



# 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 4 – NO GAME      July 11 – open pairs

July 18 – open pairs      July 25 – open pairs

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

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule:**

Saturday, July 2, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, July 4, NO GAME

Wednesday, July 6, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, July 7, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, July 9, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, July 11, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, July 13, 1:15PM – 99ers & NLMers only pairs – First Christian

Thursday, July 14, 11:45AM – open pairs – First Christian

Saturday, July 16, 11:45AM – open pairs – First Christian

Monday, July 18, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Wednesday, July 20, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, July 21, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, July 23, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Monday, July 25, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs – First Christian

Tuesday, July 26, 12:30PM – invitation only pairs – Clinton Country Club

Wednesday, July 27, 1:15PM - 99ers & NLMers only pairs – Centennial Christian

Thursday, July 28, 11:45AM – open pairs – Centennial Christian

Saturday, July 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](http://clubresults.acbl.org)

All games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

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## The Bloomington-Normal "Top 25" Masterpoint holders

As of 4/6/2016 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only  
paid up ACBL members only



- 1    **3,695.59** Betty Capodice
- 2    **3,422.37** Steve Babin
- \*\*\* **2,557.18** Laura Addison
- 3    **2,572.16** Zack Freehill
- 4    **2,400.01** Eunice Patton
- 5    **2,096.29** Mike Tomlianovich
- \*\*\* **1,735.61** Steve Hawthorne
- 6    **1,749.40** Cindy Moore
- 7    **1,706.87** JoAnn Schroeder
- 8    **1,677.43** Ann Schuyler
- 9    **1,590.63** Dewey Gronau
- \*\*\* **1,398.35** Sharad Chitgopekar
- \*\*\* **1,320.43** Ed Lombard
- 10   **1,302.96** Lori Moore
- 11   **1,263.31** Stan Gutzman
- 12   **1,254.60** Ron Emmett
- 13   **1,239.25** Charlie Morton
- 14   **1,188.39** Jeanne Strand
- 15   **1,133.86** Ivey Weaver
- \*\*\* **1,091.94** Marian Edmunds
- 16   **1,042.65** Jean Barnett
- 17    **970.98** Randall Motchan
- \*\*\* **835.37** Glen Beaman
- \*\*\* **792.95** Don Strand
- 18    **794.41** Henrietta Crain
- \*\*\* **780.34** Jack Kessler
- 19    **775.59** Jeff Furler
- \*\*\* **741.06** Pearl Harris
- 20    **747.12** Dennis Moll
- 21    **741.00** Steve Wulfers
- 22    **699.35** Peg Deutsch
- 23    **693.34** Dave Freehill
- \*\*\* **610.73** Martin Compton
- \*\*\* **570.80** Ann Farnsworth
- \*\*\* **567.22** Ruth Wettaw
- 24    **585.13** Joyce Clay
- 25    **577.32** Stevie Joslin
- \*\*\* **deceased**

### Other players:

- \*\*\* **12,741.55** Dick Benson-LeRoy
- 12,029.63** Chris Benson-LeRoy
- 4,735.76** John Seng-Champaign
- 4,634.16** Larry Matheny-Colorado
- \*\*\* **4,073.45** Alan Wienman-Morton
- 4,024.58** Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
- 4,021.95** Ron Sholes-Springfield
- 3,889.22** Christine Carroll-Champaign
- 3,771.50** Kish Devaraj-Georgia
- 2,882.53** Paul Lindauer-Varna
- 2,574.07** Carole Sholes-Springfield
- 2,518.40** Pat Carrington-Champaign
- 2,518.30** Georgia Heth-Morton
- 2,515.36** Mary Allen-Peoria
- 2,506.57** Ray Russ-Henry
- 2,446.86** Gail Moon-Tennessee
- 2,369.03** Margaret Hansell-Champaign
- 2,296.98** Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
- 1,909.25** Hank Hoffman-East Peoria
- 1,804.80** Tim Cull-Arizona
- \*\*\* **1,776.22** John Burdon
- 1,717.78** John Maloney-Champaign
- 1,696.73** Marilyn Stickel-Lacon
- 1,565.73** Dennis Fitton-Mahomet
- 1,532.31** Bobbie Straker-Pekin
- 1,279.89** Jim Moon-Tennessee
- 994.82** Chuck Langley-Mechanicsburg
- \*\*\* **916.41** Floyd Sherry-Eureka
- 930.24** Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
- 925.55** Phil Kenney-Eureka
- 791.15** Doug Steele-Seymour
- 545.95** Wes Seitz-Champaign



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#1 -

After the opening lead, it is important to use some time to develop a plan. This is true if you are declaring or defending. This hand makes that point.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

#15-50	♠ KQ865	West	North	East	South
Vul N/S	♥ J2	Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
	♦ K2	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
	♣ J1065	Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
♠ 972	□	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ A74					
♦ J964					
♣ A87					
	♠ 43				
	♥ 10986				
	♦ 1075				
	♣ KQ94				
	♠ AJ10				
	♥ KQ53				
	♦ AQ83				
	♣ 32				

**BIDDING:** North transferred to spades followed by 3NT giving his partner a choice of games. With three spades and a doubleton club, South had an easy decision.

**PLAY:** With no attractive lead, West decided on a low diamond. Declarer stopped to analyze the hand and counted only three losers: 1 heart and 2 clubs. Looking at the hand more closely, he saw that if he drew trumps too early, the opponents could cash some club tricks. As is usually best, he began to establish the long trump hand. He won the king of diamonds and led a club from dummy. West won the ace and shifted to a trump. Declarer won in his hand and led a second club. East won this trick and played a second trump. Declarer won the jack and played a low heart to the jack. A second heart went to West's ace who led his last trump. Declarer won in his hand and discarded dummy's last two clubs on his good diamond and heart tricks. He ended up losing only 2 clubs and 1 heart.

Several declarers immediately drew trumps and then looked around to see what to do next. When West won the ace of hearts, he continued with the ace of clubs and the defense cashed three club tricks to defeat the contract. (If he had underled his ace of clubs, E/W could cash four club tricks.)

#2 -

Most people agree that defense can be difficult. For example, when the opening lead is made, third hand has to decide whether to show partner count, attitude, or suit preference. With no agreement, guessing is often employed.

**Matchpoints (Pairs)**

#15-51	♠		West	North	East	South
Vul N/S	♥ A5432		-	Pass	Pass	1♠
	♦ A8542		Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
	♣ Q73		Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
♠ J98732		♠ 106	Pass			
♥ J76		♥ K108				
♦		♦ 1097				
♣ AKJ10		♣ 98642				
	♠ AKQ54					
	♥ Q9					
	♦ KQJ63					
	♣ 5					

**BIDDING:** South's strong jumpshift in diamonds was a bit light but she held a great hand. With first round control in three suits and great trump support, North leaped to slam.

**PLAY:** West led the king of clubs asking his partner to give count, not attitude. The deuce of clubs from East showed an odd number and it was unlikely declarer held three clubs. West exited with a heart and there was no way for declarer to avoid losing a heart trick so she ended down one.

I show this hand because in a local game, this hand was played in a diamond contract twelve times and six of those declarers managed to make twelve tricks. It appears those West defenders tried to cash a second club trick.

A solution to this quandary is to show count when the ace or king is led at the five-level or higher. It is important to know if a second trick will cash. Since an unsupported ace is led more frequently at these high levels, another agreement is to lead the king from AK holdings. The most important thing is to have agreements with your partners.

An opening bid at the four-level is often a preemptive action. However, it may also be a strategic bid with the goal of blocking the opponents and possibly making the contract.

**Matchpoints (Pairs)**

#15-52	♠ Q93		West	North	East	South
Vul E/W	♥ 974		-	Pass	Pass	4♥
	♦ 9874		Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♣ A106					
♠ J854		♠ AK76				
♥ A83		♥ 2				
♦ Q		♦ K103				
♣ KQJ98		♣ 75432				
	♠ 102					
	♥ KQJ1065					
	♦ AJ652					
	♣					

**BIDDING:** South’s four heart bid in third seat kept the opponents out of the auction.

**PLAY:** West led the king of clubs and declarer stopped to analyze the hand. He could discard a spade loser on the club ace but that left him with a spade and a heart to lose. So to succeed he must lose only one diamond. He won the ace of clubs discarding a spade followed by a low heart to his king. West won the ace followed by the jack of spades. Declarer ruffed the next spade and cashed the queen of hearts. Next, he played the ace of diamonds and watched the queen drop on his left. Now a heart to dummy’s nine drew the last trump and a diamond lead from dummy left East with no good answer. Declarer lost only 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 diamond.

An opening spade lead would have defeated the contract and the lead of the queen of diamonds would have resulted in down two. Also, if West had held off and won the third heart, declarer could not have reached dummy to lead a diamond and been down one. However, since several E/W pairs reached the cold spade game, down one or two would have been an above average result. Note the play in the diamond suit. If the opponents’ diamonds divided 2-2 declarer would lose only one trick. He could not win if West held KQX of diamonds but playing the ace first handled the actual layout

#4 –

The unforced jump to the five level in a major suit is a valuable tool. It helped this pair reach a slam that was missed at most tables.

**Matchpoints (Pairs)**

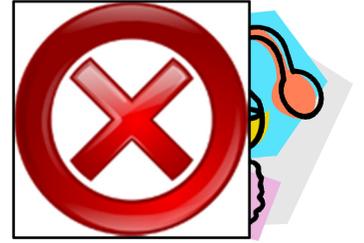
#16-01	♠ J965		West	North	East	South
Vul N/S	♥ Q93		Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
	♦ KQ84		2♣	2♠	Pass	5♠
	♣ A4		Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
♠ Q		♠ 72	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♥ K85		♥ 107642	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ J1052		♦ 9763				
♣ KQ1063		♣ J9				
	♠ AK10843					
	♥ AJ					
	♦ A					
	♣ 8752					

**BIDDING:** After North raised spades South was interested in slam. His jump to five spades asked his partner about a club control. With a singleton or the king, North would jump to six spades. Holding first round control, he cue bid clubs in case partner was interested in a grand slam. South had smaller ambitions and stopped in six spades.

**PLAY:** West led the king of clubs and declarer won the ace. Trumps were quickly drawn, the ace of diamonds unblocked, and a club conceded. It was now easy to ruff one club and discard a heart and a club on the KQ of diamonds.

If the opponents have not intervened, the jump asks for a control in the unbid suit. In some “awkward” auctions it can simply be used as a quantitative raise. It could be used to ask about trump quality but the Roman Keycard Blackwood convention is better used for that purpose.

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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!!**



# TIP OF THE MONTH

## The Convention Card – part 13 of a 16-part series

**This month: the sections titled “VS Opening Preempts Double is”.**

**It would be helpful to have a copy of the convention card as you read this tip.**

**Your opponents can open the bidding pre-emptive at the 2, 3, 4, or even the 5 level, attempting to make it difficult for you and your partner to communicate. This section describes your agreement for using the call ‘double’ when the opponents pre-empt.**

**Is the use of double always for penalty or is double ever for takeout? If double is for takeout, check the box following the word ‘takeout’ and then write what bid will be the highest for takeout. Most players decide 4 hearts is the highest. If the opponents open 4 spades, double would be for penalty; then a 4 no trump bid would be for takeout.**

**If double is always for penalty, then check the box following ‘penalty’.**

**If you and your partner use some conventional bid for takeout, describe this agreement on the next line.**

**If you use the Lebensohl 2 no trump convention over the opponents weak 2 opener, then check the box on the next line.**

**For any other conventions used in this situation, describe these on the last line of this section.**

**Next month’s tip: The section titled “slam conventions”.**



**Bloomington-Normal 70% club  
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<b>2016/3/16</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Bev Branning &amp; John Ford(NLMers)</b>
<b>2016/3/14</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Larry Ziegler &amp; Rick Kern(99ers)</b>
<b>2016/3/14</b>	<b>70.56%</b>	<b>Mike Gross &amp; Carroll Kinnaman(99ers)</b>
<b>2016/2/10</b>	<b>72.02%</b>	<b>Kay Marvin &amp; Linda Odette(NLMers)</b>
<b>2016/2/3</b>	<b>71.67%</b>	<b>Lynn Steffen &amp; Mary Houska(NLMers)</b>
<b>2016/1/12</b>	<b>70.14%</b>	<b>Marilyn &amp; Darryl Bremner(Clinton invitational)</b>
<b>2015/12/14</b>	<b>70.83%</b>	<b>Mike Gross &amp; Carroll Kinnaman(99ers)</b>
<b>2015/12/5</b>	<b>70.31%</b>	<b>Christine Carroll &amp; Wes Seitz</b>
<b>2015/11/30</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Phil Kenney &amp; Zach Freehill</b>
<b>2015/11/28</b>	<b>72.22%</b>	<b>Ann Schuyler &amp; Zach Freehill</b>
<b>2015/11/2</b>	<b>71.35%</b>	<b>Ann Schuyler &amp; Dennis Moll</b>
<b>2015/10/28</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Gary Kemp &amp; John Ford(NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/10/10</b>	<b>73.66%</b>	<b>Lane O'Connor &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>
<b>2015/09/02</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Gary Kemp &amp; John Ford(NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/08/17</b>	<b>73.33%</b>	<b>Mary Lou Gold &amp; Gaye Hoselton(99ers)</b>
<b>2015/08/10</b>	<b>70.56%</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Dave Odette(99ers)</b>
<b>2015/07/29</b>	<b>71.25%</b>	<b>Marilyn &amp; Gene Byers(NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/07/15</b>	<b>71.67%</b>	<b>Mary Tweedie &amp; Michelle Tomlin(NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/06/17</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>Linda Odette &amp; Ramesh Chaudhari(NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/06/08</b>	<b>81.25%</b>	<b>John Stahly &amp; Rick Kern(99ers)</b>
<b>2015/03/23</b>	<b>71.79%</b>	<b>Eunice Patton &amp; Jeff Furler</b>
<b>2015/03/02</b>	<b>71.11%</b>	<b>Lynn Steffen &amp; Bev Branning (99ers)</b>
<b>2015/02/04</b>	<b>70.00%</b>	<b>John Stahly &amp; John Ford (NLMers)</b>
<b>2015/02/02</b>	<b>71.30%</b>	<b>John Stahly &amp; Rick Kern (99ers)</b>
<b>2015/01/05</b>	<b>70.83%</b>	<b>Kay Marvin &amp; Terri Huebsch (99ers)</b>

## BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



### #109 - RIGHT THROUGH THE PACK

	♠ 32 ♥ 2 ♦ J9876 ♣ 87543	
♠ JT7654 ♥ T86 ♦ 54 ♣ K2	North  West East  Declarer	♠ KQ98 ♥ 9754 ♦ KT2 ♣ A6
	♠ A ♥ AKQJ3 ♦ AQ3 ♣ QJT9	

Perhaps the most charming bridge book of all time is *Right Through The Pack*, published back in the late forties. The setting is a bridge club in London, the players go home at the end of the game, and the cards then come to life, all 52 of them eager to tell a delightful tale in which they had excelled. If this deal were in that book then it might well be *The Tale of the Heart Two*. See how that heroic little trump saves the day in 4♥.

West leads the ♠J and North tables a rather sad Dummy. To make her contract, Declarer must set up some minor suit tricks. But it won't do to draw trumps first and then start establishing minor winners, in that case the defense will keep pounding away in Spades, forcing Declarer to lose trump control. Well, if drawing trumps won't work then one must do the other thing and not draw trumps. Instead, Declarer plays on the minors, leaving Dummy's valiant Heart Two at large to handle the defensive Spade onslaught.

Which minor should Declarer attack at Trick 2? There won't be enough tricks from Clubs alone because the suit is blocked, so Declarer plays the ♦Q at Trick 2. But East wickedly withholds the King, allowing the Queen to hold the trick! Now the Diamonds are dead and Declarer must play on Clubs. She loses a Club, ruffs the Spade return, and loses another Club. The defense can lead another Spade if they wish, but to no avail, Dummy's Heart Two is there to take care of that and bring home the contract. So there you have it, a modern-day version of *The Tale of the Heart Two*, with a villainous co-starring role for the Diamond King.

#110 – ODDS-ON FAVORITE

	♠ 82 ♥ 73 ♦ Q982 ♣ A6432	
♠ 97 ♥ QJT98 ♦ J63 ♣ QT8	North  West East  Declarer	♠ 654 ♥ AK6 ♦ KT754 ♣ 95
	♠ AKQJT3 ♥ 542 ♦ A ♣ KJ7	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against 4♠, West led the ♥Q and when Dummy went down both defenders could see the need to stop a Heart ruff in Dummy. In case it was necessary to lead through Declarer (West might have ♠Kx), East overtook with his ♥K and fired back a trump.

You can count nine top tricks and are clearly not going to be allowed to get your tenth via the aforementioned Heart ruff. So, Clubs must come to the rescue, and one obvious line of

play is simply to draw trumps, cross to the ♠A and finesse the ♠J. There's a 50% chance that East will have the ♠Q, in which case you'll make your contract. Can you find a line that is odd-on favorite to succeed?

It's better than 50% that the missing Clubs are split 3-2. In fact the odds of that are 68%, so a substantially better bet for developing an extra trick from that Club holding is to lose the first round of Clubs and later to play the ♠K, then ♠A, hoping that the suit behaves.

But it won't work to win the trump shift at Trick 2, draw the remaining trumps, and then lose a Club. In that case the defense will take two Heart tricks and four altogether. Better timing is required. The Club must be lost *before* drawing trumps, that way there will still be a trump on the board to handle that third round of Hearts.

A Rule of Thumb: You don't need to memorize probability tables in order to know if a suit is likely to break evenly. Here's a short cut ... when missing an *even* number of cards in the suit then the odds are against it splitting 1-1 or 2-2 or 3-3 ... when missing an *odd* number then the suit is odds-on to split 2-1 or 3-2 or 4-3.

# #111 – ANTI-DISCOVERY PLAY

	♠ J6 ♥ 862 ♦ AKQ642 ♣ 63	
♠ K75 ♥ Q3 ♦ JT975 ♣ Q75	<i>North</i>	♠ Q843 ♥ KJ974 ♦ 3 ♣ J42
	<i>West East Declarer</i>	
	♠ AT92 ♥ AT5 ♦ 8 ♣ AKT98	

*E-W Vulnerable*

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

Against 3NT, West led the ♥Q and Declarer held up on the first trick. West continued the suit, and Declarer had to decide whether to win this or hold up again. Looking only at the N-S hands what would be your choice?

If the Heart suit is 4-3 then it's a good idea to hold up a second time, that way, if the Diamonds don't break, it may be possible to develop the Clubs for a total of nine tricks,

without the defense scoring five tricks first. But if Hearts are 5-2 then the second hold-up is pointless.

At Trick 1 Declarer had no idea of the Heart situation. Clearly the King was with East, but West's opening lead could have been from Qx or QJx or QJ9x or QJ9xx, all were equally likely as a Heart opening lead was almost inevitable given the auction. But at Trick 2 all became clear when East played the Jack. Now, unless West was a remarkably slippery customer, given to making extravagant opening leads, surely the suit was 5-2. So, Declarer won the second trick, and played Diamonds from the top. When that suit didn't break, Declarer ducked a Club to West, who could cash a couple of Diamonds. But that was all for the defense, scoring those two Diamonds, a Club, and only one Heart.

In order to beat the contract, East must practice the art of concealment. At Trick 2, if he plays the ♥K, then Declarer will be none the wiser. Now it will appear to Declarer that West has led from ♥QJ93, in which case a second hold-up *is* required. But, in fact, it turns out to be fatal, that second Heart trick for the defense will result in the ultimate defeat of the contract.

## #112 – A SECOND CHANCE

	♠ 76 ♥ J743 ♦ T65 ♣ J643	
♠ QJT42 ♥ 986 ♦ Q98 ♣ KT	North  West East  Declarer	♠ AK53 ♥ ♦ 7432 ♣ Q9872
	♠ 98 ♥ AKQT52 ♦ AKJ ♣ A5	

*Both Vulnerable*

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♣ and 2♦ were artificial (strong and weak respectively), and West led the ♠Q against 4♥. Can you spot the winning defense? And, when East fails to find it, can you see how Declarer takes advantage of her second chance?

The winning defense is for East to overtake the Spade and shift to a Diamond at Trick 2. Sooner or later, Declarer will be forced to take the losing Diamond finesse and that will be down one.

What actually happened was that East did overtake the ♠Q at Trick 1 but cashed a second Spade before shifting to Diamonds. Declarer's Ace won that, then trumps were drawn, at which point it might appear that Declarer must put her money on the Diamond finesse. Down one, as before? Not at all! Before putting all her eggs in the Diamond basket, Declarer loses nothing by cashing the ♣A and exiting a Club. This end-plays West if he happens to hold both the ♠K and ♠Q, or if he holds ♣KT or ♣QT doubleton. It was somewhat unlikely that the Club position would allow the end-play to work, but it was an extra chance that cost nothing, and Declarer always had the Diamond finesse to fall back on, if necessary. *Question:* Wouldn't West also be end-played if he held, say, ♠K2? No, because he would dump that ♠K under Declarer's Ace like a hot potato, cleverly allowing East to win the second Club trick, thereby avoiding the end-play!

Did East misdefend when he failed to shift to a Diamond at Trick 2? Well, there were hands when his defense would have been necessary (picture Declarer with ♠98, ♥AKQT2, ♦AKQ8, ♣K5, for example) so let's just count East as somewhat unlucky.

# Upcoming tournaments:



## Rochester Sectional

Jul 8-10, 2016

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Aug 30, 2016, 1:00pm

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