

Future Masters Newsletter



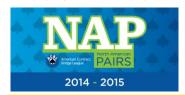
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Invite a friend – share the Joy of Bridge

June 17, 2014

Play the NAP National Event!



In June. July and August. look for North American Pair Qualifying Games. Finish at or above 50% in **OPEN** game to

qualify. Non Life Masters under 500 MPs can represent the District at the Spring Nationals in 2015 in New Orleans, LA. 3 pairs qualify. The Top 2 get cash toward the cost of their trip. Check the June Flyer or the CBA Website for Q Game dates. Don't miss a chance to win extra points! Click for details about District 11 NAP.

Board 3 **♦** QJ10 South AKJ10843 Deals **♦** 5 E-W Vul **♣** AK **★** K65 ◆ 9873 Ν **7**6 **♥** Q5 W ♦ QJ ♦ K9632 **♣** Q85432 🌲 J9 **♦** A42 NS 6N; 6♥; **9**2 3♠; 3♦; 1♣ ♦ A10874

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Bidding a Big Hand

by Steve Moese

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With silent opponents, North will face opening bid after 2 passes. While North has 18 HCP and 3 length points, only 3 losers (2♠ and 1+) makes this a clear 2♣ opener.

<u>W</u> N

<u>E</u>

South will make a 2♦	Р	Р	2♣	Р
waiting/positive bid. North will	2• ¹	Р	3♥	Р
rebid 3♥ setting trumps and	3♠	Р	4♣	Р
asking for control bids. South	4♦	Р	4N	Р
bids 3♠ (♠A). 4♣ by North (♣A)	5 ♥ ²	Р	6♥	AP
and 4♦ (♦A) by South lead to 4N	1 = Wa	_		
RKB. South confirms 2 Aces and	2 = 2 K	ey Ca	ırds, No	yQ Q

the small slam follows. North counts 12 tricks.

<u>s</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
Р	3♣	DBL	Р
3♦	Р	4♥	Р
4♠	Р	4N	Р
5 ♥ ¹	Р	6♥	ΑP
1 = 2 Key Cards, No ♥Q			

Getting there after a preempt by West is touchy. North starts with a Double (too strong even for a strong jump overcall). South will show their ♦ suit, and North will jump to 4♥ showing a VERY strong hand with self-sufficient

♥s. Now South knows 2 aces can be enough for slam. 4♠ suggests slam (Ace showing above the level of game means extras!). North finds 2 Aces. Now bidding the small slam is easy. The aces eliminate 2 of North's losers. 12 tricks are all but certain. Count them!

6/10 - Future Master Leaders

1st OA: Robert Roark & Sharon Koster (63.5%) 2nd OA: **Terry Mackey & Charlie Kobida** (56%)



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Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let's learn together!

Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!

CBA Newcomer Games - Play Often!

Mon 7 PM Tue 11 AM Tue 7 PM Fri 11 AM Sat 10-12 AM Supervised Let's Talk BRIDGE Free Lesson Plav 10:30 AM 6:30 PM

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Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

- Friday 6/13 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM. Bob Fisk: New Minor Forcing. NLM Appreciation Game: Trophies for top A, B & C NLM Pairs.
- Join the fun! Thursday Evenings in June are SWISS TEAM games
- June CBA Flyer CBC, NKy, and Anderson offer games with **EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!** Look for NAP Qualifier Games.

Area Tournaments

Indianapolis Progressive Sectional Jun 16-22 Columbus OH Sectional Jun 20-22 Jun 27-29 Louisville OH Sectional ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php

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Opening the North hand 4♥ (or opening 1 and jumping to 4) is a serious bidding error. A preempt shows a number of winners based on the "Rule of 2-3-4": At unfavorable vulnerability (we're vulnerable they aren't) bid to 2 tricks more than the winners in your hand. At equal vulnerability, bid to 3 tricks above your winners. Αt favorable vulnerability bid 4 tricks above your winners. A 4-level preempt (fav vul) has a 7-8 card suit & 6 winners (7 Opening 4 understates

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 3	NS	EW	NS	EW
4 ♥ N	480		2	2
4 ♥ N	480		2	2
4 ♥ N	480		2	2
4 ♥ N	480		2	2
4 ♥ N	480		2	2
4 ♥ N	480		4.5	1.5
4 ♥ N	480		4.5	1.5
4 ♥ N	480		4.5	1.5
4 ♥ N	480		4.5	1.5
3 ♥ N	230		1	5
2 ♥ N	230		1	5
3 ♥ N	230		1	5

North's winners by 4 tricks! South needs 4-5 winners for slam. North has 10 winners & 3 losers - too strong to open 4♥, 4♣ Namyats (8.5 winners), or 1♥. (Opening 1♥ then rebidding 4♥ shows 5 losers). Open 2♣ - see if slam is in the cards.

Newcomer News — by Mike "Keeping Fun On My Convention Card" Purcell 513 702 4007

Over the summer we will be running a set of free beginner bridge seminars at 9am in the teaching room before the 10am supervised play session. I will be giving the first one this Saturday on Overcalls. Here is the volunteer schedule for the next few 10am Saturday Supervised Play Session:

June 14 – Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman June 21 – Mike Purcell and Lorna Davis June 28 – Lorna Davis and Judy Ruehl

This week we look at a hand where partners pass helps you plan the defense against 3NT.



Tuesday 6/10

Bidding – East with 14 HCP and no 5 card major will open their better minor 1♣ (12+ HCP, 3+ clubs). West has 15 HCP and no 4 card major to bid. Knowing they have game values West will go directly to 3NT to play.

Defense of the Hand – North is on lead and has 6 diamonds. We also know partner has at least one major on this auction: hearts. We know this because West denied a 4 card major in the bidding and we only have two hearts ourselves. So, should we attack diamonds or hearts? There are two clues worth paying attention to. First, partner had a chance to overcall 1♥ and did not so we know their hearts are not very good. Second, we have more HCP than partner

are not very good. Second, we have more HCP than partner
which argues for us to attack our suit because it is more likely we will have entries to run our
suit after it is set up. Best defense is to open lead a ◆4 (fourth best). Assuming declarer puts
up the ◆K they will be able to win 8 tricks until you get back in with the ♣A. When you get
back in be careful. Because your diamond suit is so poor, you must lead a low diamond to
partner or risk them winning the third diamond and forced to lead another suit leaving the setting trick helplessly

	Scores		MPs		
Bd 9	NS	EW	NS	EW	
3 NT W	300		4	0	
3 NT W	100		3	1	
4 ♠ W		650	1.5	2.5	
4 ♠ E		650	1.5	2.5	
3 NT E		660	0	4	
3 NT W	100		6	0	
4 ♣ E		150	4.5	1.5	
3 ♣ W		150	4.5	1.5	
3 NT W		600	2.5	3.5	
5 ♣ E		600	2.5	3.5	
3 NT E		660	1	5	
3 NT E		690	0	6	

stranded in your hand.

Post Mortem – Defense is hard, particularly opening lead. Often the right lead is not obvious but if you listen to the bidding, you will do a better job of getting it right!

"There is no such thing as a blind opening lead, only deaf opening leaders." – Terence Reese.

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/