

Future Masters Newsletter



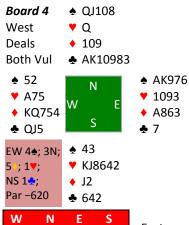
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Invite a friend – share the Joy of Bridge

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Competitive Bidding by Steve Moese Wed Eve Dec 10



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Bridge is a game of imperfect information. Competitive bidding makes gathering information hard. Here's a hand from the CBA Holiday Party that proves the point.

West deals and opens 1. North will overcall 2. (a Double with a stiff and a hand weaker than 17 HCP is asking for trouble).

East can now make a 2♠ call —this bid shows 10 + HCP and a 5-card suit. 2♠ forces to 3 of either of the

EW suits (some play to 2NT - be sure to agree with partner). South might be tempted to bid $3 \checkmark$ with a 6-card suit. However this South knows that $3 \checkmark$ shows game values. South also knows a $2 \diamondsuit$ overcall shows 6 cards or extra strength/distribution. Better to bid $3 \diamondsuit$.

What is West to do? Let's look at the information so far. West has 12 HCP and 2 QT with a likely stopper in ♣ (QJx can be 3 losers if they can create two finesses and the AK is in North). East has shown 5♠ cards an 10+ HCP. 3N will be

Sco	res	MPs	
NS	EW	NS	EW
300		14.97	0.03
	100	13.90	1.10
	130	12.30	2.70
	130	12.30	2.70
	140	10.70	4.30
	150	8.57	6.43
	150	8.57	6.43
	150	8.57	6.43
	170	6.43	8.57
	200	4.30	10.70
	200	4.30	10.70
	200	4.30	10.70
	600	1.10	13.90
	600	1.10	13.90
	600	1.10	13.90
	NS	300	NS EW NS 300

right when East has 12+ and they can't run a long suit. If East has only 10, then 2N will be difficult to bid. In general we want 23 HCP to play 2N safely. 3+ would show an opening hand and 5+ cards, but fails to communicate the stopper to East.

The type of game and method of scoring matters here. In Match Points there is much less incentive to reach a thin game and more incentive to get plus scores. In teams, the game bonus is

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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 PM < 2000 Tue PM 149er LTB Wed AM 0-10/Homestyle Fri AM 0-10/NLM + Lec Sat AM Supervised Play Sat PM NLM



Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

- NEW! Wed 0-10 MP Homestyle Fri 0-10 Pairs. Reservations Required. Lecture 10:30 AM. (Free Lunch & Newsletter) Call Kay kmulford@cinci.rr.com 631-8070.
- The **COMMON GAME**: Mon & Thu Eves. Mike Lipp.
- December CBA Flyer Check out the special games.
- CBC Holiday Parties check with your favorite club!

Area Tournaments

D11 Winter STaC

Dec 26 – Jan 1 Jan 24-25, 2015

D11 GNT Finals, Kettering DBC

ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php

paramount. Vulnerability at Matchpoints suggests caution to avoid the dreaded -200! Double is an interesting treatment here - Cooperative Penalty or Balance of Power - Opponents have found a fit at the 3-level and West knows their side owns at least 22 HCP. This can lead to a sizable plus score, and is more certain than a thin game. The double shows 2-3 cards in with an honor, but does not promise a NT stopper. So of the bids available to East (3N, 3, Double) which do you choose? The 3N overbid gets rewarded. The 3♦ underbid sets the stage for East to be a hero – 14 SP in ♦ suggests a ♦ game is possible. The double lands +200-500 depending on defense. Looking at the scores, 15 good played in 10 different contracts! Who said there's only one best answer! BTW, the way to set 3♣ doubled is for East to lead the ♠ A and switch to the ♦A (West encourages). EW get 2♦, 2♠, 1♥ and 1♣ (♠ Ruff). +600 was worth 14 of 15 MPs and +200 was a 71% board.

Newcomer News – by Mike "Keeping Fun On My

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The Winter Bridge Class Schedule starting in January is at http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA Lessons 3.html Volunteers for this Saturday's 10am supervised game are Bob Fisk , Lorna Davis, and Pam Campbell.