senior Olympics Bridge

Aug 30, 2016, 1:00pm Erin's Pavilion 4965 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62711

