## CBA Mentoring Program

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Using Suit Combinations by Steve Moese 4/29
Bidding - After 2
 passes, South opens 1. North bids 1NT and South raises to 3 N (19+ HCP balanced).
Opening Lead - East will choose between a - and a $\Delta$. Many will lead from the Q10 because they need less from partner to set up tricks in $\uparrow s$. The opening lead is the $\downarrow 6$. Play - North counts 7 tricks: $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 2 \boldsymbol{2}, 2 \boldsymbol{*}$, and $1 \boldsymbol{\mu}$, and needs 2 more tricks. What does the opening lead say? The Rule of 11: West has 1 card higher than the $\downarrow 6$ ! (Subtract the spot card led from 11 to determine the number of outstanding cards higher than the 6 . Count the cards higher than the 6 between dummy and declarer (4). Since $11-6=5,5-4=1$ declarer knows West has only 1 higher card). Declarer can play either the $\$ 9$ or $\$$ form dummy. Which is best? If the $\$ 9$ wins, declarer can win $4 \diamond$ tricks. If the $\$ J$ wins declarer can win 3 . Play the $\$ 9$ (if West has the $\downarrow 10$, the $\downarrow \mathrm{Q}$ is still finessable). This is Match Points after all. The $\uparrow 9$ holds the trick. Now it's easy to return to hand with a $\wedge$ and repeat the $\downarrow$ finesse - this time for the $\$$.
But is it best? Declarer has no entry back to cash the $4^{\text {th }}$ !!! There is another small chance to create a trick out of thin air that requires a little help from the opponents. Do you see where?

The suit is interesting. If declarer can induce East to cover the with an honor, then there are high odds that a back toward the 10 will drive out the 0 with West, and create an entry to North's hand. Indeed East (wrongly) covers the al A winning. Next West wins the Q . Now North can count $2 \boldsymbol{A}, 2 \boldsymbol{2}$, $3 \star$, and 3e for 10 tricks and top board.

## 4/29 - FM Leaders

$1^{\text {st }}$ OA: Robert Roark \& Sharon Koster (62.7\%)
$2^{\text {nd }} O A:$ Peg Jervis \& Pat Lindeman (61.5\%)


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Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let's learn together!
Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!
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CBA Newcomer Games - Play Often!

| Mon 7 PM Tue 11 AM | Tue 7 PM | Fri 11 AM | Sat 10-12 AM |
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|  |  | Free Lesson 10:30 AM | Supervised Play |

## ANE

## Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

- Friday 5/2 NLM \& Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM.
- Swiss Teams Tues AM 5/27. Join the fun! Thursday Evenings in May are SWISS TEAM games - Practice for the Flying Pig and the NLM Sectional!!
- May CBA Flyer -CBC, NKy, and Anderson offer Charity games \& Club Championships with EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!
- Saturday May 3 - New 2 Bridge! 9 - Noon. FREE! $1^{\text {st }} 16$ people. Tell a friend. More new players = more fun!


## Area Tournaments

Lexington, KY Sectional
May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional
Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional
May 24-25
ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php
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Post Mortem - the Play of the $\boldsymbol{j}$ is a gambit - a play designed to coax the defense into committing a small error that declarer can exploit. West should not cover the $\mathbf{J}$, but wait for North to play the $\$ 10$. Covering the $\$ 10$ (the $2^{\text {nd }}$ of touching honors) might protect partner from a finesse of the 99 (were it in their hand -it's not). Ducking allows partner to win the Q and make a useful switch. Ducking denies declarer an immediate entry to hand! Entries, we see, can be as important as tricks. Without the right entries, declarer cannot cash all tricks due. A good score at Matchpoints often means taking (small) risks for an extra trick.

One last reminder that we are having our first free New to Bridge (NTB) Event Saturday May $3^{\text {rd }}$ from $9 a m$ to noon. There are a few spots left and if you have someone interested they can register with me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com or 5137024007 . Note we will still have our regular Sat Supervised Play Session May $3^{\text {rd }} 10$-noon as well.


Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

May 3 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman
May 10 - Lorna Davis and Barb Levinson
This week we look at a deal where neither hand has 12 HCP but game in a major couldn't be easier. Enjoy!


Post Mortem - Distribution can help you take tricks just as easily as HCP. Even with just 20 HCP, North-South can easily make game on this distributional deal.

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[^0]:    Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/

