



Bloomington-Normal Bridge Newsletter

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July Events

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

July 1 – mentor pairs

July 8 – open pairs

July 15 – open pairs

July 22 – open pairs

July 29 – 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, July 1, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs

Wednesday, July 3, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, July 4, NO GAME – Independence Day

Saturday, July 6, 11:45AM – ACBL Junior Fund open pairs

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

Tuesday, July 9, 12:30PM – Clinton pairs – Clinton Country Club

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

Thursday, July 11, 11:45AM – ACBL Junior Fund open pairs

Saturday, July 13, NO GAME – TOWANDA TOURNAMENT

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

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

Thursday, July 18, 11:45AM – NAP open pairs

Saturday, July 20, 11:45AM – NAP open pairs

Monday, July 22, 6:15PM – 99ers only pairs

Tuesday, July 23, 12:30PM – Clinton pairs – Clinton Country Club

Wednesday, July 24, 1:15PM – 499ers only pairs

Thursday, July 25, 11:45AM – NAP open pairs

Saturday, July 27, 11:45AM – NAP open pairs

Sunday, July 28, 1:15PM – monthly 299ers only pairs

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

Wednesday, July 31, 1:15PM – 499ers only 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 5/6/2019 – residents of Bloomington-Normal only
paid up ACBL members only



1	3,984.36	Steve Babin
2	3,729.55	Betty Capodice
3	3,278.14	Zack Freehill
4	3,078.22	Eunice Patton
5	2,727.99	JoAnn Schroeder
6	2,556.14	Cindy Moore
7	2,229.57	Mike Tomlianovich
8	2,169.94	Ann Schuyler
9	1,918.29	Lori Moore
10	1,737.06	Ron Emmett
11	1,549.32	Charlie Morton
12	1,486.63	Jeff Furler
13	1,257.41	Jeanne Strand
14	1,161.30	Ivey Weaver
15	1,144.04	Joyce Clay
16	1,045.75	Jean Barnett
17	1,003.73	Steve Wulfers
18	994.16	Randall Motchan
19	809.09	Dave Freehill
20	720.61	Stevie Joslin
21	597.41	Ray Dostal
22	590.94	Sallie Boge
23	480.49	Mary Tweedie
24	477.97	Mary Cralley
25	466.87	Fred Spitzerrie

Other players:

12,691.30	Chris Benson-LeRoy
5,258.56	Larry Matheny-Colorado
5,185.42	John Seng-Champaign
4,860.42	Ron Sholes-Springfield
4,219.99	Christine Carroll-Champaign
4,062.37	Kish Devaraj-Georgia
3,487.41	Paul Lindauer-Chicago
3,346.51	Doug Moore-St Louis
3,118.87	Carole Sholes-Springfield
3,112.54	Terry Goodykoontz-Champaign
3,071.15	Mary Allen-Peoria
2,645.05	Pat Carrington-Champaign
2,602.16	Margaret Hansell-Champaign
2,561.15	Georgia Heth-Morton
2,492.90	Gail Moon-Tennessee
2,348.87	Hank Hoffman-East Peoria
2,216.32	John Maloney-Champaign
1,901.99	Marilyn Stickel-Laon
1,863.38	Chuck Young-Peoria
1,354.58	Bill Bulfer-East Peoria
1,325.93	Jim Moon-Tennessee
1,272.34	Dan Bunde-Champaign
962.66	Wes Seitz-Champaign
747.29	Bill Strauss-Urbana
746.40	Carole Miller-Champaign
591.85	Melda Richardson-California
582.56	Darryl Bremner-Clinton
577.56	Bill Thompson-Champaign
567.25	Lane O'Connor-Lisle

Bloomington-Normal Bridge Sectional
Sponsored by Central IL Bridge Association Unit 208

When: July 12-14, 2019

**Where: Towanda Community Building, 103 S Jefferson Street,
Towanda, Illinois Exit 171 off I55**

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 12 – Stratified Pairs*

10:30 AM - Stratified Pairs -Charity Game
3:30 PM - Stratified Pairs

Saturday, July 13 – Stratified Pairs*

10:30 AM - Stratified Pairs-Charity Game
3:30 PM - Stratified Pairs

*If table count allows, a concurrent stratified team event may be added to the pairs' event,
Team may be formed in advance or randomly by the DIC. Awards are the greater of the two events.

Sunday, July 14 – Swiss teams

10:30 AM – Double session with lunch provided.
Break determined by Director

Stratification

A–Open; B–Under 2500; C –Non Life Master under 500

NOTE: All stratifications will be determined by the team or partnership's **average** points subject to
the Director's discretion.

Entry Fees

Friday and Saturday - \$10 per session
Sunday - \$25 per person (\$100 per team) Lunch provided
Note: \$4 extra for unpaid ACBL members

General Comments

Complimentary Coffee and Snacks during the tournament.
ALL GAMES WELCOME NEW PLAYERS.
IF ATTENDANCE WARRANTS, WE WILL HAVE 299ers only pairs.
Thank you for not wearing fragrances! No Perfume or Cologne please!
Please note Zero Tolerance Policy is enforced

Tournament Chair: Eunice Patton, 309-660-2380; Email eunis54@me.com

Tournament Co-Chair: Lori Moore, 309-838-8085; Email whisperpines@comcast.net

Partnerships: Mike Tomlianovich, 309-825-5823; Email mjtomia@gmail.com



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#1 –

As declarer, it's important to have a goal that is appropriate for the form of scoring. At matchpoint events overtricks are important while in a team game you want to ensure the contract.

Scoring: IMPs (Teams)

	West	North	East	South
Hand 18-38	-	-	Pass	1♦
Vul Both	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
	Pass			

♠ A1076		♠ Q43
♥ 1092		♥ Q643
♦ AQ95		♦ 6
♣ K3		♣ Q10865

♠ KJ82	□	♠ 95
♥ J5		♥ AK87
♦ K1087		♦ J432
♣ 942		♣ AJ7

Bidding: North-South had a routine auction to game.

Play: West led the deuce of spades ducked to East's queen. Seeing no future in spades, East shifted to a low club. Declarer won the jack and stopped to analyze the hand. He had six tricks (1 spade, 2 hearts, and 3 clubs) so he only needed three diamond tricks. First, he led a low diamond to dummy's queen. Next, he returned to his hand with the ace of hearts followed by a second diamond. When West followed with the eight, declarer played the nine and had his three diamond tricks. Note if declarer had continued with the ace of diamonds after winning the queen, he would win only two diamond tricks. Safety plays such as this are important when your goal is to make your contract.

#2 –

In a pairs event your goal is to achieve the highest plus score. It is equally important to hold your minus scores to the lowest result possible.

Scoring: Matchpoints (Pairs)

Hand 18-39	♠ 1065 ♥ Q2	West	North	East	South
	♦ K732 ♣ AK94	-	1♦	2♥	2♠
Vul Both		Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
		Pass	Pass	Pass	

♠ J982		♠ 3
♥ K743	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♥ AJ10865
♦ QJ106		♦ 85
♣ 3		♣ QJ102

♠ AKQ74
♥ 9
♦ A94
♣ 8765

Bidding: East made a weak jump overcall and South showed his spade suit. North's weak hand became even worse after discounting his queen of hearts (low honor in suit bid by the opponents) but he raised his partner and South carried on to game.

Play: West led a low heart to the ace and declarer ruffed the heart return. With this heart loser along with a diamond loser and at least one in clubs, declarer next checked the spade suit. When East discarded a heart on the second round, it was clear the contract would fail. Since this was a pairs event, declarer looked for a way to hold his losers to four. First, he needed to make sure a club honor wasn't trumped so he led a low club the ace. He returned to his hand with the ace of diamonds followed by another low club. West discarded a heart and declarer won the king. Declarer counted East for 1 spade, 6 hearts, 4 clubs so only two diamonds. He cashed the king of diamonds followed by a low club. East could cash another club but then had to lead a heart. This allowed declarer to discard his losing diamond and ruff in dummy. He now conceded a spade to West and lost only four tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart, and 2 clubs.

His score of -100 was above average as several N/S pairs were -200.

#3 –

It is of course impossible to review every bidding sequence that might occur, but it helps to have basic rules in place. Confusion with this auction led to a very bad result.

Scoring: Imps (Teams)

		West	North	East	South
Hand 18-40	♠ Q854 ♥ K1054	-	Pass	1♦	DBL
Vul Both	♦ 107 ♣ AJ6	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
		Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
		Pass			

♠ 9732		♠ J6
♥ Q97	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♥ A3
♦ 865		♦ AQJ943
♣ 1052		♣ 974

♠ AK10
♥ J862
♦ K2
♣ KQ83

Bidding: After South's takeout double, North cue bid diamonds to show near opening values. The search for a fit was next as South showed his heart suit. By jumping to the three-level, he also showed extra strength and North raised to game.

Play: West led a low diamond to the ace. Declarer won the second diamond and led a low heart to the ten. East won the ace and declarer lost only one more heart trick and made his contract.

Why is this seemingly routine hand of interest? At the other table with a similar auction, South simply rebid two hearts and North passed. Since North held only ten high card points, he was not going to insist on game unless South showed extras.

This was a loss of ten Imps and cost this team the match. It is important to discuss these types of competitive auctions with your partners.

#4 –

A preemptive bid promises a long suit but sometime there are problems reaching that suit. In this team game, the two players in the North chairs had to ponder that.

Scoring: Imps (Teams)

Hand 18-41	♠ AKQ	West	North	East	South
	♥ AQ1065	-	-	-	3 ♣
Vul E/W	♦ K764	Pass	5 ♣	Pass	Pass
	♣ 6	Pass			

♠ J1053		♠ 842
♥ K943	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>	♥ J7
♦ AJ32		♦ 1098
♣ 2		♣ A8754
	♠ 976	
	♥ 82	
	♦ Q5	
	♣ KQJ1093	

Bidding: South started the auction with a preempt. North thought about 3NT but she was concerned there would be no access to the clubs, so she bid the minor suit game.

Play: West led a low spade to dummy's queen. Declarer played a club to his king and then the queen. West discarded a spade as East won the ace. East exited with a spade and declarer needed to get to his hand to draw trumps. Declarer tried a low diamond to his queen, but West won the ace. West played a third spade and declarer was back in dummy. He had no choice but to play the king and another diamond ruffing in his hand. Now after drawing trumps, he had no more clubs. His only chance was to take the heart finesse and when the queen won, declarer had eleven tricks.

At the other table, North bid 3NT over the preempt and found only eight tricks. This was a swing of ten IMPs.



Bloomington-Normal 70% club Years 2018 & 2019 only

2019/6/11	77.79%	Marilyn & Darryl Bremner(Clinton pairs)
2019/6/10	70.00%	Lori Moore & Steve Wulfers
2019/5/30	76.00%	Hank Hoffman & Steve Babin
2019/5/18	70.83%	Bill Strauss & Wes Seitz
2019/5/16	72.00%	Lori Moore & Steve Wulfers
2019/4/17	73.33%	Kay Marvin & Linda Odette(499ers)
2019/4/8	70.14%	Rick Dalton & Zoe Freeman(99ers)
2019/3/2	72.22%	Abigail Nichols & Carl Nelson
2019/2/9	73.21%	Lori Moore & Chuck Young
2019/1/7	72.50%	Doug Lamb & Bob Bray(99ers)
2019/1/2	73.02%	Larry Ziegler & John Ford (499ers)
2018/12/17	75.43%	Lori Moore & Ann Schuyler
2018/11/28	70.47%	Kay Marvin & Linda Odette(499ers)
2018/11/26	75.00%	Ron Calabrese & Rick Dalton(99ers)
2018/10/29	73.15%	Bev Branning & Bob Bray(99ers)
2018/10/31	72.22%	Cindy Moore & Jeff Furler
2018/10/29	70.14%	Ron Calabrese & Bob Bye(99ers)
2018/10/11	73.21%	Linda Odette & Zach Freehill
2018/10/10	73.21%	Kay Marvin & Linda Odette(499ers)
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)

BRIDGE BITES

from: The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell



#093 – A SURE THING

♠ 4		
♥ K32		
♦ T743		
♣ KQ752		
♠ KQ3	North	♠ JT976
♥ AQJT	West	♥ 8
♦ Q5	East	♦ KJ82
♣ T986		♣ J43
	Declarer	
♠ A852		
♥ 97654		
♦ A96		
♣ A		

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

We don't condone the N-S bidding, we just report the facts. Back in the good old days West's Double might have been thunderous, but now we have bidding boxes, keeping down the decibels on those occasions when West thinks he is on to a sure thing.

After leading the ♠K, West got the first bit of bad news when he saw the ♥K in Dummy, and realized that he did not have four certain trump tricks. "No matter", thought West, "surely we can scrounge up a trick or two in the side-suits". Not so! Declarer was able to abscond with 10 tricks thanks to this well-timed line of play:

At Trick 1 he won the ♠A
Then he cashed the ♣A and ♦A
Over to Dummy with a Spade ruff
Cash ♠K and ♠Q (pitching Diamonds)
Diamond ruff
Spade ruff

By now Declarer had 8 tricks. Next came another Club winner, and luck was on Declarer's side when it turned out that West was the defender with four Clubs. East gamely ruffed the Club with the Eight, but was overruffed by Declarer's Nine.

Now for the *coup de grace* or, more specifically, a *coup en passant*. West's last four cards were the AQJT of trumps, and Dummy was down to the singleton King. But, when Declarer led her last Spade, that singleton King would score a trick one way or the other ... if West ruffed high then the King would be good ... if West ruffed low then Dummy would overruff.

#094 – DODGING AN UPPERCUT

	♠ 95	
	♥ A63	
	♦ K8	
	♣ 876432	
♠ KT	<i>North</i>	♠ Q432
♥ JT72		♥ Q5
♦ 642	<i>West</i>	♦ QJT53
♣ AKQT	<i>East</i>	♣ J9
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ AJ876	
	♥ K984	
	♦ A97	
	♣ 5	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♠	Dbl	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

After a particularly virulent outbreak of overbidding, one which afflicted all the combatants other than West, South found herself in the sickly contract of 3♠. The defense started with high Clubs, and Declarer ruffed the second round. How should she proceed?

With only four side-suit tricks, Declarer would need no fewer than five from the trump suit ... a Diamond ruff in Dummy

would be one of them ... and hopefully three Club ruffs and the ♠A would make up the rest. Declarer made the key play of cashing the high Hearts next, a necessary step as otherwise, on the second Club ruff, East would be able to dump a Heart. With the Hearts safely cashed, Declarer crossed to the ♦K, ruffed another Club, cashed ♦A, ruffed a Diamond, ruffed a third Club, and had her 9 tricks.

That was good timing by Declarer, but East could have offered sterner resistance. Look what happens if East ruffs the fourth round of Clubs with his *Queen* (a so-called “uppercut”). Now, if Declarer overruffs with the Ace, that will be her eighth and final trick. Her last four cards will be ♠J8 and two Heart losers. She’ll exit with a Heart but East will alertly ruff his partner’s winner, and fire a trump through. Down one.

However, Declarer can dodge that uppercut by declining to over-ruff with the Ace. Instead, she pitches a Heart loser, and will come to nine tricks one way or another. If South is going to overbid like that then she needs to play them well.

#095 – ROLE REVERSAL

	♠ AK4	
	♥ T94	
	♦ T5432	
	♣ AK	
	<i>North</i>	
♠ Q72		♠ J6
♥ J852		♥ 763
♦ KQ6	<i>West</i>	♦ J987
♣ 843	<i>East</i>	♣ QT62
	<i>Declarer</i>	
	♠ T9853	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ A	
	♣ J975	

Both Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At rubber bridge, you win the Club lead, cash a second Club, then the top two trumps, and later take a Club ruff. The dust clears and it's 11 easy tricks. Now let's replay this at duplicate scoring, where a second overtrick would be the difference between a great board and a merely average one.

If Declarer is looking for 12 tricks, it won't do to take a second Club ruff on the board, that would promote a second trump trick for the defense. No, instead of taking two ruffs in

the short hand, Declarer does better to take *three* Diamond ruffs in her own (the long) hand. Here is the sequence of plays:

- ♣A wins opening lead
- Cash ♦A
- Cash the Hearts
- Cross to the ♠A
- Ruff a Diamond
- Cross to the ♠K
- Ruff a Diamond
- Cross to the ♠K

That's 10 tricks in, and here's the end-position:

	<i>Dummy:</i> ♠4 ♦T5	
<i>West:</i> ♠Q ♥J ♣8		<i>East:</i> ♦J ♣QT
	<i>Declarer:</i> ♠T ♣J9	

Another Diamond is ruffed by Declarer and West has two choices:

- If he overruffs then Dummy is good
- If he pitches a Club, then Declarer leads a Club and scores Dummy's low trump *en passant*

Usually, we seek extra tricks by taking a ruff or two in the hand with the short trumps (which is usually Dummy). But occasionally, as here, there is a reversal of roles, and we go for multiple ruffs in the long hand, the so-called "dummy reversal".

#096 – A HOPELESS CONTRACT

<p>♠ 9 ♥ 92 ♦ KQT98432 ♣ AQ</p>	<p>♠ AQ8 ♥ JT873 ♦ 65 ♣ 764</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>North</i></p>	<p>♠ KT76532 ♥ 6 ♦ J7 ♣ K83</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>West</i> <i>East</i></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Declarer</i></p> <p>♠ J4 ♥ AKQ54 ♦ A ♣ JT952</p>	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dbl	All Pass	

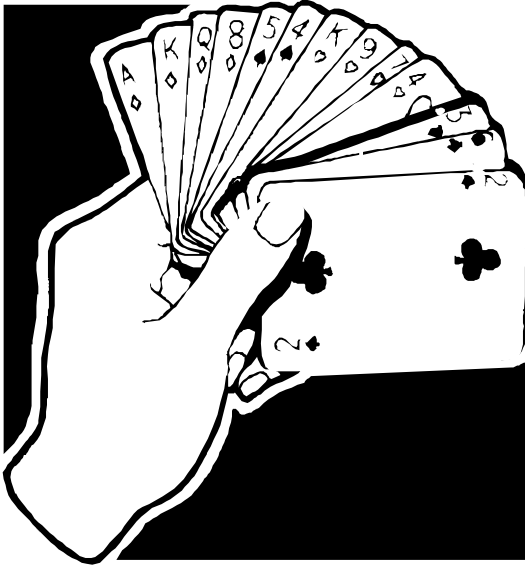
North's jump to 4♥ was supposedly preemptive and hardly ideal given those defensive Spade tricks. The consequence was that South pushed on to 5♥, expecting that 4♠ would make and that 5♥ doubled would be a profitable sacrifice. As it happened she was wrong on both counts.

4♠ would have been down, and 5♥ also looked pretty hopeless. West led the Spade Nine, won by Dummy's Ace, Declarer dropping the devious Jack. It might seem obvious

to draw trumps next, but instead Declarer did something rather clever. At Trick 2, she led a Club to her Jack, won by West's Queen. The Diamond shift was won by Declarer who crossed to the ♥J, ruffed a Diamond (high), crossed back to the ♥T, and led a Club, won by West's Ace. "Rats!" muttered West, who should have smelled one earlier. Left with nothing but Diamonds, West had to concede a ruff and sluff, a Club being pitched from Dummy and the Diamond ruffed in hand. Now a Club ruff set up the suit and Declarer had 11 astonishing tricks. Some sacrifice!

Either of the defenders could have saved the day. East could have hopped up with his ♣K at Trick 2 and cashed a Spade, though that was far from obvious. But West was the real culprit for walking straight into the end-play. In the post mortem West claimed that his defense was correct if Declarer held ♠J, ♥AKQxx, ♦Ax, ♣KJTxx, but in that case West should have wondered why Declarer was risking a defensive Club ruff before drawing trumps. Even though West erred, let's give credit to Declarer for playing Clubs early. If, after winning the ♠A, she had cashed the ♦A, crossed to the ♥J, ruffed a Diamond (high), crossed to the ♥T and *then* led a Club, West would have a road map to the right defense ... he'd squander the ♣A, lead his ♣Q to East's ♣K, and the ♠K would be the setting trick.

Upcoming tournaments:



Towanda [Bloomington] Sectional

Jul 12-14, 2019

Towanda Community Building

103 S. Jefferson St., Towanda, IL 61791

Illinois Senior Olympics

Aug 27, 2019

Erins Pavillion

4965 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703

East Peoria Sectional

Sep 13-15, 2019

Fon du Lac Park Distrct Admin Center

201 Veteran's Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611

