



# Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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## August Events

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

August 6 – mentor Monday pairs    August 13 – open pairs    August 20 – open pairs

August 27 – open pairs

Contact Ann Schuyler at 309-826-9791/309-663-4052 for information or to arrange for a partner.

**Mike's Bridge Club schedule – ALL games at Centennial Christian Church, 1219 E. Grove St, Bloomington, unless otherwise noted:**

Wednesday, August 1, 1:15PM – NAP qualifier 499ers only pairs

Thursday, August 2, 11:45AM - NAP qualifier open pairs

Saturday, August 4, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs

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

Wednesday, August 8, 1:15PM – quarterly CC 499ers only pairs

Thursday, August 9, 11:45AM – quarterly CC open pairs

Saturday, August 11, 11:45AM – quarterly CC open pairs

Monday, August 13, 6:15PM – quarterly CC 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, August 15, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, August 16, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard memorial charity CC open pairs

Saturday, August 18, 11:45AM – Addison-Lombard memorial charity CC open pairs

Monday, August 20, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, August 22, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, August 23, 11:45AM – ACBL education foundation open pairs

Saturday, August 25, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs

Monday, August 27, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs

Tuesday, August 28, 1:00PM – Illinois Senior Olympics open pairs - Springfield

Wednesday, August 29, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, August 30, 11:45AM – NAP qualifier open pairs

Contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823 for information or to arrange for a partner. All game results are posted online: <http://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 4/6/2018 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only  
paid up ACBL members only



|     |          |                    |
|-----|----------|--------------------|
| 1   | 3,824.65 | Steve Babin        |
| 2   | 3,729.55 | Betty Capodice     |
| 3   | 3,085.72 | Zack Freehill      |
| 4   | 2,930.51 | Eunice Patton      |
| *** | 2,557.18 | Laura Addison      |
| 5   | 2,426.56 | JoAnn Schroeder    |
| 6   | 2,382.11 | Cindy Moore        |
| 7   | 2,187.69 | Mike Tomlianovich  |
| 8   | 2,048.52 | Ann Schuyler       |
| 9   | 1,776.06 | Lori Moore         |
| *** | 1,735.61 | Steve Hawthorne    |
| 10  | 1,669.78 | Dewey Gronau       |
| 11  | 1,641.28 | Ron Emmett         |
| 12  | 1,475.74 | Charlie Morton     |
| *** | 1,398.35 | Sharad Chitgopekar |
| 13  | 1,328.76 | Jeff Furler        |
| *** | 1,320.43 | Ed Lombard         |
| 14  | 1,263.31 | Stan Gutzman       |
| 15  | 1,242.12 | Jeanne Strand      |
| 16  | 1,160.57 | Ivey Weaver        |
| *** | 1,091.94 | Marian Edmunds     |
| 17  | 1,045.75 | Jean Barnett       |
| 18  | 1,006.72 | Joyce Clay         |
| 19  | 994.16   | Randall Motchan    |
| 20  | 934.28   | Steve Wulfers      |
| *** | 835.37   | Glen Beaman        |
| 21  | 797.02   | Henrietta Crain    |
| *** | 792.95   | Don Strand         |
| 22  | 781.07   | Dave Freehill      |
| *** | 780.34   | Jack Kessler       |
| 23  | 766.07   | Dennis Moll        |
| *** | 741.06   | Pearl Harris       |
| *** | 699.99   | Peg Deutsch        |
| *** | 610.73   | Martin Compton     |
| *** | 570.80   | Ann Farnsworth     |
| *** | 567.22   | Ruth Wettaw        |
| 24  | 550.07   | Ray Dostal         |
| 25  | 548.08   | Lane O'Connor      |

### Other players:

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 12,601.91    | Chris Benson-LeRoy          |
| ***12,568.06 | Dick Benson-LeRoy           |
| 5,114.72     | John Seng-Champaign         |
| 5,096.93     | Larry Matheny-Colorado      |
| 4,534.95     | Ron Sholes-Springfield      |
| ***4,073.45  | Alan Wienman-Morton         |
| 4,149.95     | Christine Carroll-Champaign |
| ***4,048.11  | Jim Carbaugh-Metamora       |
| 4,025.08     | Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap         |
| 3,939.60     | Kish Devaraj-Georgia        |
| 3,271.08     | Paul Lindauer               |
| 2,926.81     | Mary Allen-Peoria           |
| 2,925.03     | Carole Sholes-Springfield   |
| 2,796.99     | Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign |
| 2,646.84     | Ray Russ-Henry              |
| 2,605.20     | Pat Carrington-Champaign    |
| 2,550.34     | Georgia Heth-Morton         |
| 2,554.94     | Margaret Hansell-Champaign  |
| 2,459.43     | Gail Moon-Tennessee         |
| 2,208.24     | Hank Hoffman-East Peoria    |
| 2,070.57     | John Maloney-Champaign      |
| 1,925.95     | Tim Cull-Arizona            |
| 1,860.01     | Marilyn Stickel-Lacon       |
| ***1,776.22  | John Burdon                 |
| 1,590.44     | Bobbie Straker-Pekin        |
| ***1,525.29  | John La Rue-Pontiac         |
| 1,292.46     | Jim Moon-Tennessee          |
| 1,262.25     | Dan Bunde-Champaign         |
| 1,235.24     | Bill Bulfer-East Peoria     |
| ***1,093.04  | Phil Kenney-Eureka          |
| ***916.41    | Floyd Sherry-Eureka         |
| 883.03       | Wes Seitz-Champaign         |
| 723.34       | Carole Miller-Champaign     |

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#1 –

A pairs game scored with matchpoints often presents many unique issues. Questions like these must be addressed: What is the best scoring contract? Should I risk the contract for an overtrick? How many tricks do I need for a good result?

## Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

|            |           |      |       |      |       |
|------------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Hand 17-47 | ♠ Q109    | West | North | East | South |
|            | ♥ A109642 | -    | 2♥    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Vul E/W    | ♦ Q105    | Pass | 5♣    | Pass | 6NT   |
|            | ♣ Q       | Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |
| ♠ A864     | ♠ 52      |      |       |      |       |
| ♥ Q87      | ♥ 53      |      |       |      |       |
| ♦ 763      | ♦ J9842   |      |       |      |       |
| ♣ 984      | ♣ 10632   |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♠ KJ73    |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♥ KJ      |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♦ AK      |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♣ AKJ75   |      |       |      |       |

**Bidding:** After North's weak two heart bid, South leaped to 4NT to ask about aces. North admitted to one ace and South closed the auction with 6NT. Besides being the higher scoring contract, this meant the opening lead would come into the strong hand. 6NT might also be successful if the hearts broke badly.

**Play:** West led the nine of clubs to dummy's queen. Declarer saw he might have 12 tricks without having to guess the queen of hearts. He led a diamond to his hand followed by two more top clubs. When that suit divided 4-2, all he had to do was knock out the ace of spades and claim 12 tricks. However, if the heart queen could be found, he might be able to score all 13 tricks. Declarer considered this but finally decided the risk was too much. He was in the best contract and expected a good score. Indeed, several N/S pairs ended in 6H and some went down when they failed to locate the heart queen.

#2 –

This hand demonstrates a major difference between hands played at IMPs scoring and those at Matchpoints.

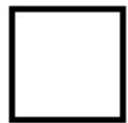
Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 17-48

♠ J3  
♥ 9854  
♦ Q52  
♣ AQ85

Vul E/W

♠ K6  
♥ K106  
♦ KJ93  
♣ 10743



♠ AQ109872  
♥ 7  
♦ 4  
♣ KJ96

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass  | 1♥   | 4♠    |
| Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |

Bidding: South's four spade bid ended the auction. The adverse vulnerability kept West from competing.


Play: West led the six of hearts to the ace. East continued with a second heart ruffed by declarer. There were only three probable losers (one spade, one heart, and one diamond) so declarer stopped to consider his options. This was a pairs game where overtricks were important and the auction suggested the spade king could very well be with East. At trick three declarer led a club to dummy and took the losing spade finesse. West returned a club, East trumped, and declarer was down one.

North agreed with his partner's decision to take the spade finesse. If this hand been a team event with IMP scoring, the play for the overtrick would not have been considered. Declarer would have played the ace and a second spade as soon as possible and made his contract.

#3 –

While it's impossible to know how the opponents will defend, it is important to protect your assets from the opening lead.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

|            |   |          |      |       |      |       |
|------------|---|----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Hand 17-49 | ♠ AQ7543  |          | West | North | East | South |
|            | ♥ QJ95  |          | -    | -     | Pass | 2♣    |
| Vul E/W    | ♦ 542   |          | Pass | 2♠    | Pass | 2NT   |
|            | ♣   |          | Pass | 3♠    | Pass | 4NT   |
| ♠ 1098     |   | ♠ 62     | Pass | 5♣    | Pass | 6NT   |
| ♥ 63       |  | ♥ K10872 | Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |
| ♦ AQ106    |   | ♦ 973    | Pass |       |      |       |
| ♣ 10973    |   | ♣ 542    |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♠ KJ  |          |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♥ A4  |          |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♦ KJ8   |          |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♣ AKQJ86  |          |      |       |      |       |

**Bidding:** North's response of two spades showed a 5+card suit headed by two of the top three honors. South rebid 2NT to show a balanced or semi-balanced hand with 22-24 high card points. North showed a sixth spade and South bid 4NT to check on aces. North showed only one ace so South settled on a small slam. He chose 6NT to prevent a lead through his king of diamonds.

**Play:** West led the ten of clubs and declarer soon claimed 13 tricks: 6 spades, 1 heart, and 6 clubs. Some N/S pairs were held to 12 tricks when West led the ace of diamonds and a few failed when they ended in spades and a diamond was led.

#4 –

Estimating your score near the end of a session is important. It may be necessary to take an unusual or low percentage action in order to obtain a high score. However, if you know you are not in contention, it is inappropriate to take “swinging” actions. These could have negative effects on those who are legitimately trying to win the event.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

|            |          |      |       |      |       |
|------------|----------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Hand 17-50 | ♠ J10543 | West | North | East | South |
|            | ♥ 3      | -    | -     | Pass | 1 ♠   |
| Vul E/W    | ♦ K942   | Pass | 4 ♠   | Pass | 6 ♠   |
|            | ♣ 754    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |       |
| ♠ 2        |          |      |       |      |       |
| ♥ Q82      | □        |      |       |      |       |
| ♦ Q765     |          |      |       |      |       |
| ♣ KQJ96    |          |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♠ AQ876  |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♥ AKJ97  |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♦ J      |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♣ A2     |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♠ K9     |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♥ 10654  |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♦ A1083  |      |       |      |       |
|            | ♣ 1083   |      |       |      |       |

**Bidding:** North’s leap to four spades was preemptive showing a weak hand with long spades. South felt they were in contention but needed some good results in the last few rounds. So hoping for a bit of luck, he bid the slam.

**Play:** West led the king of clubs and declarer did not like his chances. With a diamond to lose, he needed to capture the king of spades as well as avoid a club loser. He won the ace of clubs followed by the ace of hearts. Next he ruffed a heart in dummy and continued with the jack of spades. The finesse won and he played a second round to his ace. Now he went back to hearts and was delighted to see the queen fall under his king. He discarded a club from dummy and another on the jack of hearts. He now conceded a diamond and ruffed his club in dummy for a top score of +980.



## **Bloomington-Normal 70% club Years 2017-18 only**

|                   |               |   |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>2018/7/25</b>  | <b>71.43%</b> | <b>John Ford &amp; John Cralley(499ers)</b>                   |
| <b>2018/7/23</b>  | <b>76.25%</b> | <b>Ron Calabrese &amp; Bob Bye(99ers)</b>                     |
| <b>2018/6/2</b>   | <b>70.00%</b> | <b>Cindy Moore &amp; Zach Freehill</b>                        |
| <b>2018/5/7</b>   | <b>70.34%</b> | <b>Cindy Lake &amp; Eunice Patton</b>                         |
| <b>2018/4/18</b>  | <b>70.48%</b> | <b>Kay Marvin &amp; Linda Odette(499ers)</b>                  |
| <b>2018/4/9</b>   | <b>70.37%</b> | <b>Doug Lamb &amp; Joe Culpepper(99ers)</b>                   |
| <b>2018/3/17</b>  | <b>72.22%</b> | <b>Ron Emmett &amp; Paul Lindauer</b>                         |
| <b>2018/2/26</b>  | <b>78.08%</b> | <b>Bob Bray &amp; Larry Ziegler(99ers)</b>                    |
| <b>2018/1/24</b>  | <b>70.24%</b> | <b>John Ford &amp; Ray Dostal(499ers)</b>                     |
|                   |               |   |
| <b>2017/12/18</b> | <b>74.31%</b> | <b>Ron Calabrese &amp; Bob Bye(99ers)</b>                     |
| <b>2017/12/13</b> | <b>70.00%</b> | <b>John Ford &amp; Ray Dostal(499ers)</b>                     |
| <b>2017/12/12</b> | <b>77.78%</b> | <b>Marilyn &amp; Darryl Bremner(Clinton invitational)</b>     |
| <b>2017/12/11</b> | <b>73.08%</b> | <b>Lori &amp; Cindy Moore</b>                                 |
| <b>2017/12/7</b>  | <b>72.22%</b> | <b>Tom Teeters &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>                        |
| <b>2017/12/6</b>  | <b>70.00%</b> | <b>Jim Swanke &amp; Kirk Kimmell(499ers)</b>                  |
| <b>2017/12/2</b>  | <b>71.85%</b> | <b>Cindy Moore &amp; Zach Freehill</b>                        |
| <b>2017/11/13</b> | <b>70.14%</b> | <b>Tom Teeters &amp; Steve Wulfers</b>                        |
| <b>2017/11/5</b>  | <b>76.85%</b> | <b>Lori &amp; Cindy Moore</b>                                 |
| <b>2017/9/25</b>  | <b>73.15%</b> | <b>Bev Branning &amp; Lynn Steffen(99ers)</b>                 |
| <b>2017/9/23</b>  | <b>72.22%</b> | <b>Cindy Moore &amp; Steve Babin</b>                          |
| <b>2017/8/7</b>   | <b>71.25%</b> | <b>Eric Malchodi &amp; Larry Ziegler(99ers)</b>               |
| <b>2017/8/7</b>   | <b>71.88%</b> | <b>Eunice Patton &amp; Steve Babin</b>                        |
| <b>2017/7/31</b>  | <b>70.14%</b> | <b>Ron Calabrese &amp; Bob Bye (99ers)</b>                    |
| <b>2017/6/19</b>  | <b>73.33%</b> | <b>Gary Kemp &amp; Larry Ziegler(99ers)</b>                   |
| <b>2017/6/3</b>   | <b>71.43%</b> | <b>Eunice Patton &amp; Steve Babin</b>                        |
| <b>2017/5/15</b>  | <b>74.31%</b> | <b>Lynn Steffen &amp; Mary Houska(99ers)</b>                  |
| <b>2017/5/15</b>  | <b>73.61%</b> | <b>Gaye Hoselton &amp; Larry Ziegler(99ers)</b>               |
| <b>2017/5/9</b>   | <b>70.83%</b> | <b>Nancy Lamkin &amp; Connie Finney(Clinton invitational)</b> |
| <b>2017/5/8</b>   | <b>70.56%</b> | <b>Ron Calabrese &amp; Bob Bye(99ers)</b>                     |
| <b>2017/5/4</b>   | <b>71.48%</b> | <b>Ann Schuyler &amp; Mike Tomlianovich</b>                   |
| <b>2017/4/25</b>  | <b>73.61%</b> | <b>Marilyn &amp; Darryl Bremner(Clinton invitational)</b>     |
| <b>2017/3/27</b>  | <b>75.69%</b> | <b>Lynn Steffen &amp; Mary Houska(99ers)</b>                  |
| <b>2017/3/22</b>  | <b>70.24%</b> | <b>Bob Clay &amp; Kirk Kimmel(499ers)</b>                     |
| <b>2017/2/8</b>   | <b>73.81%</b> | <b>Kay Marvin &amp; Linda Odette(499ers)</b>                  |
| <b>2017/2/1</b>   | <b>70.24%</b> | <b>Kay Marvin &amp; Linda Odette(499ers)</b>                  |

## BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



### #049 – MANAGING THE ENTRIES

This week's hand comes from a duplicate bridge event, where the method of scoring generously rewards making overtricks.

|                                   |   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ AKT9<br>♥ Q<br>♦ 987<br>♣ T9764         |                                   |
| ♠ Q832<br>♥ AT75<br>♦ T43<br>♣ KQ | North<br><br>West<br>East<br><br>Declarer | ♠ J7654<br>♥ 832<br>♦ KJ52<br>♣ J |
|                                   | ♠<br>♥ KJ964<br>♦ AQ6<br>♣ A8532          |                                   |

*E-W Vulnerable*

|     | South | West | North | East |
|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥  |       | Pass | 1♠    | Pass |
| 2♣  |       | Pass | 3♣    | Pass |
| 3NT |       | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

Can you make 10 tricks after a low Diamond lead? Our title is one clue, and we'll also say that West is a slippery cove, and that the play in Clubs is crucial. Alright, that's enough clues, now please make 10 tricks.

Our Declarer managed only 9 tricks. He won the Diamond lead, cashed the ♠A and conceded a Club, playing low from the board both times. West won the second Club and

persevered with Diamonds. Declarer correctly ducked and took the next Diamond, hoping that the defender with the ♥A was not the one with the 13<sup>th</sup> Diamond. Then Declarer led to the ♥Q but that rascally West ducked the trick! This fine play meant that Declarer could not score a second Heart trick ... with ♣T97 on the board and ♣853 in hand there was only one entry back to hand when two were needed (one to knock out the ♥A, the other to get back to the Heart winner). Making only 9 tricks.

West made a good play by ducking the Heart but Declarer did not have to give him a chance to shine. On the first two rounds of Clubs, Declarer should play Dummy's ♣9 and ♣T. Now, with ♣764 on the board and ♣853 in hand, there are two entries to hand, and also one back to the board later, with which to reach the ♠AK. Careful management of the entries nullifies West's clever duck and brings in that valuable overtrick.



#050 – RIGHT-SIDING THE CONTRACT

|                                  |   |                                   |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                  | ♠ 53<br>♥ 3<br>♦ 964<br>♣ AQ98432         |                                   |
| ♠ AQJ962<br>♥ JT2<br>♦ K532<br>♣ | North<br><br>West<br>East<br><br>Declarer | ♠ T87<br>♥ 98764<br>♦ T87<br>♣ 76 |
|                                  | ♠ K4<br>♥ AKQ5<br>♦ AQJ<br>♣ KJT5         |                                   |

N-S Vulnerable

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
|       | 1♠   | 3♣    | Pass |
| 6NT   | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

As can be seen, 6♣ (played from the North side) is down one in a hurry after East's opening Spade lead. So South sensibly bid 6NT to "right-side" the contract, putting West on lead and protecting the ♠K. Against 6NT, West leads the ♥J. Can you make 12 tricks?

Declarer can count only 11 top tricks and can be sure (from the bidding) that the ♦K and ♠A are both with West. Does that mean that 6NT is destined to fail? Actually, no, because Declarer can organize an end-play. Declarer wins the opening Heart lead, cashes the other Heart winners and rattles off 7 Clubs. West's last three cards will presumably be ♠A and ♦K5, and Declarer will come down to ♠K and ♦AQ. Now, West is thrown in with a Spade and must lead a Diamond, giving Declarer her 12<sup>th</sup> trick. That pretty ending is known as a Strip Squeeze.

Post Script: West might have thwarted the squeeze by coming down to ♠AQ and ♦K, but an astute Declarer will suspect that West has the ♠Q for his opening bid and will play to drop the ♦K instead of trying the Spade throw-in. A more thoughtful West will bare the ♦K early in his discards, and will also pitch away the ♠Q and ♠J, coming down to the fiendishly devious ♠A6 and ♦K! Nobody would fault Declarer for now assuming that West started life with 5=3=5=0 distribution, and for misguessing the end-game as a result. Wicked defense, Mr West!

#051 – SIDE-SUITS FIRST

In our first bridge lesson we are taught to draw the defenders' trumps early in the play, lest they start ruffing our winners. We then spend the rest of our lives discovering (sometimes painfully) that there are exceptions to this rule.

|                                   |                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ J74<br>♥ A9765<br>♦ 92<br>♣ AKJ |                                  |
| ♠ Q532<br>♥ K832<br>♦ Q4<br>♣ QT2 | <i>North</i>                      | ♠ AKT986<br>♥ Q4<br>♦ KT753<br>♣ |
|                                   | <i>West<br/>East</i>              |                                  |
|                                   | <i>Declarer</i>                   |                                  |
|                                   | ♠<br>♥ JT<br>♦ AJ86<br>♣ 9876543  |                                  |

*E-W Vulnerable*

| <i>South</i> | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|              |             | 1♥           | 1♠          |
| 2♣           | 2♠          | 3♣           | 4♠          |
| 5♣           | Dbl         | All Pass     |             |

With extreme distribution around the table (or at least in the S-E corner), it's not unusual for the bidding to keep on going until someone finally says "Enough already, I double you!" Here, West questions South's ability to make 11 tricks in Clubs.

After ruffing the opening Spade lead, one (faulty) plan would be to ruff a couple of Diamonds, but that would set up a natural trump trick for the defense (two, as it happens, because the suit splits 3-0). The winning plan is to set up the Hearts, and some trumps must be kept in reserve in order to provide Dummy entries later in the play. It's OK to play a trump to the Ace at Trick 2, and then the play continues: Spade ruff; ♥J losing to East's Queen; Diamond shift won by the Ace; ♥T is run around; Club to Dummy; ♥A is cashed (pitching a Diamond); Heart ruff; Club back to the board. Now another Diamond is pitched on the long Heart and Declarer has her 11 tricks (7 trumps, 3 Hearts and the ♦A). Not a difficult hand for those who didn't use up Dummy's trumps before tackling Hearts.

Anyone for 4♠? Yes, that's another contract where it doesn't pay to draw trumps immediately. In this case it is the Diamonds which must be established early, and Declarer goes down if he ruffs the opening Club lead and then draws three rounds of trumps. Instead the play goes: Club ruff; ♠A; Diamond to the Queen; Heart to the Queen; lose a Diamond. Now Declarer is in control and loses just two red Aces and a Diamond overruff.

#052 – PAYBACK TIME

In recent Bridge Bites, our West has been a bit of a pest, frequently coming up with dastardly plays which make Declarer's life difficult. This week we are delighted to report that West makes a slight slip and becomes the victim.

|                                   |   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ J975<br>♥ 872<br>♦ J96<br>♣ A95         |                                   |
| ♠ A<br>♥ JT<br>♦ AKQ84<br>♣ Q8732 | North<br><br>West<br>East<br><br>Declarer | ♠ T3<br>♥ Q6543<br>♦ 753<br>♣ JT4 |
|                                   | ♠ KQ8642<br>♥ AK9<br>♦ T2<br>♣ K6         |                                   |

*E-W Vulnerable*

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | 2♦   | 2♠    | Pass |
| 4♠    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

Perhaps South was a little boisterous in the bidding, a more prudent player would have merely invited game. But making seemingly impossible contracts is one of the joys of the game, and your job is to make 10 tricks after West plays three rounds of Diamonds.

It looks pretty grim, doesn't it? Two Diamonds have already been lost, the ♠A is another loser, and there appears to be an inescapable Heart loser. Down one? No, it's too soon to give

up! Declarer has a long-shot route to success, which requires that West started with the singleton trump Ace and no more than two Hearts. Step 1 is to cash the top Clubs and ruff a Club. Step 2 is to cash the ♥A and the ♥K. Now, Step 3 is to exit with a trump. Let's relish West's discomfort! Declarer's fine play has eliminated all of West's safe exit cards. With nothing left but Diamonds and Clubs, whatever West plays will give Declarer a ruff and discard ... he'll ruff the return in one hand and discard the "inescapable" Heart loser from the other. Making 10 tricks!

You see where West went wrong, of course. He needed to cash the ♠A early in the play (before the third round of Diamonds). Now, the elimination play does not work, and Declarer will eventually be down one.



## Duplicate Bridge Event

### Registration Form

**What:** One-session duplicate bridge pairs game  
(must have own partner)

**When:** Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 at 1 p.m.

**Where:** Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park (4965 S.  
2nd 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 Olympics medals will be awarded based on how well you do in your age group.

**Fee:** \$20 per pair. Mail entry form with check made payable to **Illinois Senior Olympics** by the deadline of **August 23rd, 2018** to:

Illinois Senior Olympics  
701 W. Mason St.  
Springfield, IL 62702

**Player 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL #: \_\_\_\_\_ # Master Points: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

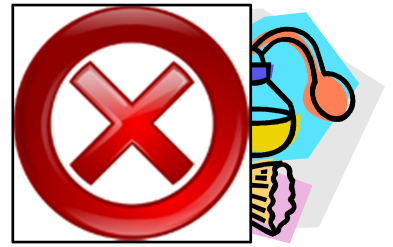
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**Announcement: Effective 4/1/2012, all ACBL-sanctioned bridge games held in Bloomington-Normal are fragrance free. Please be respectful of those who are fragrance intolerant. Thank you!**



**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:



## Illinois Senior Olympics

Aug 28, 2018 – 1:00PM

Erins Pavillion

4965 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703

## East Peoria Open Sectional

Sep 14-16, 2018

Fon du Lac Park District Admin Center

201 Veteran's Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611

