



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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October Events

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

October 1 – mentor JJ swiss teams plus annual meeting

October 8 – JJ pairs October 15 – ACBL Education fund mentor pairs

October 22 – district 8 charity game open pairs October 29 – STaC 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:

Monday, October 1, 6:15PM – club appreciation 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, October 3, 1:15PM – club appreciation 499ers only pairs

Thursday, October 4, 11:45AM - club appreciation open pairs

Saturday, October 6, 11:45AM – club appreciation open pairs

Monday, October 8, 6:15PM –99ers only pairs

Tuesday, October 9, 12:30PM – Clinton invitational pairs – Hawthorne Inn at Liberty Village

Wednesday, October 10, 1:15PM –499ers only pairs

Thursday, October 11, 11:45AM – open pairs

Saturday, October 13, 11:45AM – district 8 youth bridge charity open pairs

Monday, October 15, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, October 17, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, October 18, 11:45AM – ACBL education foundation open pairs

Saturday, October 20, 11:45AM – ACBL education foundation open pairs

Monday, October 22, 6:15PM – club appreciation 99ers only teams

Tuesday, October 23, 12:30PM – Clinton invitational pairs – Hawthorne Inn at Liberty Village

Wednesday, October 24, 1:15PM – club appreciation 499ers only teams

Thursday, October 25, 11:45AM – club appreciation open teams

Saturday, October 27, 11:45AM – club appreciation open teams

Monday, October 29, 6:15PM – STaC 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, October 31, 1:15PM – STaC 499ers only pairs and SPECIAL STaC 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 8/6/2018 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only
paid up ACBL members only



1	3,867.83	Steve Babin
2	3,729.55	Betty Capodice
3	3,147.97	Zack Freehill
4	2,969.94	Eunice Patton
***	2,557.18	Laura Addison
5	2,487.14	JoAnn Schroeder
6	2,416.05	Cindy Moore
7	2,199.98	Mike Tomlianovich
8	2,069.80	Ann Schuyler
9	1,803.44	Lori Moore
***	1,735.61	Steve Hawthorne
10	1,669.78	Dewey Gronau
11	1,664.09	Ron Emmett
12	1,499.37	Charlie Morton
13	1,400.98	Jeff Furler
***	1,398.35	Sharad Chitgopekar
***	1,320.43	Ed Lombard
14	1,244.84	Jeanne Strand
15	1,160.57	Ivey Weaver
***	1,091.94	Marian Edmunds
16	1,045.75	Jean Barnett
17	1,027.58	Joyce Clay
18	994.16	Randall Motchan
19	963.13	Steve Wulfers
***	835.37	Glen Beaman
20	797.02	Henrietta Crain
***	792.95	Don Strand
21	791.31	Dave Freehill
***	780.34	Jack Kessler
***	741.06	Pearl Harris
***	699.99	Peg Deutsch
22	686.02	Stevie Joslin
***	610.73	Martin Compton
***	570.80	Ann Farnsworth
***	567.22	Ruth Wettaw
23	566.29	Ray Dostal
24	548.90	Sallie Boge
25	451.02	Mary Cralley

Other players:

12,654.67	Chris Benson-LeRoy
***12,568.06	Dick Benson-LeRoy
5,146.13	John Seng-Champaign
5,139.16	Larry Matheny-Colorado
4,609.69	Ron Sholes-Springfield
*** 4,073.45	Alan Wienman-Morton
4,168.49	Christine Carroll-Champaign
*** 4,048.11	Jim Carbaugh-Metamora
*** 4,025.08	Phyllis Rahn-Dunlap
3,967.91	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
3,297.17	Paul Lindauer
2,981.31	Mary Allen-Peoria
2,954.64	Carole Sholes-Springfield
2,874.18	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
2,676.77	Ray Russ-Henry
2,611.02	Pat Carrington-Champaign
2,566.31	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
2,558.71	Georgia Heth-Morton
2,480.15	Gail Moon-Tennessee
*** 2,244.66	Ann Wienman-Morton
2,239.62	Hank Hoffman-East Peoria
2,107.16	John Maloney-Champaign
1,934.71	Tim Cull-Arizona
1,882.89	Marilyn Stickel-Laon
*** 1,776.22	John Burdon
1,583.40	Bobbie Straker-Pekin
*** 1,525.29	John La Rue-Pontiac
1,313.18	Jim Moon-Tennessee
1,279.71	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
1,262.74	Dan Bunde-Champaign
***1,093.04	Phil Kenney-Eureka
*** 916.41	Floyd Sherry-Eureka
904.26	Wes Seitz-Champaign
733.50	Carole Miller-Champaign
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#1 –

Although the bidding conventions we use do help us to get to the correct contracts, they also give our opponents opportunities to exchange information. Sometime the price we pay for our artificial bidding is high.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 18-02

♠ 10984

♥ AJ9

♦ A84

♣ QJ6

Vul E/W

♠ AKQ75

♥ Q74

♦ J5

♣ K32



♠ J6

♥ 53

♦ KQ109632

♣ 54

♠ 32

♥ K10862

♦ 7

♣ A10987

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3♣	DBL
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bidding: East bid three clubs as a transfer to diamonds. South doubled to show clubs and West accepted the transfer. After East passed, North was marked with strength so South continued with three hearts. North realized how valuable his hand was opposite South's ten plus round cards and bid game.

Play: West led the top two spades and then shifted to a diamond. Declarer won the ace and then ruffed a second diamond in his hand. With every missing honor card located by the auction, declarer continued with the ten of hearts from his hand. He soon picked up the queen and only had to concede a club to West.

This was an excellent result because very few N/S pairs bid the game. Many E/W pairs were allowed to play in a diamond contract.

#2 –

The abundance of new bidding conventions is at times over-whelming. However, some of these tools are often needed to unlock the mysteries of your partner's hand.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 18-03	♠ Q10973	West	North	East	South
	♥ AK	-	-	Pass	1 ♠
Vul E/W	♦ 1094	Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♣
	♣ AK10	Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
♠ 864	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
♥ 1084		Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4NT
♦ 875		Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5NT
♣ Q932		Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
		♠ AKJ52	Pass	7 ♥	Pass
	♥ QJ753	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	♦ A6				
	♠ J				

Bidding: North's two no-trump response was a game-forcing spade raise. Three clubs from South showed shortness and a cue bidding sequence began. Four no-trump asked for keycards (4 aces + king of spades) and North showed two plus the queen of spades. South next asked for kings and North showed the club king and when asked about hearts, also admitted to that card. South could now count thirteen tricks and bid the grand slam.


Play: West led the eight of diamonds and declare soon claimed all of the tricks. Most N/S pairs stopped at the six-level in either spades or no-trumps. Identifying the specific kings along with the trump queen allowed this pair to reach the best contract.

The East-West players were impressed by the auction but complained when they ran out of Pass cards half-way through the lengthy auction.

#3 –

The matchpoint scoring used in most pair's events must be considered during the auction. Here the vulnerability held the clue.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 18-04	♠ 32	West	North	East	South
	♥ K632	-	Pass	Pass	1NT
Vul None	♦ 1075	DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass
	♣ 10653				
♠ AKQJ84					♠ 965
♥ 954					♥ Q10
♦ 3					♦ KQ984
♣ K82					♣ Q97
	♠ 107				
	♥ AJ87				
	♦ AJ62				
	♣ AJ4				

Bidding: West's double was for penalties and that became the final contract.

Play: West cashed his six spade tricks and then shifted to a diamond. Declarer won the ace followed by a heart to dummy's king. A low heart from dummy found the queen and declarer had six tricks: 4 hearts, 1 diamond, and 1 club.

Since most E/W pairs scored +140 by bidding spades and taking nine tricks, this score of +100 was a bottom. However, if N/S had been vulnerable, down one doubled would have meant +200 and a top score. It would seem West should overcall when his opponents are not vulnerable, but go for the magic +200 when the opponents are red.

#4 –

The mere mention of “squeeze play” will bring fear to many new players. However, sometimes all you have to do is cash your winners to send unbearable pain to your opponents.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

		West	North	East	South
Hand 18-05	♠ KQ96	-	1♣	Pass	1♥
	♥ Q4	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Vul None	♦ 83	Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
	♣ AQJ104	Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
♠ 10853		Pass	5♠	Pass	6NT
♥ 10653		Pass	Pass	Pass	
♦ J10					
♣ 982					
	♠ A7				
	♥ AK92				
	♦ A642				
	♠ K53				

Bidding: South loved her hand. There were only eighteen high card points but they were prime cards worth much more than the 4-3-2-1 point system assigns. The bidding was natural until South bid two diamonds. This was the Fourth Suit Forcing convention creating a game force and asking for more information. North showed a five-card club suit and South leaped to four diamonds (Kickback) agreeing clubs and asking about aces. North admitted to one ace and South continued with a club queen ask. North showed the club queen along with the king of spades. South ended the auction with six no-trumps.

Play: West led the jack of diamonds to declarer’s ace. Declarer counted 12 tricks: 3 spades, 3 hearts, 1 diamond, and 5 clubs. She realized if one opponent held length in both majors, an overtrick was possible. She cashed her five club tricks and poor West had no answer. He had to come down to seven cards and that meant discarding a heart or a spade. He finally coughed up a spade and declarer had her 13 tricks.



**Bloomington-Normal 70% club
Year 2018 only**

2018/9/17	72.22%	Ron Calabrese & Bob Bye(99ers)
2018/8/28	74.55%	Lori & Cindy Moore(Illinois Senior Olympics)
2018/8/20	74.07%	Doug Lamb & Joe Culpepper(99ers)
2018/8/6	76.39%	Ron Calabrese & Bob Bye(99ers)
2018/7/30	70.37%	Larry Ziegler & Terry Goodykoontz
2018/7/25	71.43%	John Ford & John Cralley(499ers)
2018/7/23	76.25%	Ron Calabrese & Bob Bye(99ers)
2018/6/2	70.00%	Cindy Moore & Zach Freehill
2018/5/7	70.34%	Cindy Lake & Eunice Patton
2018/4/18	70.48%	Kay Marvin & Linda Odette(499ers)
2018/4/9	70.37%	Doug Lamb & Joe Culpepper(99ers)
2018/3/17	72.22%	Ron Emmett & Paul Lindauer
2018/2/26	78.08%	Bob Bray & Larry Ziegler(99ers)
2018/1/24	70.24%	John Ford & Ray Dostal(499ers)

Springfield 2018 Sectional Tournament

Bridge Center, 3900 Wood Duck Drive, Springfield, IL 726-9456

There is a 20 table limit for each session. Pre-register to secure your spot!
Pre-register by signing the Bridge Center Sign Up Sheet, or calling the Bridge Center at 726-9456 or by emailing at spibridge@spibridge.org

Friday October 12 – 1 session

12:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs/Teams*

Saturday October 13 - 2 sessions with short lunch break in-between

10:30 AM and 2:30 PM Stratified 299er Pairs **GUARANTEED!**

10:30 AM and 2:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs/Teams*

There are lots of fast lunch places in less than 5 minutes from the Bridge Center

Afternoon sessions pay extra points – charity game points, no extra fee!

*If table count allows, a concurrent stratified team event may be added to the pairs event. Teams may be formed in advance or randomly by DIC at no extra cost. Either bring your team or be matched by the Director. Awards are the greater of the two events.

Sunday October 14 - SWISS TEAMS – 20 point victory scale.

10:30 AM This is a double session event, lunch break at about 2:00/2:30pm.

Lunch (Italian Beef sandwiches, salads, etc.) is included in the Swiss Team entry fees.

Stratification A - Open, B - under 1500, C - non life master under 500. Strats are determined by team or partnership's average points, subject to the Director discretion.

Entry Fees Pairs \$10 per session; Swiss Teams \$25 per person.

Unpaid ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

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Tournament Chair, Mike Bowers, 217.899-4169, miket.bowers@gmail.com

Partnership Chair, TBD

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BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#057 – THE FORCING GAME

	♠ K52 ♥ A76 ♦ A54 ♣ Q872	
	<i>North</i>	
♠ AT98 ♥ 9832 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 6	West East	♠ 6 ♥ J54 ♦ T9876 ♣ A943
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ QJ743 ♥ KQT ♦ 2 ♣ KJT5	

None Vulnerable

South West North East

1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass
 4♠ All Pass 2♠ Pass

North might well have rebid 1NT (showing 12-14) but, being a polite sort of fellow, he supported Partner's Spades. Either way, South was destined to declare 4♠, and the fate of that contract rested on West's opening lead. What would be your choice?

When the hand was played in real life, West led a Club and got the immediate gratification of a Club ruff at Trick 2. West

shifted to the ♦K, won in Dummy, followed by a trump to the Queen and South's Ace. West persisted with Diamonds, but Declarer ruffed that, drew the remaining trumps, and had nothing left but winners. Making 10 tricks.

West was on the wrong track when he pursued the Club ruff, that served only to weaken his trump holding while establishing Club winners for Declarer. Thanks to those good intermediate cards West had two trump tricks even without scoring a ruff. He would have done better to attack Diamonds immediately. Look what happens. Declarer wins the opening Diamond lead, loses a trick to the ♠A, ruffs the Diamond continuation, and then gets the bad news about the 4-1 trump split. Declarer must still lose a trick to the ♣A and now another Diamond is ruinous and 4♠ goes down. The moral to this story is: *When you have a powerful trump holding it usually doesn't pay to go after ruffs. Better to attack with the defense's strong suit, forcing Declarer to weaken his own trumps and (hopefully) to lose control.*

#058 – A SELF-INFLICTED WOUND

	♠ Q97654 ♥ A7 ♦ 8 ♣ AK62	
♠ KT32 ♥ 6 ♦ KQJ95 ♣ T75	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ AJ ♥ K432 ♦ T7432 ♣ QJ
	♠ 8 ♥ QJT985 ♦ A6 ♣ 9843	

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

2♥ Pass 4♥ All Pass

In last week's Bridge Bite, the defense prevailed by forcing Declarer to ruff repeatedly, causing him to lose trump control in the process. This week's Declarer suffered a similar fate but in this case he had no excuse, his defeat was entirely self-inflicted.

Against 4♥, West led the ♦K, won by Declarer's Ace. Assuming that Clubs were breaking 3-2, and by taking a Diamond ruff in Dummy, Declarer could count 10 tricks (5

trump winners, ♦A and a Diamond ruff, and 3 Clubs). The only losers would be a Spade, the ♥K, and a Club.

A pretty simple hand, eh? Well, not exactly! Declarer won the Diamond opening lead, ruffed a Diamond in Dummy, and cashed the ♥A. Declarer needed to get back to hand in order to draw trumps, and that would have to be done with a ruff. So he lost a Spade, ruffed the Diamond return, and played the ♥Q, driving out East's King. With West showing out of Hearts on the second round, and with East returning yet another Diamond, Declarer's goose was cooked. He could ruff the Diamond and draw East's remaining trumps, but then would be out of trumps himself. When he later lost the third round of Clubs, the defense would cash a Spade for down one.

Where did Declarer go wrong? At Trick 2 he should have ruffed the Diamond with Dummy's Ace! Now he can play a low Heart from the board, overtaking in hand if East plays low. This avoids the need for one of those ruffs, trump control is thereby retained, and 10 tricks roll home.

#059 – DUCK A LA GLYNDA

	♠ T62 ♥ 75 ♦ T7 ♣ AJT632	
♠ 97 ♥ A943 ♦ J852 ♣ Q98	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>Glynda</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ QJ83 ♥ T862 ♦ Q63 ♣ K4
	♠ AK54 ♥ KQJ ♦ AK94 ♣ 75	

Don't be fooled by that title, what follows is not a recipe, it is a bridge column.

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This was played at a local club duplicate, a form of the game where each deal is played by many different pairs.

At every table the contract was 3NT played by South. And at almost every table the play went much the same way. West led a low Heart, won by Declarer. It was clear to Declarer that

he would not have enough tricks unless Dummy's Clubs could be established, so at Trick 2 he finessed the ♣J, losing to East's King. The defense continued Hearts and when Declarer got back in he took a deep breath and tried a second Club finesse. When that worked Declarer had no fewer than 11 tricks.

But, at one table, East (we'll refer to her as Glynda because that happened to be her name) found a rather fine play. When Declarer finessed the Clubs at Trick 2 she brazenly ducked her doubleton King! Well done, now the Club suit was dead as poultry (due to Dummy's shortage of entries), and was worth only two tricks instead of five. Declarer's last resort was to play on Spades, hoping that the suit was 3-3, but that did not work so there were just eight tricks, with no chance of a ninth. Down one! As husband West was gleefully writing +100 on his scorecard, he explained to Glynda "If I don't hold on to my Clubs when the Spades are played, Declarer makes his contract." "Quite so, my dear, nicely defended," replied Glynda.

#060 – A JOY TO BEHOLD

	♠ KT4 ♥ QJ4 ♦ 8432 ♣ 975	
♠ J87 ♥ T3 ♦ KQT6 ♣ QT82	North West East Declarer	♠ Q965 ♥ 9765 ♦ 75 ♣ KJ3
	♠ A32 ♥ AK82 ♦ AJ9 ♣ A64	

N-S Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This deal was played in a team-of-four game. At both tables South opened 2NT, showing a balanced hand and 20-21 HCP, and North raised to game. West's opening lead was the ♦K. Do you see how to make 9 tricks?

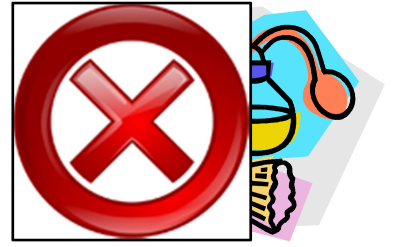
Clue: There is some trickery involved!

At the first table, Declarer counted eight top tricks and the only prospect for a ninth was to score a second Diamond. One possibility was to let the ♦K win the first trick, in the

hope that West would be lured into continuing Diamonds, allowing Declarer's Jack to score (the so-called Bath Coup). But that was unlikely to work, as West (who had not been born the day before) would surely shift at Trick 2, presumably to a Club. Another chance for the ninth trick was to establish a second Diamond winner by force, eventually setting up Dummy's Eight. So, Declarer took the ♦A on the first trick and returned the ♦J, won by West's Queen. However, that line of play was also doomed to failure when West promptly shifted to a Club and the defense got their five tricks before Declarer could rustle up his nine tricks. Down one.

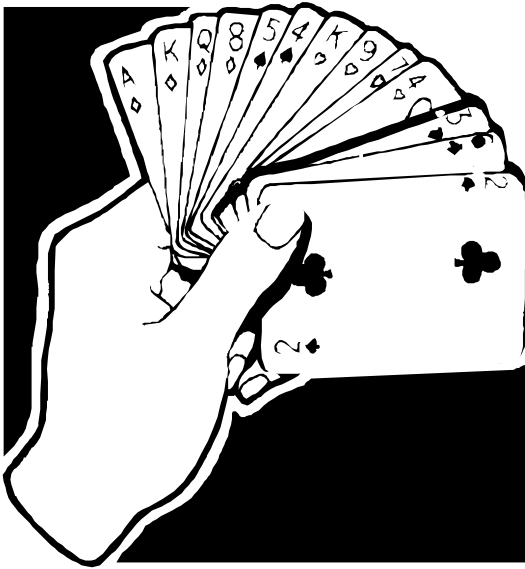
At the other table, West also led the ♦K, but this time Declarer found a rather surprising play. She smoothly dropped the Jack! Playing Declarer to have started with doubleton AJ, West confidently led a low Diamond to East's presumed Nine. It was a joy to behold the look of astonishment on West's face when it was Declarer who produced the Nine and claimed her nine tricks.

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Remember: All Bloomington-Normal duplicate events adhere to the ACBL's zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. Do NOT let this person's conduct rub off on you!!

Upcoming tournaments:



See The Leaves Sectional

Oct 12-14, 2018

Springfield Bridge Center

3900 Wood Duck Drive, Springfield, IL 62703

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STaC week

Oct 29-Nov 4, 2018

District 8 NAP Final for 2018-2019

Nov 11, 2018

Wyndham Garden Hotel

1001 Killarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801

